

Talent-filled People!

Here's why God gives us gifts and abilities – that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

Mobile Giving

Mobile Giving is an easy way to fulfill your need to give to the Lord. Using your smart phone, **text CROSSANDCROWN to 73256 or click on Access ACS on St. Paul's webpage.**

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

TODAY we will have a public examination of our 8th Grade Confirmation students in the Fireside Room. The Adult Christ Light Bible Study will meet in the Heritage Room. Classes begin at **9:25 am**

Bible 101: Hope Grows

As you get to know God better, your hope will grow! This class will help you get to know God's heart and his Word better. Everyone is welcome to join for any class. This also is the class to attend if you are interested in membership at St. Paul's. This week we will look at the work of the Holy Spirit. Bible 101 meets on **Sundays from 9:15-10:15** in the front of the church.

Family Visits with Pastor Nelson

Pastor Nelson would love to continue to meet with families from St. Paul's to get to know them better and learn how he can best serve as the Family Pastor. Please consider signing up for a 45-minute visit on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

New Member Welcome - Today

All are invited to meet and greet the newest members of our St. Paul's family. The food, fun, and fellowship start after the 10:30 am service in the multi-purpose room.

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting - Today

The Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting will take place **TODAY after the New Member Dinner (approx. 1:00 pm)** in the Fireside Room.

Altar Flowers

Looking for people to sign up for Altar Flowers! If you have an upcoming birthday or anniversary, please sign up for flowers to celebrate this special occasion. The sign-up chart is in the Narthex.

Last chance! Lost and Found

The lost and found box is once again overflowing. Please take this opportunity to look in the hallway outside the church office and see if anything belongs to you. Remaining items will be donated to New 2 You.

JLMLC Custodial Position Opening

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking applications for a part-time JLMLC custodian. This position is for 15 hours per week. Applications will be accepted through Mon. Jan. 28th. Stop in the church office for an application and position description. Contact Nate Voss - staffminister@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or 507-317-9856 with questions.

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center (JLMLC)

In this coming week, we are learning about The Great Catch of Fish and remember the Bible verse that says faith comes from hearing the message in the Word of God. In our chapel time this past week, we learned that our helmet of salvation is the Word of God and God helps us with any problems we might have. We will study deer, read Clifford books, have fun with Nursery Rhymes, learn about pitch, read about Vincent Van Gogh and the Sunflowers, and use scarves and ribbons in the gym.

We are here at 507 345 7707 or lingjlm@hickorytech.net if you have child care needs.

Call 507 508 2041 or email lingjlm@hickorytech.net to get more information about openings or volunteering or anything you might want to be involved in!!

Contribution Statements

2018 Contribution Statements are in the mailboxes. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Kwik Trip Bonus

Limited time! - Kwik Trip scrip gift cards will earn 15% for St. Paul's (plus an additional 5% on in-store purchases). Stop by the office and take advantage of this great offer!

Thrivent

Did you know that as a Thrivent member you are entitled to use \$500 a year *per member* towards an event of your choice? This is free money that they give you to help with ministry events. We are looking to plan this year's events and if you happen to be a Thrivent member and would like to donate your Thrivent Seed Money to the ministries here at St. Paul's, please let the church secretaries know.

February 9th Knights Invitational

The Risen Savior Basketball Tournament is only 3 weeks away (Feb. 9th) and we are looking for volunteers to work concessions, admissions, hall monitors and clean up. This is a wonderful event for RSLs and we could not put it on without the help of volunteers. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. Contact Michelle Dressel - mdressel@rslsmn.com - 507-469-8419 or Sara Stewart - 507-779-9411 - s.g.stewart@hotmail.com with questions.

RSLs Basketball Games

Monday, January 28th @ Courtland: Boys B – 4:00 pm; Girls – 5:00 pm; Boys A – 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, January 30th @ Dakota Meadows: Boys A – 3:30 pm

Friday, February 1st @ New Ulm: Girls – 4:00 pm; Boys B – 5:00 pm; Boys A – 6:00 pm

Bethany Fine Arts Event

Bethany's winter musical is *KISS ME, KATE*. The six performances are on Feb. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and on Feb. 3 and 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at theatre.blc.edu starting Jan. 14 and from box office staff starting Jan. 21, phone (507)-344-7374.

Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar at MVL

You're invited to an enlightening and inspiring seminar on **February 10** at MVL. Discover how you can find faithful financial fulfillment wherever God has placed you! This complimentary seminar is sponsored by the MVL Foundation. Visit mvl.org/campus-events for details about the evening's agenda and speakers, and to RSVP.