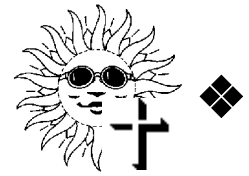


St. Paul's Sunbeam



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◆ Join us.....



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



WISE MEN

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage," said the wise men from the East as they came seeking the newborn Jesus. Over the next few weeks of Advent, be on the lookout for some of those wise men around Cole Camp as they are on their journey to find the Savior. They will be stopping in different yards around town (let us know if they can stop in yours!) as they make their way to find Jesus, here at St. Paul's at the Christmas Eve worship service. If you or anyone you know happen to see them, stop and get a picture with them and post that picture to the St. Paul's Facebook page. You just might get a little prize!




Help us spread the word as we have a little fun this season and share the good news of Jesus' birth. Plus, you can follow the path of the Wise Men with our very own "Wise Men Tracker" at www.stpauls.me/WiseMen

PROGRAM PRACTICE

Children's Christmas Eve Program practice will continue each Sunday from 8:45-9:45am in the church basement for ages 1st-8th grade. All kids are welcome to attend.



HOPE & HEALING

There will be virtual service of Hope & Healing  **HOPE & Healing** on Wednesday, **December 22nd** at 7:00pm. See more information on page 3.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

St. Paul's will enjoy the story of the birth of Jesus on **Christmas Eve**. Worship will begin at 7:00pm. We will also have worship service on **Christmas Day** at 10:00am. Please bring your family and share this wonderful time of the year with your church family.



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NEW MEMBERS

We are planning to welcome a group of new members to St. Paul's in the next couple of months. If you are interested in joining the membership of this church, we would love to have a conversation with you. Please speak with Pastor Stephen to let him know of your interest.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is right around the corner. It will be held on Sunday, **January 16th** at 12:15pm after a meal of soup & chili. Please turn in your reports as soon as possible!



ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the church's website at www.stpauls.me. There is still a little more work to be done but we'd love to hear what you think of it and if there is something you think is missing.

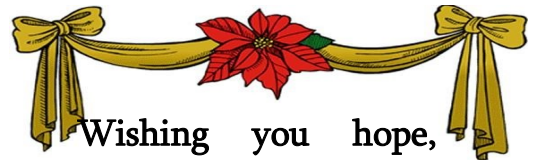


In this season of Advent, as we ready our homes and our hearts for the birth of Jesus, may the words of a centuries-old hymn ring true for us today:

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr.
Edward Caswall, 1814-1878



Wishing you hope,
love, peace and joy
during this blessed
season of Advent and
Christmas.

Pastor Stephen
and Shirley





ADVENT PRACTICES



There are many different practices people utilize to honor and keep track of the Advent season, counting down the days until Christmas. We have extra copies of the devotional booklets from the Advent calendars we made if anyone would like one. We also have a calendar from Ellie Roscher, author of *12 Tiny Things* and speaker at this year's Gathering, that offers a "tiny things" that you can do each day of Advent. Both of those items will be by the offices in the Gathering Space and on the Usher's Stands in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Worship for the first weekend of Christmas will again take the form of A Service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, **December 26**, at 10:00 am. There will be no Saturday Casual Worship service on December 25, nor will there be Sunday School or Confirmation classes on December 26.

*Lessons
& Carols*

SPECIAL ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Pastor Stephen will offer a brief time of prayer and reflection each Wednesday evening during Advent at 7:00 pm online. Tune in at 7:00 pm or come back later to watch the video that will remain online.

Additionally, our annual Service of Hope and Healing will happen virtually on Wednesday, **December 22**, at 7:00 pm. This service is an invitation to pause, breathe, and pray before the arrival of Christmas. We will recognize the winter solstice (also known as the "longest night") and lift up our prayers of grief and lament to the God who comes to us in the flesh in order to walk alongside of us. So grab a candle, share this invitation with a friend, and join us for this virtual invitation to sit in the presence of God.





THRIVENT CHOICE

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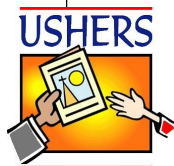
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A special thank you to those who have already given their Thrivent Dollars to St. Paul's. This month is.....Gale Logan and Shirley Logan.

USHERS

There is a need for ushers for 2022. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft.



SHARE THE HARVEST

The Cole Camp Food Pantry is once again participating in the Share of the Harvest program. If you would like to donate your deer to the pantry, you can do it in three easy steps.

1. Harvest a deer.
2. Take your deer to Kemp's Butchering, north of Sedalia.
3. **Please** specify it is for the Cole Camp Food Pantry.



That is it!! Easy, right! Any deer you could provide will be appreciated. Good Luck!

COUNCIL

Tom Oelrichs, President

Kelly Viebrock, Vice-President / Property

Norma Schlesselman, Treasurer/Stewardship

Susan Goosen, Secretary

Nancy VonHolten, Worship & Music

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Darin Oelrichs, Parish Education

Don Harms, Property

Allen Oelrichs, Property

Kelly Viebrock, Property

Stephen Zeller, Pastor



◆ Lent 2022.....

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

We couldn't be more excited about the opportunity to host seventeen prints of The Saint John's Bible this coming Lent 2022! *The Saint John's Bible* is the first Bible since the invention of the printing press 500 years ago to be handwritten and hand illuminated. (Illuminated means that an artist has taken a passage of scripture and made it "luminous or shining" through art and interpretation.) It is truly a work of art and a work of theology as it invites us to experience God's Word, not just through the written or heard word, but through visual art.

On Sunday, March 6th, we welcome Rev. Michael Patella, OSB, SSD (a monk in the Order of Saint Benedict, who earned a Doctorate in Sacred Scripture, if you were wondering what those letters mean). Father Michael is a professor of New Testament and served as the chair of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible*. After worship on March 6th, Father Michael will introduce us to the project that became *The Saint John's Bible*, and share stories of how some of the scripture texts were chosen to be illuminated and why. This will be our first opportunity to explore these prints.

For the remainder of the Lenten season, we will open the Fellowship Hall to the public on Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm, and Fridays & Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, for all to come and see this exhibit.

Any church or school groups who would like to see the exhibit outside of those hours may call the church to set up an appointment to do so. Our midweek Lenten Worship Services on Wednesday evenings will continue to take place in the Fellowship Hall among the artwork.

We will have publicity materials available at the church in December that you can share with others. There will also be information about this exhibit on our website: www.stpauls.me/bible.

This exhibit will take a bit of effort on our part in order to share this treasure with the community. Many of you have already volunteered to help out but more are welcome to be a part of this as well, especially to welcome guests and answer general questions (you don't need to be an expert museum docent to do this!)





SABBATICAL

I want to write and explain a little about the sabbatical you may have been reading about in the Sunbeam in council minutes and Pastor Stephen's article.

The staff support committee of St Paul's met in the summer of 2017 to discuss what we could do to help



Pastor Stephen in his ministry here. We knew that Pastor had been here 4 years and we knew that our history with 1st parish pastors was about an average of 5 years service. We felt that the congregation was in a good place with the call of

Pastor Stephen and for that we were very grateful. Do we continue on like we have done in the past and know that we will be establishing call committee in the upcoming years or do we try something different? We found that congregations that offered their Pastor's a sabbatical had a longer time of service. We asked Pastor Stephen if a sabbatical was offered would that be something he would use, after all he didn't ask for this. He said he thought he would indeed utilize it.

A sabbatical is defined as a time of personal enrichment and professional development. It typically is offered

after 5 – 7 years of service and lasts for 1 – 2 months. It is not a vacation but instead a time of reflection on the previous years of service, a time to get away from the stress of the job, a time to learn a new skill or fine tune current skills, a time to heal from things that went wrong, a time to clear the mind and get out of the rut so to speak. We found that most all denominations have provisions for offering a sabbatical as well as many other companies such as McDonalds and Quick Trip to name a couple. We found some specialty health care providers, 1st responders as well as Universities and Colleges also offer this. The results according to these entities were employees who experienced a sabbatical had a lower level of stress, performed their job better, were more productive and stayed on their jobs longer.

In 2018 at our celebration of the 100th anniversary of the church building I had a conversation with a former Pastor Arlyn Saathoff. He came back for this event and was saying how he was so proud of the congregation and how children and grandchildren of the leaders when he was here were now the leaders.

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SABBATICAL CONTINUED

He regretted not doing enough and felt he “let us down” and the only thing to do was to “move on to another congregation”. That shocked me, although I was only 9 when he left, I remember the congregation appreciated and loved the parsonage family. I know that was the case in my family as I remember mom and dad stopping by to see them in NE on the way for a vacation. This made me wonder what would have happened if a sabbatical would have offered to him back then as an example of a 1st parish Pastor leaving after 5 years? It was clear to me that this was something we need to offer. I don’t believe that it was a coincidence of him sharing and staff support investigating sabbatical. I think it was a gentle nudge from the Spirit for us to keep moving forward.

In the fall of 2019, staff support felt the best way forward was to start the discussion on sabbatical and to add a small line item for it in the budget. This went through budget/stewardship and council and ultimately the congregation at the 2020 annual meeting in which I gave a little talk on what it was and why. We were getting ready to further the discussion after the budget approval by the congregation when covid hit and

everything stopped.

It has been sitting as a topic until people felt comfortable gathering again. Staff support and council are both in agreement now is the time to bring this back up and are 100% supporting this. I received another nudge this fall at our Gathering when Ellie stated that you know the Gospel of Matthew said even Jesus needed time away from the crowds and went off by himself. There is stress that is unique to the ministry that needs to be acknowledged. That has prompted this temple talk and a time for discussion at this year’s annual meeting. The purpose of this is that we are grateful for Pastor Stephen and want to take care of the person who takes care of us.

There will be further discussion for information before the annual meeting on what work we do as a congregation during this time, what office time and worship will look like, and what costs are associated with a sabbatical.

Thanks for your consideration,
Tom Oelrichs



DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual	October	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS				
ELCA	3,663.55	7,400.00	(3,736.45)	49.51%
World Hunger	2,630.53	2,000.00	630.53	131.53%
Oaks	2,092.22	2,500.00	(407.78)	83.69%
A Place At The Lake	1,805.00	2,500.00	(695.00)	72.20%
Seniors of North Benton County	1,878.68		1,878.68	
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,290.00	1,500.00	(210.00)	86.00%
Crisis	80.00		80.00	
Other	975.00		975.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	14,414.98	15,900.00	(1,485.02)	90.66%
HOME PURPOSE				
Home Purpose	145,700.98	189,607.00	(43,895.02)	76.85%
Building Fund 5%	8,414.05	9,979.00	(1,564.95)	84.32%
Debt Repay	22,165.00	14,000.00	8,165.00	158.32%
5th Sunday	13,357.00	16,000.00	(2,643.00)	
Total Offering	189,648.03	229,586.00	(39,937.97)	82.60%
Building Use	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	150.00%
Memorials	8,414.05		8,414.05	
Communities of Calling	11,653.00		11,653.00	
Preschool Tuition	4,425.00	1,800.00	2,625.00	
Fair Stand, net	5,720.04	4,000.00	1,720.04	143.00%
Float	858.67	750.00	108.67	114.49%
Interest	526.14		526.14	
Miscellaneous	25,168.61		25,168.62	
Total Income	263,828.67	254,036.00	(9,792.67)	103.85%
Total Expense	194,062.27	233,536.00	(39,473.73)	83.10%
Net Income	62,766.40	20,500.00	49,266.40	340.32%

CASH BALANCES

	Home Purpose	Building	Debt Repayment	Memorials	Crisis	Seminary
10/31/2021	112,651.61	28,396.23	19,144.81	34,374.45	1,182.24	8,888.22

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

Notes: Miscellaneous income includes \$23,746 of the Round 2 Paycheck Program loan proceeds. The loan was forgiven in July and this amount was recorded as income. Home Purpose cash balance includes \$16,597.25 in Community of Calling funds. Debt on the building addition remaining to be repaid is \$45,600 due to St. Paul's Cemetery.

◆ submitted by Susan Goosen, Congregational Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on November 9, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Stephen reported that his activities included Clergy Bible Studies, Committee meetings, CCACA meeting, monthly communion at Ambrose, Synod Systems Group, Communities of Clling conference call, Food Pantry Volunteer dinner, Family Systems Class. He will have worship at GSCC on October 14th, Thanksgiving worship on November 24th and First Sunday Advent with Advent dinner on November 28th, Family Systems Class on December 7th and Synod Family Systems group on December 2nd. We will be doing the Advent Calendars again this year.

Budget & Stewardship: No meeting.

Communities of Calling: The Med Students are developing a workshop to present stress management to friends and family. The St. John's Bible display will be open for touring to the community Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during Lent.

Evangelism: Their discussion involved the creating and getting volunteers to move the "Traveling Wise Men" during the Christmas season.

Mission Facilitator: The display cabinet has been moved into the Gathering Space. Any pictures or "church" items members wish to lend for display would be appreciated. Janice is hoping to rotate pictures and items for display. The Christmas Tour of Churches is December 5th; plans are in place for the decorating. Plans are being made for a light supper for late afternoon. Greeters have been scheduled from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and 4:00pm until 6:00pm. The German Christmas concert will begin at 7:00pm.

Parish Education: No meeting.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Property: The committee is checking the side walk boiler to get it ready for winter. Kelly has found a new replacement water fountain for the fellowship hall. The cost is \$700. Norma made a motion to approve purchase and Darin seconded. Council approved. Allen and Kelly will be replacing thermostats, three in the basement and two in the sanctuary. The kitchen locks are not working properly, Allen will look into getting them to work again.

Worship: The committee has planned service up to Advent.

Old Business: There will be a committee formed to present information about the sabbatical.

New Business: The annual meeting date has been set for January 16, 2022. WELCA will be asked to do the lunch.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:15pm.

GOOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

As our homes fill up with more and more stuff, gift-giving holidays like Christmas often leave us to wonder about other gifts that can be given. ELCA Good Gifts provides an excellent alternative. Want to give the gift of chicks, honeybees, or a piglet & manure to someone in another country to create a path towards self-sufficiency? What about clean water, access to education, or a Bible for someone? Check out www.ELCA.org/GoodGifts and purchase a gift in honor of a loved one. You will receive a printed or digital card that can be given to tell the recipient of the impact this gift has made!



EVANGELISM MOMENT

"In this life we cannot always do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

~Mother Teresa





◆ Heavenly Father.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Arline
(friend of Taylor Vanderlinden)

Jon Beckman

Marvin Bockelman
(brother of Margie Gerken)

Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff

Mary Fuelling
(sister-in-law of Paul Fuelling)

Margie Gerken

Rocky Goyette

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Bill Hamilton

Larry Harms

Rebecca Heimsoth
(friend of Norma Schlesselman)

Greg Ives

Jeffery Jones
(son of Bonnie Bohling)

Joyce Jones
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Dieter Knowle
(brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller)

Marlin & Ruth Lackas
(sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling)

Marvin Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Ronnie Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

Rick Osborne
(friend of Gale Logan)

Reagan Phillips

Scott Robinson
(friend of Pastor Stephen)

Bill Russell
(friend of Florence VonHolten)

Gina Smith

Alex Stevens
(friend of Tina Ives)

Kevin Tatum

Robin Tennant
(family of Debbie Eckhoff)

John Turley

Debbie Vaughan

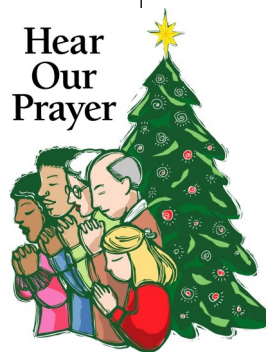
Debbie Viebrock
(daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock)

Irene Viebrock

Milton VonHolten

Greg Wright
(family of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Hear
Our
Prayer



Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #14*)

Margie Gerken (*Ambrose Park #8*)

Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms*)

Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #105*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)

Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #313*)





◆ Thank you for your service.....

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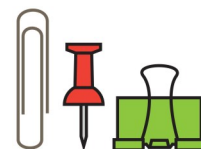
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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



Don't forget on those weeks that you have a Sunday morning commitment, Saturday worship begins at 5:30 pm and all are welcome!

HEALTH SERVICES

The Benton County Health Department will be here every Thursday from



8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health needs.

JUNIOR LUTHERANS CHRISTMAS



The Junior Lutherans will be meeting on Thursday,

December 2nd from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be making Christmas cards for the nursing home and Ambrose and then making a snack! As a reminder, Junior Lutherans is for kiddos up to 8th grade. We hope you can join us!

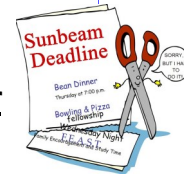
POINSETTIA'S



If you would like to share a poinsettia with us, please bring them to the church before 9:00am on **Christmas Day**. They will be displayed in the sanctuary adding vivid color to the day's celebration.

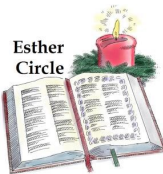
SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **December 29th** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, December 27th.



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle will not meet during the month of December.



"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"

The Sewing Group will not meet during the month of December. Please check the different St. Paul's communications for the next time they meet.



CHRISTMAS





◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS**BIRTHDAYS:**

12/1 Alexia Fields
 12/3 Wayne Hall
 12/4 Shirley Logan
 12/8 Owen Rehmer
 12/9 Jared Bredehoeft
 12/9 Anne Goosen
 12/9 Kaylan Poe
 12/9 Kayla Sangster
 12/11 Dan Cronin
 12/11 Willamina Flude
 12/13 Shari Farrington
 12/13 Vickie Fox
 12/14 Frank Kreisel
 12/15 Hunter Anderson
 12/15 Bryan Schlesselman
 12/16 Dale Bauer
 12/16 Virgil Holsten
 12/17 Jaxen Dailey
 12/18 Tom Oelrichs
 12/21 Connie Bauer
 12/21 Jenna Nash
 12/25 Chad Balke
 12/27 Alisa Schlesselman
 12/28 Scott Gerken
 12/28 Cash McCameron
 12/28 Milton VonHolten
 12/30 Jim Gumbel
 12/30 Brandon Ives
 12/31 Shirley Cash
 12/31 Bryan VonHolten

BAPTISMS:

12/1 Shirley Bergeson
 12/2 Wanda Viebrock
 12/3 Isaac Zeller
 12/5 Landon Brandes
 12/6 Cassandra Isabell
 12/6 Eugene Oelrichs
 12/8 Marcy Cash
 12/9 Lexi Goyette
 12/9 Kathy Harms
 12/11 Cathy Bailey
 12/14 Dara Osoego
 12/14 Arlene Schlesselman
 12/16 Harley Balke
 12/16 Dennis Moellmann
 12/17 David Bauer
 12/18 Nick Brandes
 12/18 Randy Schlesselman
 12/18 Rhett Strathman
 12/18 Heather Vanderlinden
 12/18 Nathan Vanderlinden
 12/19 Blake Kreisel
 12/20 Fabian Sangster
 12/21 Stephanie Randall
 12/22 Shari Farrington
 12/22 Tristan Fox
 12/22 Mae Strathman
 12/23 Anthony Kreisel
 12/24 Ruby Sangster
 12/25 Sam Cash
 12/27 Haylea Heimsoth
 12/29 Mara Herman
 12/29 Reganne Poe
 12/31 Christina Donnell

*December Baptisms**December Birthdays*



◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

12/13 Jack & Helen Tatum	62
12/20 Paul Kelly & Sandy Schlesselman	35
12/28 Dustin & Amanda Bartlett	19
12/29 Kash & Victoria Kruep	03
12/29 Robert & Sharel Wienberg	58

December
Anniversaries**WITH SYMPATHY****DEATH IN OUR**

CHURCH FAMILY

Our thoughts and prayers surround the family and friends of Violet Lu-etjen who passed away on Wednesday, November 10th and Don Love who passed away on Thursday, November 18th. We give thanks for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ as we mourn those who have died.

NEW ADDRESS

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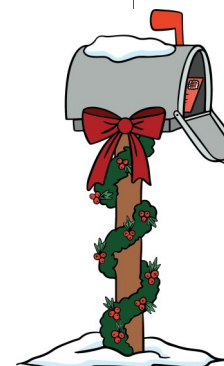
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Cole Camp Christmas Tour of Churches Past & Present

The great state of Missouri will continue to celebrate its 200th anniversary of statehood throughout the rest of this year. Cole Camp's Bicentennial Committee is planning one last event in Benton County on December 5th, which will focus on the churches in our area.



Years ago, churches were built to accommodate the growing population in small villages and farming communities all over the area. The churches have long been the hub of our

great-great grandparents and their descendants' spiritual and social lives. Families, friends, neighbors and strangers gathered on Sundays at the church of their choice to worship, give thanks and praise to God. The church and God's Word as it was taught to them, was their spiritual foundation, but the church was also much more. Without a good means of communication throughout the area, going to church was the day to gather for much needed comradery, catching up on important news, conversation with friends, share a laugh or invite someone to dinner.

Cole Camp has been blest to have a number of churches in and out of the

city limits. With the Christmas season coming quickly upon us, the Cole Camp Bicentennial Committee decided to use this special occasion to celebrate and highlight the many churches in our community.

If you have ever wondered what the inside of these churches look like, here is your chance to find out by participating in a self-guided tour of several of the area churches. The church buildings will be open from 2 – 6 pm. The Sanctuary of each church will be decorated for Christmas and church parishioners will be on site to answer any questions you might have about the church and its history. Maps for the tour will be available at all of the participating churches.

Some of the churches that no longer have congregations will be on the tour as "drive-by" only – most in a beautiful country setting.

St Paul's Lutheran Church at 205 W Jefferson Street will be serving a light supper of soup and sandwiches from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Free will donations will benefit the Cole Camp Museum. Then at 7:00pm, the local German choir will present its annual concert of German Christmas music, with pre-concert music starting by 6:30pm.





◆ Cole Camp Christmas Tour of Churches Past & Present

The church buildings in this list
will be open for touring.

Abundant Life Christian Center
15423 Centerline Ave

**Brauersville Immanuel Lutheran
Church**
31247 Highway AD

**Cole Camp United Methodist
Church**
107 N Booneville Road

First Baptist Church
1110 W Butterfield Trail

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
11357 Lake Creek Ave

Mt Hulda Lutheran Church
22303 Mount Hulda Ave

**Ozark Tabernacle Pentecostal
Church**
Corner of AE Highway & Five
Bridges Road

St John's Lutheran Church
24295 Cheese Creek Road

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church
15042 Chat Road

**St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church**

205 W Jefferson St

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
104 E Butterfield Trail



The following will be drive by only –
Church buildings will not be open.

Faith Chapel
1002 Fowler St

United Lutheran Church
104 W Butterfield Trail

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Corner of Brockman Ave &
Bethlehem Road

Union Williams Church
Corner of F Highway & Seven
Hills Road

Mt Olivet Church
Corner of Centerline Ave & Mt
Olivet Road

Monsees Lutheran Church
Monsees Ave just south of
Bethlehem Road





◆ by Lois Viebrock.....

How many people does it take to change a light bulb?
You've heard that quite often -- it's 'old hat'
It made me think about getting ready for a Worship Service
How many people does it take for that?

Well, someone to vacuum and dust the pews
for a church that's nice and clean
Then someone to get the church warm or cool
(and that's not so easy - if you know what I mean)

Altar hangings need to be the right color
and banners hung to go with the theme
Prepare bread and wine for communion
That takes more time than it may seem.

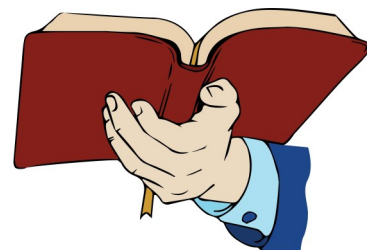
The ushers who do many things
to help the service go smooth.
The organist and pianist, too
All help make the worship for you.

Don't forget the pastor
who spends hours preparing what to say
The acolytes and assisting ministers
need to prepare for the day.

The choir and all musical groups
who add to the worship with song
The bulletin preparations for information
an aid to worship as you follow along.

How many people does it take to get ready for worship service? EVERYONE!

Are you prepared for the church service?
Have you prayed for the Holy Spirit to enter in?
Have you opened your mind and heart?
You have!
Well, than let the service begin!



St. Paul's Sunbeam



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"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion by Stations

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Christmas
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas
Lessons & Carols

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning
10:00 A.M. - Worship

You can also find our worship services
online, or call us to receive a DVD copy:

www.facebook.com/StPaulsColeCamp

www.youtube.com/StPaulsColeCamp

