

## The Epistle

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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### *The Advent and Christmas Seasons at St. Paul*

#### *Wednesdays in Advent*

*Choir Practice 6:30 PM*

*Advent Activity 6:45 PM*

*Worship Service 7:30 PM*

#### *Sunday, December 5*

*Hanging of the Greens after worship*

#### *Sunday, December 12*

*Collection for St. Lucy fund*

#### *Sunday, December 19*

*Pack Food Pantry Baskets after worship*

#### *Christmas Eve*

*SERVICES at 4, 7, and 11 PM*

#### *Sunday, December 26*

*Service of Lessons and Carols 10:00 AM*



## Council Notes

The Church Council met on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- The COVID situation was discussed. No changes to practice were made. The issue will be revisited in December
- Council reviewed the draft 2022 spending plan from the working group and made changes. The proposed 2022 spending plan will be made available in print and digital formats.
- Council continues to discuss the cleaning of the church. Bids are bring received. If you wish to recommend a cleaning person/firm, please give contact information to a council member.
- Two bids for blinds for the sanctuary windows have been received, but one bid is not complete.
- Council began discussion on installing solar panels on the roof of the church. We have initial quotes, but this needs further discussion.
- Council also discussed a proposed reorganization of our church governance system (council, committees). A new format which would conserve volunteer energies and improve long term planning has been discussed by the constitution committee and has been sent to council. Discussion will continue.

A Meeting of the Congregation on the Spending Plan for 2022 will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Printed copies of the proposed Spending Plan are available; please contact the church office.



## Saint Lucia

At St. Paul, we have established a discretionary fund named the Santa Lucia fund that is used to provide assistance to those in need. A special collection will be taken during the December 12<sup>th</sup> worship service.

For more information on St. Lucy, see “Saint Lucy” and “Saint Lucy’s Day” on Wikipedia.

Please put “Saint Lucy” on the memo line of checks.



## Our New Confirmation Students

Vinny and Shelby Sandolini have begun confirmation classes. Please remember them in your prayers as they seek to strengthen their faith through study and prayer.



The choir has begun rehearsals. All are welcome to join! Wednesdays at 7 PM.



Willa Jarvis has moved to Zanesville, OH, to be near her daughter and daughter's family. We ask God to bless her in her new home.



Date	
December 5	MaryLee Cushing
December 12	Tamara Riegel
December 19	Jeanne Lemasters
December 24 4 PM (set up)	MaryLee Cushing
December 24 4 PM	Tamara Riegel
December 24 7 PM	Mary Haas
December 24 11 PM	MaryLee Cushing
December 26	Mary Haas

### From the Piece Makers

December and Advent begin the Church Year. We all look forward to Christmas. December 5<sup>th</sup> will be another big day as we will draw for the lovely Quilt. You have two more weeks to purchase your chances. We have been getting donations for tickets from members who have moved to other states.



We will keep selling other craft items after December 5<sup>th</sup> in case you need some last minute gifts. Thank you to all who have purchased gifts and chances. All money goes toward purchasing supplies, especially the extra wide padding for Lutheran World Relief's quilts. Thanks to Diann Craig, Linda Ross, Nancy Goerlich, Renate Strakal, and Sherry Fox for making the lovely diverse items for the sale. Renate talked to a friend in Tennessee, Mary Ellen Grace. Mary Ellen said that she could not send us any items but would like to support our efforts. She sent us a large check! We also thank Sara Bishop for her donations of thread and fabric which will be put to good use. Peace Makers meet every Friday from 10 until 2. We always need more hands to tie quilts. Have a Merry Christmas and come and join us.



REMINDER: If you are unable to attend worship in person, offering envelopes may be mailed to the church!

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309 Baldwin Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505

### TREASURER'S REPORT: OCTOBER 2021

**OFFERING AND INCOME: \$ 12,656**

**EXPENSES: \$ 20,591**

**NET INCOME – OCTOBER 2021 \$ -7,936**

**NET INCOME FOR 2021 \$ 22,969**





We donated 35 Thanksgiving meals — thank you! Let’s do it again with 35 Christmas meals for the Rock Forge Food Pantry. Rock Forge serves about 45 families each month; many of the clients are older people with limited resources and access to help. The donations from St. Paul (holiday baskets and money from the parking committee) are a big part of their work.

*How to help:*

**Donate *time*:** The baskets will be assembled on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** and delivered on Monday. We would love a donation of your time to help with assembly or delivery.

**Donate *money*:** If you would like to donate money, please note “Food Baskets” on your check or offering envelope and place it in the offering basket.

**Donate *food*:**

**Here are the items we need for each basket: (please note that items have changed)**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Minimum Amount:</u>
Instant potatoes	35 boxes or 70 packets
Dressing	35 boxes
Dinner Rolls	35 dozen
Green beans	70 cans
Corn	70 cans
Carrots	70 cans
Applesauce	35 small jars
Gravy	35 small jars
Peanut butter	35 small jars
Jelly	35 small jars
Rice side dish boxes	70 bags or
Soup starter	35 bags
Mac and Cheese	70 boxes
Reusable Kroger bags	35
Candy canes	35 boxes
Hot cocoa mix	35 boxes
Shelf stable milk	35 boxes
Cooking oil	35 bottles
Sugar	35 bags
Flour	35 bags
Dishwashing soap	35 bottles
Dessert (cake mix and frosting, or cookie mix)	35
Kroger, Giant or Aldi \$20 gift card	35



Additional items families might need include can openers and salt and pepper. For more information, contact the church office ([office@stpaulmorgantown.org](mailto:office@stpaulmorgantown.org)) or 304-599-0620).

If you would like to order one or more poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, please contact the office.

Cost is \$15 for each poinsettia; please write "poinsettias" in the memo line of your check and make a note of the dedication (in memory, in honor). Please order by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.



Church Office: 304-599-0620 or  
office@stpaulmorgantown.org.



## "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

December 5<sup>th</sup> — Following the worship service

Come and join the fun and fellowship as we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

### *Schedule for Ushers, Wednesdays in Advent*

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> — Tamara Riegel

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> — Bill Graham

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> — Larry Springer

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> — Tamara Riegel



Devotions for Advent are available at the church. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

The office will be closed for the holidays  
December 27<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup>.



# Serving in December

SERVING ST PAUL December 2021	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COUNTERS	ZOOM
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	D. Borrelli	E. Melby	W. Graham	Sandolfini	D. Stiles S. Woodruff	M. & J. Peters
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	J. Lemasters	M. Kirkpatrick	T. Riegel	E. Naumann	****	C. Wertz
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	J. Lemasters	L. Springer	Sandolfini	W. Graham J. Sandolfini	S. Setley
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 4:00 PM	S. Woodruff	S. Woodruff	W. Graham	E. Naumann	****	M. Boroff
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 PM	M. Haas	E. Melby	Melby	Sandolfini	****	M. Boroff
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00 PM	****	T. Riegel	T. Riegel	G. Riegel	K. Shockley M. Boroff M. Suder	S. Setley
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	M. Haas	S. Setley	W. Graham	****	****	M. Boroff

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**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**  
**St. Paul MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED!!**

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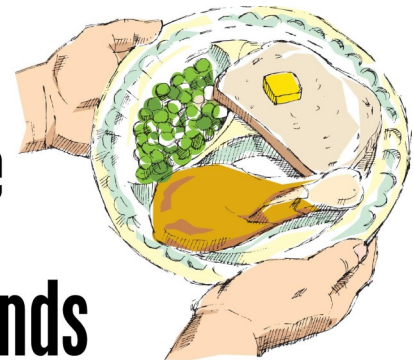
For the past several decades, St. Paul has been providing a meal one weekend each month to anyone in the Downtown Morgantown area. Some of the people are homeless, some have homes but have minimal cooking skills, and - until COVID restrictions – some just wanted a place to have a meal with other people. Churches and organizations in the surrounding Morgantown area provide meals on the other Saturdays and Sundays. That is why we are a “Circle of Friends”!

Our congregation has had a dedicated cadre of volunteers who provide food items, donate money for food and serving items and who serve the meals. The volunteer numbers have gotten much smaller recently due to several people moving away from Morgantown

The meal is served on the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend Sunday at the WVU Lutheran Campus Chapel from 4—5 pm. Set up usually takes about 30-45 minutes and clean-up is usually finished by 5:15. So the total commitment is about 2 hours! (FYI: Street parking is free downtown on Sundays.) With COVID restrictions still in place, all meals are served as “to-go meals”.

Please contact the church office or Debby Borrelli, if you would be interested in coordinating this ministry of our church. **If a new coordinator is not in place by the end of the year, we will notify the Circle of Friends group organizer that St. Paul will no longer participate in this ministry.**

**Circle  
-of-  
Friends**



Thank you to Mary Haas for donating the beautiful new Advent paraments.



Thank you to Larry Springer, Bill Graham, Sylvia McEwuen, and others unknown who have quietly been doing church cleaning chores.

**Reminder: Deadline for January newsletter is December 20<sup>th</sup>!!!**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM Choir 6:45 PM Advent Activity 7:30 PM Worship	2	3 10:00 AM Piecemakers	4
5 10:00 AM Worship Service Hanging of the Greens after worship	6	7	8 6:30 PM Choir 6:45 PM Advent Activity 7:30 PM Worship	9	10 10:00 AM Piecemakers	11
12 10:00 AM Worship Service Meeting on the Spending Plan After worship	13	14 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers  10:00 AM Bible Study	15 6:30 PM Choir 6:45 PM Advent Activity 7:30 PM Worship	16 7:00 PM Council	17 10:00 AM Piecemakers	18
19 10:00 AM Worship Service  Pack Thanksgiving baskets	20	21 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers  10:00 AM Bible Study	22 6:30 PM Choir 6:45 PM Advent Activity 7:30 PM Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4 PM Worship 7 PM Worship 11 PM	25 Christmas Day
26 10:00 AM Service of Lessons and Carols  3:30 PM Circle of Friends	27 8:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission	28	29	30	31	

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.  
There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).



Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Thank you!



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