

MONDAY MESSENGER

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CHAPEL THIS WEEK: This week's Chapel service will be Friday at 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to attend!

JANUARY HOT LUNCH: The January Hot Lunch order forms are coming home today and are due back this Friday, December 8th by 3:15 PM. Please turn your orders in on time!

NO BOYS B OR C GAMES THIS FRIDAY: Please note, there will be NO Boys B or C basketball games this Friday, December 8th as previously scheduled. We were just informed that Mt. Lebanon does not have a Boys B or C team this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We still need lots of help to run the home basketball games this Friday night. Scoring and time clock help are needed along with selling concessions. Check your email from the Sign-Up Genius website for a link to the volunteer form and sign up where you are able.

CHURCH DECORATING: As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes of St. Paul's and their families are asked to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place this Sunday, December 10th after the 2nd service at about 11:30 AM. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 7th at 11:30 AM.

GALA MEETING: The next Gala meeting will be this Sunday, December 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM. We will be choosing class projects, so come with any ideas you have!

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 13th we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Adult Choir and **Grades 5-8** will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to the service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up on the sheets in the back of church if you'd like to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex as well. (If you are donating food, please have the items at church between 4:00 and 4:30pm that day.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

PRE-K – GRADE 8 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The children will all be participating in the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 PM. The teachers ask that students be in their classroom by 4:15 PM but not before 4:00 PM. If you arrive before 4:00 PM please keep your child with you until the classrooms open. As this is not a Christmas "program" but a Christmas Worship Service, we ask that no cameras be used during the service. As stated in previous years, we encourage families to come together early and enter together so that reserving seats is not necessary.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL KALAHARI SAFARI: Join us for our 15th annual trip to the Kalahari on March 2nd-3rd! The information sheet is coming home today! The group discounted room rate is only available on a first-come,

first-served basis until Friday, December 29th, 2017. To receive the discounted rate, call 1-877-253-5466 and tell them you are with the St. Paul's Franklin 2018 group. We hope to see you there!

LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be held on Friday, December 15th & Saturday, December 16th. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00pm each night. Following each performance there will be refreshments and crafts. St. Paul's families are encouraged to invite family and friends! Please see the flyer coming home today for more details! There are extras on the lobby bookshelf that you can feel free to take and use for inviting others. Please consider helping volunteer for this important event where we have an opportunity to share the best news this world has ever received with our community. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church and school office, or contact Caleb Manske at [262-442-4286](tel:262-442-4286) or clmanske@hotmail.com for more information.

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE: The Christmas season is full swing. One of the ways we celebrate God's gift of Jesus is by giving gifts ourselves. This year, in lieu of a classroom gift exchange, each class will be gathering "gifts" to send to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Bank. The Food Bank is run to assist married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. These students work part-time jobs around their classes, intensive studying, and preparation. We would love to help them out as they try and make ends meet to provide for their families while preparing to tell the next generation about Jesus. Each class will be assigned an item or two that are regularly needed by these young families. From now until Christmas break you can bring in your "gifts" and place them by the designated table in the main school hallway.

Class Gift List:

3K - Rice, Flour & Sugar	4K - Pasta Sauce & Canned Tomato Products
K-1 - Laundry Detergent & Paper Towels	2 - Macaroni & Cheese & Pasta
3-4 - Diapers (all sizes)	5 - Cold Cereal & Oatmeal
6 - Baby Food	7-8 - Toilet Paper

Thank you for teaching your children the gift of giving and thank you for helping these future pastors and their families!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: This Christmas season there will be many opportunities for worship! Please join us!

Advent Service (Grades 5-8 sing) -- Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM
Children's Christmas Service (K3 – Grade 8 sing) – Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Morning Service – Sunday, December 24th at 9:00 AM
Christmas Eve Service – Sunday, December 24th at 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 PM
Christmas Morning Service – Monday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
New Year's Eve Morning Service – Sunday, December 31st at 9:00 AM
New Year's Eve Service – Sunday, December 31st at 6:30 PM

RECESS SUPERVISION: K5-4th Grade teachers are looking for some willing parent volunteers to help supervise recess through the remainder of the school year. A St. Paul's teacher would always be present at recess with a parent helper. Recess is every day from 9:55-10:10am and 12:30-12:45pm. A sign up sheet for volunteer times is located in office. Sign up for one time or multiple times a week. So, break out the parka and boots and join us for the recess fun!

CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR: St. Paul's will need a new Concessions Coordinator beginning next school year. Our current coordinators, Mike and Nikki Vullings would like to work with a new family this year to train them to take over. Concession sales are a **vital** part of our athletic program, allowing us to pay for referees, entrance fees, new uniforms, etc. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nikki Vullings at nicole.sweeny@hotmail.com.

SECOND QUARTER MISSION OFFERING: Our mission offerings this quarter will be going to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) food pantry. WLS is located in Mequon and is where all of the pastors in our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, are trained. Both Pastors Adams and Hoff graduated from there. Many of the young men training to be pastors are married with children. Between a full class load and part time jobs it can be difficult to juggle paying for school, college loans, and providing for their families. One of the ways we can help encourage them to continue training to share Jesus with the next generation is by keeping their pantries well stocked. All money offered will be used to purchase gift cards to grocery stores which will be distributed to the married students on an as-needed basis. In addition, later this quarter we will be hosting a food drive, gathering non-perishable food items and other essentials like toilet paper and diapers. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Hoff.

BOX TOPS: Congrats to the 3rd and 4th grades for pulling ahead and winning the November contest. They turned in 17 tops per student. The 6th grade was in 2nd with 13 per student and K & 1st grades were in 3rd with 12 per student. Keep bringing them in!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: December 14th, January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the flyer coming home today for more details!

SCRIP: The next Scrip order will be placed on Monday, December 11th. Please note that this is the only order we are placing in December. Please have your order in the Scrip box in the office by 3:15, or you may place your order online. Please note, there will be only one order placed in December (11th), so start thinking about how Scrip can help you with your Christmas shopping! ****Exciting news! Kwik Trip is wishing us a happy holiday season by increasing the rebate from 5% to 10% from now until May 31, 2018! We will be placing Kwik Trip orders on December 11th, so take advantage of this awesome deal! Kwik Trip order forms are on the lobby bookshelf.**

SPORTS:

Boys A Team BB Practice: Tuesday, December 5th 7:00-8:30 PM
Saturday, December 9th 9:00-11:00 AM
Tuesday, December 12th 7:00-8:30 PM
Saturday, December 16th 9:00-11:00 AM

Boys B Team BB Practice: Tuesday, December 5th 6:00-7:30 PM
Thursday, December 7th 6:00-7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 12th 6:00-7:30 PM

Girls B Team BB Practice: Monday, December 4th 3:30-5:00 PM
Wednesday, December 6th 6:00-7:30 PM
Monday, December 11th 3:30-5:00 PM
Wednesday, December 13th – NO PRACTICE (Advent Service)

Boys C Team BB Practice: Tuesday, December 5th 5:00-6:00 PM
Thursday, December 7th 5:00-6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 12th 5:00-6:00 PM

Games:

Friday, December 8th Home vs. Mt. Lebanon

Girls B at 4:30 PM, Boys A at 5:30 PM

Thursday, December 14th Home vs. St. Marcus

Girls B at 4:00 PM, Boys B at 4:50 PM, Boys A at 5:40 PM

Friday, December 15th @ Loving Shepherd

Boys A at 5:30 PM