

### 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)!

### 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 focus on "Joyful Generosity" in the Fireside Room. From our study of God's Word we will learn how the good news of Christ Jesus brings a response of joy and generosity in our lives. 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 service on **December 12<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 by the Risen Savior PTF on December 12<sup>th</sup> and St. Paul's Softball teams on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Men's Group

All St Paul's men are invited to attend the next Men's Group fellowship on **Wed, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 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 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

### 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!**

### Celebrating Christmas at St. Paul's

There will be many opportunities to worship the Christ child in the coming weeks. **Jesus Loves Me Learning Center** is preparing for a special Christmas Gathering on Thursday, 12/13/18 at 5:30 pm. 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 December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Come join us as you are able!

### 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.

### RSLs Basketball Game (Home)

**Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Courtland**; Boys B - 5:00; Girls - 6:00; Boys A - 7:00

### Help Needed

Through God's blessings, Staff Minister Nate Voss and his family will be closing on their home in North Mankato on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. They could use help moving into their new home at 402 Normandy Ct, North Mankato, on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning around 10:00 am. Call Nate at 507-317-9856 with questions. Thanks.



### MVL Christmas Concert - Dec. 20

You're invited to MVL on Thursday, December 20 for our Christmas concert! Preconcert music will be provided by the band beginning at 6:45 P.M. with the concert beginning at 7:00 P.M. For those unable to attend, we hope to livestream the concert on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/mvlhs](https://facebook.com/mvlhs)).