

THRU-THE-WEEK AT SAINT PAUL, FEB 5

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm



NEW SERIES "UNLIMITED TEXTING" CONCLUDES THIS WEEKEND

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary we encourage you to commit more time in texting this year—but not with your friends, rather in the unlimited text message of God's Word! In so doing we will together grow in a dynamic, limitless, living relationship with the One whom the Scriptures all speak: Jesus! This weekend we conclude this four-part series. Also, check out the two Unlimited Texting options we are recommending: copies of Plan 1 are available at the Welcome Center or for electronic plan #2 visit www.YouVersion.com! **It's never too late to start engaging the text!**



FAITH BASICS INVESTIGATED CLASSES – BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Have you have been visiting Saint Paul and want to take the next step in discovering the joy of membership? Are you searching to rediscover what Christianity is all about in a non-threatening environment? If your answer is "yes", be sure to attend the first Faith Basics Investigated (FBI) class on this Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 at 10:40am! We will be meeting in Luther Hall in the church lower level. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP to the church office.

FAITH PROMISE CARD – ONE WEEK LEFT TO TURN YOURS IN

Please consider how God might continue to generously lead you and your family to respond to His blessings in this important anniversary year. We cannot over-emphasize how important your faithful and consistent giving and serving is to your Saint Paul family as we follow the lead of the One who is the same yesterday, today and forever! Please return by Sunday, February 12, 2012.



HOUSING FOR YSLETA MARIACHI BAND NEEDED

On Wednesday, March 14 the San Pablo Mariachi band will be leading music in chapel and Lent worship services as part of their spring tour. Members of the group will need housing for Wednesday and Thursday. We are looking for 3 homes able to house 3 people (need 2 rooms per home). Host families would only be responsible for breakfasts.

If you would be willing to host them, please contact Dari at the church office as soon as possible.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION TIME

If you would like to renew or start your annual subscription for the Lutheran Witness, please send a check for \$15.60 made out to 'Saint Paul Lutheran Church', to the Church Office, or drop it in the offering plate by February 24, 2012. Please mark the envelope: 'Lutheran Witness' and include your name and mailing address. Information about this publication, visit: www.lutheranwitness.org. Call Ericka in the Church Office (x 15) with questions.

COMMEMORATIVE 2012 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Calendars are located in the narthex. There is one per family. If you are an active member and don't see your name, please contact Cheryl Gerson in the church office (x 17). A sign up sheet is at the welcome center if you wish to get additional copies for family members, past members, or guests. We will know by March if we have extra calendars.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS – THE COVENANT OF ABRAM

Join Pr. Kris and your family in Christ each Wednesday AM (9:00 – 10:30) or PM (7:30 – 9:00) to look at the covenant that God made with Abram. Invite a friend!

YOUTH & FAMILIES



UNDERGROUND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUNDAY, FEB. 5 AT 5pm – FOOTBALL PARTY!

Sunday, February 5 at 5pm, we'll meet at Ryan Kearn's House to watch the big game together and participate in some fun activities of our own! Bring a friend and a snack to share and cheer on your favorite team. Directions to the Kearns' are posted on the youth room bulletin board. See you there!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

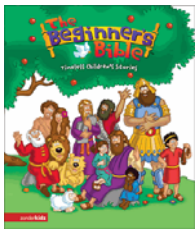
Students in grades 6 – 8 who are part of our confirmation program are invited to attend instruction classes to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Classes will involve the student and their parent(s), and will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:20 in the church's lower level. A make up session on Tuesday nights will be available for those unable to attend on Sundays. Please contact Dari Hartmann at the church office if you would like more information. First Communion will be celebrated for these students on Maundy Thursday, April 5.

JUNIOR HIGH LIGHTHOUSE MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19



Join us for movies and popcorn, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the church's lower level! Great night to bring a friend!!

SPONSOR A BIBLE – TWO WEEKS LEFT!!!



As part of our family ministry plan, we will be adding a Children's Bible to the pew racks. Families and individuals are invited to sponsor a Bible for \$10. You can request a dedication be placed in that Bible to honor a family member, anniversary, birthday, etc. ***A SMALL NUMBER OF BIBLES WILL BE ORDERED FOR YOU TO PURCHASE AND USE AT HOME!! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED BY STOPPING BY THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH LOBBY!***

FAMILY PRAISE SERVICE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES!

We're making a little change in the 10:40 a.m. worship service on the fourth Sunday of the month by involving kids and their families in the leadership of that service. We are looking for some courageous families to be part of that by ushering, reading Bible lessons, serving as greeters, etc. If you would like to help with this new approach, please contact Dari. We need about 5 families to help us kick this off. Thanks for talking about this opportunity with your family.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 18 - 22

Summer isn't far away, and we don't want you to miss out on VBS! Look for volunteer and registration information coming soon!!



MISSIONS

CHICAGO UPTOWN MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

We have emptied our Saint Paul food pantry! If you have non-perishable food items you would like to donate to help Chicago Uptown Ministry along with our food pantry, please leave them in the coat room. Thank you for your help in our ongoing efforts to reach out and make a positive difference in our community!!

NID LWML LENTEN INSPIRATIONS

The Northern Illinois District LWML is sponsoring this year's Lenten Inspirations on Saturday, March 3 at Immanuel, Mokena and March 24 at Hope, Shorewood from 9am-2pm. This year's program "Beyond the Edge in Prayer" includes devotions, skits, prayer, bible study and The Kings Entry - A Musical Chalking with Diane Kettelson, depicting Jesus' entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. \$15 registration fee includes morning coffee/rolls and lunch. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk.

FASHION WORKS FOR UPTOWN

Join *Lutheran Child and Family Services* and the *Friends of Chicago Uptown Ministry* for the annual luncheon/fashion show, an afternoon of fellowship, delicious food, amazing prizes, and fashion review by Creative Impact, in support of Chicago Uptown Ministry, Mar. 10th at Avalon Banquets, 1905 E Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village. Boutique and social hour at 10:30, lunch, raffle and fashion show 12-3pm. \$50/adults & \$25/children under 12. Contact Marlene Black (847-296-7407) or Mary Alice Helms (847-253-8751). More info contact LCFS Special Events team at 708-448-5558 or visit lcfs.org/fashionshow.

SERVANT SHARES FOR YSLETA FAMILY SPRING BREAK TRIP

Please prayerfully consider supporting our team as we serve at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas the last week of March. Our team is made up of the following people: Jean Stiman, Glen Staadt, Peter Berauer, Peter Gilbertson, Samuel Gilbertson, Oliver Gilbertson, Ellen Madsen, Josh Madsen, Suzanne Busse, Elle Taves and Dari Hartmann. Cost for this trip is about \$800/person. Servant share forms are available at the welcome desk, or can be downloaded from the church web site to help cover the costs of a week in the mission field.

HS WORKCAMP SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Donations are being sought for a silent auction that will benefit the High School Youth Mission trip. If you have an item that you are willing to donate or you want more information, please contact Tony by calling the office or emailing tdixon@saint-paul.org. The auction will be held on March 16 at the Saint Paul Trivia Night!

SCHOOL NEWS

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Saint Paul School's magazine fundraiser is in full swing. It's an easy way to support our school. Order online *anytime* and the school will receive 40% of every dollar spent. Simply go to www.qsp.com and enter our online code: **1082280**. Then follow the instructions to place your order. If you have subscriptions that need to be renewed it can be done online also. Simply click "Just Shopping", and enter code **1082280**. You can also send e-mails to friends and family inviting them to shop. Click on "Parents", register yourself, enter the code, and send friends and family personalized emails or shop away! Renewal orders will simply extend current subscriptions, unless the renewal has expired. **Thank you for your support!**

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL MEMBERS: OPEN ENROLLMENT!

If you have friends, neighbors, or relatives with school-age children, please invite them to investigate the wonderful educational opportunities we offer. Saint Paul graduates do exceedingly well in high school and college, but the greatest benefit is receiving an education that stresses an eternal perspective. **Our preschool, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades fill quickly. Please encourage families who might be interested to call ASAP!** Enrollment materials for the 2012-13 academic year are available on the school website, or please call the school office: 847.255.6733 for a paper packet.

HELP WANTED

NURSERY CAREGIVER NEEDED

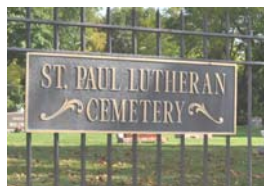
Our 10:40 am worship service needs a reliable person to employ as Nursery Caregiver. This person needs to be available most Sundays, oversee children and volunteers, and be able to communicate well with parents. This isn't a high paying job, but the benefits are lots of hugs and cuddle time. If interested, please contact the church office.

OTHER NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

The Saint Paul Church & School 2012 Budget was approved at the congregational meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012. Look for a recap next week in Thru-the-Week. Praise God for the many blessings He provides our Saint Paul Family.

CEMETERY



Great News! Two individual lots, located next to each other are available. There are also cremation lots available. These lots are sold on first come, first serve basis, don't delay. Contact Dale Winkelmann 847.812.7296.