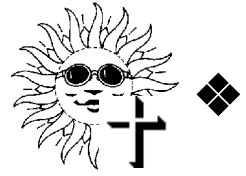


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# St. Paul's Sunbeam



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◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....



## PASTOR'S PAGE



### God Bless Us, Every One!

*YES! And the bedpost was his own. The bed was his own, the room was his own. Best and happiest of all, the Time before him was his own, to make amends in! "I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future!" Scrooge repeated, as he scrambled out of bed. "The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me..."*

These are the opening lines of the final section of the famous tale, *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. Through a visit from his long-deceased business partner, Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge is informed that he needs to change the way he is living or else he is destined to end up in the same misery as Marley. And to help Scrooge see the error of his ways, throughout the night he would be visited by three spirits: the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come.

Those spirits and visits eventually led Scrooge to an epiphany that changed his entire outlook on life. His anger turned to joy. His hatred turned to love. His unrest was transformed into peace.

Throughout our worship services in Advent, we used *A Christmas Carol* as a metaphor for how the work of God that has been, that is now, and that is yet to come shapes our understanding of the Christmas event. We see how what God has done throughout the history of our world, and what God is doing among us now, give us hope for the promise of what is to come.

Especially with the New Year now upon us, I think the question posed of Scrooge can be the same for us: How do we want to live given the gift of a new day?

We are shown evidence of God's work – past, present, and future – each and every day. We are invited to embrace the gift of new life that has been birthed into this world each and every day, as well. Given this opportunity, will we carry the light of Christ forward in all that we say and do? Will we embody this light in who we are?

In this upcoming season of Epiphany, we will continually be invited to see God at work among us. And we will be called forward to share the light of Christ with the world. What gifts will we offer to the world around us that will cause those like Tiny Tim to exclaim, "God bless us, every one!"

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# SOUPER BOWL

## 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. 12**) will be the winner of the annual traveling trophy. This year we are returning to a collection of soup and crackers to fulfill the needs of the Food Pantry. However, we are encourage to think beyond just canned, prepared soup. What about donations of soup ingredients: canned tomatoes, canned beans, canned meats, etc. What about including a recipe for a soup to accompany the ingredients? We are encouraged to think creatively to provide food for those who visit the Food Pantry.



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!

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all who have offered their time, talent, and voice this past year during our worship services. If you would like to volunteer in some way: reader, children's sermon, assisting minister, or communion assistant please contact Pastor Stephen or Janice Gerken.



**Tom Oelrichs**, ..... *President*  
**Kelly Viebrock**, ..... *Vice-President / Property*  
**Norma Schlesselman**, ..... *Treasurer/Stewardship*  
**Emily Kullman**, ..... *Secretary*  
**Melisa Balke**, ..... *Evangelism*  
**Darin Oelrichs**, ..... *Parish Education*  
**Steve Oelrichs**, ..... *Worship & Music*  
**Don Harms**, ..... *Property*  
**Scott Gerken**, ..... *Property*  
**Stephen Zeller**, ..... *Pastor*





◆ submitted by Emily Kullman, Congregational Council Secretary

## COUNCIL MINUTES

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on December 13, 2022 at 7:30pm.

### Pastor's Report:

Upcoming Events:

Thursdays in Advent: Advent

Devotions available online

12/21: Christmas Caroling

12/22: Service of Hope and Healing (online)

12/24: Christmas Eve Worship

12/25: Christmas Day Worship

1/1: Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols-lay led (no Sat. night service)

1/15: Annual Meeting

2/22: Ash Wednesday

Vacation Dates:

December 26 - January 2

### Evangelism:

Wiseman cutouts are out and the committee moves them each week. The Angel Tree is nearly wrapped up.

### Property:

Around the Clock Heating and Cooling replaced a fan blade in the furnace. The motion sensor light was installed above the basement entrance. New lights were installed in the shed.

### Old Business:

Kelly Viebrock, committee chair, presented names for the annual meeting ballot. The ballot was approved and will go to be printed for the annual meeting. Norma Schlesselman, budget committee chair, stated the committee reviewed the 2023 budget recently and then shared their budget proposal with council. The budget was approved and will be printed in the annual report. Council has a few names left to ask regarding committee appointments.

### New Business:

2023 Benevolence Partners:

Discussion on where the church shall send benevolence offerings for 2023 based on suggestions by the benevolence committee. After reviewing all options, Oaks Indian Mission and The Salvation Army-Warsaw will be our benevolence partners for 2023.



**Adjournment:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:30pm. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:35pm.





## DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS</b>				
ELCA	4,730.00	7,400.00	(2,670.00)	63.92%
World Hunger	1,416.37	2,000.00	(583.63)	70.82%
Oaks	2,236.50	2,500.00	(263.50)	89.46%
Seniors of North Benton County	4,726.50	2,500.00	2,226.50	189.06%
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Other	925.00	-0-	925.00	100.0%
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>15,534.37</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>(365.63)</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>HOME PURPOSE</b>				
Home Purpose	158,400.31	201,106.00	(42,705.69)	78.77%
Building Fund 5%	9,999.50	10,584.00	(584.50)	94.48%
Debt Repay	8,017.50	14,000.00	(5,982.50)	57.27%
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>176,417.31</b>	<b>225,690.00</b>	<b>(49,272.69)</b>	<b>78.17%</b>
Building Use	2,010.00	2,000.00	10.00	100.5%
Preschool Tuition	4,450.00	4,500.00	(50.00)	98.89%
Fair Stand, net	5,616.64	4,000.00	1,616.64	140.42%
Float	919.26	750.00	169.26	122.57%
Interest	1,113.07	-0-	1,113.07	100.0%
Miscellaneous	2,063.00	-0-	2,063.00	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>208,123.65</b>	<b>252,840.00</b>	<b>(44,716.35)</b>	<b>82.31%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>214,043.91</b>	<b>243,840.00</b>	<b>(29,796.09)</b>	<b>87.78%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(5,920.26)</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>(14,920.26)</b>	<b>-65.78%</b>

The above information include only those funds for which a budge is adopted. Home Purpose, Building and Debt repayment.

### Balances - November, 2022

	<b>Home Purpose</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Debt Repayment</b>	<b>Memorials</b>	<b>Crisis</b>	<b>Seminary</b>
Cash Balances	<b>81,072.22</b>	<b>31,172.26</b>	<b>1,564.61</b>	<b>28,441.06</b>	<b>1,308.81</b>	<b>8,888.22</b>
Indebtedness	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
Net Assets	<b>81,072.22</b>	<b>37,172.26</b>	<b>(16,435.39)</b>	<b>28,441.06</b>	<b>1,308.81</b>	<b>8,888.22</b>

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

**Notes:** Home Purpose cash balance includes \$7,671.87 in Community of Calling funds.



## 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.



### "ONE STITCH AT A TIME"



The Sewing Group will not meet during the month of January.

Please check St. Paul's communications for the next time they meet.

### LESSONS & CAROLS

On Sunday, **January 1st** we will have Lessons & Carols during worship service. Hear some of the readings from the Christmas season and sing some of the Christmas Carols. *Please note, there will be **NO** Saturday evening worship service or Sunday morning Sunday School.*



### WOMEN OF THE ELCA



WOMEN

WELCA will have their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, **January 11th** at 7:00pm.

### ANNUAL MEETING

It is time to regroup and find out where we have been in 2022 and where we want to be 2023.

Come and spend time with us on Sunday, **January 15th**.



Annual Meeting

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 3rd.

### ESTHER CIRCLE

The Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **January 16th** at 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.





## MORE.....



### AMBROSE

Pastor Stephen will be offering communion at Ambrose Park on Thursday, **January 19th**, at 3:00pm in their small dining room. All are welcome.

### SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **January 25th** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, January 23rd.



### SAVE-THE-DATE

Womens' Retreat, Saturday, **February 4th** (Heit's Point). Come join for a half day with women of all ages and any friends. We'll have sign ups soon. Any questions see Pr. Kim.



### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2023 are available. They are on a table in the link. Please make arrangements to pick your box up at your convenience.



### THRIVENT CHOICE

For information on Choice Dollars visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice".

Donation to date:  
**\$32,025.00**

**thrivent**

A special thank you to those who have already given their Thrivent Dollars to St. Paul's. This month is.....Glenalee Dillon.

### EVANGELISM MOMENT

"Any method of evangelism will work if God is in it."

- Leonard Ravenhill



*Love one another!*







◆ Heavenly Father.....

## NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Shirley Boose  
(mother of Melisa Balke)

Orlyn Brauer

Annie Bright

Gerald Goodson  
(uncle of Melisa Balke)

Adam Gumbel  
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase  
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Mary Haluptzok

Bill Hampton

Rebecca Heimsoth  
(friend of Norma Schlesselman)

Gordon Ives

Jeffery Jones  
(son of Bonnie Bohling)

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

Marvin Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Ronnie Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

Reagan Phillips

Kathy Regekr

Jackie Ross  
(sister of Randy Healan)

Dorothy Schroder  
(friend of Debbie Vaughan)

Kiley Simon  
(friend of Jenna Nash)

Judy Smith

Alex Stevens  
(friend of Tina Ives)

Bill Talbot  
(friend of Connie Gerken)

Kayla Wasson  
(family of Diane Banks)

Family member of the  
Kreises and Browns



*Hear Our Prayers.....*

### **\*Nursing Home\***

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #4*)

Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms #205*)

Irene Viebrock (*Homebound*)

Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #219*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)

Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #310*)





◆ Thank you for your service.....

## MILITARY

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Tuesday 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Wednesday 8:30am - 3:00pm  
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Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm

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## 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 Macy Hagen  
 1/19 Diane Banks  
 1/19 Ronald Eickhoff  
 1/19 Esther Schlesselman  
 1/20 Grady Elliott



1/21 Philip Luetjen  
 1/21 Brooklyn Oelrichs  
 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 Clayton Schlesselman  
 1/28 Brayden 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 Amelia Hiatt  
 1/2 Virgil Holsten  
 1/2 Lydia Rodewald  
 1/3 Kaylan Poe  
 1/4 Florence VonHolten  
 1/9 Torie Gates  
 1/9 Kim Knowle-Zeller  
 1/10 Dale Bauer  
 1/10 Brad Bergeson  
 1/10 Ember Goosen  
 1/10 Jake Jackson  
 1/11 Kaya Sangster  
 1/12 Hunter Anderson  
 1/12 Heidi Daily  
 1/12 Tyler Daily  
 1/12 Jaxen Daily





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## SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

January  
BAPTISMS

1/12 Jacob Daily  
1/13 Ryker Crawford  
1/14 Vickie Fox  
1/14 Milton VonHolten  
1/16 Savanna Goyette  
1/17 Jared Bredehoeft  
1/17 Frank Kreisel  
1/18 Connie Gerken  
1/20 Rachel Wienberg  
1/21 Cooper Loughery

1/22 Cassi Hilton  
1/22 Bryan VonHolten  
1/25 Alisa Schlesselman  
1/25 Taylor Sullivan  
1/26 Tina Ives  
1/28 Tom Oelrichs  
1/29 Greg Bredehoeft  
1/29 Bryan Schlesselman  
1/27 Shirley Cash  
1/31 Cody Broadus

JANUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES



1/9 Mac & Kathy Harms.....35  
1/16 Gale & Shirley Logan .....47  
1/22 Larry & Suzanne Lutjen .....02  
1/31 Larry & Sally Viebrock .....47

### BAPTISMAL GRACE

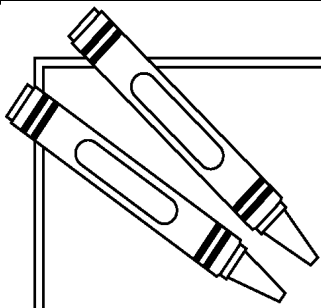
On Friday, December 9th, Leighton Kay Alcorn was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Leighton is the daughter of Dalton and Angela Alcorn and granddaughter of Greg Bredehoeft. Leighton's sponsors are Morgan Berendzen and Randy Schlesselman.



## BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH



# JANUARY ACTIVITY PAGE



**Just for KIDS**

## New Year's Resolutions

Use the code to read some important words to live by.

CODE:

A=1	D=4	H=8	L=12	P=16	T=20	X=24
B=2	E=5	I=9	M=13	Q=17	U=21	Y=25
C=3	F=6	J=10	N=14	R=18	V=22	Z=26
	G=7	K=11	O=15	S=19	W=23	

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Answer: Have no other gods before me. Honor your father and mother. Don't misuse God's name. Keep the Sabbath holy. Learn the Ten Commandments.



*Start your new year by keeping a journal of your life.*

*You will need:*

- a spiral notebook
- contact paper
- permanent marker



*How to make and use your journal:*

- Use the contact paper to cover the front of the notebook.
- Put your name and a name for the journal on the cover.
- Decorate the cover with drawings or stickers.
- Each day (or once a week) write down your thoughts, prayers, poems, dreams and the date. You can also make drawings to go along with your writings.

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

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

Epiphany of our Lord  
Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

Baptism of our Lord  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Saturday, January 22, 2023**

Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

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

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

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**[www.youtube.com/StPaulsColeCamp](http://www.youtube.com/StPaulsColeCamp)**

