

### One Blessing After Another

Again we come to the time of year when we mark the great miracle of Christ becoming one of us. The Apostle John wrote, "*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us*" (John 1:14). Jesus came to Earth; He bore humiliation and ridicule; He died that we might live; He was raised that we, too, might rise again and live forever with Him. "*From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another*" (John 1:16). How can we thank Him but to give ourselves and our lives in service to Him!

### 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

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

-Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am. **Will not meet Sunday, 12/23; will resume on Sun. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

### 2019 Christian Calendars and Christmas Cards

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

### Celebrating Christmas at St. Paul's

There will be many opportunities to worship the Christ child this week. The **Youth Christmas Service** (Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. Their service will be followed by our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 7:30 pm. The **Christmas Festival Service** is on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Come join us as you are able!

**Our New Year's Eve service** will be on **Monday, Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m.**

There will be no Sunday School on Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Last minute shopping

Avoid the long lines at the mall this week and consider purchasing scrip cards for your last minute Christmas gifts. We have approximately 30 businesses to choose from for immediate purchase. Stop by the office today.

### Sunday School Christmas Eve Practice Schedule

12/23/18 – Practice - 9:15-10:15 am  
Drop off and pickup in the Sanctuary

### Please Note

Prayer Group will not meet December 24 and 31 due to conflict with service times.

### 2019 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the upcoming year can now be found in your church mailbox. Please be sure to take them home with you today.

### Jesus Loves Me Learning Center (JLMLC)

From all of us to all of you – Merry Christmas and Jesus is the Reason for the Season. We are closed to reopen again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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 (full time position and more) to work at JLMLC especially in 2019. Sharing God's Word with kids is great and we could use more staff early in the morning and later afternoon too. Call 507 508 2041 or email [lingjlm@hickorytech.net](mailto:lingjlm@hickorytech.net) to get more information!**

### Coffee with Pastor Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study at Happy Chef will **not** meet on Wednesday, 12/26/18. Join us when we resume on Wednesday, 1/2/19 as we study the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John.

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Youth Group, Catechism, Food @ Five

- Will **not** meet on Wed, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Regular schedule begins Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Chrismon Ornaments

As you enjoy our Christmas tree in the sanctuary, you will notice it is decorated with Chrismon ornaments. Each ornament has a specific meaning. To find out more about the history of Chrismon ornaments at St. Paul's and the meanings of them, pick up the yellow pamphlet in the narthex.

### BonusFest!

Check out the 20 scrip retailers that have bonus rebates this month. A list is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Stop by the office and buy your scrip!

### 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.

### MVL Chargers in Kwik Trip Tournament

The MVL Chargers will be participating in the Kwik Trip Holiday Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held at Bethany Lutheran College Dec. 27-29. Visit [blc.edu](http://blc.edu) for more information.

### MVL Office Holiday Hours

The MVL school office will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. The MVL faculty, staff, Board, and students wish you all a blessed Christmas and happy New Year!

### MVL Anniversary Shirts

MVL has anniversary t-shirts available for purchase, \$10 for adults (S-3XL) and \$7 for youth (S-XL). Limited quantities in certain colors and sizes, so order yours soon! Contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvllhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvllhs.org) or 507.354.6851.