

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

JANUARY 2021

Notice of Annual Meeting



The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on January 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Due to the increased COVID-19 infection rate, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom, and can be accessed at the following link.

*Please Contact the Office
for Login or Call-in
Information*

St. Paul's Creates Joint Staff Position with St. Peter's

To reduce redundancy and improve both office function and communication, St. Paul's Council and St. Peter's Episcopal Church's Vestry have jointly hired Katrina Macaluso to serve as the Minister for Communication, Coordination, and Hospitality. This position succeeds the Secretary position at St. Paul's and will help facilitate clear communication for both churches, support of committees and special events, as well as customary office functions. Macaluso brings a long history of church staff service to the position, and will begin January 1.



Katrina Macaluso

Office hours will be Tuesday-Thursday, 8AM-11AM.

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Pastor's Pen

The arrival of a new year is a typical time to take stock of where one has been and make decisions that positively affect where one is going in the form of "New Years Resolutions." There is no need to review what 2020 has wrought: you have lived it out. Instead, I want to offer a few things I hope will have a positive impact on 2021 for us as individuals and as a church.

Resolution 1: Pray Daily. I have said it before but it bears repeating, daily prayer is as important to our spiritual life as breathing is to our biological life. Whether it is through set forms, a quick offering of the Lord's Prayer, or free-form prayer, take a few minutes to pray each day, and not just grace at meals.

Resolution 2: Read your Bible Daily. Here again, there are plenty of ways to do this. A chapter a day. A selection from the Lectionary. Whatever works for you, but do it!

Daily Prayer & Bible Reading will change your outlook on life for the better. I have seen this happen in people's lives and my own!

Resolution 3: Love Your Neighbor in an Obvious Way. It is one of the great commandments and we cannot truly love God without it. That said, do not just say you love your neighbor; be intentional about it, and in a way your

neighbor will feel your love. Greet them warmly. Ask after their wellbeing. If they have a need you can provide for, reach out. Whether they think like you, vote like you, or pray like you, love them in tangible ways.

Resolution 4: Expect to Be a Different Kind of Church. This is the most difficult, but most essential. The deployment of a COVID-19 vaccine means we may be able to put the pandemic behind us at some point in 2021, but we cannot come back to the same church we left. Church must change because we have been changed and the world Christ died for has been changed. So this may be the most intimidating of resolutions, and it may even make you mad, but please think of it as a great opportunity. How often do we get to reboot church? How often do we get to shape something new for our neighbors and children? Please begin now to pray and imagine what this will look like, because it is our shared responsibility to bring it about.

All the best for a much healthier and lifegiving 2021!

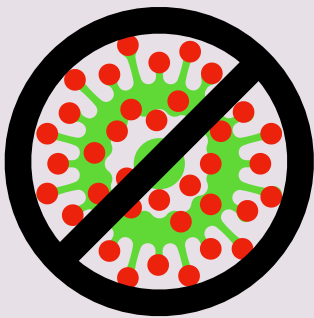


Poinsettias and Pledge Envelopes can be picked up Tuesday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 30th from the church sanctuary. Please enter through the side and exit out the front doors. If you need to make other arrangements to get your envelopes, just contact the church office.

COVID-19 Precautions Continue

Livingston County now has a record infection rate. To ensure we do everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are observing the following precautions.

1. Worship Services & other events will continue online at facebook.com/stpaulsdansville/live until further notice.
2. THE BUILDING IS CLOSED & OFF LIMITS except for worship filming and essential staff.
3. ESSENTIAL STAFF entering the building MUST WEAR A MASK, even if the building is otherwise empty. COVID-19 spreads through droplets in the air that can remain for hours after you leave.
4. If you need to discuss something with the Pastor, a Staff Member, or other person, please contact the office. Please do not "drop by" or "just run in."



In order to keep our volunteers safe, Laundry Love is suspended for January.

If you wish to receive a copy of Christ In Our Home this quarter, please contact the church office.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

In the Military

- John A. Priestly, III
- Andrew M. Mountzouros
- Jordan C. Camacho

January Birthdays

- 10 Penny Leven
22 Cindy Gates

Contact the office to add a birthday.

January 2021

Standing Schedule

Sunday 9AM	Worship on Facebook Live
Wednesday 8PM	Compline & Conversation
Tuesday-Thursday, 8AM-11AM	Office Hours

Dates to Remember

Sun., Jan. 24, 9:30AM	Annual Meeting via Zoom
Mon. Jan. 25	Newsletter Deadline

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