

Cleaning Crews Needed

Finances

After a very busy holiday season in Corinthian Hall, the black chairs need some cleaning. A hardy crew is planning to work on cleaning the fabric on Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 9 am. You are invited to join the fun. Please bring a scrub brush and rags.

FINANCIALS END OF YEAR

BUDGET—\$ 635,159

Actual Giving—\$620,316

Budgeted Expenses \$633,959

Actual Expenses \$600,980

Thank you for a great year!

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Joys and Concerns

Birthdays:

1-2– Rev. Norman W. Grigsby, 1-4– Mrs. Odette Runezerwa, 1-6– Brandon Weatherford, 1-6– Mrs. Ruth Ewing, 1-7– Mr. Jason Lindegren, 1-7– Mr. Jim Rhodes, 1-7– Mary Tooley, 1-8– Mrs. Mamyne Hacker, 1-8– Mr. Richard Gower, 1-9– Mr. Jackson Shafer, 1-9– Dakota Thrasher, 1-9– Mrs. Patti Rhyne, 1-11– Mrs. Judi Smith, 1-12– Mr. Kevin Foster, 1-13– Mr. John Crosswhite, 1-13– Mrs. VonDell Grigsby, 1-14– Mrs. Cheryl Bryan, 1-16– Ms. Caitlin Campbell, 1-16– Ms. Casey Preston, 1-17– Ms. Debra Wagner, 1-18– Mrs. Linda Tennyson, 1-19– Bettye Jones, 1-20– Mrs. Lori Fogg, 1-21– Mr. Tommy Jaramillo, 1-22– Jeanne Ann Gibson, 1-23– Mr. Kyle Worley, 1-23– Mr. Carl Elliott, 1-23– Mrs. Phylis Medford, 1-24– Divine Runezerwa, 1-24– Mrs. Megan Sherwood, 1-24– Mr. Mike Hacker, 1-24– Mrs. Jane Ann Stewart.

Anniversaries: 1-3-1970 Gordon and Johnnie Swearngen, 1-9-82 Doug and Tadhi Hayes, 1-11-1984 Craig and Glenna Henderson, 1-15-1966 Danny and Jackie Alexander, 1-16-1966 Randy and Sherrie Haralson, 1-19-1952 Bill and Jean Braudt, 1-20-1964 Sonny and Jacklyn Nikkel.

What a Great Advent!

My first Advent Season is in the history books here at Saint Paul! I'm impressed by how so many people pitched in to make it a wonderful celebration too!

Randy and Sherrie Haralson led a great team to make every part of the season Christ honoring. From Christmas at Saint Paul, Coming Home for Christmas, the Advent study, Christmas Eve, and so much more, Saint Paul came together to make our Advent Season a special time.

You also contributed over \$6,000 in our March to the Manger this year. Thank you for your generosity! Those monies will be given to support Evon's Hope.

For me, a special highlight in December was the Parsonage Open House. Our United Methodist Women did such a wonderful job hosting, and it was a special joy for me to be able to open the parsonage so that you all could see the beautiful home you provide your pastor.

Suzy Compton went the extra mile to ensure that the whole parsonage remodeling project stayed on track. She and Mark Grigsby hit a homerun too in picking all the finishes and furniture!

I'm excited about 2018! It already is shaping up to be a very busy year as we labor together in the Father's Vineyard. This Sunday during the sermon, I'll be outlining some goals for 2018. So I hope you're ready to roll up your sleeves and go to work! It's going to be a great year!

As always,

God's best to you!

Bill Ivins



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday night studies will resume on January 17.

Pastor Bill will be teaching January 17, 24, and 31.

His topic will be **Search for Significance**.

Desserts will be served at 5:45, and Bill will begin his lesson at 6:00.

We will be meeting in the basement.

Thursday morning Women's Bible Study resumed on January 11 at 9 am in the church parlor. We are exploring the study Finding I Am by Lysa TerKeurst. This same study was well received last summer when Pamela Sirmon was the leader. The six week study will look at the "I am" statements made by Jesus. The study book is \$14.99 and is available at LifeWay Book Store;. copies of the book will be available at the January 18 session. Pam Zwickey will lead this study.

Be sure to also mark your calendars for the annual chili cook-off on Wednesday, February 7. This is always a fun, competitive evening of food and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded. You may enter as a Sunday School class, small group, or individual. Don't miss it! Registration forms are in the church office.

Billy Talley Appreciation Day Set for February 25



Mark your calendars for February 25 and plan to be present for a great day of worship and celebration as Saint Paul honors Billy Talley for his twenty years of service as our Director of Music Ministries! Billy's twenty-year tenure on our staff began in February 1998.

Festivities for the day will include a special Reunion Choir during the 10:50 am service. If you know of former Saint Paul choir members who have moved on, please pass the word on to them. We would love to see former choir members fill the loft as we celebrate Billy's ministry!

At Noon, we'll have lunch in Corinthian Hall. During lunch, some special presentations will be made. So you'll want to stay during the entire lunch!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 14 10:50am. Church Leader Dedication | 15 OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL/CDO CLOSED 5:30pm.- Finance Meeting 6:30pm.- Board Meeting | 16 9:00-12:00pm.- Chair Cleaning in Corinthian Hall 7:00pm.- Boy Scouts | 17 9:30am.- Esther Circle @ 2006 St. Paul 9:30am.- Sarah Circle @ Parlor 5:30pm.- Pastor Bill Study | 18 9:00pm.- Women's Bible Study | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Gideon Sunday | 22 | 23 1:30pm.- Reading Circle @ Parlor 12:00-1:00pm.- NCBA Lunch @ Parlor 7:00pm.- Boy Scouts | 24 9:30am.- Leadership Team @ Parlor 5:30pm.- Pastor Bill Study | 25 | | |

SPY News

We will be kicking off Confirmation 2018 with a retreat February 16-18 at the High Plains Retreat Center. Here is a list of possible confirmands. If you would like to add someone please contact Kay by January 15th.

Asariah Hawk, Jacinda Hawk, Noah Kirkland, Kenlee Kirkland, Saryn Pearson, Jordan Prather, Berkley Risner, Kevin Runezerwa, Armina Williams, Katie Worley.

Thank you for keeping these young Christians in your prayers as they embark on this journey..

Kay



I NEED YOUR HELP!

**I'M WORKING ON THE 2018
ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR.**

CALL ME 350-3312 OR EMAIL

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TO GET YOUR SPECIAL DATE RESERVED.