



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

December 9th, 2016

Last Week Attendance:

337

Lorenz

MORNING Star

Celebrating the
Everlasting
Light of Christmas

Lloyd Larson

DECEMBER 11, 2016
9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Presented by
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
700 D Avenue
Coronado, CA

Childcare provided

Group and Ministry Notes

ANGEL TREE GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

St. Paul's is participating in giving to needy families through the Good Neighbor Center at Nestor UMC in Imperial Beach. If you'd like to participate, take an angel off the Angel Tree in the Narthex. Gift suggestions are on the back of the angel. Return the unwrapped gift with the angel attached and placed under the Angel Tree by December 11th.

WORSHIP SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

We will have one worship service at St. Paul's UMC at 10:00 am on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Christmas Day Service will be a "Service of Carols and Stories." We will sing a number of our favorite Christmas carols and hear the stories behind the songs.

Our New Year's Worship, along with more favorite Christmas carols, will include the opportunity to begin the year by rededicating ourselves to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS



Saturday, December 17th, 3:00-5:00 pm
PreK-5th grade and Nursery care available
Youth Volunteers to help are appreciated!

RSVP to Andy Grimaud, andy.greemo@gmail.com, by Wednesday, December 14th

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

There is still time to return your "2017 Estimate of Giving Card" before we finalize the Ministry & Mission budget for next year. *If you have not yet turned in your Estimate of Giving card for 2017, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. (Extra pledge cards are in available in the church office during the week, or in the narthex on Sunday mornings.)* Thank you so much for your part in such an exciting result for this year's Stewardship campaign. Look for a final update in the Voyager Newsletter next week – Finance & Stewardship Team

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

At the end of November our year-to-date expenses exceeded giving and other income by just under \$29,000. Based on historical trends, December is a month when people often make year-end gifts that help us in the year 'in the black.' (With all of the extra expenses associated with our pastoral transition, this would be a phenomenal outcome!) Thank you for supporting all of the missions and ministries of St. Paul's through your giving.

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY QUILT AUCTION



This beautiful handmade quilt is available in a SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds will go to Missions.

**December 11th is the last day to bid
out on the patio between services
BIDDING WILL CLOSE
Sunday Dec. 11 at 11:50 AM**

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

High School Monay Pizza Lunch

**Every Monday at noon on the upper deck
Meet at 12:00pm for fellowship and food!
(Sophomores and up)**

Wednesday Night Youth Groups!

**Jr. High: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
High School: 7:30pm – 8:30pm
(both meet in the Youth Den)**

**No Youth Sunday Bible Study during the second service.
Please enjoy the Cantata with your family in the Sanctuary!**

Any Youth Questions? Contact Liz Flage.... lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

TRUSTEES YEAR END UPDATE:

2016 has been a very busy year for St. Paul's Trustees! With your help (physically, financially, and prayerfully) we have been able to make some substantial improvements to St. Paul's facilities. The big items, of course, were the installation of solar panels at the church campus, and a thorough makeover of our parsonage. Many thanks for your generous donations of time and money, and thanks to the Finance Committee for the fiscal gymnastics to make it all happen! We also knocked out a few chores on our church campus, but we still have a lot to do to keep up with the ravages of time and an active congregation :)

St. Paul's Finance Committee wizards are working with your Trustees to plan for some repairs and upgrades in the coming year that we think are important. These include (mostly in priority order):

- 1) Office (including Pastor Rob's inner sanctum) electrical, ethernet and lighting - some of these items have not been updated since 1959 and have been jury-rigged repeatedly! We need more outlets, better (and more consistent) lighting, and internet cabling properly installed. Estimated cost \$3500.
- 2) Office popcorn ceiling - to be done concurrently with the office electrical work. Estimated cost \$2000.
- 3) Narthex (and Sexton Room) lighting, popcorn ceiling and speakers. Again, these items date to 1959, are ugly, inefficient and need updating. Estimated cost: \$2000, depending on the cost of new fixtures. As an interim step we will install LED bulbs in the existing fixtures.
- 4) Broken stained glass window in the balcony and in the Sexton room. Estimated cost \$3000.
- 5) Balcony area overhaul: There are several different pew styles (looks like a home for lost pews) and some of the pews don't fit the rows they are in. The railing at the front of the balcony should be raised. This could cost \$10,000 or more
- 6) The network in the "new" building needs to be improved. Estimated cost \$1000.
- 7) Baby changing tables for the downstairs restrooms. Estimated cost \$1500
- 8) Sanctuary lighting. Some of the peripheral area lights are original and should be replaced with LED fixtures. We are investigating brighter bulbs for the main sanctuary area. Estimated cost \$1000 (depending on the cost of new fixtures)
- 9) Crash bars for the sanctuary doors: We have investigated numerous times replacing the crash bars. It won't be easy or cheap. Still investigating the cost
- 10) Air Conditioning overhaul: The system in our sanctuary is elderly and inefficient (like many of us!). The system does not have "return air", so the conditioned air is not recirculated. This upgrade will require engineering to figure out how to add return air ducting (probably in the balcony area), and new machines. Wild guess at the cost is \$20,000.
- 11) Tenting: In the more routine arena, we may have to tent the sanctuary sometime in the not too distant future. Estimated cost \$15,000

So, depending on the availability of funds in the coming year and any emergent issues, we hope to attack this list. Standby for pleas for help - even if it is just encouragement or adult supervision (read: Dennis). And if you are aware of something that needs fixing, please let a Trustee know. It's what we do :)

Thanks,

Dave Gillingham, Trustee Chair

Other Notes and Happenings

MANDOLIN CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

Free concert on Wed., Dec. 14th, at 7pm by the San Diego Mandolin Orchestra conducted by Jim Trepasso. Come for an enjoyable evening of Christmas music.

The 26 piece orchestra consists of mandolins, mandolas, octave mandolins, mandocellos, mandobass, bass, guitars, accordion, and a bass zither.

Contact Jim Trepasso at 619-435-0837 for further information.



NEW 'HEARING LOOP' INSTALLED

Thanks to the generosity of several St. Paul's members, the 'Hearing Loop' system has been installed. This Assistive Listening system works with hearing aids and cochlear implants that have a 't-coil' setting. We also have 6 transmitters with headphones for people who have some hearing loss*, but who do not have hearing aids. The headphones can be used by people who have hearing aids without a t-coil.

The system will work in the Narthex, the choir loft, and on both sides of the sanctuary. The hearing loop will not work in the balcony. (*People who have their own 'ear buds' may use them with the transmitters by unplugging the current headphones and using the earphone jack.) If you have questions, please talk with Charlie Higgans or Pastor Robb. We will be happy to help you understand how to use the 'hearing loop.'

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Dick DeCapito, Emily Gruillon, Frank Conlon, Brian Clark, Connie Carrol, Leslie Perlis, Taryn Clement, Carmella Palo, Bob Howard, Bette Decker, Gerry Sawyer, Ann Rutherford, Katie McKnight, Ingrid Payne, Ivey Warren, Lynn Morgan, The Henrich Family, Kel Kraft Casey, Sue McNary, Don Caine, Delma Dickson, Zhao Fu, Linda Nixon, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz, Diane Heaten, Mike and Dolores Miller, Teresa, Neil, & Mark Cooper, Al & Maryls Isacson, George Pether*

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