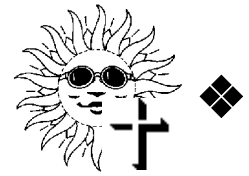


St. Paul's Sunbeam



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◆ Mark your calendar.....



COMING UP IN 2022



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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The Children's Christmas Program on Christmas Eve was cancelled due to illness. However, we will get to hear the story of Christmas from the Children on Sunday, **January 9th** during worship service.

NEW MEMBERS

We are planning to welcome a group of new members to St. Paul's on Sunday, **January 9th**. 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

It is time to regroup and find out where we have been in 2021 and where we want to be 2022. Come and spend time with us on Sunday, **January 16th**. We will begin with Sunday School Class at 9:00am. Then worship will begin at 10:00am. After worship we will enjoy a soup and chili lunch together, stretch our legs and then gather at 12:15pm in the sanctuary for the annual meeting.

Do you have reports that you would like to include in the Annual Report? Please submit them to the church office by Tuesday, January 4th.



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◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....

PASTOR'S PAGE

YOU SAID IT FIRST

Happy New Year, everybody! I hope that your Christmas celebrations were filled with hope, joy, and an extra measure of peace. I know for a fact that MANY people's celebrations were not in any way what you had anticipated or wanted, but hopefully you were able to experience the love of God in amazing and profound ways. And don't turn off the lights or Christmas music just yet! The Christmas season goes for 12 days, concluding with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 every year. We certainly need all the hope we can get for this coming year!

This past year's Advent calendar was another success I believe. A lot of participants, a lot of friends and non-members participating, lots of great treats, and most importantly lots of great responses and reflections for the Advent devotional booklet.

This year's question that participants were asked to answer was meant to be an easier one compared to past years. The question for the adult participants was: What is your greatest hope for the coming year? The overwhelming majority of responses said something along the lines of

wanting more peace, less division, and an improved future. And I am 100% on board with all those responses, and I thank you all for your thoughts.

So... what are we going to do about it, then?

I don't know if you've noticed, but changing other people is nearly, if not completely, impossible. Fancy slogans, compelling arguments, nor yelling louder seem to be helping. So, how can we accomplish those changes this year?

Most often, it starts with each of us, individually. WE need to be the ones who make an effort to end division, to cross divides, to listen to each other, to lower our personal guard to possibly see something new. There is obviously much more to it than I can fit into this newsletter, but I hope that we can take seriously this desire and hope that so many of us have for the coming year and into the future. So, what are we going to do?





DID YOU KNOW?

CHILI / SOUP COOKOFF AND PITCH TOURNAMENT

Luther League will be hosting a chili and soup cook off followed by a pitch tournament on **January 23rd**.

There will be one overall champion for the chili and soup categories, with each winner receiving an engraved championship ladle.

We invite everyone to join us for lunch and to cast your votes. Hotdogs and desserts will be provided by Luther League. This event will be a free-will offering.

At 1:00pm we will start the Pitch Tournament and encourage as many teams to participate. Entry fees are \$15 / team with winners receiving cash payouts.



There will be a signup in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in competing in the cookoff and pitch tournament to help us plan accordingly, or you may call or text Cathy Bailey 660-351-0309 to sign up or for additional information.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

For the past few years, the Council has designated all of the offerings on the weekend of a fifth Sunday towards Debt Reduction (paying off the debt of the new addition) and the Building Fund (covering the costs of building improvement projects). A decision about designating this year's Fifth Sunday offerings will be made at the Annual meeting on January 16, so stay tuned for where the offerings on January 29 & 30 and other fifth Sunday weekends will go.



TORNADO RELIEF



We continue to remember and pray for all who are recovering from the recent string of tornados in Kentucky and across the Midwest. Relief efforts will be underway for a while. If you would like to support relief work in the recovery from these tornados, we encourage you to donate through Lutheran Disaster Response. 100% of all contributions for a particular disaster supports relief work in those places. Donate online at www.LDR.org, or designate your offerings here at church and we will forward them to those places.





NEW BIRTH



Travis and Rachel Goosen want to announce a baby boy born on December 21st. He was named Reid William and welcomed home by his sister, Ember.

ADDRESS CHANGE

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EVANGELISM MOMENT

"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another."

— Desmond Tutu.

We give thanks for the work of Archbishop Desmond Tutu upon his death on December 26, 2021. His legacy of peace, love, and justice will not soon be forgotten.



WISH LIST

A NEW YEAR WISH

May the New Year bring us:

Enough happiness to keep us sweet;

Enough trials to keep us strong;

Enough hope to keep us lively;

Enough sorrows to keep us
dependent upon God;

Enough failure to keep us humble;

Enough success to keep us eager;

Enough friends to give us comfort;

Enough wealth to meet our needs;

Enough enthusiasm to keep us
looking forward;

Enough faith to overcome despair;

And enough determination to use
every day and situation
somehow for good.





◆ Lent 2022.....

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

As we've announced over the past few months, during Lent 2022 we will be hosting an art exhibit of seventeen prints from *The Saint John's Bible*, a fully handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by The Saint John's Abby in Collegeville, Minnesota. This is a world-renowned project that is both a work of art and a work of theology. This Bible brings us the Word of God through visual art. We hope that many people will come see it!

This exhibit will be set up in the Fellowship Hall starting in early March. There will be an opening weekend presentation on Sunday, March 6. We will welcome Rev. Michael Patella, Professor of Theology and New Testament at Saint John's University, who chaired the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible*. He will be with us in worship that weekend, and following a catered lunch on Sunday, will lead a presentation to introduce us to the project as a whole and talk about how certain texts were chosen to be illuminated. This will be a weekend not to miss!

Following the opening weekend, we will open the Fellowship Hall to the public on Thursdays (starting March 10) from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The exhibit will be set up until April 6. Volunteers will be on hand to welcome visitors during those times. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know if you haven't already. Other times for groups and visitors to view the exhibit can be made by calling the church office for an appointment. Our Lenten midweek services will also be focused on this exhibit. Plenty of promotional materials (posters, postcards, bookmarks, etc.) are available here at church, so please help us spread the word!





DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual	November	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS				
ELCA	4,868.55	7,400.00	(2,531.45)	65.79%
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	1,998.68		1,998.68	
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,490.00	1,500.00	(10.00)	99.33%
Crisis	80.00		80.00	
Other	975.00		975.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	15,939.98	15,900.00	(39.98)	100.25%
HOME PURPOSE				
Home Purpose	158,248.42	189,607.00	(31,358.58)	83.46%
Building Fund 5%	9,153.86	9,979.00	(825.14)	91.73%
Debt Repay	22,290.00	14,000.00	8,290.00	159.21%
5th Sunday	13,357.00	16,000.00	(2,643.00)	
Total Offering	203,049.28	229,586.00	(26,536.72)	88.44%
Building Use	3,090.00	2,000.00	1,090.00	154.50%
Memorials	7,303.54		7,303.54	
Communities of Calling	11,653.00		11,653.00	
Preschool Tuition	4,975.00	1,800.00	3,175.00	
Fair Stand, net	5,720.19	4,000.00	1,720.19	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	278,321.11	254,036.00	24,285.11	109.56%
Total Expense	212,211.41	233,536.00	(21,324.59)	90.87%
Net Income	66,109.70	20,500.00	45,609.70	322.49%

CASH BALANCES

	Home Purpose	Building	Debt Repayment	Memorials	Crisis	Seminary
11/30/2021	109,953.90	29,126.00	19,269.81	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 December 14, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's activities this month include Clergy Bible Studies, Preaching Peer Group, Evangelism meeting, LINC meeting, Worship & Music meeting, CCACA meeting, Ambrose Communion, Confirmation Classes, GSCC Worship, Thanksgiving Worship, Advent Dinner, CCI Zoom, Midweek Advent Devotions, Synod Systems group, Junior Lutherans event, Family systems Class, Nomination Committee meeting, Budget meeting, Council meeting and Wise Men Chauffeur. Continuing Education: Family Systems class, will be on January 11th, Synod Family Systems group will be on January 27th. Pastor presided at the graveside service for Rev. Don Love on Saturday, December 11th at the St. Paul's Cemetery. Members and non-members alike are participating in the Advent Calendars. There will be no evening services on December 25th and January 1st.

Communities of Calling: Due to planned gatherings being cancelled, postponed, or moved online, CCI is

giving each team \$1,000.00 to go on a retreat as a team. LINC project: We continue to support our friends who are completing their rural medicine internship this year. They hope to schedule a time in February open to the public, to offer screenings, information about caring for yourself/others and more. The opening weekend for the Saint John's Bible exhibit is March 6th. The fellowship Hall will be open to the public to come see the prints on Thursdays from 12:00pm - 7:00pm, Fridays from 10:00am - 4:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm throughout Lent. The exhibit can be seen by appointment on the other days by calling the office.

ELCA Youth Gathering: Only two youth wished to attend this July 24-28, 2022 event. Pastor will join them as chaperone and travel with the group from Christ & Trinity in Sedalia.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Mission Facilitator: Janice has contacted those needed to serve as worship volunteers for December. She has been posting daily on St. Paul's Facebook page. She copied/pasted responses for the Advent calendar and collated and stapled the booklets to distribute. She helped with the Christmas tour of Churches on December 5th. It took many volunteers, greeters, decorators, cooks and servers to make the day a success. About 130 were served the light supper and The German Christmas concert attendance was up this year.

Parish Education: Emily Kullman is putting together the children's program for Christmas Eve.

Property: The new water fountain for the fellowship hall is here and ready to be installed. The side walk boiler is in working order. The fellowship kitchen door locks have been repaired. Thermostats are being replaced. Batteries in emergency exit lights will be replaced.

Worship: Met and planned services for December and Christmas Eve. Joyce Schlesselmann will lead the adult choir.

Old Business:

* Council has proposed to use the tithe of 10% from the Kullman estate bequest by giving \$500 to Russian Companion Synod, with the remaining to be split evenly between Gambia Rising and Show Me Youth Homes.

* The proposed sabbatical leave for Pastor was discussed by council. The tentative dates are May and June. There was also some discussion about fill-ins for this time.

* Motion was made by Don and seconded by Nancy to recommend the Proposed budget for Congregational approval at the annual meeting. Motion approved.

New Business:

* The Christmas Eve Benevolence offering will be switched to Lutheran Relief Disaster from the Place at the Lake (they have closed down) with the other half staying with Oaks Indian Mission as usual. 2022's benevolence will be Oaks Indian Mission and Seniors of North Benton County.





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COUNCIL MINUTES

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* Motion made by Norma and seconded by Kelly to contribute \$50 to project grad again this year. Motion approved.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 10:00pm.



SOUPER BOWL

The Cole Camp Food Pantry has once again challenged local churches and organizations to compete in the annual Souper Bowl. Whoever collects the most food items by the day of the other "big game" (Feb. 13) will be the winner of the annual traveling trophy. This year each church will collect their own category of items: St. Paul's will be holding our own "Fruit Bowl" where we will collect cans of fruit or other non-perishable fruit items. Items can be brought to the church all through January and early February. Let's see if we can bring the trophy back to St. Paul's!



Tom Oelrichs, *President*
Kelly Viebrock, *Vice-President / Property*
Norma Schlesselman, *Treasurer/Stewardship*
Susan Goosen, *Secretary*
Nancy VonHolten, *Worship & Music*
Melisa Balke, *Evangelism*
Darin Oelrichs, *Parish Education*
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Allen Oelrichs, *Property*
Kelly Viebrock, *Property*
Stephen Zeller, *Pastor*





COMING EVENTS

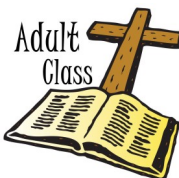
SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join the Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning on **January 9th**. After we finish up a lesson or two of our Genesis Bible study, we will then immediately begin a study of the book of Daniel in January. The book of Daniel contains some well-known Bible stories, but also some perplexing prophecies and visions. Come join us as we walk through Daniel chapter by chapter and gain insight into the message of Daniel. Participants will have a study guide from several references to enhance our study. Come join us as we explore Daniel and discuss lessons learned we can apply to our lives.



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.

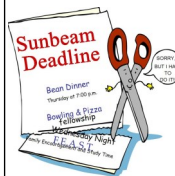
ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **January 17th** at the home of Mary Haluptzok. The study will be "Deborah".



SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **January 26th** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, January 23rd.



"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"

The Sewing Group will not meet during the winter months. See ya' in the spring!





◆ Heavenly Father.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Arline
(friend of Taylor Vanderlinden)

Jon Beckman

Tim Berendzen

Marvin Bockelman
(brother of Margie Gerken)

Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff

Dianne Eschellman

Margie Gerken

Rocky Goyette

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Bill Hamilton

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

Bill Russell
(friend of Florence VonHolten)

Gina Smith

Alex Stevens
(friend of Tina Ives)

Kevin Tatum

John Turley

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

Irene Viebrock

Nancy Webb
(sister-in-law of Glen Webb)

Greg Wright
(family of Jim & Kim Gumbel)



Hear Our Prayers.....

Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #14*)

Margie Gerken (*Ambrose Park #8*)

Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms*)

Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #304*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)

Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #304*)





◆ Thank you for your service.....

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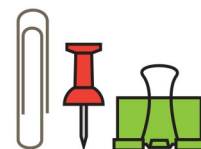
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◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

1/1 Matt Hiatt
 1/1 Kaitlyn Siegel
 1/2 Taylor Prince
 1/3 Doug Canida
 1/3 Florence VonHolten
 1/4 Earl Bauer
 1/4 Tucker Nash
 1/7 Kim Gumbel
 1/7 Laura Morrison
 1/7 Audra Warden
 1/8 Shelly Ives
 1/8 Carter Wienberg
 1/9 Greg Bredehoeft
 1/11 Lenny Gerken
 1/11 Mandy Schlesselman
 1/12 Ryan Schlesselman
 1/13 Alex Ingersoll
 1/13 Cooper Oelrichs
 1/14 Stacy Barnes
 1/14 Tina Ives
 1/14 Darin Oelrichs
 1/15 Landon Brandes
 1/15 Chase Bredehoeft
 1/15 Alex Cash
 1/15 Mason Harms
 1/16 Clark Oelrichs
 1/17 Kim Oelrichs
 1/17 Roy Wagner
 1/18 Tara Anderson
 1/18 Paula Goosen
 1/18 Macy Hagen
 1/19 Diane Banks
 1/19 Ronald Eickhoff
 1/19 Esther Schlesselman



1/20 Jennifer Donnell
 1/21 Philip Luetjen
 1/21 Dale Viebrock
 1/22 Donald Eckhoff
 1/22 Bryan Harms
 1/22 Evan Randall
 1/22 Kelsey Viebrock
 1/23 Jake Jackson
 1/24 Carol Oelrichs
 1/28 Brayden Schlesselman
 1/28 Clayton Schlesselman
 1/28 Randy Viebrock
 1/29 Gordon Ives
 1/29 Erin Oelrichs
 1/29 Bruce Wienberg
 1/30 Jennifer Rehmer

BAPTISMS:

1/1 Connie Bauer
 1/1 Jim Gumbel
 1/1 Kim Gumbel
 1/1 Amelia Hiatt
 1/2 Virgil Holsten
 1/2 Lydia Rodewald
 1/3 Ember Goosen
 1/3 Kaylan Poe
 1/4 Florence VonHolten
 1/9 Torie Gates
 1/9 Kim Knowle-Zeller
 1/10 Dale Bauer
 1/10 Bradley Bergeson
 1/10 Jake Jackson
 1/11 Kayla Sangster



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SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

1/12 Hunter Anderson
 1/12 Heidi Daily
 1/12 Jacob Daily
 1/12 Jaxen Daily
 1/12 Tyler Daily
 1/14 Vickie Fox
 1/14 Milton VonHolten
 1/16 Savannah Goyette
 1/17 Jared Bredehoeft
 1/17 Frank Kreisel
 1/18 Connie Gerken
 1/21 Cooper Loughery
 1/22 Cassi Hilton

1/22 Bryan VonHolten
 1/25 Alisa Schlesselman
 1/25 Taylor Sullivan
 1/26 Tina Ives
 1/27 Shirley Cash
 1/27 Paula Goosen
 1/28 Tom Oelrichs
 1/29 Greg Bredehoeft
 1/29 Bryan Schlesselman
 1/30 Earl Bauer
 1/31 Cody Broaddus



1/9	Mac & Kathy Harms	34
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Dear Friends,
 You have answered the mission call
 with 90 items. This will help fill our
 Christmas baskets. Thank you!

Shalom,

The Cole Camp Food Pantry
 Ambrose Park residents want to say

a big thank you to St. Paul's
 members for all the awesome
 presents at Christmas. Thanks for
 making our Christmas a whole lot
 brighter.

Ambrose Park Residents

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
 I just wanted to take a moment and
 thank you for supporting kids in cure
 through Birthday Blessings. Your
 kindness and generosity are
 appreciated.

Blessings to you!

Jennifer Rader, Director
 Birthday-Blessings



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St. Paul's Mission Statement
"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of our Lord
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of our Lord
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion by Stations

Saturday, January 23, 2022

Third Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion by Stations

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

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