

December 2009

The Messenger

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

O, Come Let Us Adore Him!

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Barn Service at the Saathoff farm 6:00 pm
10144 Cordova Road, Easton MD

Sunday, December 20, 2009

Children's Christmas Program 9:00 am
Children's Christmas Party following worship

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
With Holy Communion
7:00 pm

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Festival of Lessons and Carols 9:00 am
Reception to follow.

All are invited to bring a tray of leftover Christmas
goodies to share. Coffee and fellowship will be provided.

Creative Kids' Page

STAINED-GLASS STAR COOKIES


These star cookies will remind you of the star that led the Magi, or wise men, to our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these treats for yourself or give them as gifts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Plastic wrap
- Hard candy such as Life Savers in assorted colors
- Zippered baggies
- Rolling pin
- 2 star cookie cutters, one much smaller than the other
- Aluminum foil

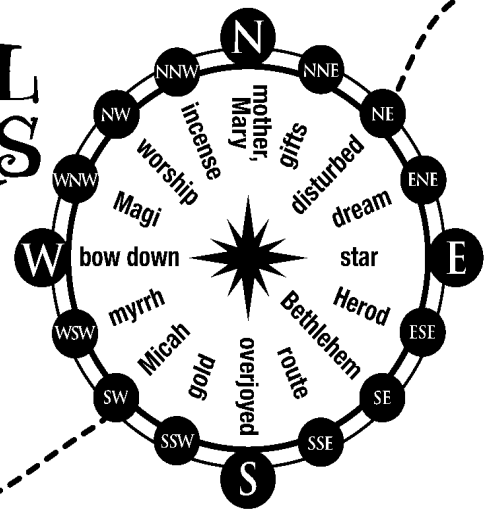
What you do:

1. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together.
2. Cream the sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Add the flour mixture and beat until well blended.
4. Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
5. Separate candies by color and place each color in a sealed, zippered baggie. With a rolling pin, crush candy into small pieces (not a fine powder).
6. One at a time, roll out each chilled dough piece on a well-floured surface.
7. Use the large cookie cutter to make stars, and then place them on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Then press the small star cookie cutter into each large star and remove the small piece of star-shaped dough.
8. Place some crushed candy in each star-shaped hole.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. (The candy will melt and be translucent when cooled, like a stained-glass window.)



SPECIAL VISITORS


Matthew 2 tells of visitors who traveled to worship Jesus. Read that story, or see if you can answer the questions below from memory. Use the compass guide to fill in the correct answers.



1. Who was king during the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
3. How was King Herod feeling about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men and told them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. What did the Magi do first before they worshiped the child? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW)
 _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as ... _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod, 2. Magi, 3. disturbed, 4. Micah, 5. Bethlehem, 6. worship, 7. star, 8. overjoyed, 9. mother, Mary, 10. bow down, 11. gold, incense, myrrh, 12. gifts, 13. dream, 14. route

Adult Education




Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumed in September. Come join us, on first and third Tuesday mornings at 9:00am and bring your Bible and your favorite cup of coffee.

December 1, 2009

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 15, 2009

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

An Adult Forum Series on Holy Communion will be presented on Sundays during Sunday School time in the sanctuary at St. Paul's beginning in September. The Series will seek to refresh our understanding of Holy Communion (it's been a LONG time since most of us studied this in Confirmation), and provide an opportunity to discern together the direction God is calling us to take with regard to weekly communion. The Forum is open to all members of St. Paul's.

December 13, 2009: Weekly Communion—What does this mean for us?



ST PAUL'S DINNER COMMITTEE

St. Paul's Dinner Committee was formed in 1983 after our church was asked to cook and serve the Tri-County Ruritan monthly dinner meetings. The group heads up the chicken and ham dinner in February and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. They do Soup & Sandwich Day in February, distributing soup, sandwich and pie to elderly and sick in Cordova and surrounding areas. They have also cooked dinners for the Easton Ruritan and Cordova Fire Co. and Cordova Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. They take care of food for funerals, confirmation and high school graduate celebrations and the German Service. They supply the Sunday School drinks and all paper products for the church.

The committee provided the \$2300 for landscaping of our grounds last year, and purchased four large and one small pew for our new sanctuary. Over the years they have provided funds for the youth going to Youth Gatherings, the purchase of the new Christmas tree and a TV and DVD player for our youth. In 2005 they purchased the new 10 burner gas stove for our kitchen. In 2001 they paid for decorative painting in our sanctuary at a cost of \$4200. This is just a small summary of what the dinner committee has done over the years.



Pastor: Rev. Emily Hollars Leitzke

Emergency contact number: 410-253-9502

Pastor's Email: pastor@stpaulscordova.com

Organist: Edith Roe

Office Hours: Tue. 12:00-5:00—Wed. & Thurs. 10:00-3:00

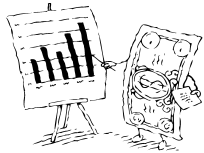
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News from the Congregational Council



Stewardship Update

At St. Paul's Annual Meeting on Sunday January 11, 2009 our congregation's treasurer, Darian Sump, reported that we had finished 2008 with a budget deficit of \$21,906.98. At this meeting, Darian reminded us that two years ago, when we discussed separating Talbot Lutheran Parish and calling our own full-time pastor, the financial feasibility study projected a budget deficit very close to this amount. Today, the projected budget deficit of 2007 is a reality.

We as a council and as a congregation are committed to being responsible stewards of the many gifts God has given to us; this includes our financial gifts. Because of this, the council has decided to begin publishing a brief stewardship update each month in the newsletter. It is our hope that by making this information available in a public way, we might work together more effectively to prevent our budget deficit from growing even larger in 2009 and so that we can continue to do the ministry that God has called us to do.

Operating income needed October 2009:	\$11,109.07	
Operating income received October 2009:	\$ 12,820.53	
"Special" restricted income October 2009:	\$ 115.00	
Total Income October 2009 :	\$ 12,935.53	
Net Income October 2009:	\$ 1,711.46	
Operating income needed YTD 2009 :	\$138,790.38	
Operating income received YTD 2009 :	\$110,766.26	
"Special" restricted income YTD 2009 :	\$ 20,805.69	
Bequest income received YTD 2009:	<u>\$ 53,149.53</u>	
Total Income YTD 2009:	\$183,242.48	
Net Income YTD 2009:	\$ 45,931.10	
Net Income YTD less Bequest and Special Restricted Income:		- \$20,372.85



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| President: Sam Sauca | Fin. Secretary: Carl Sauca | Property: Lee Heinsohn |
| Vice President: Mike Hiner | Rec. Secretary: Ellen Mulder | Christian Ed: Dale Mumford |
| Treasurer: Darian Sump | Worship: Marian Davis | Stewardship: Bobby Saathoff |

Talbot Interfaith Shelter Update

On Sunday November 1, 2009, Rabbi Peter Hyman from Temple B'nai Israel in Easton came to St. Paul's to speak with us about his congregation's involvement with the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. He told us about the fears that members of his congregation had going into this type of volunteer work; he also told us about the many unexpected joys of serving the community in this way. He invited us to consider partnering with the other congregations and organizations in the community to help provide safe winter shelter, and food for those in need this winter, citing Matthew 25:31-46 as Scriptural encouragement for this kind of service.

On Sunday November 8, 2009, Mike Hiner, the chair of St. Paul's Social Ministry committee asked our congregation at the beginning of worship to pledge their support to the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. The response was a resounding "Yes" from the congregation.

We have been invited to coordinate volunteers and services for the shelter for one week this winter: January (3-10). We will have the responsibilities of meal preparation and service, guest check-in, early evening supervision of the shelter, overnight supervision of the shelter, laundering clothing and linens, and providing transportation for the guests of the shelter for that week. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation who are willing to help out in these areas for one or more days during our week.

If you are not able to volunteer your help in the ways just mentioned, perhaps you would be willing to make a charitable donation to the Shelter to help cover the administrative, equipment, and operational costs associated with running the shelter. The Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Inc. is a designated fund sponsored by the Foundation for Community Partnerships, Inc., a non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations may be made by check payable to "FCP for TIS" and sent to

**Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Inc.
P.O. Box 2004
Easton, MD 21601**

Or, you may make an online payment with your credit card at the FCP webpage:

www.creatinglegacies.org

The Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Inc., (TIS) is a faith-based service ministry in Talbot County, MD, dedicated to providing temporary shelter to single men, single women, and families who lack adequate housing during the coldest months of the year.

TIS provides dinner, breakfast, and bagged lunches to all shelter guests. Its doors open daily at 6:00pm and close at 7:00am. On days when temperatures fall below 40 degrees F. and volunteers are available, additional daytime shelter is provided.

For more information, visit: www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org

To serve as a volunteer with St. Paul's, please contact Mike Hiner at 410-822-7176 or by email at mike@willowconstruction.com.

Confirmation/Coffee Hour



St. Paul's Confirmation Class has chosen this year to adopt a local family for Christmas. This is a large undertaking, but the youth are enthusiastic about the project and are eagerly anticipating helping a local family enjoy Christmas by providing them with gifts. Of course, these things cost money. As a fundraiser,

the youth will be sponsoring three Coffee Hours during the season of Advent: November 29, December 6, & December 13. Their hope is that members of St. Paul's will take advantage of the time to gather together, fellowship with one another and with the youth, enjoy light refreshments, coffee, and punch, and

if the Spirit moves you to do so, make a free will donation to help them raise the money they need to sponsor their adopted family.

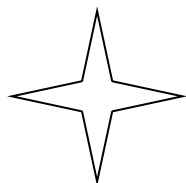
We hope to see you at Coffee Hour, and thank you in advance for your support of the youths' service project.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

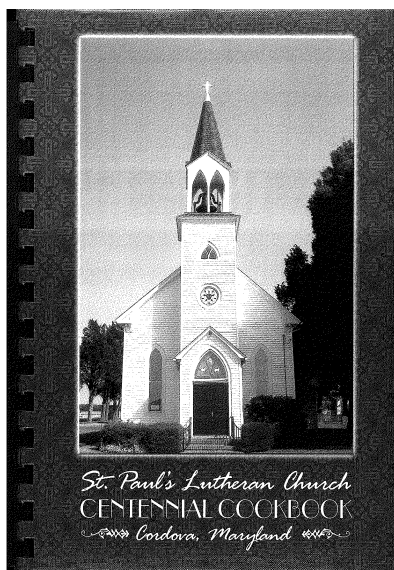
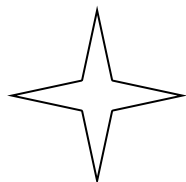
Bricks are still available for our sidewalk at St. Paul's.

Bricks can be given in memory of someone or in honor of someone or just for yourself!

Forms to be completed are on the display case in the Sunday School area or you may call Carl Sauca at 410-364-5414



For Someone
Who Has Everything



**St. Paul's
Centennial Cookbook**

COST: \$15

**See Marian Davis to
get your copy!**

News at St. Paul's

Photo Directory—It has been five years since our last photo directory—a lot has changed in that time! It is now time to begin working on a new photo directory so that it reflects who St. Paul's is today. Photography will take place at church on January 26, 27, 28, 2010 and will be done by Olan Mills. Each household that participates by having their photo taken will receive a copy of the new directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait. Sign —ups for photography appointments will begin Sunday, December 6, 2009. Sign up early to get the appointment time you need!



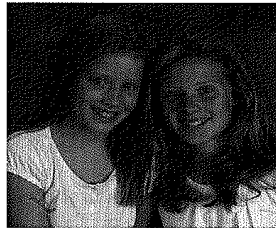
Portraits

They Capture The Moment -
And Make Memories For A Lifetime.

Announcing: Professional Olan Mills portraits conveniently photographed in our church!

- New contemporary poses
- Reduced prices on portrait packages
- Make our church directory complete with your family

Our gift to you: A free 8 x 10 color portrait and a free church pictorial directory - just for participating.



Schedule your professional family portrait today.

 **Customer Service GUARANTEED**

We pledge to create an environment that allows for a positive experience without high pressure. If you aren't satisfied with your portraits, we will retake them, retouch them or refund your money.

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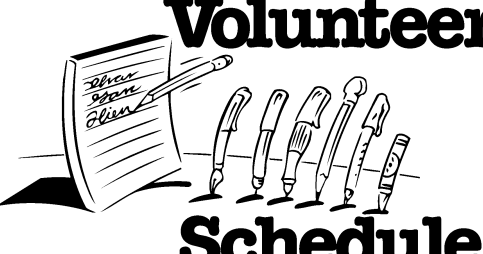
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JANUARY 26, 27 AND 28, 2010

Portrait Appointment Sign-Ups will begin December 6th!

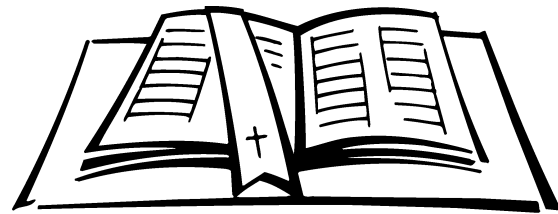
Volunteer Schedule




Acolytes & Crucifers

December 6 Hayden Hollingsworth	Andrea Ward
December 13 Justine Spies	Tori Spies
December 20 Abbie Heinsohn	Kyle Leaverton
December 24 Noelle Brown	Lauren Stevens
December 27 Hunter Priest	Cayce Marth

December 6 Marian Davis
 December 13 Sue Ann Kaufman
 December 20 Brooke Dudrow
 December 24 Robert Saathoff
 December 27



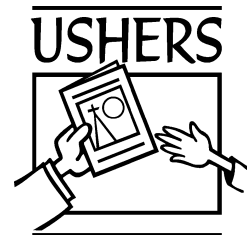
Lectors



Tellers

December 6 Robert & Donna Saathoff
 December 13 Cathy Cannon & Lois Clark
 December 20 Bruce & Bobbie Leaverton
 December 24 Robert & Donna Saathoff
 December 27 Dale & Betty Jean Mumford

December 6 Bob & Andrew Weaver
 December 13 Lee Heinsohn & Darian Sump
 December 20 Jeff & Monica Heinsohn
 December 24 Mark & Vicki Sump
 December 27 Gerda Fisher & Hans Wendt



Altar Flowers

December 6 Cathy Cannon
 December 13 Deneen Rickwood
 December 20 Monica Heinsohn
 December 27 Monica Heinsohn

December—Marian Davis



Mark your Calendars...

November 30: Confirmation at St. Paul's 5:30-7:30pm
December 1: Morning Bible Study 9:00am
December 6: Sign-Ups for pictorial directory appointments
December 10: Sit and Stitch 10:00am
Congregation Council Meeting 7:00pm
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Children's Christmas Party
December 21: Mutual Ministry 7:00pm
December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm
December 27: Festival of Lessons & Carols 9:00 am
January 3-10: St. Paul's volunteers at Talbot Interfaith Shelter
January 11: Confirmation 5:30-7:30 pm
January 14: Sit & Stitch 10:00 am
January 14: Congregation Council Meeting 7:00pm
January 15-16: Special Synod Assembly to elect new Bishop
January 17: Annual Congregational Meeting 10:15am
January 18: Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
January 25: Confirmation 5:30-7:30pm



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

In preparation for the Advent Season and Christmas, we are now taking orders for Poinsettias. We will be ordering red poinsettias in pots with 5-8 blooms at a cost of \$9.00. They may be placed in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

Please complete this form and return it with your payment **by November 29th**
Please make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and place your orders directly on the offering plate or give to Marian Davis.

Your name _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED _____ x \$9.00 = _____

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Return Service Requested

Please inform the church office of any changes in
your personal information:
Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or
new births so that we can keep our records
up-to-date.

Anyone interested in learning more about
becoming a member at St. Paul's
is asked to contact
Pastor Emily Leitzke
by phone at 410-364-5147,
by email at pastor@stpaulscordova.com,
or in person.

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