



ST. PAUL VISITOR FEBRUARY 2022

*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, Charles, Anne,
Jackie, Judy, Myles,
Debbie, Al, Dave, Eric,
Charles, Elizabeth, Virginia,
Jon, the Dick Family, Mace.

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.
Amen.

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.

WORSHIP

We will have in person worship during January.
We ask that you wear a mask while in the
building.

COVID 19

As of now the council is asking that all persons wear a
mask while in the church building.

OFFICE HOURS

Generally someone is in the church office Monday
through Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm. If you are
planning to come to the church please call before-
hand to make sure Pastor or Kathy is there.

OFFERINGS

Your offering is still very important to continue
the mission of St. Paul. Please mail your offering
to the church address:

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St. Paul Lutheran Congregation
Group



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Huntington, WV

Pastor's Reflections

I am getting old! On February 4 I will be sixty-four. I know, I know some of you are older than that and of course some of you are younger. But I have been feeling my age lately. Last month I had multiple doctor appointments. Only good thing about all those appointments is that I will get to my insurance deductible much sooner. Sad thing of course is that the year begins off with all those medical bills.

Our culture it seems to me is so obsessed with youth. Please do not hear that I do not like or appreciate our young/ youth. I do and my own daughter and the young people here at both St Paul and Christ the King continue to challenge and show me joy and hope. Taking all this into account, we (our culture) have created a system around this youth idea that if we are not young (or do not want to act young – whatever that is) than you are not of value. Of course, this is a generalization. Just think about it. I am writing this article the day after a 44-year-old quarterback in the NFL lost a playoff game. It was interesting that during the game the broadcasters in the booth mentioned Tom Brady's age several times. What does Tom Brady's age have to do with anything? Are they suggesting he is "super-human" because he is still playing football at his age? We can only guess why they kept mentioning his age. My guess is that it is this age/ youth thing.

I picked up a book several months ago entitled: The Inner Work of Age, Shifting from Role to Soul. The book gets a little heavy sometimes, but I like the title. Especially, the "shifting from role to soul" part. What does that mean? Throughout the book the author uses primarily theory/ practice and from Psychologist Carl Yung and others as she writes about this movement in life.

The title intrigues me because of the word soul. Many, many questions pop into my head with this word. What is one's soul? How does it function in our daily lives? Are there particular places that the soul is used/ shown/ practiced? Can soul be put away and taken out when we need it?

Not sure I have the space to answer all those questions in these reflections. But I do know that the book has helped me see my aging in a more appreciative way. It has helped me see those around me, who are older than me, in a much more appreciative way. It has helped me look at life as process. It has helped me come to terms with my aging and celebrate it.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12 Paul uses the metaphor of a body and tells us: "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it". That does not say just you young folk. That does not say just you old people. That doesn't say just you middle-aged people. All are needed for the full function of the church as it proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ. Role or Soul is does not matter you are valued and loved and forgiven by God. That is Good News! That is news to celebrate and live daily.

Your partner in the faith,
Pastor Kevin <><

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Happy 2022! I am glad to report that my travels home to Germany went smoothly. I had a wonderful time with my family, especially my mother, brother, sister-in-law, two little nieces, and my godmother and cousin. I also went on a New Year's Day hike with some old friends from high school. Thanks to our newly gained familiarity with all things technological, I was able to watch services online from Germany and would like to thank and congratulate Keith Wellman and my student James Newsome for their playing while I was gone.

Though disappointed, I support the Council decision regarding singing. A friend, who is also a church musician went to a church choir rehearsal the first Wednesday in January after the break, and a few days later six choir members tested positive for CoViD. I think we made a wise decision. I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to have more singing again starting in Lent, pending CoViD developments and Church Council decisions. I am also so very grateful that we were able to have a Christmas Eve service with the choir, special music, and a lot of congregational singing. I don't know about you, but since we haven't had congregational singing in such a long time, this felt extra special to me. My personal attitude toward singing is now: Unfortunately, I can't have candy every week. But when I can, it is especially sweet.

For the month of February, we have decided to still pause choir rehearsals, but for most Sundays we will have a solo singer from the choir singing the Hymn of the Day. Thank you to Barbara Garnett for singing so beautifully on January 23. Keith Wellman will be the next soloist and sing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" on January 30.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Henning

P.S.: I would like to cordially invite you to an all-Beethoven concert in Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University on Wednesday on February 9 at 7:30 pm (free admission, masks required). I will play a piano trio with my colleagues Dr. Reed Smith, violin, and Dr. Sölen Dikener, cello, and after that we will perform Irish, Welch, and Scottish folk song arrangements by Beethoven with soprano Dr. Carline Waugh and baritone Stan Workman (Director of Music at 2nd Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, OH).



Wow! That was a fast month! January began and ended like a snow storm, pun intended. Our CCC group and 1st year Confirmants met and shared in word, fun & fellowship despite the weather outside. We must shine bright during these gloomy days outside! Together we shine the brightest! We will continue to meet where there are three or more.

Our St. Paul youth are reminded to pray first and to talk to God anywhere and at anytime. We are praying for the sick, those who grieve, those in need and all of God's children. We are working on loving like Jesus every-day and serving where we are called. The youth have helped stock the Backpack Room with food supplies. The Girl Scouts of St. Paul collected snacks and treats at the Cookie-Kick-off for Southside Backpack program, Hospice of Huntington and the Ronald McDonald House. A couple of new Daisy Scouts in our congregation, Jaylyn Garnett and Willow May delivered the special snacks.

We are working on a new project this month. We are collecting dog food and cat food for the Elderly through Cabell County Community Service Organization. With this program, many people were given an animal for companionship during the Pandemic. They need help acquiring food and treats for their animals. If you would like to donate food or treats for cats and dogs, you may place them in the green tub outside the sanctuary or the green tub downstairs by the Sunday School room. Our youth and Girl Scouts will collect food, treats, and will make toys and beds for animals as well. We are making beds out of old sweaters, if you have any to donate to the cause. Our service of love this month will help provide those in need, human and animal. Our Confirmation groups are doing a service of love as well. Katie Dowis and Alex Mackey will be applying a lovely cross to the wall in the undercroft. Owen Murray, Jacob Hale and Cameron May will be collecting blankets or beds for pets as their service of love. Together, we will beautify our church and help those in our community. Let us love one another as God loves us! Love your neighbor well! Let us be the light that shines into the world.

"Our faces, then, are not covered. We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings more and more glory. And it comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit"- 2 Corinthians 3:18
May we continue to pray and listen for the call to help others and to love each other well.

God's Blessings Always!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill May

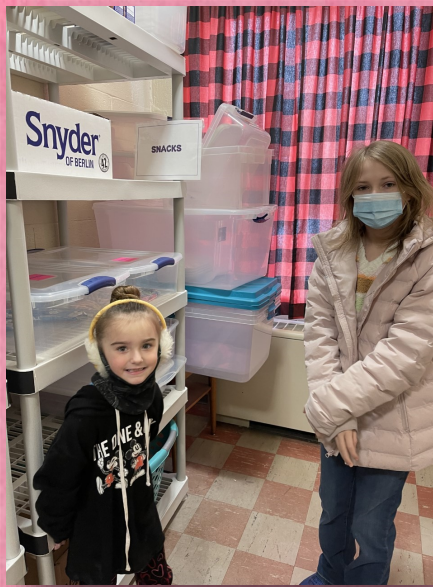


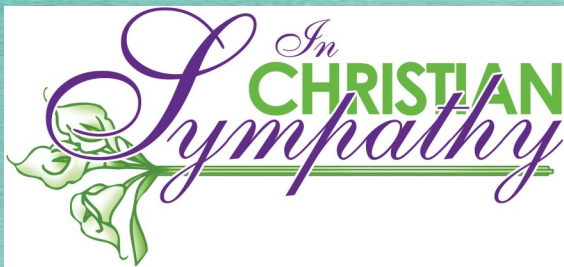
WHAT IS NEEDED:

Cat and Dog Food and Treats

Old Sweaters

Bins for your donations are in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.





Our condolences to the family of Richard Kilgore who passed away on January 25. Richards's funeral will be held here at St. Paul on February 5 at 11:00am



Tiffany Chapman's family lost their home because of a fire in January. She and her mother are in need of several items because of this. If you are able to donate new or like new of any of these items please bring them to the church and we will see that they receive them.

Shirts and pants size 2XL

Full size bed and bedding

Underwear and socks

Towels and blankets

Bras size 40dd or XL sports bra

Pants and shirts size small or size 4/5.



Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of prayer and comfort. Cards are also available to give with the shawls.

Sign-Up Here!



The Sign up sheets for flowers, bread, candles for 2022 are up!

Flowers are \$30.00 per month which includes two bouquets. Sanctuary and Chapel Candles are \$12.00 each for one month. Communion bread can be purchased or made. Please consider signing up to make our worship more meaningful.



Wednesday, March 2

6:00pm

In Person Worship

With Holy Communion
and imposition of ashes



LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES

“Perfect Love Casts Out Fear: Evening Prayer for Lent”

This year we will be rotating our Mid-Week service with Christ The King Lutheran Church. The schedule will be:

March 9 at St. Paul

March 16 at Christ the King

March 23 at St. Paul

March 30 at Christ the King

April 6 at St. Paul

All services will begin at 7:00pm

40 DAYS, 40 QUARTERS

During Lent we are often asked to “give something up”. Instead of giving something up this year, consider giving “to”:

This Lenten season you are given the opportunity to increase your giving to St. Paul. Traditional Lenten Folders are available for you to collect quarters each day during the time of Lent. By Easter Sunday you will have collected \$10.00 to help in the ministries of St. Paul. Please consider taking up this “giving to” challenge. The folders will be available in the narthex beginning February 27.



February 2022

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- 2 Tyler Tucker; Debra Perkins
- 3 Susan Korstanje
- 4 Al Tillers; Pastor Mackey
- 8 Patricia Stolze
- 9 Olivia Bell; Helen Stuart; Beulah Doss
- 10 Linda Schneider
- 11 Rex Hale
- 18 Sarah Bell; Willow May
- 19 Cindy Bakley; Shannon Walker
- 20 Tiffany Williams
- 22 Dale Kelz; Jerome Yancey
- 23 Kennady Kist
- 25 Alice Fricke
- 26 Linda Hay
- 28 William Grimes; Jacki Humphreys

13 Ron and Judy Pease



If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone else there are several ways you can do this:

Call the church office at 304-525-9630 and request a name to be put on the prayers that are read on Sunday morning.

Call the church office and request that a prayer email be sent out to the congregation

Request prayer on our Facebook page—"St. Paul Lutheran Congregation Group"

You may also email the church at secretary@stpaulhuntington.org



For the Month of February we will be collecting cans of beef stew for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.



BACK PACK SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Our supplies for the Backpack program are very low. We are especially in need of dinner items such as Spaghettios, ravioli, beefaroni, and mac and cheese.

Items should be in individually packaged containers and not contain any peanut products.

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Please contact Linda Schneider or the church office if you would like an end of giving statement.



The second half of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, February 13 right after worship. Please join us as we receive the committee reports and celebrate the ministry of St. Paul.

NOON BIBLE STUDY



BIBLE STUDY

We will begin in person Bible Study on Thursday, January 6 at noon. Pastor will continue to post his Bible study each Wednesday on our YouTube channel.

Daily Devotional

in your inbox



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.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

January 31-February 4 Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
February 6-11: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
February 14-18: Genesis 43:3-11; 15, Psalm 27:1-11, 39—40; I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38
February 21-25: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-43



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CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

Vice President, Jenny Murray

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Secretary, Bernadette Wellman

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Linda Hay, Worship and Music

Carolyn Fornash, Christian Education

Doug Korstanje, Stewardship/Finance

Jenny Murray, Fellowship

Bernadette Wellman, Social Ministry

Kevin Knowles, Christian Education

Ron Pease

Creigh Pemberton

Debbie Perkins

PRAYER VENTURES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

- 1** *Black History Month* Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors — we stand together as siblings in Christ and partners in the gospel, doing God's work in the world together. Pray that God will guide our church as it strives for racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and an end to racism in our church, society and institutions.
- 2** Give thanks for the small and subtle ways in which the Spirit encourages and deepens our faith each and every day.
- 3** Pray for parish nurses who serve in ministries of health and healing and for the ELCA-affiliated Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association, which supports parish nurses and promotes a culture of health, healing and wholeness in Lutheran congregations, agencies and communities.
- 4** Pray for those who lost homes and were displaced during the December wildfires in Boulder County, Colo. Give thanks for the partnership of Lutheran Disaster Response, the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains as they work together to provide food, temporary shelter, emotional and spiritual care, and assistance with recovery work.
- 5** Pray that our anxieties about the future will be quieted by the assurance that the Spirit's gifts of hope and peace are more powerful and enduring than the threats and uncertainties we face in life.
- 6** Pray that, just as the fishermen Simon Peter, James and John dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus, we, too, with all our gifts and flaws, might respond to God's call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and do God's work in the world.
- 7** Remember in prayer those impacted by severe weather, especially Typhoon Rai in the Philippines and the recent tornadoes, flooding and winter storms across our country. Pray that God's presence will bring healing and hope during recovery, comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones, and strengthen the people and organizations that respond to crises and help with recovery, including Lutheran Disaster Response.
- 8** Remember and give thanks for siblings in Christ of every generation who have shared the gospel, inspired others to believe, and borne God's grace, peace and hope into the world through their words, example, service and sacrifice.
- 9** We live in a time of war, conflict and unrest in many regions of the world. Pray for the safety of people living amid turmoil, the well-being of refugees and immigrants fleeing threats, and the protection of children and youth living in circumstances unimaginable to us. Ask the Spirit to guide us as courageous and compassionate advocates, peacemakers, companions and bearers of hope in the world.
- 10** Pray for the leaders of youth and family ministries and for outdoor ministry professionals as they participate in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Minneapolis, an event that provides them with encouragement, support, education and networking opportunities.
- 11** "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart" (Psalm 138:1). Pray that every aspect of our life, service and generosity will reflect our gratitude for God's awesome, undeserved love and blessings.
- 12** Give thanks and praise to God for the companion-synod relationships that connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world, blessing, nurturing and strengthening them for their ministry together.
- 13** Give thanks that God teaches us something new every day and equips us so well to share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need and reflect God's gracious love through our words, actions and interactions with people.
- 14** Pray for immigrants and refugees, in our country and around the world, who seek safety, relief and a place to rebuild their lives. Ask that God's compassion, wisdom and desire for justice guide us in resolving the problems and crises that displace people from their homes and nations.
- 15** "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green" (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which renews and nourishes us when we feel uncertain, weary or anxious.

- 16** Thank God for our special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.
- 17** Pray that the Spirit will help us understand and follow the ways, desires and commandments of God that protect our well-being in daily life.
- 18** Give thanks that our faith and hope are grounded in Christ's resurrection and the promise of one day being raised to eternal life as God's children. Pray that the Spirit will help us articulate — in our own imperfect words — our joy, our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ for all people.
- 19** Pray that our seminaries and Lay Schools for Ministry program will grow, thrive and prepare our church leaders for ministry in diverse and changing contexts, in the present and with insightful anticipation of the future.
- 20** "Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [God] is merciful" (Luke 6:35-36). Ask the Spirit to help us do what seems difficult or impossible and live as willing disciples of Christ.
- 21** Reflect on what God is stirring in us right now, and pray that we might discern what God calls us to be: bearers of love, hope, healing, reconciliation and the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 22** Pray that the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, which mirrors God's love and forgiveness of us, will inspire us to forgive those who have caused us offense, anger or distress, and that we might seek forgiveness and grace from people we have hurt.
- 23** The theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering and our camps' summer curriculum is "boundless: God beyond measure." Pray that we will live into this theme, growing in faith and gratitude for God's infinite power, presence, love and wisdom.
- 24** Thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers — spoken and silent — and for tending to our needs, easing our worries, calming our anger and providing refuge in time of trouble. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire us as we do God's work in the world, caring for our neighbors in distress.
- 25** Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse body unified in its commitment to proclaim the gospel, show mercy, demonstrate servant leadership and bring healing and reconciliation to the world.
- 26** Look into the vast night sky at the stars, planets, meteors and comets, and praise God for stirring our awe, wonder, curiosity, humility and imagination.
- 27** "And all were astounded at the greatness of God" (Luke 9:43). Give thanks that in Jesus Christ we glimpse and experience the glory and power of God poured out upon humanity for our healing and salvation.
- 28** Give thanks for the evolving technology that helps us with everyday tasks, connects us with people around the world, provides new tools for treating the sick and injured, and helps us reach more people with the gospel. Pray that we will consider the impact of technology and use it equitably and justly for the well-being and benefit of all people.