
Good News of St. Paul

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Spread the Love and Message of Christ

2020 Hindsight

After this year, the saying "hindsight is 2020" will have new meaning for us who lived through it. I can safely say that no one in our community saw this pandemic coming. And, with it the disruptions... isolation, death, loss, etc. We have been through "it" this year. Families have been quarantined, schools closed (and opened and closed again), hospitals overwhelmed, food lines, sports canceled, small businesses closed and much more. We have had to navigate many challenges!



From
the
Pastor's
Heart

I remember back at the beginning of March, how I was reassured by God that this did not catch God unaware. God was not surprised. Yet, that was ten months ago, and since then so much has occurred. I find myself wondering about my faith and decisions made. Do I have enough? Were the decisions the correct ones?

Through this year and its challenges, it has been stressful, a pressure cooker at times. I have also felt supported and that I was not "in this" alone. I have had times of joy and times of deep loss. I suggest we all, each of you can relate to the ups and downs of this past year. When I think about it, it seems a lot like life condensed.

There were births and there were deaths, there was gain and loss, sad times and happy, isolation and communion. Through it all, God has been here. Sometimes more profound and

reassuring... Other times less; when I had to trust that God was still present and guiding. At this point in my life, that just seems like life to me.

Life that was somehow condensed and rolled up into a single year. Life that continues along a course, wondering where God is at times, if I am doing the things that I am supposed to do, feeling guilty for times of joy when some are suffering, and then looking for ways to minister to those who are in need. Questioning my motivations, looking for God's guidance, and on and on. I hope you can relate to my rambling reflection.

I think 2020 will be infamous, and I am happy it will soon be hindsight. It will take on new meaning from this time forward. As you and I look back on it, I hope and pray you will recognize God's provision, help, comfort, and assurance along the way. Though God might not always be profoundly evident. God is Our Father. A good Father, who loves and cares and accompanies along this journey of life. In the good and in the bad.

Proverbs 3:5-6:

⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.*

⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

- Pastor Norm



Stop saying:

Let me know if you need anything

This is part of a article written by Cynthia Standley of the *Arizona Central* newspaper that I found very informative:

‘Let me know if you need anything’ was often a phrase we hear from well meaning friends and extended family members during a crisis. The author states, ‘I know it was meant to be sincere, but I can’t tell you how much this made me cringe every time I heard it or read in a text or email’.

She goes on and states a care person, or anyone in need of help, doesn’t have time to generate a list of needs and itemize them according to who can do what.

But you can help! Bring a meal, send flowers or cards, mow the lawn or pull weeds, wash windows or drop off a basket of snacks

Most important be there for them and keep them in your prayers.

To your health, K.C. Babcock, RN

Thank you for the Christmas gift! I am humbled and greatly appreciative for your gift. You each are a blessing to me. I wish you a blessed 2021. May all your dreams be realized.
In gratitude, Pastor Norm



Thank you to the wonderful people of St. Paul for the generous monetary gift this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness warmed my heart! - Geri Skreen



Thank You To:

- Jim Johnston, who has given hours of his time to insure the new video/sound equipment is functioning properly, as well as taping and posting the daily devotions while Pastor Norm was on vacation.
- Those who helped bag and give candy to the 100 plus kids at the Trunk ‘n Treat event on Oct. 31st: Al Black, Jacki Whittaker, Sharon Blankenship, and Tiffany Seidl. Also, everyone who donated candy!
- The 20 families who bought gifts for the Angel Tree project through the C.R. Lion’s.
- Jacki Whittaker for sending greeting cards out monthly on behalf of St. Paul.
- Property and Finance (Paul Schwinn, Earl Small, David Whittaker) for attending to the leak in the kitchen roof.
- Paul and Jackie Schwinn for decorating the church for Christmas.
- Sandy Catt for keeping the new website current.
- The faithful volunteers on Sun mornings.



For the up to date information on the happenings here at St. Paul, please log on to the new and updated website and click on Calendar. The web address is still:
stpaulcastlerock.org

Lots of other things to explore as well!

TWO NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!

- **A HOLY SPIRIT STUDY** will begin next Wednesday, January 13th at 7 p.m. and will take place via Zoom meeting.



- **BIBLE BOOK STUDY** - We are beginning a Bible Book Study on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom to discuss a book of the Bible. The first study will meet on January 20th - and we will be looking at the Gospel of Mark.

You will receive more information in a separate e-mail shortly regarding both studies.



TO-GO MEALS - St. Paul is providing monthly to-go meals through *God's Abundant Plate*. If you would like a hot meal prepared for you on Saturday, January 23rd, sign-up via the Facebook link or call the church. (served between 5-6 p.m.) The meals are scheduled on the second to the last Saturday of every month.

Online Newsletter

This is our first online newsletter. We hope you enjoy receiving and reading at your convenience on your device. Hard copies will be sent to those who don't have computers or who request.

Online Worship/Tithing

Online Worship continues via Facebook, and can also be accessed through our webpage at any time, for your convenience (past services, as well). For convenience, check out online tithing using the Tithe.ly app on our web page.



Remembering Members & Friends

Please remember these people with your prayers, phone calls, or cards:

All God's people including: Dani Foster, Tom Stanley, Kelly Galletti, Gary & Marnie , Nathan Victor, Brad Foster, Dean & Sherry Schwinn, Michelle Oswalt, Pr. Brian Pederson, Laurie Ross-Aristide, Vineta Thomsen, Mary Brown, Bruce Schumacher, Kelsey Buchanan, Stephanie Petkovich, Gayle Agren, Mary Mage, Don Miller, Darlene Jackson, Eric Smith, Jean Jones, Angie Manfreddi, Angie Boudier, Crystal Hummel, Beth Hinesley, Bob Bruner, Al Black; **All Caregivers and Care receivers:** Joyce LeMonds, Vi Benham, Granville Oswalt; **Those serving in the Armed Forces:** Sam Gallow, Matthew Cogburn, Eddie Oswalt

Monthly Financial Report

November: \$ 17,648.00

December: \$ 12,919.00

Thank you for your continued
faithfulness with your tithes, especially
during these exceptional times.



Christ in Our Home

Due to no fault of our own, the January-February - March 2021 *Christ in Our Home* devotional has not yet been received.

We are told they will be coming!



January

- 1 Marlene White
- 2 Debbie Lyon
Phyllis Ogden
Samantha Whittaker
- 3 Debbie Gould
- 6 Jordan Welty
Lenora Ray
- 7 Nick Petkovich
- 8 Koen Ross
Katie Rose
- 9 Alysandra Davie
Jon Davidson
- 11 Lorraine Berndt
- 13 Roger Gallow
Robert Nolden
Alan Watenpaugh
- 14 Mathew Schwinn
- 16 Jennifer Hummel
Tracey Ness
- 17 Sandi Nolden
- 18 Hunter Whitten
- 20 MacKenzie Rubash
- 21 Linda McCall
- 22 Kelsey Foster
- 23 Dani Foster
- 25 Cheryll Borgaard
- 26 Carol Adams
- 27 Gayle Agren
Jordan Wilbur
- 29 Carly Johnson
Ryan Hinesley
- 30 Renee Nikolaus
Jakob Houser
- 31 Linda Staudinger



February

- 1 Emma Cooley
Pr. Linda Nou
Ellen Miller
- 2 Corlan Small
- 3 Vern Foster
- 5 Erika Agren
Becky Danhauser
Kaitlyn Kittelson
- 7 Erika Anderson
Stephanie Ness
- 9 Megan Ness
- 11 Abbey Pulse
Penny Hensley
- 12 Kyle Foster
- 13 Sandee Ness
Paul Schwinn
- 15 Jerry Gould
Roxanne Knutson
Jacob Winkler
Abbie Corral
- 16 Jacki Whittaker
- 18 Dan Murphy
- 19 Jill Lair
- 22 Meimei Winkler
- 23 Kathy McDaniel
Elias Foster
Kathleen Duysen ,
- 25 Bryan Wilbur
- 26 Marvin Gallow
Alivia Smith
- 27 Mike Foster
Ami Remmers
Neal Johnson
Jared Remmers
- 28 Kevin Foster
Patsy Grizzle

January

- 4 Roy & Billie Jo Schaafsma - 57 years
- 7 Earl & Corlan Small - 59 years
- 15 Roger & Anita Gallow - 61 years
Harlan & Shirley Kittelson - 50 years
- 27 Ken & Linda Solberg

Anniversary Wishes



February

- 9 Sonny & Tina Smith
- 29 Darren & Karen Ashby



•Peggy Droz passed away on Nov. 1st.
A graveside service was held Nov. 9th in
Toledo, WA with Pastor Norm officiating.

•Lewis Jackson passed away on Dec. 5th.
A private memorial was held Dec. 18 at
Steele Chapel with Pastor Ross officiating.

•Betty Rose passed away on Dec. 6th.
A memorial service will be held
at a later date.

Blessed Be Their Memory



*Thank you so much for all the
expressions of care and
sympathy at the loss of Lewis.
We deeply appreciate your concern.*

~Darlene Jackson and Sandy Catt

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

11:30 A.M.



We will meet right after worship. (11:30 a.m.) This will be a hybrid meeting. (combining a "live" in-person event with a "virtual" online component). Those who are here in person can attend in the building (**covid precautions continue to be taken - masks, temperatures taken, social distancing, etc...**) and those at home will be able to 'attend' via zoom.

Below is the link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82971755721?pwd=YnMzaDlaem8yQ3BzZlc1MG10SW4wQT09>

More details to come in the Friday e-mails regarding how the voting will take place. Positions to fill are council (4), Frantzvog Fund (1), Nominating Committee (2), and Synod Delegates (2).

The annual report booklet will be sent via e-mail two weeks prior to the 31st for you to peruse and prepare yourself before the meeting. (Hard copies will be available for those who want).

Please Make it a Priority to Attend

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Limited building use by
advance arrangement.
Health/Safety Procedures
are Required

Office Hours:
Tue - Fri
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Website:
stpaulcastlerock.org

To: The Members and Friends of St. Paul