

**SEASONS  
JANUARY 2019**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 am  
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 am**

**FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE PERKINS: SNOW IS THE WORD!**

*Kids love snow! There is a purity and a sparkle that seems to lay over everything under freshly fallen snow. It's made for the delights of skiing and sledding and crunching under one's feet.*

When by son, Ben, made his first communion, the preacher gave the children the image of God's presence as a blanket of white, fluffy snow. He said that we should pray for God's presence to come upon us as a deep blanket of snow.

What does the bible say about snow?

- God's forgiveness falls so lightly, and washes away our sin; *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow."* (Isaiah 1:18)
- In prayer, we are to ask for God's forgiveness; the psalmist says, *"Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."* (Psalm 51:7)

***God has a Word for us in every season. This winter we invite you to study God's Word:*** Pick up a **One Year Reading Plan** in the gathering area and set aside 15 minutes each day. Many people have found this workable, and God does speak, if we take the time to listen to God's Word.

**THE WORD OF GOD FALLS LIGHTLY, LIKE SNOW!**

*"For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there till they have watered the earth,...so shall my Word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty."* (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!  
Pastor "**Winters**" Perkins

**ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS:** We will hold an orientation for new members following worship on **Sunday, January 13**. A light lunch will be enjoyed and Pr. Ann Marie will make a presentation and answer questions.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held at St. Paul on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**, at 11:30 am.

**CELEBRATE GRAND-FAMILIES:** "Celebrate Grand-families" is a new support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. St. Paul is reaching out to support these families with Christian compassion and a place to meet and discuss their needs. We are starting with the group with five families from the community, and more are welcome, if you know of anyone who would fit in. While the women meet, we will have crafts, games, bible stories, snacks, help with homework, tutoring, and a fun social time for children. Church members are needed to help with the children. Sessions in January will be on **Saturdays, January 12 and 26**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Brenda Ceplecci or Pastor Perkins to help.

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## ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### **Remembering those with medical challenges:**

Diana Bartlett, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Pastor Richard Bowen, Darrin Chapin, Jerry Groves, Don Hazel, Jim Illencik, Carolyn Marsh, Naomi Prox, Roy Seibert, Ken Wareham, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

#### **Remembering those who are home bound:**

Shirlee Chambers, Charles English, Harriette Shaffer

#### **Remembering those with special needs:**

Lori Akins, Donna Baldwin, Gini Cage, Elizabeth Campbell, Del Cig, Cathie Cimini, Amber Ellis, Connie Fowler, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Debbie Merkel, Ann Marie Perkins (David's daughter), Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Ondine Shiau, Everett Sillies, Diane Tullis Suloit, Bonnie Taylor, Shelley Town, Dean Voye, Mark Voye, Lisa Young

#### **Remembering those in the Military:**

Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

**ARC FREE SMOKE ALARMS:** The American Red Cross is installing free smoke alarms in homes without working smoke alarms or alarms more than 10 years old. Request forms for this Save-a-Life campaign are on the information table in the narthex.

**COFFEE CUP GREETINGS:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, January 6 & 20.

**HALL RENTAL:** Any member wishing to rent Cassel Hall must call the office to schedule the date to be sure it is not already rented or in use by the church, the Preschool, DAR, the Red Cross, or The Solace Center. There is also paper work which needs to be filled out prior to renting.

**FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:** Weeks are available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

**SPLASH TODAY:** Donations are always warmly welcomed, and with your continued support, we will be able to sustain this valuable ministry to young families.

**GRIEF MINISTRY:** Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Perkins' and God's guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called "Journeying through Grief" throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Perkins or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

**DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:** In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1 = Shirley Gadzolski
- 4 = Judy Dodge
- 5 = Lewis Hutchison & Georgia Maurice
- 7 = Alicia Seitz
- 8 = Christy Lynn
- 9 = Thomas Schubert
- 10 = Geneveive Costello
- 12 = Joshua Happney
- 13 = Deborah Bartlett
- 14 = Donald Aurand & Adam Mendenhall
- 17 = Josephine Christie
- 19 – Judy Muehlbauer & Alyssa Williams
- 20 = Marlene Cohol & Savannah Foltz
- 24 = Mark Kreller
- 26 = Dale Bittler
- 31 = Gordon Christie & Will Danklefsen, Jr.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 23 = Chapin, Darrin & Liz
- 23 = Hall, Kenny & Nancy

## ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR JANUARY 2019

### Greeters

1/06 June & Kelly Hutchison  
1/13 Christine Mymo  
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1/27 June & Kelly Hutchison

### Lectors

1/06 Kelly Hutchison  
1/13 Lorri Baudo  
1/20 Georgia Mikola  
1/27 Brenda Hart

### Flower Delivery

1/06 Joanne Santucci  
1/13 June & Kelly Hutchison  
1/20 Peggy Skoczylas  
1/27 Diana Bauman

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

### Communion Assistants

1/06 Linda Murray  
1/13 Brenda Hart  
1/20 Peggy Skoczylas  
1/27 Barb Basalyga

### Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)

1/06 Dominic Frazzini  
1/13 Sarah Durf  
1/20 Chelsea Moorhead  
1/27 Sarah Durf

**Acolytes:** Please be present ten minutes before the service begins. **If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913.** Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

### Ushers

1/06 Heidi or Tom Colarich & Terry Ceperlecci  
1/13 Heidi or Tom Colarich & Terry Ceperlecci  
1/20 Kelly Hutchison & Judy Muehlbauer  
1/27 Kelly Hutchison & Judy Muehlbauer

### Church Closing

Judy Dodge

### Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice