

CORNERSTONE

“THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT ST. PAUL’S”

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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

It seems like just yesterday that we were beginning to decorate for Christmas, and now, the house looks bare, lifeless, and devoid of color. I feel the same way, maybe you do too. Pittsburgh doesn’t have all that many days of sunshine, and when the days get longer, Pittsburgh seems to rival Alaska. What are we to do with the reality of our “seasonal disorder” in this new year of 2020?

An idea to combat our “seasonal disorder” comes from the season of Advent; remember those four weeks, and those four candles that stood within the advent wreath? There are a variety of styles attached to the Advent wreath candles that give wonderful meaning to us, but the one style that I crafted sermons around was the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace style. The first candle was our foundation, Hope, the promise that God is always with us. The second candle was Faith, faith in the promise that God is always with us. The third candle was Joy, there is joy when we have the faith in the promise that God is always with us. The fourth candle was Peace, peace becomes our way of life, when there is joy within the faith, in the promise that God is always with us. The middle candle is the Christ candle, the white candle, full of light. **Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12.** Even though our world may seem filled with

darkness, and darkness may take many forms in our lives, the light of Christ is with us. Christ’s light is within everyone we encounter, our relationships in our homes, at work, in our worship communities, and in our neighborhoods. Christ’s light is within nature, since December 21, 2019 more daylight has been inching its way back into our days.

Take a moment this January to recognize the warmth and brightness of the light of Christ within yourself, each other, and in God’s wonderful creation.

Many Blessings to each of you this New Year, and best wishes of Health and Happiness to all!

Vicar Mandy and the whole PLUM Pastoral Team



The following placed poinsettias for Christmas

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Karen & Logan Billingham in memory of Karen’s parents, Jim & Dolores Billingham.

Karen & Logan Billingham in memory of Marko Kostelich.

Scott & Lisa Cregut in memory of Dan & Joyce Cregut.

Scott & Lisa Cregut in memory of Peter & Gloria Karmazin.

Scott & Lisa Cregut in memory of John & Marie Ulanich.

Mike, Carol & Corey Ferens in memory of Mike's mother, Margaret Ferens and Carol's father, The Rev. Raymond E. Hausele.

Shawndel Kelley in memory of Harry & Carol Lazorchak.

Shawndel Kelley in memory of Bill & Fonya Kelley.

Lee Jones in memory of Sherry Jones.

Ruth Latta in memory of her loved ones.

Ruth Latta in honor of God's gift of Love, Our Savior.

John & Ann Morrocco in memory of Bert & Emilie Barks.

John & Ann Morrocco in memory of John & Carmella Morrocco.

John & Ann Morrocco in memory of Gary & Patricia Kennard.

John & Ann Morrocco in honor of the Christ Child.

Nancy Pollo in honor of all God's blessings of my family.

Jill A. Shook in memory of her parents, Raymond & Amelia (Molly) Shook and her grandparents, Charles & Julia Krieger.

Robert Spittka in memory of Charles & Pauline Spittka.

John & Carol Jean Straka in memory of John's father and mother, Ed and Irene Straka.

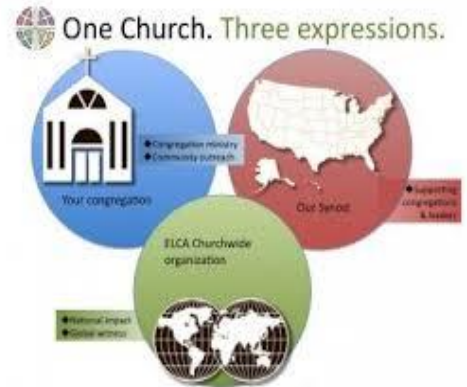
John & Carol Jean Straka in memory of Carol Jean's father, William DePaoli and her mother, Shirley Halley.

John and Carol Jean Straka in memory of Andrew & Bertha Straka.

John and Carol Jean Straka in memory of Lewis & Mamie Zanakis.

Adopt A Family

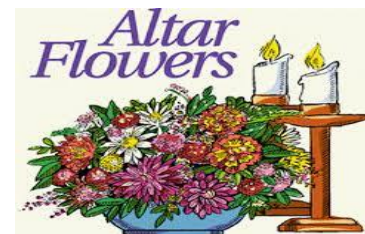
A total of \$595.00 was collected and spent on one family (two boys and grandma) that we adopted from South Central Elementary. The families were also given the items needed for a Christmas dinner. This was separate from the money that was collected for gifts. Again, thank you to all who helped these families have a Merry Christmas.



Congratulations to the members of St. Paul's.

We not only met but again exceeded our commitment to Mission Support. We exceeded by \$350.00. The amount that was sent to the synod was \$3,150.00. Thank you to all who contributed and remember that our commitment for 2020 is \$2800.00. You are awesome.

Mission Support for 2020 will be our Mission emphasis the months of March, May, August and November. Special envelopes are available on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary for your contribution. Make sure to include your name and envelope number.



The Flower Chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church. You can sign up at any time. If you do not attend church regularly and have any questions on dates remaining contact Jill at 724-747-4418. The cost of two vases is either \$20.00 or \$25.00. Payment is due by the last Sunday of the month that you donate flowers

Also you can sign up for sponsoring of the Eternal Candle for a month. Contact Jill if you are interested. The cost is \$20.00 for a month.

January Assistants and Sponsors



Assisting Minister

- January 5 – Ann Morrocco
- January 12 – Carol Ferens
- January 19 – Jill A. Shook
- January 26 – Corey Ferens

Eternal Candle

- Ann Morrocco

Fellowship

- January 12 – Lee Jones

Flowers

- January 5
- January 12 – Jill A. Shook
- January 19
- January 26 – Ann Mae Kostelich

Lector

- January 5 – Carol Jean Straka
- January 12 – Carol Ferens
- January 19 – Carol Jean Straka
- January 26 – Ann Morrocco

If you are interested in serving as an assistant or sponsoring the eternal candle or flowers, please contact Jill at 724-747-4418 or email: stpaulscbg@verizon.net.



January 5	Vicar Sue Devine
January 12	Rev Brenda Henry
January 19	Vicar Sue Devine
January 27	Rev. John Gropp

Pastor's schedule is subject to change without notice.



Adalae Carmichael	January 9
Bernita Porter	January 19



Keep in your prayers: Ev, Matthew, Anna Mae, Nancy, Aunt Eleanor, Mark, Albert, Jason, Pam, Virginia, Jennifer, Betty Jane, Rich, Rachel, Pat, Donna, Edward, Anna Mae, Eddie, Steve, Barbara, Tom, Charlotte, John, Kelly, Mike, Colin, Tracey, Pastor Brandt, Pastor Austin, Matthew, the Miller, Paulick, Galano, Burchesky, Richmond families, our Bishops, our Synod, our PLUM pastors and members and our church. If anyone should be added or removed, please contact Jill (724-747-4416) or email: stpaulscbg@verizon.net.