



St. Paul Lutheran Church
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St. Paul Epistle

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God..."
1 John 4:7a

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Pastor's Meditation

Dear Family in Christ,

A man applied for a job as a handyman. The prospective employer asked, "Can you do carpentry?" The man answered in the negative. "How about bricklaying?" Again, the man answered, "No." The employer asked, "Well, what about electrical work?" The man said "No, I don't know anything about that either." Finally, the employer said, "Well, tell me then what is handy about you." The man replied, "I live just around the corner."

Sometimes the greatest ability we can have is availability. To be where God can call us, to be within whisper range of His summons, that is the beginning of a life of meaningful discipleship. In your life, are you "handy" when it comes to God? Are you available and listening when God calls you?

Throughout my ministry, I have heard people say that

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Our Weekly Divine Service Schedule

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
(Holy Communion offered every Sunday)

Divine Service



Pastor's Meditation Cont.,

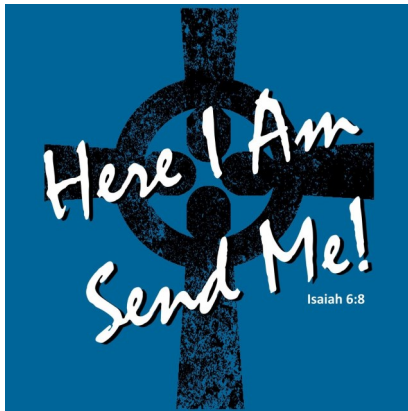
they have nothing to offer when it comes to ministry. They would say that they are not very handy. I on the other hand, would say that they are not very available. I personally believe that every person can participate in ministry whether it is praying or doing physical labor. There are people who are always busy doing ministry and there are people who do very little if anything at all.

God calls us to a life of ministry where we are to reach out and serve the world and our neighbor. God calls us to a life of prayer and worship as HE equips us for the tasks that are before us. We are strengthened through the reading of the Bible as well as one another so that we can give of ourselves in service to all.

As we begin a new year, I encourage you to be "handy" for when God calls on you for ministry. Be available and listen to what God has for you. The blessings will be beyond belief!

In Christ's love, +

Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10



**Why didn't
anyone tell me
about this?**



**It was in the
bulletin.**



Faith Mission is currently in need of the following items:
Cold weather gear, coats, hats, gloves, men's and women's, blankets
Men's underwear/boxers (L/XL), Ladies underwear Size 10-13,
Tennis shoes – M(9-12) black, Disposable Razors, Deodorant
Toilet Paper, Kleenex

Feel free to bring any items and leave them on the designated
table in the Fellowship Hall. The mission staff and their
clients greatly appreciate all of our donations.

I would like to offer a very special thank you to all who volunteered and represented the church during the Advent & Christmas seasons! All the events, meals, and many worship services around that time of the year can be exhausting, but you did your part and made it all extra special! I hope that you are blessed to continue your strong leadership and volunteerism into the next year!

Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10

Meeting

Trustees/Evangelism/
Education/Stewardship Boards
will be meeting on January 9
following worship service.

FUN AND GAMES

Our next fun and games date will be Sunday, January 2, at 4:00PM. Come out and join us for dominoes and cards. Bring your favorite snack to share and bring a friend along with you! See y'all there!



Please Pray

Prayers of God's People

FOR - THOSE WITH CANCER:

Jeanette Evans, Janie Khlum, Dennis Keethler, Lee Shores, Kay Castleberry, Chad Brown, Staci Myles, Sally Handrick, Mike Groover, James Sheppard, Cash Cochran, Kent Streit, and Rachel King.

PHYSICAL AND OTHER CONCERNS:

Betty Corder, Brantley French, Duncan Hibbard, Ronnie Newman, Kellen Osborne, David Baker, Virginia Martinez, Dean Miller, Jesse Flick, Katey Lewis, Pastor Thomas Handrick, Jordan & Dustin Randall, Ben English, Jennifer Olsen, Drew Susac, Shelby & Sawyer Susac, Jordan Susac, Kathy Schkade, Nina Keethler, and Pamela Diane Susac.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Dorothy Kutzler (Royal Estates), Lois Kramer (Rolling Meadows), and Jesse Flick (Home).

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL: Whitney Colligan (Air Force), Eli Buckmaster (Marine Corps), Brian Clayton (Army), Kate Ridinger Dozier (Navy), Jaydon Martinez (Navy), Trent Meisel (USAF), Zachary Wied (National Guard), Richard Townes (Army), Tim Rosenthal (Air Force), Christopher Harmon (Air Force), and Jacob Naughton (Air Force).



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Lisa Schur.....Parish Office Worker

Thank You!

Dear St. Paul Family,
Michelle and I wanted to write to say thank you for your very generous gift of money for Christmas! Thank you so much for thinking of us and making every Christmas extra special! It's our joy and privilege to serve with you in ministry! The Lord be with you!
In Christ's Love †
Pastor & Michelle
Ps. 84:10

Thank you to everyone who donated money, items for auction, and time to make our Give it Away Project a success. We were able to help 20 families for Christmas! It is a blessing to be able to help families in need!

Thank you to my St. Paul family for the very special and generous Christmas gift from the congregation. Praying God will bless us all abundantly in 2022.
Love,
Darla English

Dear St. Paul family,
I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you for the very kind and generous gift of money for Christmas.
Lisa Schur

Judy and I thank you for the blessings we get from processing the cans. We thank all participants and hope more will start. Folks, that's \$163.21 for Sr. youth travel fund and quite a bit of volume that does not go into the landfill.

God's blessings and Love,
Hank & Judy Hancock

Thank You

We wish to thank those who served last month:

Organists: Darla English, Leo Tulagan

Elders: Kenneth Schkade, William Parker, Kevin Copeland, Russell Heineken,

Sound man: Eugene Kruger, Randal Schoppa

Altar Guild: Lisa Schur, Nina Keethler (setup) Judy Hancock, Delores Palmatary (take-down)
(And all members!)

Greeters: Nancy Martinez, Hank & Judy Hancock, Del Tech, Penny Becker, Leann Roten, Michelle Cody, Delores Palmatary, Ruth Rathgeber, Lisa Schur, and all greeters.

Ushers: Randal Schoppa, Eugene Kruger, ...and all who volunteer on Sundays

Church Sexton: Randal Schoppa

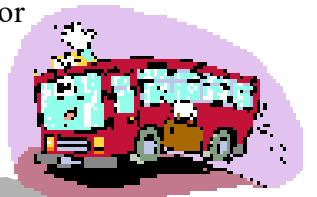
All Church Council members

All Board and Committee members

Treasurer: Nina Keethler

Parish Office Worker: Lisa Schur

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Divine Service or any other church activity, please call the church office at (940) 322-6112 and we will see what we can do to arrange that for you.





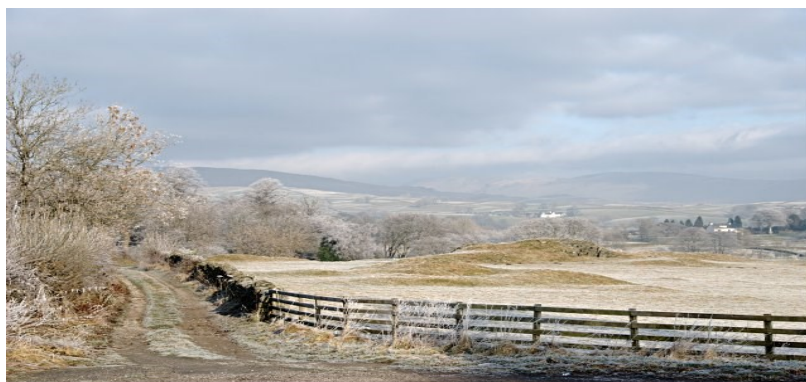
Memorials/Tributes

In Memory of Norma Flick to the staff by Jesse Flick.



Get ready for a fun and exciting time in February!

We will be having a chili cookoff!



Christian Education

The Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday morning before Divine Service. Our goal is to have 40 people in Adult Bible Study. We want to come together and study God's Word, and reap the benefits that God promises to those who remain in His Word (John 8:31-32). We are now studying the book of 1 Corinthians. I think that you will find this class interesting and thought-provoking. Please plan on joining us each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Because of the continued interest in the Adult Catechism Classes, Pastor Cody is teaching **Continuous Adult Catechism Instruction** to study together what it is that Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. This class meets weekly on Monday nights at 5:00 p.m. Those wanting to become members of St. Paul can join the class at any time, and once through the series of lessons, they can be confirmed into communicant membership of the church. If you are interested in taking this class, please come out and join us! In those times when no one is there for new membership the group studies a book of the Bible or a specific topic.



Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:00AM each Sunday morning. The Scriptures are clear, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and **when he is old, he will not depart from it.**" (Prov. 22:6). Bring the kids out and stay for Adult Bible study yourselves and teach them the proper habit to be in as the spiritual leaders of your homes! See y'all there!

Middle School Youth Catechism Class

We have three young people that will be gathering together each week to demonstrate to their parents, and their Lord, the importance of this journey in their faith walk. Catechesis is the teaching of our Lord that is drawn from the Holy Scriptures, confessed in the Small Catechism, and expressed in the Divine Service. Please pray for them as they study the Word of God and complete this important stage in their lives. The class is open to any and all from the 5th grade through the 8th grade. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m.

If your child needs a ride to Catechism instruction, we will be happy to provide that service to you. Please contact the church office and let us know. William Parker, Janice Wiechman and/or I will be picking the kids up and taking them home, if needed. Thank you!



LCMS Disaster Response

On Sunday, January 2 and January 9, we will be taking a special offering to send for the Tornado Relief in Kentucky. Offering plates will be at the back of the church for these offerings. Please mark your check or envelope “Tornado Relief”.

Youth Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 16
8:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Come join us for pancakes!



Free will donations benefiting the window fund. Youth first grade and up will be assisting with the preparation and serving workers need to arrive by 8:00 am.

God’s People at Work during January

Elders

William Parker
Kenneth Schkade
Kevin Copeland
Russell Heineken

Ushers

Randal Schoppa
Eugene Krueger

Altar Duty

Set Up: Lisa Schur, Nina Keethler
Take Down: Judy Hancock, Delores Palmatary

Greeters

Jan. 2- Lisa Schur, Nancy Martinez
Jan. 9- Del Tech , Penny Becker
Jan. 16- Leanne Roten, Michelle Cody
Jan. 23- Delores Palmatary, Ruth Rathgeber
Jan. 30- Pam Marten, Nancy Martinez

Readers

Jan. 2—Cliff Susac
Jan. 9—Kevin Copeland
Jan. 16—Eugene Krueger
Jan. 23—Kenny Theimer
Jan. 30– Russell Heineken



Days to Celebrate in January

Birthdays

3- Philip Anderson

6- Kirk Horton

9- Michelle Rangel, Peggy Dauffenbach

11- Pam Marten

13- Lacey Rangel

20- Abigail Wiechman; Jim Reeves

22- Freddie Smith, Glenda Hardi

24- Mary Ann Martinez

27- Nancy Martinez

29- James Martinez; Bobbi Wright

31- Janna Buckmaster



Wedding Anniversaries

28- Troy & Katey Lewis



Please continue to pray on a daily basis for:

- ✦ Pastor, Michelle Cody
- ✦ Darla English, Leo Tulagan
- ✦ Lisa Schur, Parish Office Worker
- ✦ All other staff members at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- ✦ The leadership of our church.
- ✦ The mission of Paul Lutheran Church.
- ✦ All those sick or suffering in our church family.
- ✦ Church unity.
- ✦ Our nation and governmental leaders.

January 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord



The **LWML Ladies Group** will meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 1:00 AM. All ladies interested are very welcome to join them!



Our **Women's Bible Study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month of January at 9:30AM. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking Bible study and great fellowship!

Thank you to those who donated Poinsettias for the Altar and Sanctuary Windows

Randal D. Schoppa -In memory of Schoppa Family, Streit Family, in honor of Pastor R. Cody & Michelle Cody, Sgt. Garland Prince, and members of St. Paul.

Deanna Schroeder- In honor of Ken & Kathy Schkade, Ben & Darla English, and Pastor & Michelle Cody.

Hank & Judy Hancock - In memory of Loved One's

Peggy Dauffenbach- In honor of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Tina Anderson- In honor of family and in memory of Kenneth Anderson

Ken & Kathy Schkade- In memory of Walter & Hilda Grueber and August & Margeret Schkade.

Ben & Darla English- In memory of Norma Flick, in honor of Jesse Flick and Sanda & Bobby Mitchell.

Lois Kramer- In memory of Clayton Kramer & Amy Kramer.

Bo & Glenda Hardi- In honor of Jesus birth and in celebration of the children of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Leanne Roten- In memory of Hank & Barbara Roten

Janice Wiechman- In memory of James Wiechman Sr. and in honor of Delores LaBlanc and Peggy Dauffenbach,

Del Tech– In memory of Ervan Tech (my husband) and Merle Tech (my son)