

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008**

**SACRED SPACE** In need of a peaceful moment? A time to express your spirituality in community? A special space to be with God? Beginning in January, join us weekly to worship, pray, and rest in God's presence. If you are interested in attending this weekly gathering, please indicate which of the following times and days is best for you by emailing [paige.swaim@gmail.com](mailto:paige.swaim@gmail.com) or [matthewsph@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsph@gmail.com) by December 14:

Sundays at 6:00pm    Mondays at 6:00pm    Tuesdays at 6:30pm    Wednesdays at 6:45pm  
   Mondays at 7:00pm

**THE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES** Please be sure to join us tonight for the **Grant Park Candlelight Tour of Homes**. In addition to the 9 lovely homes beautifully illuminated by candlelight and decorated for the holidays, there is a fabulous Artists' Advent Market filled with exquisite gifts for everyone on your shopping list. And, of course, you won't want to miss having a picture of you, your children or your entire family with Santa, as he'll be with us until 8pm tonight. All the festivities begin right here at St Paul at 6pm tonight and go until 10pm. It's a holiday tradition you won't want to miss!

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE OF HOPE** If you are feeling less joyful than the season demands because of emotional or physical separation from loved ones, or for any other reason, please seek solace at our Longest Night Service of Hope this Wednesday, December 17th, at 7 pm. Doug Hollis will preside.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** will be celebrated at 5 pm (Christmas Eve Family Service) and 11 pm (Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion). Rev. Jim Cantrell will preside at both services.

**ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH** is soliciting donations of food, new clothing, toys and blankets for its annual Christmas program. Traditionally, St. Paul has partnered with St. John to provide toys and necessities for families in our community who would otherwise do without. Please be as generous as you can to this project as well.

**F.E.A.S.T. GROUPS** (*Friends Eating And Sharing Together*) are reforming for the new year. Groups of six participants (single, couple, or family) will form and meet together once a month for the purpose of getting to know each other! Only food and fellowship are on the menu. Sign up on one of the clip boards around the building, in the church office or by sending an email to [stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net](mailto:stpaulgrantpark@earthlink.net).

**A COORDINATOR OF SOUND TECHNOLOGY IS NEEDED** to oversee the volunteers who monitor the sound board during worship on Sunday, and to produce copies of the recordings to make them available through the church website. If you have expertise in this area, or would like to develop some, and could serve St. Paul in this way, please contact Kevin Hill ([kevinhowardhill@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinhowardhill@yahoo.com)) or Laura Wells ([lauraandtalley@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraandtalley@mindspring.com)).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** St. Paul is having a church-wide planning meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 9AM – 1 PM. All church members are welcome, and we especially want all of our church leadership and committee members for 2009 attend. This will be an exciting time of looking forward for our church family. Our District Superintendent Jim Cantrell will be with us as well as Phil Schroeder who will be providing training for our church leadership.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY EPISTLE IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.**