

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Septuagesima

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.*

THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone for the generous cards and gifts during this Christmas season. It is much appreciated. God's blessings to you in 2024 and beyond. In Christ, Pastor Neil.

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!

OABCIG DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PANCAKE BRUNCH, Sunday, January 28 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM at the Odebolt Community Center. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee, juice, milk. Free will donation

BATTLE CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB SOUP LUNCHEON, Sunday, January 28 from 11:00AM-1:00PM (snow date Sunday, February 4) at Battle Creek Community Building. \$8 per person, kids 4 and under free. See poster for more info

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Sat. 5PM: Will

ACOLYTE: Sunday 9AM: Breanne

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/21/24	Worship – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School & Youth VOTERS' CALL MEETING – fellowship hall	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30AM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy's Bible Study – Lent, A Liturgical Journey CIA – Catechism Instruction Academy 6th & 8th grades CIA -- 7th grade	7:00AM 9:30AM 5:00-6:00PM 5:45-6:45PM
Thursday	More than Bread Bible Study at Subway - Revelation	6:00PM
Saturday	Worship Service w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 2/4/24	Worship – w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship - Sr High Youth will serve 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:32 Sunday Morning: 111

VOTERS' CALL MEETING will be Sunday, January 28 at 10:30AM in the fellowship hall, please see enclosed insert for more information.

REMINDER OF WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES:

WEDNESDAY MORNING AT ZIMMY'S 7:00AM

WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 9:30AM study – Lent, A Liturgical Journey

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

SOUP FUNDRAISER for Michael Messenbrink & Jennifer Elder and their family who lost their house in a fire this past week. Fundraiser will be Sunday, February 4 from 11am-2pm at the Arthur Community Center. Serving soup, sandwiches & desserts. Free will offering. See poster for clothing sizes.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."



SEPTUAGESIMA

WEEK OF SEPTUAGESIMA The word Septuagesima comes from the Latin word for "seventieth." It is named this because it is the Sunday approximately 70 days from Easter.

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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Continued prayers for healing and recovery to Roger Frank, Ellen Schable & Darnelle Knudsen

Prayers for Ashley Collins

Prayers for Ivy Claussen, niece of Sandy Schreiber

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 Bubbs Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg Trisha McCormick

January Birthdays this week:

Jan.25 Mary Bennett

Jan.26 Brynn Ernst

Jan.27 Marilyn Dose Keith Hausman

Jan.28 Creighton Cadwell Anna Hoffman Ella Hoffman
Julie Kollbaum

Feb 1 Aubree Frank Kent Krager Kenny Streck
Aubree Zimmerman

Feb 2 Sherry (Nelson) Smith

Feb 3 Dylan Malone Kylie Petersen

Feb.4 Misti Baker Cindy Hausman

January Anniversaries

Jan. 21 Jim & Cindy Hausman 46 years

Jan. 24 Dale & Sandy Ullrich

Jan 27 Jon & Robyn Devitt

Jan.31 Bret & Linda Warnke

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.

THANK YOU to the youth that helped with the mobile food pantry! Your help was appreciated, especially on a cold & snowy day. FEBRUARY: laundry/kitchen items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, etc.,

Voters' Call Meeting

is scheduled for **10:30am this Sunday, 1-28-2024** in the fellowship hall.

We will be voting to extend a call for our sole pastor.

Elder received and reviewed the list of candidates provided by President Turner. (see list below)

Pastor Benjamin Dose – Arcadia, IA

Pastor Aaron Hauser – Allenton, WI

Pastor Donald Petersen III – Lake View, IA

Pastor Philip Robarge – Chicago, IL

Pastor Nicholas Thackery – Fort Dodge, IA

Pastor Neil Wehmas – Ida Grove, IA (nominated by 27 members of the congregation)

After prayerful consideration, the Elders are bringing the following 3 pastor's names for consideration at the voters' meeting.

Pastor Benjamin Dose – Arcadia, IA

Pastor Nicholas Thackery – Fort Dodge, IA

Pastor Neil Wehmas – Ida Grove, IA

Please plan on attending to help our congregation call our sole pastor.

Copies of each of the Pastor's Profile, Pastor's Information Form (PIF), and Self-Evaluation Tool for Pastors (SET) are available for review in the church office.

Worship Service for Sunday, January 28, 2024

Invocation

Opening Sentences (Pastor Only)

Confession and Absolution

Song **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

The Great Litany

Prayer

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95 - read responsively by half verse *Psalms 95:1-9*

Offering

Song (sung during offering)

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

Children's Message

Song **Jesus Messiah**

Apostles' Creed

Sermon

Sermon Text Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Song **10,000 Reasons**

Worship Service for Sat. Jan. 27, 2024

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Hymn By Grace I'm Saved LSB 566 v. 1, 3, 5-6
Invocation p. 151

Service of the Word

Introit read responsively by half verse

Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5-6a

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

For you save a humble | people,*

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

[You have] equipped | me with strength*

and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*

and sing | to your name.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Hymn Salvation Unto Us Has Come LSB 555 v. 1-5

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Gradual responsively read by half verse

The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*

a stronghold in times of | trouble.

And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O LORD!*

Let not | man prevail.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

Tract

Out | of the depths*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | givenness,*

that you | may be feared.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Hymn Salvation Unto Us Has Come LSB 555 v. 6-10

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord

Congregation response: Lord, have mercy

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing LSB 924