

### Truly

Thanksgiving is a time that causes nearly everyone, including unbelievers, to count their blessings. While all of us are grateful for food, clothing, shelter, and good health along with family and loyal friends, only those who have faith in the Son of God can be truly thankful for the greatest blessing of all -- the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)!

### Sunday Morning Bible Classes

We will continue our discussion on *This We Believe* in the Fireside Room. The Adult Christ Light Bible Study led by Trent Robbins will meet in the Heritage Room. Classes begin at 9:25 am.

### Bible 101: Hope Grows

- Sundays **from 9:15-10:15 am** in the sanctuary. This is for anyone who would like to learn more about us as a congregation and synod so that they can feel comfortable and confident about church membership or if you just want to strengthen your hold on Biblical doctrine. Everyone is invited.

### Mid-week Advent Services

There is no better way to prepare for the coming Savior than to worship him at our mid-week Advent services which begin on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Service times are **4 and 6:30 p.m.** The theme for this year's services is "**Getting Ready for Baby**". A light meal will be served in the gym after the 4:00 service. The Mary Ruth Circle will serve on December 5<sup>th</sup> followed by the Risen Savior PTF on December 12<sup>th</sup> and St. Paul's Softball teams on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Mary Ruth Advent Meal

The Mary Ruth Circle will be serving the first Advent meal on December 5<sup>th</sup>. **Proceeds will be designated for the RSLs Ministry for Families in Need Fund.** Please join us for scalloped potatoes & ham, salads & desserts. Checks may be made out to Risen Savior Lutheran School.

### Risen Savior Advent Concert

On **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, the students of Risen Savior Lutheran School will present an Advent Concert at St. Paul's at **6:00 pm**. Everyone is invited!

### Men's Group

All St Paul's men are invited to attend the next Men's Group fellowship on **Wed, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Fireside Room. The fellowship will include a devotion, information sharing and food. Contact Dave Ausdemore ([dtausdemore@gmail.com](mailto:dtausdemore@gmail.com)) for more information.

### 2019 Christian Calendars and Christmas Cards

The Mary Ruth Circle has 2019 Christian calendars and Christmas cards available for purchase in the Narthex and Fireside Room.

### Christmas Gifts

Scrip gift cards make great Christmas gifts. Consider scrip for teachers, babysitters, family, and friends out of town, etc. During the month of December some vendors have \$5 and \$10 cards available. Stop by the church office, check out the many vendors we have available and purchase scrip.

### Jesus Loves Me Learning Center (JLMLC)

This week we are looking forward to our lessons for Christmas and the preparation for our Christmas Gathering on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. It will be a Christmas service where children tell the Christmas story in word and song. The night will include the short program followed by a free will donation meal and a Silent Auction including art by children!

We are here at 507 345 7707 or [lingjlm@hickorytech.net](mailto:lingjlm@hickorytech.net) if you have child care needs.

**We are looking for more staff teacher aides to work at JLMLC. Sharing God's Word with kids is great and we could use more staff in the morning and later afternoon. Call 507 508 2041 or email [lingjlm@hickorytech.net](mailto:lingjlm@hickorytech.net) to get more information!**

### Jesus Cares Ministry – Worship at the Cross

**Saturday, Dec. 8th - 9:30 a.m.** All are invited to the Advent/Christmas Worship at the Cross. The Worship at the Cross Service will be in the Fireside Room.

### Jesus Cares Ministry - Christmas Pageant

The St. Paul's Jesus Cares Ministry class invites everyone to their "Christmas Pageant" on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 a.m.** Jesus Cares assists our congregation in reaching out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

### Scrip Wish Lists

We have "*Scrip wish lists*" for the called staff at St. Paul's and Risen Savior. Stop by the office and consider giving scrip gift cards. Are you still undecided after looking at the list? Let them choose by giving a certificate good for the purchase of scrip gift cards. We have certificates available in any amount.

### RSLs Basketball Game

**Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ Mt. Olive**; Boys B - 4:00; Girls - 5:00; Boys A - 6:00

### Thank You For Giving!

During this Thanksgiving season, special thanks needs to be given to those individuals who have donated to the RSLs Ministry for Families in Need fund. The total donated so far from members of St. Paul's and St. Mark is up to \$12,945. That is approaching half of our goal of \$29,000! A specific example of this generosity can be seen in the \$680 collected at last weekend's bake sale at St. Paul's. May God be praised through these fragrant offerings in His name! If you would like to contribute to this cause, please look for an offering envelope in the church office or narthex.

### Advent by Candlelight Women's Service

Please join the women of Trinity Lutheran Church in Nicollet, MN for "*An Evening with Isaiah*". We will have social hour with desserts from 5-6 pm with the program starting at 6 pm. The deadline to sign up has been extended to Mon., December 3rd. Please call the church office at 232-3938 ext. 0 and leave a message or email [office@trinitynicollet.org](mailto:office@trinitynicollet.org). We hope to see you!

### Martin Luther College Annual Christmas Concert

"Peace Eternal Making," presented Sat., December 1, at 7:30 pm and Sun., December 2, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. All are welcome.