

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Share the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. Therefore with God's help, we will:

- Proclaim Christ in word and deed;
- Invite the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus"
- Commit ourselves to discipleship through bible study, worship, prayer, Christlike servanthood and fellowship;
- Open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we do in Jesus' name

WORSHIP WITH ST. PAUL'S

- JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM
- BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:15 AM
- MEN'S PRAYER GROUP SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:30 AM
- WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30 PM
- LIVE STREAMED SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



WHAT'S COMING IN JANUARY:

The Council will meet Tuesday, January 14 6:30.

The Worship committee will meet on January 18 at 9:00.

There will be a congregational meeting following service on January 26th.



The Sunday School kids celebrated the birth of Jesus in their Christmas program

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

Embracing A New Year

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and by expressing our heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming kindness and generosity you all have shown us during the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during our travels back to South Carolina. It was such a blessing to spend time with family, but it is also a blessing to be back home with our church family.

As we begin this new year, let us take some time to pause, reflect, and recalibrate our hearts and minds to be more in-line with God's will. In Isaiah 43:18-19, we read: *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* These verses capture the essence of what it means to embrace a new year. It's a divine invitation to let go of the past and to step forward into the newness of life that God has in store for us. The New Year provides us an opportunity to reflect on our journeys, but it also challenges us to let go of any chains that bind us to our past, and step boldly into the freedom that comes from being forgiven and renewed in Christ.

Here are a few suggestions for Embracing a New Year:

- **Set Intentional Goals:** Instead of vague resolutions, identify specific spiritual goals. It could be committing to a daily devotional, joining a Bible study, or finding ways to serve in our church or community.
- **Practice Forgiveness:** As we let go of our pasts, be intentional about forgiving those who have wronged you. Release the burdens of bitterness and resentment, and open yourself to healing.
- **Embrace Change:** Life will present challenges, but view them as opportunities for growth. Ask God how you might change your perspective or approach in difficult situations.
- **Cultivate Gratitude:** Each day, take time to reflect on the blessings in your life. Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, creating a heart of contentment.
- **Seek Community:** Surround yourself with fellow believers who can walk alongside you in faith. Share your struggles and victories, and encourage one another to grow deeper in Christ.

As we embark on this new year together at St. Paul's, let us embrace the journey that God has planned for us. In a world that is chaotic and uncertain, we can take refuge in knowing that God is doing a new thing. He is creating pathways through the wilderness and refreshing our spirits with His living water. Let us move forward in faith with hope and anticipation, trusting that the best is yet to come. May this year be filled with experiences that draw us closer to our Savior, and may we be vessels of His love and grace to those around us.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers and Blessings, Pr. Paul

JANUARY NEWS

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

January 5 | Reader: Bruce Bracker

January 12 | Reader: Monte Bracker

January 19 | Reader: Julie Jenson

January 26 | Reader: Harriette Andersen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ELLIE SPENCER - 1/6

WENDY MATSON - 1/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

GARY & EMILY MCKERN - 1/28



DECEMBER FUN



MS. APRIL ON POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT



THE BELL CHOIR PERFORMING THEIR CHRISTMAS SET



MRS. CLAUS CAME FOR A VISIT!



OUR CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



CRAFTS WITH MRS. CLAUS!



SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

