

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠  
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy 402-752-3421, 3536; 308-216-1254  
Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am  
Acolyte: Jenna Jaeschke Divine Service 10:00am

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St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor  
January 24, 2016

**As We Gather**

Timothy was, in every way, St. Paul's spiritual son. Paul counseled the young man on such important matters as church leadership, proper worship, confronting false teaching, and qualifications for elders and deacons. Paul charged Timothy to live a life beyond reproach, giving all believers a standard to emulate. May we take to heart the words of Paul to Timothy, and properly apply them to our own hearts.

**Divine Service**

*(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)*

Hymn of Invocation p. 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

**Confession and Absolution**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: **that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not practice the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

C: **We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** *(1 John 1:5-7)*

All: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.** *(Psalm 51:1-2)*

P: God has spoken to you, His people, in this way: "Your guilt is taken away; your sins are forgiven for Christ's name's sake."  
*(Isaiah 6:7, 1 John 2:12)*

C: Amen.

**Psalm 71:15-24**

My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts,  
of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

**I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.**

O God, from my youth You have taught me,

**and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs,

**O God, do not forsake me,**

until I proclaim Your might to another generation,

**Your power to all those to come.**

Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

**You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities  
**will revive me again;**

from the depths of the earth

**You will bring me up again.**

You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

**I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness,**

O my God, I will sing praises to You with the lyre,

**O Holy One of Israel.**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

**my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

**Kyrie**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise p. 907 (vv. 1-2) "God Himself Is Present"

## Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## First Reading Acts 16:1-5

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

## Gradual

*Ezek. 34:11, 12b; Jer. 23:4a*

**All: Behold, I will search for My sheep and will seek them out; I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed.**

## Epistle Reading I Timothy 6:11-16

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

*(Rise)*

## Verse

*I Tim. 1:15a, b*

**All: Alleluia. The saying is trustworthy that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel Matthew 24:42-47

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Apostles' Creed (Back of Hymnal)*

*Hymn of the Day p. 682 “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons*

*Sermon*

*Offering and Musical Offering*

*Prayer of the Church*

*Installation of Church Council Members*

*Lord’s Prayer*

*Blessing*

P: May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal ☩ Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience to serve the living God. *(Hebrews 9:14)*

C: **Amen**

*Closing Hymn p. 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*



## St. Paul's Mission Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
	◆ 10:00 AM	Divine Worship
	5:00 - 7:00 PM	LLL Pancake & Sausage Supper
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study-"Fatal Distractions"
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 PM	LWML Salad Supper Birthday Party
<b>Wed.</b>	3:30 PM	Midweek
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Choir
	8:00 PM	LLL
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00 PM	Board of Evangelism/Stewardship
<b>Tues. - Thurs.</b>		Preschool

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**Church Council:** The newly elected and reelected church council members will be installed as part of our Divine service this morning. They are Jon Denkert - Secretary; Christian Kroos - Board of Elders; Corina Mulford, Brenda Mack - Board of Education; Tammy Porterfield - Financial Secretary; Myles Ramsey - Board of Trustees; Valerie Schirmer, Tony Griego, and Debbie Rasberry - Board of Evangelism/Stewardship. Ending their terms are Darwin Beirow, Mike Engelhardt, Tim Schirmer, and Shandra Uden. We sincerely thank them for their faithful service to Christ and we pray God's blessings upon our newly elected officers.

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### LLL Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

Today - 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Fellowship Hall.



Enjoy a stack of cakes and sausage grilled by St. Paul's Lutheran's Layman's League (LLL). Free-will donation for mission projects.

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2015 Annual Report is in your mailbox.

Please come to our...

### LWML Salad Supper Birthday Party

Tues., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall



All women of the congregation are invited to attend the salad supper and stay for an evening of entertainment.

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### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

9:00 AM Fellowship Hall



Why do people suffer, especially God's people? Join us Sunday morning as we begin a study of the book of Job to find the answer to this age old question.

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☞ **1 Corinthians 12:16** "And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body." The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord. [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

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We want to send a special letter to thank you for your generous donation of 7 bags of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry.

So many people will be blessed with your giving and we appreciate it so much! Thanks so much for thinking about us as this really helps.

Thanks again and God bless!! Have a great 2016!!  
Hastings Food Pantry Board of Directors



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### Todd Becker Foundations Annual Ministry Banquet, Monday

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska "Truth the Greatest Love" Go to [www.toddbeckerfoundation.org](http://www.toddbeckerfoundation.org) for more information and tickets.

**St. Paul's Lowell - Soup & Sandwich Supper, Sun., January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00-6:30 PM.** Come and enjoy a sandwich, a bowl of soup (eight varieties to choose from) and dessert. Free-will offering.

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**Please remember these people in your prayers -**

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- Jan. 26 Joyce Clark
- 27 Myles Ramsey
- 28 Ramona Fischer; Josiah Powell

**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

**Missionaries:** Sharon Owens, Macau, China  
Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

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**A "Life Quote" . . .**

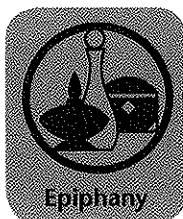
"Finding forgiveness in Christ is the first step towards healing everyone who is impacted by the shockwaves of abortion."

*"Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion" by Janet Morana and Georgette Forney (LifeDate Spring 2015)* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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**Our Expression of Love**

<b>January 17, 2016</b>	<b>Attendance 136</b>	
Current Envelope		\$ 445.50
Current Plate		1,159.00
Mission Envelope		170.00
Russian Orphanage		28.00
Lutheran Witness		<u>20.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,822.50</b>



**About the Cover:** Jesus opens the scroll and reads the lesson. He hands the scroll to the attendant and sits down to address the people. He opens His mouth and says, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled." There, before them, in their hearing, this Scripture has come to life and has been fulfilled in Him. Scripture is fulfilled and comes to life for us also each time we hear it read.

