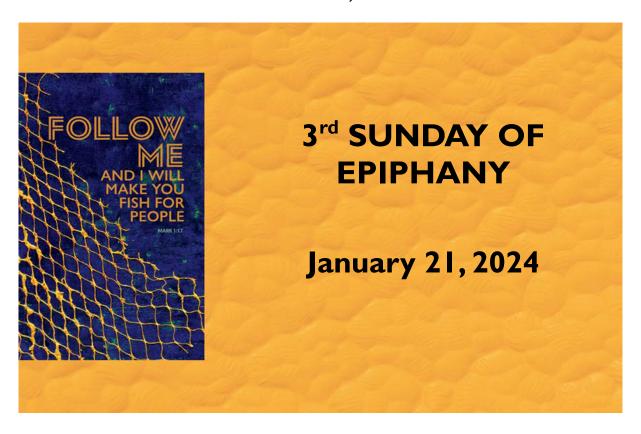
# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET HANOVER, PA



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#### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

# **Our Purpose:**

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

# **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

# **Important Worship Notes**

For the Season of Epiphany we are using the Bread of Life – Setting V from With One Voice. All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION + 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY + January 21, 2024

#### INTRODUCTION

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

#### THE GATHERING

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

  Silence is kept for reflection.
  - God, our rock and refuge,
- We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.
- C Amen.



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



God's jus - tice which is there's a kind-ness more than lib - er - ty. in there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood. and the heart of the E - ter - nal most won-der - ful - ly kind. is great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for fresh bliss. strict-ness with a zeal God will not and we mag-ni - fy its own. thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of our lives will Lord. and be

# \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE ☑ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est; glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth. heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and I Lord God, Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. ☑ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. II Lord sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Je Fa ther.

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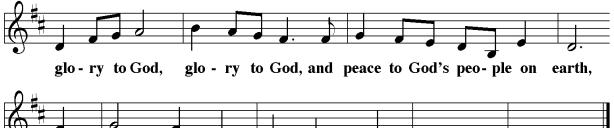
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Lord God,

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and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

#### THE WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

- L 1The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." 3So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. 4Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** Psalm 65:5-12 read responsively

- <sup>5</sup>For God alone wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God. Α
- C <sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.
- <sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge. Α
- C <sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.
- <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be Α trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
- C <sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. Α
- <sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to C their deeds.

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future. which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- L <sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions. 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.
- The word of the Lord. L
- C Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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\*GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
  - <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

Pastor Katrina Holland





#### \* APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church.

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace,

- C receive our prayer.
- A God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,
- **C** receive our prayer.
- A Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

#### THE MEAL

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Love to Tell the Story

# Heritage Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</a> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

# \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

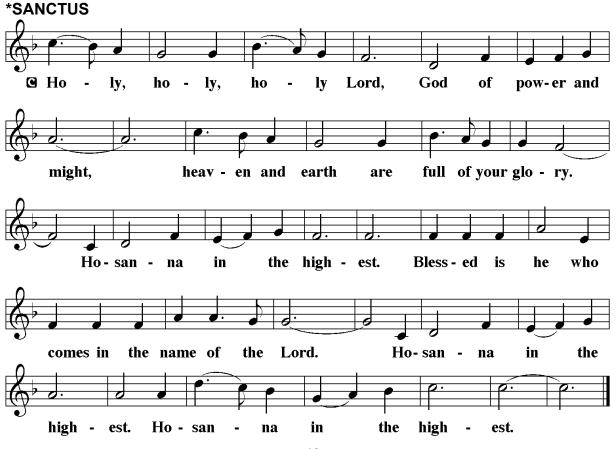
- A Blessed are you, Holy One,
- C ... for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*DIALOGUE ELW 144

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen!

# \*LORD'S PRAYER

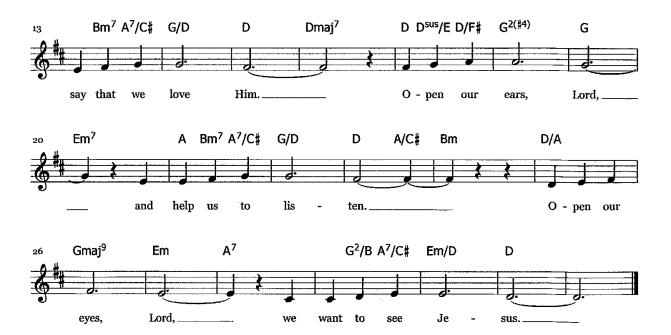
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.





#### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

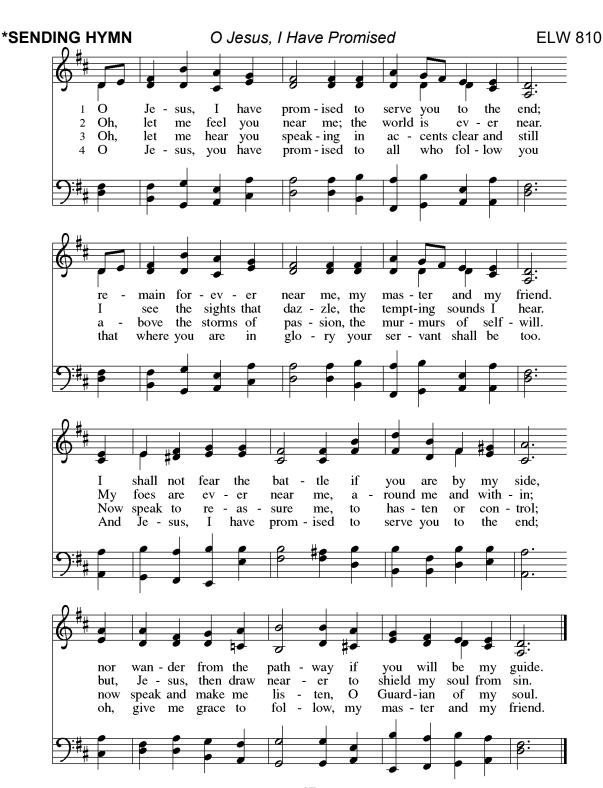
# **INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL**

# \*BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.





#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

#### \*POSTLUDE

January 21 January 28 **Assisting Minister:** Donna Lehman Ginny Murray Acolyte: Jocelyn Fissel Cassie Feeser Lay Reader: Frank Hueske Janet Haack **Communion Distributors** Russ Kaltreider Bill Sowers Maureen Kaltreider **Deb Sowers** Josh and Steph Baringer Josh and Steph Baringer **Ushers:** Altar: Becki Davis Becki Davis Norma Lucabaugh Norma Lucabaugh Janet Haack (linens) Janet Haack (linens)

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-Jan. 28, Feb. 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Jan. 28 (2 vases @ \$20 each) There are no flowers during Lent

Communion Bread and Wine-Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Jan. 28, Feb. 11, 14, 18 & 25 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$10 each date)

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY continues following worship. We will gather on the pews in the lounge to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30. We hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES PK-6 - This year for the first 3 Sundays of the month Faith Formation class will be held after worship from approximately 10:30 - 11:30 am in the Gathering Room on the 2nd floor. On the fourth Sunday of the month, Faith Formation will be for children, youth, and their families from approximately 10:30 - noon in the Youth Room.

**THE MEN IN MISSION** will meet on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am at Perkins.

JANUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING – Our Missionaries - the Swansons

<sup>\*</sup> Stand if you are able

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**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY:**—The Faith in Action will be collecting regular cans of soup, any kind, from January 14 through February 11, 2024 (SUPER BOWL SUNDAY). Please deposit your cans in the boxes found in the pulpit side of the hallway. All proceeds will be given to St. Paul's Saturday Grocery Ministry to be given out as needed. Soup is always good for the cold days of winter. Thanks for your support in this project. Last year we collected 320 cans of soup, can we surpass this???

**PIE AUCTION AND DINNER** will be held January 28 at 1pm to support our Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July. Tickets will be on sale following worship in the hallway. If you would like to donate baked goods for the auction, please sign up on the bulletin boards or in the lounge. Thanks for your support!

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Wed., Jan. 31, 2024 at 12:30 pm, in the lounge at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy while we discuss our book. The book we are reading for January is <u>Storm Clouds Rolling In</u> by Virginia Gaffney. This is the story of Carrie Cromwell who comes of age as the dark clouds of the Civil War swallow the country. Born with a fiery spirit and a strong mind, she finds herself struggling between the common wisdom of the South and the truth she has discovered. We extend an invitation to all readers to come and join us for great discussion and good fellowship.

Beginning in February **SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY** will follow Max Lucado as he delves into the Gospel of John. An ordained minister and bestselling Christian author, Max will unpack John's words that Jesus was and is eternally present in spirit. The lessons include intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take us deeper into God's Word. **Join us in the Lounge, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm, beginning Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.** 

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** There will be a Retreat for all of leadership here at St. Paul's on Saturday, February  $24^{th}$  from 11 am -2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be for all Council and Committee members. Watch for more details in upcoming "Happenings and Reminders", bulletins and newsletters.

MYSTERY OF THE SAFE - In the room next to the Sacristy, where sound and outside worship equipment is stored, is a large floor safe. It hasn't been used in over 12 years when a smaller safe was purchased and is now used for cash deposits. We could get rid of the large safe, hopefully selling it. However, we don't have the combination!! Without the combination, the safe is useless to anyone. While we don't believe there is anything of value to St. Paul's in the safe, it would be good to check before disposing of the safe.

# DOES ANYONE KNOW THE COMBINATION TO THIS OLD SAFE? MAYBE SOMEONE ON COUNCIL WHEN THE SAFE WE USED?

**GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP!** Council has approved camperships for any St. Paul's members and any person(s) sponsored by a member for this summer at any Lutheran Camping Corporation Camp! Registration for summer camp is now open for Nawakwa, Kirkenwald, Wittal Farm and Mar-Lu-Ridge. Check out the summer schedules here: <a href="https://www.lutherancamping.org/">https://www.lutherancamping.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.lutherancamping.org/">https://www.lutherancamping.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.lutherancamping.org/">https://www.lutherancamping.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/">https://www.lutherancamping.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/">https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/</a>
For more information see Laura Silver our CampPerson.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Westminster Ringers will present a Handbell Concert at St. Paul's on March 10th at 4:00 pm.

#### POSTED - INVENTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

On the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office is a List of Equipment and Supplies available for St Paul's events and ministries. There are 72 items listed that can be used for your ministries, everything from: Art supplies, Wheeled Dollies for moving large items, Ladders, Tents and Canopies, A-frames for promoting an event, Sewing items for a youth project, and equipment including a Projector, Flip Chart, White Board, Music Stands, etc. When you need an item for an event or ministry, please check the posted List before making a new purchase.

SUN., JAN. 21	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Installation of Council
Immediately following		Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Faith Formation (Sunday School-PreK-6)
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple's Bible Study-church lounge (pews)
MON., JAN. 22	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor and Fellowship Hall Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES. – SAT., JAN. 23-FEB. 17		Music and Motion classes resume
WED., JAN. 24	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
THUR., JAN. 25	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal–sanctuary balcony
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 102–2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
FRI., JAN. 26		P.A.L. Team 3
	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., JAN. 27	9:00 am	Men in Mission (Perkins)
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (St. Paul's Book Club)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
SUN., JAN. 28	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
Immediately following		Coffee Hour in the lounge
10:30 am		Youth and Family
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple's Bible Study-church lounge (pews)