

THE LUTHERAN VISITOR

St. Paul Lutheran Church 721 12th Avenue Huntington, WV 25701
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December 2010

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to celebrate and proclaim to all the saving grace of Jesus Christ through word and deed.



Advent is here. We have an Advent wreath with four candles at church. These candles mark the time of waiting and watching for the Messiah. We anticipate not only Christmas but the coming, again, of Christ Jesus to restore all things to himself.

"Advent" means visitation or coming. God is coming to his people. Because of Christ's saving death on the cross, you are included in that visitation. Because of God's steadfast love given in the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, God's coming to you and me is good.

As you get ready for Christmas, take a moment to watch and wait in your home. Maybe find four candles of your own to use. Put the four candles together. Now you have an Advent wreath or clock: At the start of each week, beginning November 28 (or whenever you are able to start that week), light one more candle. Perhaps light the candle(s) for the week at the same time every day--maybe at dinner time or before bedtime prayers. By the fourth week of Advent, all four candles will be lighted. Give thanks to God who comes to give us salvation and peace. Look forward to the fullness of time when Christ will come, again. Have a blessed Advent and when it comes, Christmas!

Pastor Jennifer Obermueller



The Twelve Movies
of Christmas
in Advent

Enjoy twelve Christmas favorites with friends and neighbors (popcorn provided!) beginning December. More information to come in the bulletin and on the website.



Christmas Basket Donations

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

In preparation for the Christmas baskets give away, Social ministry is asking the congregation to donate the following on designated Sundays. Money will also be accepted to buy perishable items. We will be providing for 10 families. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect the items.

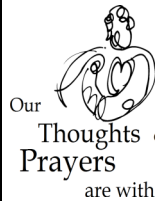
- November 7: cake mix and frosting
- November 14: canned corn and green beans
- November 21: fruit cocktail and Jell-O
- November 28: canned ravioli and chili
- December 5: Christmas candy and bag of potatoes
- December 12: cereal and pancake mix

Baskets will be delivered on **December 19**. If you would like to shop and/or help deliver baskets, please contact Bernadette Wellman at (304)529-6870 or bernadettewellman@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Social Ministry

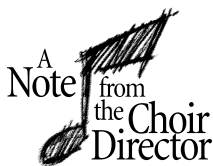


The "Hanging of the Greens" will take place December 19, 2010 following Sunday School. Everyone is invited to join in beautifying our church in welcome of the Christ child. There will be activities for all ages and a common meal will be enjoyed as part of the day's work. If you have a specific skill you would like to share, contact Andrea Lindberg by e-mailing: andrealindberg@hotmail.com or telephone(304) 654-3321.



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with... Andrew Barham; LaDonna Hay Beckett; Mikah Beckett; Olivia Burge; Susan Clark; Eddie Danford; Mary DeCourcy; Marissa Eid; Tycho Kerley; Kris Maeland; Beverly McLean; John Parsons; Ryan and her family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; military and civilians overseas; Church Council; and the congregations of our Synod.

Please notify the church office (304) 525-9630 or stpchurch@frontier.com



night.

We hope you are making plans to attend the Christmas Eve services at St. Paul. At the early service (7:00 pm) readers and children will tell the Christmas story by reading scripture and creating a tableau setting of that most holy night. We also invite you to be a part of the festive Christmas celebration at 10:30 pm when members of the Senior adult choir, youth choir, soloists, and instrumentalists will lead in worship and we can once again celebrate the birthday of our Lord.

Sincerely,
Bonnie

Thank you, Quilters!



Our thanks and praise to the Quilters of St. Paul for their generous donation of 26 quilts, 4 baby quilts and sheets to the Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry.




ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Christ Be Our Light
Advent Devotional

The St. Paul Post Office for you to share
Christmas greetings with each other

St. Paul ornaments for you to give as gifts


Let's Start the New Year Right! St. Paul Lutheran
Calendars for 2011



2 Meredith Anderson-Cain
9 Barbara Garnett
10 Elizabeth Abshear
20 Jennifer Hinkle
21 Martha Fritz
21 Christina Eid
30 Ingeborg White Sturgill
31 Jonathan Anderson-Cain

Please let us know if your
birthday is missing or inaccurate.

2010 Annual Congregational Meeting



The Annual Congregational meeting of St. Paul will be held Sunday, January 16, 2011. For this meeting the annual Bulletin of Reports is published and distributed to all active members of our congregation.

**CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES
CRIDLIN FOOD/CLOTHING PANTRY
2010 "Warmed and Fed" Campaign
Now through December 31**

A Season of Preparation
"she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and
laid him in a manger..."

HONOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE and PROVIDE
A New Coat—Nutritional Food—other Basic Needs
For Someone Who Can Least Afford It!

Provide a **new Coat** or other **Basic Needs (\$15 each)**
Provide **nutritional food (\$5 per person per day)**

Pay by check through your **congregation** or mail to:
Christian Associates, 520 11th Street, Huntington, WV 25701

We will mail **Gift Acknowledgement Cards** for you to complete and
enclose in your Holiday or special greetings.

Questions?
Call **Diana Van Horn at (304)522-9841**



Attention Men

*Show Them
You!
Care!*

Has your wife been wanting you to clean out your side of the closet? Do you have clothes that no longer fit or you haven't worn them in years? Please consider donating any clothing to the Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry and make everyone happy. The pantry needs men's clothing to fill up empty racks. You can leave these items in the hallway outside the parlor and someone will deliver them to the pantry.

Thanks,
Social Ministry



TREASURER'S REPORT
THRU 11/30/10

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Offering	\$197,400	\$177,718	\$19,682
Expenses	\$197,085	<u>\$173,011</u>	\$24,074
Net Total		\$ 4,707	

1. We are behind our budgeted offering through 11/29/10 by **\$19,682**
(This trend will pose a problem for next year's budget)
2. We are under our budgeted spending thru 11/29/10 by **\$24,074**
(Primarily because we had no full-time pastor until August 2010)
3. Net Status: All bills/commitments paid with **\$4,707** balance



Advent and Christmas Services

Wednesday December 1	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism Advent Supper Evening Prayer
Wednesday December 8	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism Advent Supper Evening Prayer
Wednesday December 15	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism Advent Supper Evening Prayer
Wednesday December 21	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism Advent Supper Evening Prayer
Friday December 24	7:00 pm	Family Christmas Service
Friday December 24	10:30 pm	Musical
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday December 25	9:30 am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday December 26	9:30 am	Sunday Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School



DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

December	Acolyte	Sacristan	Torch Bearer	Assisting Minister	Communion Deacon	Nursery
1 Wednesday	Open	None	None	None	None	None
5 Sunday	Kathleen Korstanje	Zakare Garnett	None	David Stuart	None	Christine & Ryan Vickers
8 Wednesday	Jacob Simpkins	None	None	None	None	None
12 Sunday	Ethan Arneson	Jon Anderson-Cain	None	Linda Schneider	David Stuart	Sarah Bell & Andrea Lindberg
15 Wednesday	Zoe May	None	None	None	None	None
19 Sunday	Heath Wade	Trey Bell	None	Jeannie Riley	Bill White	James & Jill May
22 Wednesday	Kathleen Korstanje	None	None	None	None	None
24 Friday 7:00 pm	Jacob Simpkins Zoe May Heath Wade Kathleen Korstanje	None	None	None	None	None
10:30 pm	Jon Anderson-Cain Trey Bell Samuel Plate Zakare Garnett	Zakare Garnett	Trey Bell Jon Anderson-Cain	None	None	None
25 Saturday	Ethan Arneson	Jon Anderson-Cain	None	None	None	None
26 Sunday	Heath Wade	Trey Bell	None	Ron Pease	Linda Schneider	Jimmy & Susie Wagner

Ushers: Anders and Andrea Lindberg, Rick and Chris Eid, Tom and Sally Pettit, Jeannie Riley

Altar Guild: Bernadette Wellman, Norma Gensler, Kathie Cunningham, Cheryl Conzett, Christine and David Vickers



Cridlin Food Item

48 boxes of cereal



December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cridlin Food Pantry 5:30pm Catechism 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir	2 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	3 Cridlin Food Pantry	4
5 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	6 Cridlin Food Pantry	7 9:00am Quilters	8 Cridlin Food Pantry 5:30pm Catechism 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir	9	10 Cridlin Food Pantry	11
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I would like to order _____ red poinsettias at \$6.50/each to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Please print your information as you would like it to read in the bulletin insert.

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

By _____

Check one: _____ I will pick up my flowers after the 7:00 pm service _____ 10:30 pm service

I prefer to have Social Ministry take my flowers to the homebound or ill.

Place your order in the offering plate with payment or
return to the church office by **December 12, 2010**

Ordered by _____