



*Come Celebrate Christmas  
with us at  
St. Paul's Evangelical Church*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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*Join Us To Experience  
Love, Joy, Peace and Promise  
This Christmas!*

Wherever you are in your walk of faith, you're invited. Come back to church this Christmas season and replace holiday stress with peacefulness and cheer!

- Sunday services December 2, 9, 23 at 8:30am and 11:00am. Sermon themes are, "God keeps His promises."
- December 16th: Special musical Christmas cantata 10:00am.
- December 24th: Christmas eve services, 5:00pm and 7:30pm. The 5:00 service will feature music from the Ambassadors of Harmony.

Enjoy Christmas Day with Friends and Family!

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# City Gospel Update

‘Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good’

Psalm 107:1

We are **THANKFUL** as we encountered...

**FAITHFUL MEN** – Thanksgiving Day found our family handing out meals with ‘Adopt a Block’ ministry in Ferguson. Our assigned mission sent us to a group of men in a recovery home, sharing about how ‘giving thanks’ sets us free, as it makes us look up to God instead of down at our circumstances. What a joy to experience the thankful hearts and smiles in return, with a total of 400 meals delivered that day by all involved! A similar joy was felt sharing with 12-15 men in the ‘Step into the Light’ homeless shelter.

**COMMUNITY NETWORKS** – people are working together! Meals were handed out downtown, bringing in hundreds from law enforcement, government and not-for-profit to work together.

**VISION** – can God use a handful of nails, a heart for people and hard work to transform a city? Johnel Langerston with Urban Born ministries seems to think so as he remodels and resells one house at a time in downtown St. Louis – encouraging home ownership, rebuilding community and mentoring young men for the work force.

Giving Thanks makes us look up. Would you join me in looking up to the God of the harvest to do a great work in this city? Thank you for your prayers for his continual guidance, wisdom and protection.

- *Marco Van Raalten*



300 gathered to distribute 4000 Thanksgiving meals.

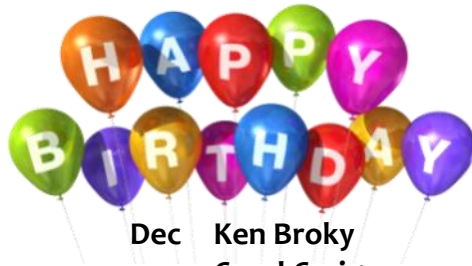


Trucks and cars line up outside Demetrius Jones Foundation to pick up meals for delivery.



The Angel Tree program is currently underway, with our sponsorship of over 100 kids, involving about 65 families. If you are purchasing gifts for kids, please have them back to church by December 16th. They are being collected in the garden room. Thanks for your help!

**ANGEL TREE**  
A Program of Prison Fellowship



	Dec	Ken Broky	22
Loretta Eckert	1	Carol Craig	25
Elsie Owens	2	Carol Grater	26
Mike Kolmer	4	Don Kozlowski	26
Anna Dieckgraefe	5	Jerry Carinci	27
Zachary Pfeiffer	5	Fred Robinson	28
Ann Kallemeier	6	Karen Tucker	28
Kristine Wiulliamson	6	Randy Walter	28
Kari van Raalten	7	Tammy Davis	29
Lois Baumgarte	8	Scott Schurwan	29
Hunter Hohmann	9	Samantha Immekus	30
Jeff Stahlhut	9	Donald Dahlberg	31
Rebecca Daniel	10		
Susan Musselman	15		Jan
Susan Pollmann	17	Betty Keely	2
Michael McGauly	18	Camila del Cid	4
Benjamin Crawford	19	Joan Kanppenberger	4
Judy Pfeiffer	19	Steven McMichael	6
Donna Rosenfelder	19	Jonathan Starbuck	6
Judy Graeler	20	Riley Starbuck	6
Joe Glauert	21	Jan Smith	9
Chris Vasel	21		



	Years	Dec
Terry & Mary McDannold	29	2
Bill & Frances Luft	53	11
David & Lisa Oliver	31	12
Bill & Nancy Mueller	44	14
Lee & Eileen Carlson	58	19
Ken & Cara Russell	28	21
Brian & Natalie Bish	10	28
Mark & Marie Braton	34	29
		Jan
Richard & Shirley Schweigler	66	3
David & Susan Pollmann	36	8



## O Come Ye Faithful

A Service of Carols

**Sunday - December 16**

**ONE**  
Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.



December Ushers		January Ushers	
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Charles Jung, Capt Bill Luft Bill Mueller Don Andrews	John Graeler, Capt Lendy Middendorf Steve Vasel Chris Vasel Luke Vasel	Harold Dielmann, Capt Charles Appel Scott Dieckgraefe Andy Dielmann Charles Eschenbrenner Bob Kallemeier Rich Niedringhaus	Bob Schalk, Capt Sue Musselman Joyce Sabine Dwight Holmon

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# ST. PAUL'S

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

## Calendar of Events This Month

- 12/2 Communion
- 12/3 Ministry Teams // 7pm
- 12/10 Deacons // 5:30pm  
Elders // 7pm
- 12/16 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE // 10am  
Fusion Middle School // 6pm
- 12/18 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
- 11//22 Thanksgiving Worship Service // 10am
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services // 5pm and 7:30pm
- 12/25-26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### Sundays

- Traditional Worship Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship 9:45 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### Tuesdays

- Quilters and More 9:30 a.m.

### Wednesdays

- Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
Mom Connect 9:30 a.m.  
Bell Choir 7:00 p.m.

### Thursdays

- Choir 7:00 p.m.

### Sundays

- Focus Youth Group 6:30 p.m.