

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are on the podium in the Narthex or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

OUR VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

CHRISTMAS BACKDROP / PHOTO BOOTH is still available in the basement corner of the Fellowship Hall if you would like to use for a family photo etc.

THANK YOU to those who donated cookies and came and assembled the cheer plates that circle 3 had put together and handed out to the Willowdale and Golden Horizons.

LWML MITEBOX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024

At the November 2023 meeting of the LWML Executive Board a decision was made about how the LWML Mite box contributions for 2024 would be distributed.

The Executive Board decided to designate the funds from each quarter would go to the National LWML Mission projects and local mission projects in our community. The distribution of each quarter's funds will be one-fourth to the National LWML Missions and three-fourths of each quarter's contributions would go to local missions.

For 2024 the local mission distribution will be as follows:

1st Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Ambulance

2nd Quarter will be supporting the Community Basket

3rd Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Fire Department

4th Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Orphan Grain Train

Your coins will make a difference on the national level as well as in Ida Grove in 2024! Please drop your coins in the large Mite Box located in the Narthex whenever you visit our church!

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE: Sat. 5PM:

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Sunday 9AM:

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/14/24	Worship – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship – High school youth serving pancakes Sunday School & Youth Bible Study in the fellowship hall	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study – The Christmas Story CIA – Catechism Instruction Academy 6th & 8th grades CIA -- 7th grade	7:00AM 9:30AM 5:00-6:00PM 5:45-6:45PM
Thursday	Willowdale More than Bread Bible Study at Subway - Revelation	2:00PM 6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 1/21/24	Worship w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship - Sunday School & Youth Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) - Revelation	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$

Attendance Saturday Eve: 47 Sunday Morning99

REMINDER OF WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES:

WEDNESDAY MORNING AT ZIMMY’S 7:00AM

WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 9:30AM study is The Christmas Story

THURSDAY EVENING - MORE THAN BREAD BIBLE STUDY (at Subway) at 6:00PM the study is Revelation

SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:30-11:15AM – in the fellowship hall and the study will be Revelation

JR HIGH YOUTH will serve Fellowship Coffee next Sunday, January 21, 2024

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . . ⁷The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . . ¹³“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” ¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Roger Frank (Karen Frank) - healing & recovery from fall

Upcoming surgery for Ellen Schable on Tues., Jan. 16

Recovery & healing from knee replacement surgery for Darnelle Knudsen

Continued prayers and/or healing for:

Shirley Havener Jo Palmer Gene & Colleen Knop Corlys Boysen
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff
Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann
Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Lody Smith Erin DeBoer
Diane Olsen Sue Bubba Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg

January Birthdays this week:

Jan. 10 Daniel German
Jan. 11 Malia Lansink Karen Petersen
Jan. 12 Charlie Miller West
Jan. 13 LuAnn Smith
Jan. 15 Amber Benner Judy Schimmer
Jan. 16 Coleen Russell
Jan. 17 Nathan Arbegast Allyson Iversen Beth Wolterman
Jan. 18 Joan Petersen Chance Buns
Jan. 21 Aaron Hoffman Evelyn Miesner

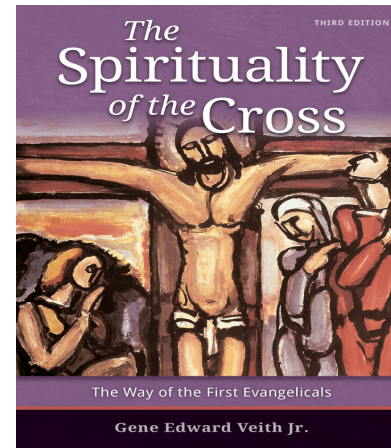
January Anniversaries

Jan. 21 Jim & Cindy Hausman 46 years

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for January: Baking items: flour, sugar, baking soda/powder, brown sugar, cake mixes/frosting, etc. place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. *All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations.* The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM.

The mobile food pantry will be on January 18, at the United Methodist Church, Ida Grove from 4:30-5:30PM.

If you're able to help, with filling a box or carrying a box, it would be appreciated, The Methodist Church has also specifically asked if our youth would be able to help as well 3:15PM is when they asked for our volunteers to be there.



Spirituality: the lived, vital, personal dimension of Christianity. The topic of spirituality in Christianity is muddled with mysticism rather than the mysteries of Christ: the Sacraments and His resurrection. With the rise of people identifying as "spiritual but not religious" and moving away from "institutional" religion, this book offers a bridge to bring people to Christ. More importantly, *Spirituality of*

the Cross brings people to Lutheranism and its teachings of the cross and Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. Gene Veith has guided thousands to Christianity through this best-selling CPH book, and the revised third edition will help you in learning about the faith. In this edition, Veith digs into a new topic called Christology in the Lutheran faith, along with updating much of the language and examples to reflect contemporary issues. Finally, some additional material adapted from *Authentic Christianity* is now in the pages to speak to a more modern audience. *Spirituality of the Cross* also offers an updated list of resources to help further your understanding of Lutheran spirituality. This list covers many different topics within Lutheranism to help make it easy for you to find where to go next to grow. Topics covered: Justification, Means of Grace, Theology of the Cross, Christology, Vocation, Living in Two Kingdoms, and Worshiping God. Also available on Audible and Kindle