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Mission Statement

*"Sharing the one thing
we all need."*

Radio Ministry

"When You Need a Friend"

Every Sunday morning, Pastor Kloha shares God's Word with our Community. Tune in on WTCR 103.3 FM at 9:45 am.

Receive St. Paul's Chronicles by Email

If you're interested in receiving the e-newsletter, please send your email address to:
stpaulsashland@gmail.com

Copies are always available to pick up on the back credenza.

For information about, or to submit articles for upcoming newsletters, please contact:

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Where In The World is God's Kingdom?

In the Lord's Prayer, we say: *"Thy Kingdom come."* But Christ's kingdom is not identified by golden palaces or neon signs – SO, where is it? It's wherever Jesus is giving His gifts away – in other words, the CHURCH!

Here's what I am talking about. Suppose you could tell someone that if they meet you at a particular place and time, you could guarantee them that they would get to meet with Jesus Christ; that they would hear His teaching and be touched by Him individually. I willing to bet that most people you would invite to such an event would say: "Yeah, sure! I'd like to see Jesus – that would be interesting." Well, isn't that what we do in worship, week after week? We're listening to the voice of Jesus – hidden in human readers and in Holy Scripture – but His voice is there! And we are touched individually with the body and blood of Jesus – hidden, to be sure, in bread and wine, but no less present than if he appeared before our eyes. That's what the whole point of the "Divine Service" – the Divine, that is Jesus, is serving us.

It is true that life, in many ways, appears to be getting scarier; morality continues to decay; our bodies continue to get older. World peace, personal peace, it comes and goes. Nothing last forever, EXCEPT what you have hidden here in the Word. Your sins are forgiven, forever. You are a child of God forever. You are a citizen of this kingdom of peace, and not only that – you're related to the King. He's your Father, your Brother, and your best Friend.

May our Savior and King – Jesus Christ – bless you as you journey with Him in His kingdom – the Church, being nourished and strengthened through Word and Sacrament!

Pastor Kloha

A STONE'S THROW AWAY

Ruth and Lyman are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Suzannah Theophania Hei Stone. She was born January 11th (the 6th day of Epiphany) at 9:30 am in Tuen Mun, Hong Kong. #babysushi

For those of you wondering the meaning behind the name Theophania, it means Epiphany, manifestation of God. Baby Suzie was named this as she was born on the 6th day of Epiphany! To follow baby Suzie's (and her parents) adventures, find them on Facebook and Instagram.



IMPORTANT!

Christ's Kids

LEARNING CENTER



Please consider supporting Christ's Kids through these programs:

Financial Update

We finished the year with a deficit of \$8,000 from the general fund. This was better than anticipated due to increased giving during the holiday. We need to maintain this level of giving throughout the year. As I mentioned last month, \$20 per person more per week can effectively close our budget deficit. Please consider increasing your giving, and keep it regular. We all depend on a steady paycheck, steady retirement check, or a steady social security payment. The church is no different. We need to maintain steady, predictable giving.

Thanks – Dave Hill

St. Paul's Card Shop

The Card Shop is located outside the adult classroom on the second floor of the education building. New cards sympathy baptism and wedding cards are available. Please support the Youth Group in our congregation by purchasing a 50 cent card.

Parking Notice:

Please do not block or impede access to the garage or entrance to the apartment in the rear of the church out of courtesy to the tenant.



Kroger Community Rewards

Enter GG605 for St. Paul's Lutheran Church

under Community Rewards, and automatically get credited to our account when you use your Kroger card.



Shoparoo Download the app and select "Christ's Kids Learning Center" as your school. "Roo"

points are awarded for each receipt and will be accumulated for cash rewards for CKLC.



Amazon Smile Start at smile.amazon.com and select St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ashland, KY as

your charitable organization. Your selection will be kept and future purchases can result in a donation credited to us from Amazon.

January at Christ's Kids!

National Lutheran Schools Week was January 26-February 1.

To celebrate this week, the preschool children will be sharing some songs with us at the beginning of the Sunday, February 2, service. We welcome the children, staff, and families on this day.

For the new year, we have been busy learning more about the season of winter, making many crafts about snow. We have had "Dress the Snowman" races and other fun games. Diversity has been a theme and all the children brought and helped prepare different vegetables for our "Friendship Soup." Our next holiday will be Valentine's Day and we learn more about how Jesus loves us and how we show our love to others.

Our recent Kroger Community Rewards check was for \$206. Thank you to all who help us with this program!



CARes

St. Paul's has been a supporter of CARes (Community Assistance and Referral Service) for many years. CARes is a Boyd County, KY based non-profit agency which identifies, coordinates, and mobilizes resources for individuals and families in emergency/crisis situations. They depend on giving individuals and churches for their support, with the suggestion of each family in the church to donate \$1 per month (or \$12 per year). If you are able, please consider to help in this support, whether it is in a lump sum of \$12, or \$1 each month with your offering envelope (being sure to clearly marked on your envelope so it will be designated for them). If you are willing to donate a few dollars more, to help cover for those unable to donate to CARes, please do so. Your support is appreciated by the many that CARes helps in times of need. We usually highlight this support of CARes at the beginning of the new year to serve as a reminder of our pledge of support to them. Thank you.

one message: **Christ!**
His love is here for you!



FEBRUARY 2020

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If you would like to include information for upcoming calendars, please notify Megan Ramey-Keelin.

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
 Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am <i>All church ladies are invited!</i>
2 Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser following Worship service Grayson Worship 3:00 pm	3 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	4	5 Confirmation 5:00 pm	6 Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 LWML Meeting 10:00 am <i>All church ladies are invited!</i>
9	10 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	11 So. VI Circuit Meeting 10:00 am	12 Confirmation 5:00 pm	13	14	15
16	17 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	18	19 Confirmation 5:00 pm	20 Church Extension Fund Information Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22
23	24 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	25	26 Confirmation 5:00 pm Adult Info. Class 5:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY Service with Communion 7:00 pm	27	28	29