

PASTOR'S POTPOURRI

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Our 2011 stewardship campaign draws to a conclusion on *Commitment Sunday, November 20*, when we present our pledges at Worship. I have increased my weekly financial commitment for 2012. I value the mission and ministries of our congregation, and I want to invest in them. I also have a need to give - - with joy and thanksgiving - - for all I have been given. I invite you to join me on Sunday, November 20, when we present not only our financial pledges, but “by the mercies of God, present ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1) It’s like putting yourself in the offering plate. And there’s room for all of us!

A Sign of the Times

Our old church sign, recently refurbished and “face-lifted,” is now in place. Have you noticed? We are awaiting the slide-in numbers and the electrical hook-up, which will complete the installation.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24
Worship at 5 pm and 9 pm*

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25
Brunch at 10 am
Worship at 11 am*

1st Sunday after Christmas: January 1
Worship at 8:30 am* and 11 am*
Sunday School at 9:40 am

*Holy Communion

Carols and Candlelight
at both Services on Christmas Eve.

The Call

In October’s newsletter, I outlined the process to call a pastor to a part-time position here at St. Paul. We have made it through the first six steps, which means six more remain. Here they are:

Council meets with candidate and votes to call candidate as pastor (2/3 majority required). Tentative meeting date: Wednesday, November 30.

Candidate preaches and leads both Services at St. Paul and is hosted at a “Meet and Greet” between Services. Tentative date: Sunday, December 11. Congregational Meeting follows the 11 am Service.

At this meeting:

- Pr. Bartholomew presides over Q & A between candidate and congregation
- Council presents recommendation for call and compensation package
- Congregation votes by written ballot to call candidate (2/3 majority required)

Starting date determined by Council and candidate

Candidate is ordained

Candidate is installed as pastor at St. Paul

The compensation package could be funded by the Advent Lutheran legacy gift, “Raising Up Leaders,” our endowment, and the “Assisting Clergy” 2012 budget line item.

Consumed by Consumption

As an alternative to this season of excess, check out the ELCA Good Gifts program. A page in this newsletter will give you some ideas for gift giving.

*Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.
A Blessed Christmas and
a Joyous New Year to all.*

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