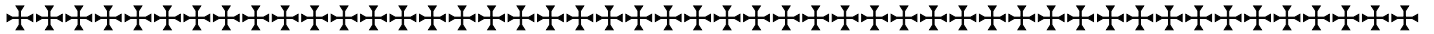




# The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

February 2025



## **A Mighty Hand and Outstretched Arm for the Nations**

“The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” Isaiah 52:10

In Psalm 98, the Psalmist draws extensively on the prophet Isaiah's words about Yahweh's deliverance of Israel's captivity in Babylon. Throughout the Old Testament, Moses and the prophets figuratively describe the deliverance that the Lord has brought through his “mighty hand and an outstretched arm.” Isaiah's words also prophetically speak of the holy arm of the promised Messiah being seen by the nations to the ends of the earth as the source of salvation. The nations of the earth are blessed by the One who came to save us with His nail-pierced hands as the sins of the world weighed down upon His outstretched arms that held Him to the cross. For it is when Jesus Christ was lifted on the cross, like the serpent in the wilderness, that He would draw all people to Himself.

The Epiphany season sees Jesus' gaze cast farther and wider as He is revealed as the Savior of all the nations. He is the Light that scatters the darkness, and He is the One whose strong hand and outstretched arm has won salvation for the nations of the earth. This prophecy is fulfilled as the Savior is revealed to children from many lands and of many tongues in our Lutheran schools each day. This prophecy is fulfilled as missionaries are sent to far away places to proclaim the Gospel and as our partner churches carry out the Lord's commission. Finally, this prophecy is accomplished as our congregations lift high the cross of Christ in everything that they do so that the nations see the salvation of our God.

May God use each congregation to boldly proclaim that salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone to all – no matter who they are or where they come from. Thanks be to God for the certain hope that we have in the promised Messiah, Jesus, that is revealed to all nations.

Fraternally in Christ,  
President Lee Hagan

Prayer – Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# Serving This Month

## February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

## February 9<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Kyle Fonseca  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

## February 16<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Aaron Kirchhoff  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

## February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pastor Lindsay Watkins  
Lay Reader: Dan Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

## Altar Guild for February 2025

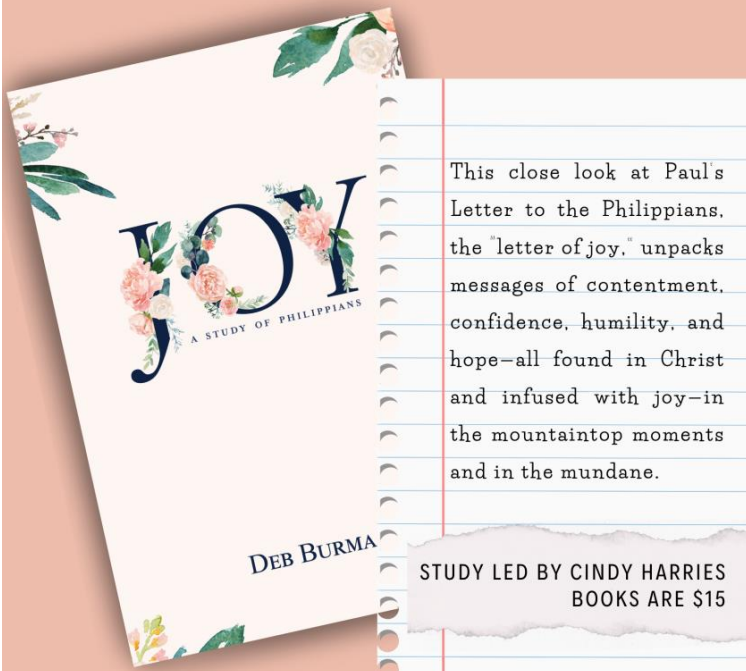
Sharon Bahl and Kris Rosenberg

**February Birthdays:** 3-Charlotte Reifsteck; 11-Janice Tann; 25-Allison Brumfield; 27-Kenny Ward.  
**February Wedding Anniversaries:** 9-[Don Smith] & Phyllis Bredehoft; 16-Norman & Leone Morton  
If anyone has been missed let the office know.

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

## Women's Bible Study

Joy: A Study of Philippians by Deb Burma  
Begins Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
at 10am in the Fellowship Hall at Messiah



For God so loVed the world  
thAt He gave His  
onLy  
begottEn  
SoN,  
thaT whoever  
belIeves  
iNHim should not perish  
but havE everlasting life.

John 3:16, NKJV



1 Luke 2:29-32  
Exodus 1-3

2 Psalm 59  
Exodus 4-6

3 Psalm 60  
Exodus 7-9

4 Psalm 61  
Exodus 10-12

5 Psalm 62  
Exodus 13-15

6 Psalm 63  
Exodus 16-18

7 Psalm 64  
Exodus 19-21

8 Psalm 65  
Exodus 22-24

9 Psalm 66  
Exodus 25-27

10 Psalm 67  
Exodus 28-30

11 Psalm 68  
Exodus 31-33

12 Psalm 69  
Exodus 34-36

13 Psalm 70  
Exodus 37-38

14 Psalm 71  
Exodus 39-40



15 Psalm 72  
Leviticus 1-3

16 Psalm 73  
Leviticus 4-6

17 Psalm 74  
Leviticus 7-9

18 Psalm 75  
Leviticus 10-12

19 Psalm 76  
Leviticus 13-15

20 Psalm 77  
Leviticus 16-18

21 Psalm 78  
Leviticus 19-21

22 Psalm 79  
Leviticus 22-24

23 Psalm 80  
Leviticus 25-27

24 Psalm 81  
Numbers 1-3

25 Psalm 82  
Numbers 4-6

26 Psalm 83  
Numbers 7-9

27 Psalm 84  
Numbers 10-12

28 Luke 2:29-32  
Numbers 13-15



*But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4*



# FEBRUARY 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Worship Service:</u> Sunday 9am <u>Adult Bible Class:</u> Sunday 10:15						1 Bd. of Directors LWML
2 Worship Service 9am Voter's Meeting 10:15am	3	4	5	6	7 Bible Study at Ascension 10am w/Pastor Stolle	8 LWML Society Meeting
9 Worship Service w/communion 9am	10	11 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	12	13	14 Bible Study at Ascension 10am w/Pastor Stolle	15
16 Worship Service 9am	17	18	19	20 NARFE 12:30pm	21 Bible Study at Ascension 10am w/Pastor Stolle	22
23 Worship Service w/communion 9am	24	25 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	26	27	28 Bible Study at Ascension 10am w/Pastor Stolle	



*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

*Ephesians 4:1-3*

