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## January 2016

### A Letter from your Pastor

Friends in the Lord,

Happy New Year to you! I pray you experienced inner peace and joy as you again celebrated the birth of our Savior. May the wonders of His love continue to enrich you as we begin this new year.

On various occasions I have made the statement that one of my goals here at St. Paul is to study every single book of the Bible with you. As of the end of December, I have been here as your pastor for 12 ½ years. How are we progressing? Out of the 66 books in the Bible, I have led studies on 55. Since there are 66 books in the Bible, at this pace, I will need to be here at least 2 ½ more years to cover every one of the Bible's books. We have covered 25 of the 27 books in the New Testament (93%),

but only 30 of the 39 books in the Old Testament (77%). This is fairly typical. The New Testament is more familiar to us and also more readily understood by us; however, without the Old Testament the New Testament would not make sense and ultimately would not exist. The events recorded in the New Testament are fulfillments of prophecies made in the Old Testament. The ministry of Jesus and His institution of a New Covenant was necessary because of what happened, and did not happen, under the Old Covenant.

Where is all of this leading? I guess what I'm saying is that even though we are beginning a new year, in this new year you can expect to hear a little more from the Old Testament as we remember the predictions of the Savior the

Father promised He would send.

May God bless us in this new year as we continue our travels down "Route 66," en route to eventually studying all 66 books of the Bible together.

In Jesus, Pastor Jenks



Study  
*the* Word

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#### Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, January 3*

*Only one service*

*Holy Communion*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, January 10*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, January 17*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



*Sunday, January 24*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, January 31*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Welcome  
2016!*

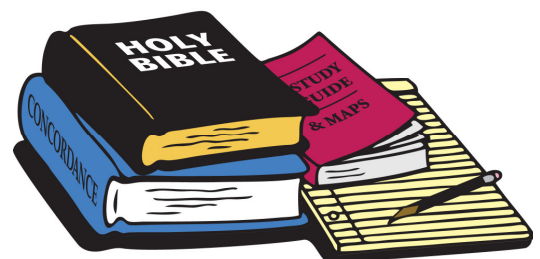
### **New Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Isaiah**

Our Wednesday morning Bible study led by Pastor Jenks will resume on January 6. We will begin a new Bible study of the book of Isaiah. Just as the Bible has 66 books, Isaiah has 66 chapters. Isaiah is the first of the Old Testament books in the section known as the Major Prophets. These books contain a great deal of material and many Messianic

prophecies. Isaiah's many prophecies cover Christ's life from His virgin birth to His suffering and death to His resurrection. Our Wednesday morning Bible studies start at 10:30 a.m. and usually conclude at about 11:30 a.m. To get the most from our first session, if you are able to do so, please read chapters 1-4 of Isaiah prior to coming. (If

you have extra time, read all 66 chapters of the book, to get an overall overview.)

*Be  
Nourished*



## Human Care

### HOPE Gift Market

The Human Care Board wishes to **thank** everyone for their wonderful support of this year's HOPE Gift Market. God has truly blessed each and every one of you with giving hearts and open hands! As of November 30th, the grand total given to the

chosen charities is \$17,660!!! (Last year's grand total was \$12,757!)

May God continue to bless you as well as all those you have helped with your amazing generosity!



### January Blood Drive-

The Blood Drive will be held at the Church's parking lot in Life Serve's Blood-Mobile on **Tuesday, January 26th**, from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM.  
- For those people who are interested in signing up, or who have questions, contact Brian Weber at (515) 450-2358.



### Thank You for Your Support

We wish to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to congregation members who generously donated to United Christians International in support of projects to be undertaken during our Haiti mission trip. Your donation will go

towards one (or more!) of these: funding a cement floor for a local family's home, purchasing goats for the teachers at Leger (the UCI school we will be staying at), and building a kitchen for the Lunches for Leger program. The

kitchen will greatly improve the way meals are prepared by replacing a small open-air fire pit. We ask God to bless you as richly as you are blessing the mission work done in Haiti!

Keith & Carol Folkmann

## Education and Youth



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.  
1 Corinthians 12:27

### We are all on God's Team

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Show your team spirit by coming to church and Sunday School as a fan.

You can participate by:

1. Wearing your favorite team colors or jersey (any sport, any team - high school, college or pro)
2. Wearing a St. Paul shirt

### Upcoming Youth Events:

#### Upcoming LYF activities in 2016:

Bowling at Perfect Games -January

Ice Skating -February

Movie Night -March

(Look for information in the bulletins or by email)

#### Attention High School Youth

Want to have a movie night and lock-in or do some other fun activity just for your age group? Let us know when and we will make plans for this fun fellowship activity! Please contact Carla Murphy or Thomas Wilson.

## SUPER BOWL SUB SALES!

It's the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the Super Bowl and the National Youth Gathering participants are gearing up for another year of Super Bowl Subs!

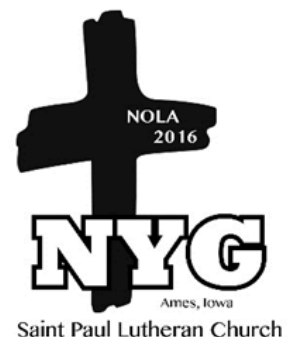
**The NYG Youth will be pre-selling subs after each service on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and the last day to order on January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Subs will be ready to pick up on Super Bowl Sunday – February 7<sup>th</sup>! For \$10 you can choose your way to make the sub – using Turkey or Ham, topped with American cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Onion.

Make sure you get yours ordered!

Also, prepare for our annual Super Bowl Bake Sale – Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>!

All proceeds will help our youth attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.



**Thank You for Your Thrivent Choice Dollars**

*Thank-You to all Thrivent members who have chosen St. Paul Lutheran Church in directing their 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars. With everyone's support the total amount has made a signifi-*

*cant impact this year! Remember that after choosing St. Paul Lutheran Church on-line, you can also contact Gerry Schradle, St. Paul Financial Secretary, and choose a specific area/board/activity you*

*would like your Choice Dollars to be applied to. God's blessings for your support!*



Thrivent Financial  
"Choice Dollars"

**January Conversational Dinners - January 10th**

This year is just flying by and here we are into the third quarter of our 2015-2016 season. Our December HalfTime Battle of Naughty and Nice was even better than anticipated. A huge thank you to Maureen and Reiny Friedrich for hosting the entire group, as always they are a gracious host couple. To everyone who came and went caroling, a high five to you all, it was awesome. We caroled to 11 couples or individuals, within the Ames area.

Now back to the game, more details will follow but here is the general

plan. We will gather on Sunday, January 10th for a soup supper. We will be meeting in small groups this month and we have an option plan, everyone or several people can bring soup for a soup buffet, or maybe only two people bring soup and the others bring dessert and bread. We will let each

group call their own "play" with the host couple acting as the "captain or chief play caller". If you would like to be a host couple, please call or e-mail Ellen Sander. 292-3574 or [druellen@hotmail.com](mailto:druellen@hotmail.com). Make plans now to be "in the game" on January 10th.



# *St. Paul Trading Post*



## January Trading Post Ads:

—Free Aquariums. We have two 10 gallon aquariums to give away. Call Ron Coy at

## Free to a Good Home

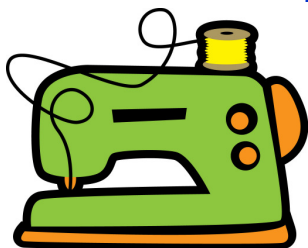
This is a feature in the monthly newsletter called “St. Paul Trading Post” for members to list items that they would like to give away. Members could also list things they are in need of to see if anyone in the church has that particular item that they would like to get rid of.

### It works like this:

- ~Members having an item they would like to list will submit the information to the office.
- ~Members who are interested in any of the items will contact the person directly.
- ~All items will only be listed for one month, but the lister can re-list for an additional month if they re-submit their request to the office.

**Delivery will be worked out between the parties involved, no items can be dropped off at the church.**

## Thank You from Family Service Quilters



**THANK YOU** - the Family Service Quilting Group wishes to thank the family of Norma Buss for the gift of a new sewing machine given in her memory. Norma loved to sew and quilt, and the quilters will think of her fondly while using this fantastic gift. Thanks so much - what a wonderful way to keep her memory alive.

## Family Service Quilting Group

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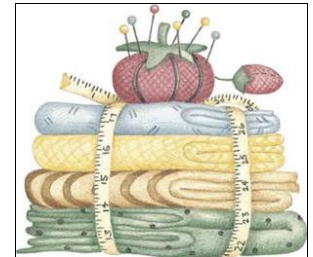
The winter winds will blow  
and we'll probably have snow.  
No need to be bored and fret--  
Plan to do the best thing yet.  
Come make quilts for people in need.  
Then all can say: "We've done a good deed."

Mark your calendar -

**January 14 and 28, 10:00 am**

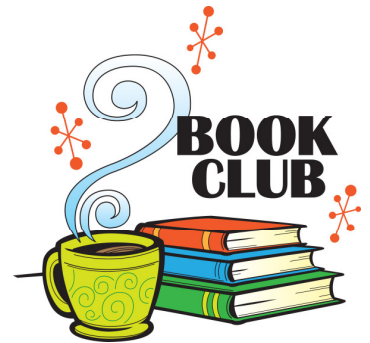
The quilting and fellowship will be great.

**HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!!**



### “Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Everyone is invited to join us. We will meet on Thursday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> (new date) at Pam Hagen’s home at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Veritas Conflict* by Shaunti Feldhahn. Barnes and Noble describes this book: “Claire Rivers races to the mailbox to receive a letter of acceptance to Harvard University while a heavenly battle rages. In this fast-paced, suspenseful novel, the ageless war for the hearts and minds of students on our college campuses is revealed. Conflict between unseen evil and angelic forces reflects their battle for victorious living amidst confused messages. When Claire and her roommate encounter attacks on their faith, a deeper mystery -- involving Harvard's Christian heritage, the pull of money, and a dark plan for societal corruption -- unfolds around them. Will they succumb to temptation and destruction? What has become of Harvard's founding motto: Veritas, Christo et Ecclesiae -- "Truth for Christ and the Church"? Can Claire -- with other praying students and their parents -- counteract the forces of humanism and relativism ... and what will it cost them to do so?” WOW... sounds like a great book to curl up with on a cold winter night! At our April meeting we will be choosing books for the next year, so start compiling your list of suggestions.



Date	Hostess	Book
Feb 25, 2016 Thursday	Pam Hagen	<i>The Veritas Conflict</i> By Shaunti Feldhahn
April 14 2016 Thursday	Thelma Voetberg	<i>The Sign Painter</i> By Davis Bunn

## Stewardship

### ***A New Year for the Christian Steward***

Although there is nothing in the Bible about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend church services more regularly. If you are looking for some help in your New Year's resolutions, here are a few ideas to get you started:

***Encounter the Lord each day*** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him and allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

***Practice gratitude*** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

***Nurture friendships*** – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

***Resist overwork*** – There may be pressure in your work life to produce, meet goals, and be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we

can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

***Make a difference in your church community*** – Believe it or not, your church community can use your time & talents. Offering your time & talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

***Turn to the Lord*** – Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). If God is the centre of our New Year's resolutions, they have a better chance for success.

Wishing You  
a New Year filled  
with new Hope,  
new Joy &  
new Beginnings.





