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A Letter from your Pastor

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you has been born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Fear not—unto you a Savior has been born—we do not need to fear punishment for our sin. Fear not—unto you a Savior has been born—we do not need to fear the end of life, for we will have eternal life through Jesus Christ. Fear not—unto you a Savior has been born—we do not need to fear the evil of this world and the opponents of God's Word, for they are defeated by the power of our Lord. Fear not! We do not need to fear anything in life, thanks to Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ wants us to have a vibrant and abundant life in Him, through Him and the blessings He brings. "I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). What does it mean to live the abundant life? Certainly that abundance comes to us spiritually, as through Christ we experience blessing after blessing. That abundance also comes to us physically, as through Christ our bodies are blessed with true wellness.

Recently I asked our Board of Directors for approval to implement a Wellness Team

Women's Ministry

here at St. Paul. The Directors enthusiastically endorsed this. Connie Buss, a registered and licensed dietitian, has graciously volunteered to lead this team and its endeavors. A number of members with backgrounds in healthcare, fitness, and/or an interest in wellness, have been recruited to be a part of this team. The team will encourage all of us in our wellness walk. You'll hear much more about this in the New Year when we launch this new endeavor.

May God bless all of you this month as you celebrate the abundant life we have in Christ! The hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing has much to say about this abundant life: He is born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth! He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found! He is born that we no more may die! Light and life to all He brings, risen with

healing in His wings!

In Christ, Pastor Jenks

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Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

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Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 1
Only One Service
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 4
Advent I
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 11 Advent II 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15
Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 18
Advent III
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 Only One Service 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29
Only One Service
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.



Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your fellow members? Please consider being a Valet Parker. This is a two Sunday a month commitment three times a year and it is greatly appreciated by those we serve. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity. Contact Cindy Baas at 515-291-4289 to sign up.

Thank you

Wellness in the Midst of a Month of Merriness and Busy-ness

Merry Christmas! Between all the shopping, baking, holiday parties, family gatherings and commitments, December can be an exciting time of celebration, as well as stress. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?" Consider your eating—Are you eating a variety of healthy foods to nourish the body? Do you savor that delicious food and stop before you are stuffed? Consider your movement---can you add 5 minutes of walking or some other activity every hour or two? Make this Christmas season a happy and healthy one by taking care of yourself and your body—a temple of the Lord!

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On December 5, at 3:00 p.m., the Missional Community that meets at Northridge Village

is hosting a Christmas Carol Singalong for all the residents of Northridge Village. We will share singing, fellowship, and Christmas treats. This will be held in the main dining room in the west building of Northridge Village off of George Washington Carver. It would be so nice to have many St. Paul members join us for the singing and fellowship. The event will last about an hour. Please come and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.



Member Spotlight



It's been a long time since we have had a
Member Spotlight in the Epistle! Well, we have
decided to bring it back. This is a great way to
read about our members, new and old. Starting
in January we will spotlight individual members
OR families each month. If you have received or
if you receive a letter with the Spotlight question-

naire, we ask that you **PLEASE** return the form back to the office, hopefully with a picture, as soon as possible! Thank you so much for your attention and cooperation!

Conversational Dinners Caroling!

Mark you calendar for Sunday, December 8th and come join us for some caroling, fellowship and FUN!

Hosted by Human Care Board and Conversational Dinners, all congregational members, young and young-at -heart, are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to come and be a part of this annual event.



We will gather at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 8th at the Stone Brooke Clubhouse (3816 Fletcher Blvd). We will split into caroling groups, and then, obviously go caroling! When all the singing is completed, we will meet back at the clubhouse (around 6:30/7:00PM) for some fellowship, food (bring an appetizer or dessert to share!), and fun games! We hope you can join us!

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Board of Stewardship

From Proverbs 3:27 we read: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it."

Life is full of surprises. Plans we make in the morning often take an unexpected turn by afternoon. The most organized family gathering for the holidays might need to be changed due to family illness or a winter snowstorm. It's no one's fault...life just happens. It's been said that "Man makes plans and God just sits back and chuckles, for He knows what's in store for us long before we ever realize it."

Worship life for Christians—and the offerings we intend to give God on any particular Sunday—can also be full of surprises. The best intentions to go to church can be nipped in the bud by illness or blowing snow. An offering envelope meant to be brought to worship might be left on the kitchen table. Cash-givers might find an empty wallet on Sunday morning and realize they forgot to stop at an ATM the day before. It's no one's fault... sometimes life just happens.

But the work of the church goes on, day by day. Christian giving can be made easier and more dependably each week through electronic giving, either through a service offered by our church, or by simply asking your bank to set up regular transfers to the church. Instead of "bill pay", you might consider it "offering without delay". Snowbirds might find this an especially convenient way to continue to support St. Paul while they're away for a few months.

Electronic giving is not for everyone—many find joy placing their offering envelope in the offering plate each Sunday and this is a blessing we would not deny anyone. But for those who no longer use checks and don't always have cash on hand, or for those who find it inconvenient to mail an offering to church while snowed in at home or away to warmer climes for the winter, electronic giving might be an idea you'd like to consider. You can find joy in knowing that your offering has made it to church each week to continue God's work, even when "life happens" and you're unable to.

If you'd like information on how to make electronic giving a part of your Christian life, please see Tom Baas, St. Paul's Financial Secretary, for the simple and easy details.

—Stewardship Committee

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Human Care

The Board of Human Care would like to say thank you to all who participated in this year's HOPE Gift Market. May God bless you for your generosity in contributing to those agencies that bless others both spiritually and physically!

Family Life



Homegrown Fruits of the Spirit: Be Spiritually Connected

If you worry that you do not have what it takes to cultivate youth in the fruit of the Spirit, you are in good company. The only way any parent or adult can do this is by remaining in Jesus and being spiritually connected. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

This month we consider what Jesus says in John 12:24, "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

To grow in the fruit of the Spirit means we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ. From that moment of salvation, "the Spirit of God live in you" (1 Cor. 3:16). But what does it mean for our youth, especially if they are not developmentally able to understand what it means to believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

Youth understand more than what we think they do. The environment that is established in their homes is critical for the seed of salvation to give birth to life in our youth. Their homes should be permeated with the gospel. Consider the moment Jesus rebuked the disciples when parents were taking their children to Him. In Mark 10:14-15 we hear Jesus tell the disciples to "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a

little child will never enter it."

Notice "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" and "anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." In other words, we must come to the gospel with a childlike faith. Your youth are perfect examples for us to learn how to trust Him!

Consider the "soil" (or the spiritual and emotional climate) of your home. Is it such that when your youth hear the Word, they understand it experientially because they see it lived out as part of an everyday conversation?

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is indeed a Person, not some spiritual force. In John 14:26 we read, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." What role does the Holy Spirit currently play in your life? In your youth? In your family?

APPLICATION:

Moring Prayer: Lord, I pray my kids receive salvation in Jesus Christ. May they come to know, love, and serve You all the days of their lives.

Bedtime Question: What values do you think God wants to see in us?

Additional Reading:

Read the following verses. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit?

Romans 8:1-11

Romans 8:26-27

Ephesians 4:30

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14



Family Life

ADVENT IN A BOX!

Families, are you ready for Advent to kick off? Not to worry! The Family Life Ministry Office will have everything you need in a box with Advent in a Box!

NEW this year you will be able to experience Advent as a family in a way to assist you in preparing for Christmas with 5 easy weekly devotions!

Boxes will be ready to pick up on Sunday, November 24th!







On Wednesday December 11th the proceeds from the Advent meal will be going towards "Hope In Christ Back to School Celebration" for their 2020 event.

Hope In Christ is a collaboration of Ames Churches coming together to support families and youth as they prepare for the school year. Each year hundreds of children and youth are not prepared for the start of school because their families can not afford the cost of school supplies. Hope In Christ packs and hands out 300 backpacks at their annual event for FREE. All costs for the backpacks come from donations.

The annual event includes more than just a backpack, the attendees of the event hear the Gospel, learn about Jesus and their identity in Him. This annual event is possible because of the hundreds of volunteers that so willingly give of their time.

This year, Thomas and Lisa Wilson joined the committee to plan the 2019 event, and along with their Missional Community members, volunteered for the 2019 event. This year, Thomas and Lisa would like to donate the proceeds from Advent dinner to Hope In Christ to help further the 2020 event. We hope you can join us for supper and donate to this worthy cause!

Evangelism

Advent Meals

Advent begins the first week of December and we will have meals before church as before. All three meals are covered with people to serve them. December 4, Soup and Sweets, sponsored by the Women; December 11, Thomas and Lisa will plan the meal, with a freewill offering to cover costs; and December 18 will be the Camp Okoboji fundraiser for cabin renovation.



Please start planning to serve a meal before the Lenten church services now. Anyone or group can plan and serve a meal and there can be a freewill offering to help cover the cost of the meal.

Education & Youth

Come to the Table

We had 8 youth and 2 adults attend the IDW Jr Youth Gathering in Des Moines in October. They participated in group sessions, mass events, Bible studies, games, fellowship, music with Swen and Dean, and more. The theme was "Come to the Table" where participants learned more about the Passover and Holy Communion.



Save the Dates! Camp Okoboji 2020 Summer Camp Dates:

Junior High Week - <u>July 5-11</u> (6-8th grade) Cub Week #2 - <u>July 12-18</u> (3-5th grade) (They haven't set week 1 yet) Youth Week - <u>July 19-25</u> (9-12th grade)



Education & Youth

Sunday School Youth Present: "The Gift"

The Board of Education is excited to present an original production, "The Gift", for the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th at the 11:00 AM service.

Parents of youth in Sunday School (Preschool through 12th grade) please note the following rehearsal times:

Saturday, December 7th: 3rd- 8th grade ONLY 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Instrumental Ensemble 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 14th: Instrumental Ensemble 9:00 -11:00 AM

ALL YOUTH (Preschool – 8th) 9:30 – 11:00 AM

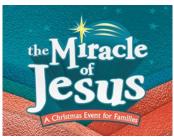
Sunday, December 15th: High School Youth report at 10:30 AM to greet and usher

All other youth attend Sunday School hour

11:00 AM - Program



Come Learn About the Miracle!



You and your family are invited to join us on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM for our annual Family Christmas Event!

Sponsored by the Family Life Office and the Board of Evangelism, participating families will be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It has been some years since that special night, and the miracle baby has gone on to do some truly incredible things! Families will have fun at the

"authentic", multisensory experiences they'll find in this village.

Fun for the whole family you will not want to miss!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - YEAR 3!

Another successful year with Operation Christmas Child! Over 100 shoeboxes were handed out and returned! Watch for updates in next month's epistle as we track where our boxes land! Thank you for all the support of O.C.C.!

If you have questions please contact Thomas Wilson, Director of Family Life Ministry.



Education and Youth

Upcoming Events (subject to change)

Dec -no LYF event -we hope all will participate in the church Christmas Program

Jan 3-high school lock-in

Jan- Sports Iowa (or bowling)

Feb 9 - Youth Sunday (grades 3-12)

Feb -service project with Valentine's theme



Reminder to the parents with youth who attend Midweek: Our start time will change in

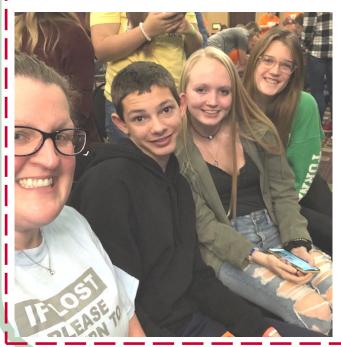
January from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. Classes will still be an hour. LYF events will start at 6:00 PM. Following our educational year the Board of Education will be asking for feedback from parents on their thoughts on the time change.

Foundations Prepared

On November 15-17 we had 3 youth and one chaperone attend the IDW Sr. Youth Gathering at Embassy Suites in Des Moines.

The theme was Foundations Prepared. Participants learned that we have an amazing foundation for our lives and faith, with Jesus. The challenge is to not allow our foundation to get cracks, leaks, and breaks or to build our lives on a foundation other than Jesus.







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Save the date for a night of fun!

Ready for another round of Trivia Night? Mark your calendar for January 12, 2019! This year will be a similar format as last year, with a cost of \$100 for a table of eight. We are limited to ten teams, so get your team ready and start brushing up on your worthless knowledge!

Registration opens the first week in December. Please direct any questions to Matt and Janelle Wegner, or Jeff and DeAnn Barnes.

Overflowing with Thankfulness LYF Event

On November 13 we had 22 youth participate in a meal and canvas painting event. In our devotions we discussed how it's easier to complain about things instead of thanking God for what we do have and how we take various things for granted and so we should be overflowing with thankfulness!





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Women's Ministry

LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #4 — \$100,000 God's Grace for This Generation

LAMP Ministry Inc. has ministered for nearly 50 years in northern Canada where many villages are reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Currently, nearly one million Indigenous people live in these isolated areas with about half of them under the age of 14. The most alarming statistic is that over 15 percent of children and youth will actually take their own lives out of despair and hopeless-

ness. When LAMP goes into these communities with VBS, Bible studies, and personal witnessing, these communities will have access to Christian education for faith in Christ. In order to fulfill their mission of sharing the gospel in the next few years, LAMP will need to expand their staff of full-time missionary pilots to four or five. LAMP will need to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least five years. This grant will provide the funds to help LAMP reach their goal.



Shamattwa winter visit using How to Pray booklet

Do you ever get the January blahs? Want to feel good about them? Do you know what DAGATW stands for? Need a real feeling of accomplishment of helping those in need?

Be on the look out and watch for the January Epistle for more upcoming information!

Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who is shopping for a

little angel this year.

Angel Tree

Reminder— the angel tree gifts are due back to the church by December 8

Advent Soup and Sweets supper.

The soup and sweets supper will be

Dec 4th at 5:45 pm. We will need lots of yummy soups and Christmas treats. Also helpers to set up and clean up. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. We appreciate all who bring items or help.



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Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 10/31/19

2019-2021 National Mission goal: \$2,100,000.00

Amount Received: \$576,321.04 Amount Needed: \$1,523,678.96

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.

I would like to thank every one for the blessings they have brought to those around them. As this season of giving begins, let us be mindful of all we see and do. We were given the task to go and spread the good news. Remember that what we do for the least of these we do for the Lord, Jesus Christ.

FAMILY SERVICE ~ No quilting in December.

December 12 will be our Annual Christmas luncheon. All women of the congregation are invited to join us at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall for our Annual Christmas luncheon. You do not need to bring anything, just come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Judi Charlson at 233-1550 so we know how many to plan for.





Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on Jan. 16 at 7:00 pm at Adele Knop's home to discuss "Angels Walking: A Novel" by Karen Kingsbury.

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: "From #1 New York Times best-selling author Karen Kingsbury comes the first in a brand-new series about second chances—a dramatic story about a washed up baseball player, the love he left behind, and the miracles that might save them both. When former national

baseball star Tyler Ames suffers a career-ending injury, all he can think about is putting his life back together the way it was before. He has lost everyone he loves on his way to the big leagues. Then just when things seem to be turning around, Tyler hits rock bottom. Across the country, Tyler's one true love Sami Dawson has moved on. A series of small miracles leads Tyler to a maintenance job at a retirement home and a friendship with Virginia Hutcheson, an old woman with Alzheimer's who strangely might have the answers he so desperately seeks.

A team of Angels Walking take on the mission to restore hope for Tyler, Sami, and Virginia. Can such small and seemingly insignificant actions of the unseen bring healing and redemption? And can the words of a stranger rekindle lost love? Every journey begins with a step. It is time for the mission to begin..."

Date	Hostess	Book
Jan 16, 2020, 7 pm	Adele Knop	"Angels Walking: A Novel" by Karen Kingsbury
March 12, 2020, 7 pm	Gretchen Zitterich	"Daughters of Jerusalem: A Novel" by Joan Wolf
May 14, 2020, 7 pm	Janelle Swenson	"Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers

December 2019 Service Roster

	Dec 1 10:00	Dec 8 8:30	Dec 8 11:00	Dec 15 8:30	Dec 15 11:00	Dec 22 10:00	Dec 29 10:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	Cantata– Parish Choir	Cantata– Parish Choir	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	Praise Team	Ellen Sander
Elders	Ron Coy	Ron Coy	Lynn Dreyer	Ron Coy	Lynn Dreyer	Ron Coy	Ron Coy
Lectors	Jerry Schradle	Jerry Schradle	Thomas Wilson	Jerry Schradle	Children's Program	Dawn Schulte	Dawn Schulte
Acolytes	Zach Harris			Eayon Phipps	Maci Vogel		Tate Esser
Greeters	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Dick & Linda Peterson	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Dick & Linda Peterson	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Judy Peter	Dennis & Ka- ren Griffin, Dick & Linda Peter- son	Bud & Thelma Voetberg, Judy Peter	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Dick & Linda Peterson	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Dick & Linda Peterson
Ushers	Bob & Marilyn Walker Drue Sander, Jerry Schradle	Bob & Marilyn Walker Drue Sander, Jerry Schradle	Thomas & Lisa Wilson, Angie & Tate Esser	Bob & Marilyn Walker Drue Sander, Jerry Schradle	Youth	Bob & Marilyn Walker Drue Sander, Jerry Schradle	Bob & Marilyn Walker Drue Sander, Jerry Schradle
Coffee Fellowship							
Coffee Time Greeter		Karen Griffin		Karen Griffin			
Altar Flowers				Poinsettias		Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Offering Counters	Mark & Janelle Swenson						
Power Point	Jordan Mandernach	Jordan Mandernach	Judy Peter	Jordan Mandernach	Judy Peter	Julie Coy	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Kyle Wagner	Kyle Wagner	Tom Peter	Kyle Wagner	Tom Peter	Kyle Wagner	Kyle Wagner
Altar Guild	Gretchen Zitterich, _						
	Becky Jackson, Judy Peter						
Video Recorder	Mike Lindell —						
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke						
Valet Parkers	Tom Baas	Tom Baas		Jim George		Jim George	Brian Weber

December Special Service 2019 Roster

	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 24	Dec 24	Dec 25	
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
	Advent I	Advent II	Advent III	Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Zach Heilman	
Elder	Steve Johnson	Paul Knop	Matt Weiss	Keith Folkmann	Denny Tice	Steve Johnson	
Acolyte						Shaun Carver	
Lector	Gretchen Zitterich	Judy Peter	Mark Swenson	Jim George	Jeromy Fritz	John Murphy	
Ushers	Angi & Tate Esser, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Tom & Judy Peter, Kris Ellis, David Pietsch	Mark & Janelle Swenson, Bob & Marilyn Walker	Jim & Sandy George, Drue & Ellen Sander	Bob & Marilyn Walker, Jeromy & Angela Fritz	Tom & Cindy Baas, Erin & John Murphy	
Greeters	Gretchen Zitterich, Nate & Holly Aronson	Jolene Draw- bond, Vickie Roach	Tom & Beth Henriksen, Kris Ellis	Dennis & Karen Griffin, Bud & Thelma Voet- berg	Thomas & Lisa Wilson, Larry Wiebel	Steve & Carol Vollstedt, Lynn & Kim Dreyer	
Offering Counters	Mark & Janelle Swenson	Mark & Janelle Swenson	Mark & Janelle Swenson	Mark & Janelle Swenson	Mark & Janelle Swenson	Mark & Janelle Swenson	
Power Point	Sarah Fahrmann	Connie Lastine	Judy Peter	Julie Coy	Cindy Baas	Lisa Wilson	
Sound- board	Ben Fahrmann	Charles Ellis	Tom Peter	Greg VanNostrand	Tom Baas	Thomas Wilson	
Collate Bulletins	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	Dennis & Joyce Dobberke	
Valet Parker	Tom Peter	Ellen Sander	Tom Baas	Keith Folkmann	Keith Folkmann	Paul Knop	





St. Paul Lutheran Preschool December 2019 News

St. Paul Children Give

December is a month of sharing God's kindness to others. The preschoolers and Early Kindergarten children are giving their November and December offerings to sponsor an angel tree child. This child that they are sponsoring is a 5-year-old girl who needs many different items of clothes such as: socks, underwear, pants, shirts, and pi's. She would like to have a Baby Alive doll, PJ masks toys, hair supplies, and a comforter. The children will get to vote to see what items they will buy for her. After the votes are tabulated the Early Kindergarten children will go and buy the items with St. Paul's chapel offerings. We will add a beginner Bible with her gift. After the items are bought each class will get a few items to wrap and make a Christmas card for her. After all the presents are wrapped they will say a prayer for the 5-year-old girl and her family.

December Learning Highlights

- The Cub class (2's) will have fun preparing for Jesus' birthday this month!
- The Lamb Class (3's) will enjoy learning all about Baby Jesus' birth.
- The Bear Class (3-4's) will learn about the birth of our Savior.
- The Lion Class (4's) will engage in learning activities through gingerbread men. As they prepare for Jesus' birth they will also be working on the Christmas Program.
- The EK Class (5's) will focus on learning about Jesus' birth and preparing for the Christmas program.

Bible Lessons include: Jesus is born, The Angel's Announcement to the Shepherds, The Wise Men Find Jesus.

"For unto you is born...a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

<u>December Important Dates</u>

December 15th, 4:00 pm is the Christmas Program for the Lion Class, the EK Class and 2nd year Bear children

December 23- January 6 - Christmas Vacation

January 6th—School Resumes













