

**December 9, 2018**

**The Latest Information about Ministries and Events at St. Paul's**

**What's Happening?**

- Today**      **Worship Services**, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
**FOCUS**, 6:00 p.m.
- Monday**    **Deacons**, 5:30 p.m.  
**Elders**, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday**   **Quilters and More**, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday** **Women's Bible Study**, 9:00 a.m.  
**Mom Connect**, 9:30 a.m.  
**Prayer Time**, 12:00 p.m.  
**Stephen Ministers**, 6:30 p.m.  
**Praise Ringers**, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday**   **Chorale**, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday**     **Combined Cantata Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.**  
**FOCUS**, 6:00 p.m.

For more information please check St. Paul's website at [www.stpaulsefree.org](http://www.stpaulsefree.org).

**Upcoming Sunday Sermon**

**Series: *Advent***

12/16 Exodus 19:1-9a

You are encouraged to read the passage and pray about it in preparation for worship.

**Greeters**

8:30 a.m. Lela Vollmer

11:00 a.m. Jeff and Christy Drake

**Flowers**

In loving memory of Ernest "Ernie" Viehmann from his family.

## Sunday School Today

### **Gospel Project, 10:00 a.m., MPR**

Beginning in Genesis, *The Gospel Project* class covers a 3-year journey through the whole Bible. Use the materials throughout the week as a personal devotional or in a group of 2 or 3. This is a great class for all people!

### **Spiritual Sisters, 10:00 a.m., Rm. 204**

We are now studying the life of Paul according to the biblical accounts. We would love for any and all women to join us!

### **Book Club**

This class will continue its study of Dr. Lee Ryken's book, "Reading the Bible as Literature."

### **Sunday Morning FOCUS, 9:45 a.m.**

All high school age students are welcome to join. This semester we will study 1 Corinthians. If you have questions please email [conway.h.wong@gmail.com](mailto:conway.h.wong@gmail.com) or [letitia.wong@ymail.com](mailto:letitia.wong@ymail.com).

### **Children's Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **2-4 years old, Room 9; 5 years-6th grade, Power Plant**

All our children's classes utilize the Gospel Project, paralleling the adult lesson.

## Coming Highlights

### **Christmas Gifts for Shut-ins Ready for Delivery**

If you are delivering gifts to shut-ins, they are ready to be picked up, in the front room. Volunteers are needed to deliver them. Please see Carolyn Samuels or Jody Graeler with questions.

### **Youth Christmas Party, December 16, 6:00- 9:00 p.m.**

Youth in grades 6-12 join us for a fun filled evening of climbing at Upper Limits, 1874 Lackland Hill Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63146.

### **Cookies Needed, December 16**

There will be a reception December 16 after the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata. Please bring Christmas cookies to share on that day, or on Saturday December 15 as we setup. For more info please call Lynn May 314-623-4526.

### **Angel Tree Gifts Due December 16**

Thank you to all who are sponsoring children in this ministry.

## **Cantata Sunday and Fellowship Hour, December 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. of beautiful music from the St. Paul's choir, orchestra, bells, and children's ministry. You don't want to miss this magnificent day! Stay for fellowship hour following worship! Along with your favorite Christmas cookie to share, please consider bringing an ornament to place on the Family Christmas tree. Special Christmas music will be led by Jamie Stull during this time.

## **Christmas Eve Communion Servers Needed**

Communion servers are needed for each of the two services on Christmas Eve, at 5:00p.m. and 7:30 p.m. If you can help with this important need, please contact Barbara van Dyk, at 314-610-3578 or [barbara@kurtvandyk.com](mailto:barbara@kurtvandyk.com), and indicate which service you can help with. Servers will sit near the front with their families that evening and will not be wearing robes.

## **Missionary Thanks**

Thank you! Thank you, St. Paul's congregation, for your generosity to our missionaries during Christmas in October! You contributed \$3100 to our missionaries' Christmas celebrations, so each family received \$250. Craig and La Donna Smith sent this note: "Dear St. Paul's Family, Thank you so much for the Christmas in October gift of \$250. We are truly grateful! You continue to bless us in so many ways!"



***Second Week of Advent***