



ST. PAUL VISITOR JANUARY 2023

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to CELEBRATE and PROCLAIM to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.

We pray for...
LaDonna, Judy, Al, Helen, Ernie, Myles, John, Jackie, Charles and Kenny Lee.
Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.

Congratulations and thanks to our council members who will be installed on January 8 during worship:

- Julie Huron
- Barbara Garnett
- Carolyn Fornash
- Bernadette Wellman
- Kevin Knowles
- Emma Kist
- Jenny Murray
- Ron Pease
- Creigh Pemberton
- Debbie Perkins



Pastor KLM Blog

Pastor Mackey has started a Blog on our website. He will be posting a new entry each week. You can view the blog by going to our church website: www.stpaulhuntington.org. It will be posted on the home page. Check it out!

New sign up sheets for flowers, candles, ushers and communion bread are up in the narthex. Flowers are \$35.00 for two vases and candles are \$12.00 each.



Pastor's Reflections

Greetings to all as we begin a new calendar year. A word of clarification about why I am using the word "calendar". We in the church celebrate the beginning of a new year on the First Sunday of Advent. As you think about 2023 what do you believe God has in store for you and for this church?

That is a hard question is it not? Who knows what 2023 will be like? I certainly do not. Does God? That is an interesting question. A question that I am not sure how to answer. Guess it all depends upon how you see the world around you. It also seems to me to depend upon what may still be left over from 2022. Are there hurts and pains that have not been healed? Is someone facing a health or financial crisis?

Here at St Paul, we begin this new calendar year as we begin every calendar year seeking to be faithful to God's mission and ministry here in the Tri – state area. This year we have several "new" people on our leadership Council. Barb Garnett and Emma Kist and Juile Huron are the leaders who are "new" this year. In fact, Barb Garnett was on Council when I came to St Paul seven and a half year ago now. Barb's signature is on my letter of call. All the Council will have their first meeting on January 8 and be installed at worship earlier in the morning. Please keep these, your leaders, in your prayers and please speak to them about joys and concerns you have as related to the ministry we all share in Christ's name here at St. Paul.

One of the prayers I have for the coming year is that all us servants here at St. Paul would be led and directed by the Holy Spirit. Often, we don't speak of the Spirit's work among us. I hope to highlight this in the new calendar year. I also know that this means listening to the spirit even when the spirit would direct us down a path of which we seem unsure.

As we begin this new year, I want to thank all our staff here at St. Paul. Without Kathy, Jill and Henning and their leadership much would not happen. We have been blessed with a wonderful and faithful team. May God continue to bless us each in our individual ways of serving. May God bless all of us and stir us up as we move forward in faith in 2023.

Your partner in the walk of faith,
Pastor Mackey <><



LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – hold the dates

Pastor Mackey will be holding a series of classes he is calling Lutheranism 101. The class session is for new and old members. The sessions will be held after worship during the Adult Forum time. The first session will be on January 8 and will be held in the parlor. All are invited to attend. The classes will run for three weeks. If you have any questions pleased do not hesitate to contact Pastor Mackey

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'd like to express a heartfelt "Thank you" to all of our musicians in December, and I hope that there will be repeat performances!

Emily Conzett (soprano), Matt Conzett (guitar), and Tim Conzett (tenor) performed solos during our Christmas Eve service. Cameron May played the trumpet in Joy to the World on Advent 4th and on Christmas Eve. Barbara Garnett directed the Diehl Bell Choir on these two occasions. Barbara, Tim, and Carolyn Becker were cantors for our Holden Evening Prayer during the Advent midweek services. As always, Jill May (our youth director) did a great job putting together the Children's program and music for the last Advent Sunday, and Katie Dowis and Alex Mackey sang a solo in O Little Town of Bethlehem. The St. Paul Choir presented no less than four anthems for Christmas Eve Special Music and Service. This focus on the choir was intentional, to celebrate that we can sing out loud again. I enjoy making music so much with this wonderful and dedicated group of people. Please see their names:

Soprano: Carolyn Becker, Cheryl Conzett, Emily Conzett, Barbara Garnett, Susan Kelz

Alto: Edie Beals, Linda Conzett Schneider, Annette DuVall, Janet Grimes

Tenor/Bass: Dan Beals, Tim Conzett, Bill Jennings, David Stuart, Keith Wellmann

It appears I am travelling again while writing the newsletter for St. Paul. Last month it was for a piano festival in Colombia; this time, I am looking forward to spending a few relaxed days with my family in Germany. My mother waves across the ocean and would like me to convey how much she enjoyed attending the three services at St. Paul this past summer.

See you in 2023,

Henning

PS: The first choir rehearsal in 2023 will be on Wednesday, January 11, at 7 pm.



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

All the wonderful Christmas performances and Holiday celebrations, end of the year parties, and family and friend festivities have come to a close and we focus on all the new things in the year to come 2023! It is ironic that we end the year celebrating Jesus' birth and start the new year focusing on our own "new" beginnings. Maybe that is just it- we should focus on Jesus's birth in the new year as well as keeping Jesus close at heart in all our "new" beginnings in the New year.

When preparing for the Annual Christmas program, I have to think of how we are going to deliver this most important story and message to the congregation. Our eyes and hearts are always focused on Jesus. Through the year, we practice praying and learn many stories of the Bible. Our youth know that Jesus is by their side always. In times of hurt, anger, loneliness- Jesus is with us! In times of happiness, excitement, celebration- Jesus is with us! The youth know that Jesus loves them and is always going to be right by their side. While practicing every Wednesday and Sunday since November, we had many illnesses and conflict with practice. We just pray for healing for all and a way to make it work. We delivered a beautiful message of Jesus' birth on Sunday, December 18, 2022 with "His Name is Jesus", a nativity play with music and scripture!

It is like watching a Christmas miracle take place. Children are dressed and ready to share the word and love of Jesus Christ. The story unravels through scripture and nativity scenes. Our youth of all ages share gifts of music- voice and instrument, readings, and prayers. It is truly beautiful to see all the hard work come into fruition. We have children light up as they speak their lines from the nativity. We have music shared in unison, to duets, bell choir and trumpet accompaniment. This is the magic of the Holy Spirit uniting all the gifts of the youth across the ages from preschool to high school and watching them illustrate what Jesus's birth means to them. I am so proud of our youth! They all worked hard to show up and to deliver God's word, love and grace this Christmas! God always leads the way. We learn and live just that. Jesus is with us. God is with us. We can do anything with Jesus by our side. It is a big deal to these youth to tell the story but it is even bigger that they get to live the story and share it daily. That is the true miracle- watching the youth grow, learn and share in the love and light of Jesus! We celebrated Jesus' birth, with our college graduates Zoe May and Jacob Simpkins, and packed and delivered Christmas baskets to many families in need. There were many hands working to fulfill in sharing God's love through the Holy Spirit.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations with friends and family, but most of all I hope all of you share Jesus' love daily. Walking with the Lord by your side every step of the way is a wonderful way to start each day and the new year.

Rejoice in the Lord Always! Again I say Rejoice!

Blessings to you all!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill







Pictures with
Santa



CRIDLIN FOOD PANTRY



For the Month of January we will be collecting packages of spaghetti for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Our ELCA Good Gifts tree is up in the narthex! By choosing a tag from the tree and donating the specified amount to ELCA Good Gifts you are helping those in need throughout the world. Gifts can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones.

It's simple:

1. Choose a tag from the tree.
2. Place a check with specified amount in the offering plate (or turn in to the office)
3. Give the tag to someone as a gift given in their honor.



The church office will send the money in to ELCA gifts for you.

Please make sure you indicate on your check that the money is for ELCA Good Gifts.

School Backpack Program

We are running low on items for our backpacks. If you can help purchase any of the items below it would be appreciated.

The following items are needed:

fruit cups	applesauce
Mac and Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Beef sticks	Cereal
Pop Tarts	Fruit snacks
Drink boxes	Shelf stable milk

All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Worship	2	3 9:30am Quilting	4	5	6 Day of Epiphany	7
8 10:00am Worship with Council Installation 12:15pm Council Meeting	9 1:00pm Woman's Club (tentative) 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Writer's Group	10 9:30am Quilting	11 10:00am Book Club 7:00pm Choir	12 12:00pm Staff Meeting	13	14
15 10:00am Worship	16	17 9:30am Quilting	18 7:00pm Choir	19	20	21
22 10:00am Worship	23	24 9:30am Quilting	25 7:00pm Choir	26	27	28
29	30	31 9:30am Quilting				

WORSHIP HELPERS

January 1

Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Reader: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: B. Wellman
Bread:
Crucifer: Ethan Arneson
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley
Ushers:
Flowers:

January 8

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Reader: David Stuart
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman
Bread:
Crucifer: Jacob Hale
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Flowers:

January 15

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Reader: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Bread:
Crucifer: Katie Dowis
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley
Ushers:
Flowers:

January 22

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Reader: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler
Bread:
Crucifer: Alex Mackey
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Flowers:

January 29

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Reader: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray
Bread:
Crucifer: Cameron May
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley
Ushers:
Flowers:

ALTAR GUILD: Criegh Pemberton

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL CANDLE:

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday January 11 at 10:00am
in the Parlor

We will continue our discussion of "The Cider House Rules" by John Irving and discuss "David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens

All are welcome to join us!

Please see Kathy Mackey if you have any questions.



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at secretary@stpaulhuntington.org with your email address.

December 26-30: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

January 2-6: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 9-13: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 16-20: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

January 23-27: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



- 2 Paula Simpson
- 3 Cindy Jones
- 4 Steven Brown
- 5 Ryan Vickers
- 7 Kathie Cunningham
- 10 Emma Arneson
- 11 Wyatt Utley
- 16 Mary Lou Fricke; Steve Nord
- 17 Emma Kist; Rick Veres
- 18 Nellie Kirby
- 23 Matthew Konzett
- 27 Cheryl Konzett; Al Schneider
- 28 Kathy Mackey



- 13 Rick and Jacqui Veres
- 23 Rex and Cam Hale
- 29 Brad and Jeanna Bell

Worship Attendance for December

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)	YouTube
12/4	78	34	61	20
12/11	66	83	93	15
12/18	88	129	157	14
12/24	100	117	132	12
12/25	30	55	74	4

Sunday School

12/4	Adult Forum: 13	Children: 11
12/11	Adult Forum: 16	Children: 12
12/18	No Adult Forum	No Sunday School
12/25	No Adult Forum	No Sunday School



Our sympathy to the family of Betty Borowski. Betty passed away in December.



Kathy, Alex and I would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness means so much to us.

Pastor Mackey

On Saturday, January 7, beginning at 10:00am we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. If you are able to come and help, it would be greatly appreciated.





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