



St. Paul's

Celebrating 150 Years
Jesus' Story Still Unfolding

Messenger

October 2022

St. Paul's Messenger

Rev. Thomas Parrish

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Psalm 127

Our Purpose:

To Know Jesus, To Grow in Jesus, To Share Jesus with Others!

Several Friday's ago, Church President Cheryl Biel set up a meeting with Dr. John Mayer of City Vision Ministry. John has been studying evangelical churches throughout the Twin Cities for decades and publishes a highly respected annual report. Council, Elders and Staff were invited.

The following are his comments about St. Paul's.

- He has rarely seen a staff that was so positive of where the Lord Jesus is leading us as his body. He felt that was incredible.
- He said that St. Paul's is way ahead of the majority of churches he advises who are working for revival. He actually said, using military language, that we have made a successful beachhead landing in enemy territory.
- He was very impressed that our Purpose Statement is in large letters in the sanctuary. He has not seen that before! This was also true the next week when twelve pastors from Lutheran Evangelism Movement met for two days at St. Paul's. In fact, some of them were overwhelmed and thankful.
- He is very optimistic for St. Paul's because of our focus and direction on Jesus.
- While we may have a positive \$25,000 come January in the bank, he expressed how unusual that is for a church under our circumstances. The vast majority of churches, in our circumstances, he said, have no money or are in debt come the new year.
- He felt that the emphasis on Jesus, equipping members, and disciple making are exactly what successful churches are doing and that these are the number one tool for church growth and income.
- He believes that St. Paul's is a healthy model for other churches to follow.

Thanks to Cheryl Biel for pulling us together. John is confident we are listening and being guided by Jesus. We are confident as well.

PRAYER WALK

Sunday October 2

9:00am

Prayer walkers will meet in Pastor's office at 9:00 a.m. to receive their walking assignments. At 9:15 A.M. we will be prayed over and then begin our walk for about a half hour. We will meet back in Pastor's office at 10:00 a.m. to debrief the experience. Adult Sunday school will be praying with us.

Men's Saturday Fellowship

Led by Pastor Tom Parrish

Saturday, October 1, 15 & 29 at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

At St. Paul's Fellowship Hall



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Paul's Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, October 30 Sunday School hour at 9:00am

October Adult Education

Begins Sunday, October 9th at 9:00am

Strange New World taught by Pastor John Spaulding

(Limited to 12 people and you need to buy the book) A study of Carl Trueman's book *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*, tracing the influences that moved modern culture to the current era of "expressive individualism" and its disorienting state of identity politics. Trueman considers the implications for religion, free speech, and personal identity, and suggests how the church should respond. *This class requires that you obtain the books and do advance preparation for each session; please register ASAP with Pastor John if you have not already signed up.*

Foundations of Christianity taught by Pastor Kim Stephens

A beginning class for those new to Christianity or those wanting to refresh Christianity' foundational truths.

With Christ in the School of Prayer taught by Jan Parrish

The class will be looking at what Jesus taught about prayer and then spending time in prayer. We will be using nine of 31 teachings that Andrew Murray wrote about in the book with the same title. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Weekly Bible Studies



Mondays Community Bible study 6:15pm

Monday Night at 6:15pm

Contact Kristi Bolson for more information

Tuesdays Afternoon Bible Study 1:00pm

We are studying a Spiritual Gifts, and begin a new study soon. (to be announced) one or two weeks later.

Holy Grounds Coffee House Fridays 6:15pm

Join us in welcoming our neighbors with conversation, prayer and Bible time. Contact Kristi Bolson or Daniel Olson for more information.

Good News Club



Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6-7pm

Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents
and older siblings**

Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Besides packing a box, you can buy gift items and bring them to church. We'll have a "Packing Party" on Sunday, Nov. 13.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



"Through your prayers

and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo—those personal touches can mean so much to a child."

— Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



Name	Date
Mona Fruen	10/05
Andrew Goblirsch	10/09
Brian Littlewolf	10/10
Mona Sjoblom	10/12
Dennis Lokke	10/14
Beth Goblirsch	10/26
Ruth Bolson	10/30
Mark Linde	10/30

Missionary Birthdays

Name	Date
Margaret Obaga	10/02
Caleb Jacobson	10/10

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JOIN US
Online Or In-Person!
Sundays 10:30 A.M.