

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 7 & 8, 2023

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. Please give to an usher.**

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.*

NURSERY or CRY ROOM are available. Please ask an usher for directions.

LARGE PRINT SERVICES are available on the Welcome Center in the narthex.

Acolytes: Saturday, January 7: Jenna and Sunday, January 8:

OFFERING we have started using the offering plates, we will appreciate your help of being an usher as we transition back to using the Offering Plates.

OFFERING ENVELOPES if you were wanting offering envelopes and did not see them in the boxes by the door please let the church office know. You also may choose

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP HAS A NEW TIME STARTING JANUARY 7, 2023, will be at 5:00PM through the winter until Easter. We will evaluate as it gets closer to Easter if we want to leave at 5:00PM or change back.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will begin on **Sunday, January 8th from 6:00-7:30PM**, if you are interested please let Pastor Wehmas know, his email is pastorwehmas@gmail.com or the church office know

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK “SNACK TIME” we would like to transition this into a small meal / simple supper for the kids vs. just snack, by doing a simple meal like hot dogs and chips, taverns, mac and cheese, taco in a bag, ordering pizza, etc., we are also open to suggestions of simple meals if you have them please include on the clip board available in the narthex. If you would like to provide items a list is available, provide pizza for a certain week that option is available too and the option for some of you is just monetarily donating and a bucket is available for that option as well. One other thing is if you are willing to come and help serve and clean up (probably a 30-45 minutes) please indicate that as well on the sign up sheet and / or if your willing to provide a meal (example taverns and chips, etc.) If you have any questions contact the church office. We have 5 or 6 Wednesdays before Ash Wednesday to cover, so we appreciate any help.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/8/23	Worship – Life Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School grades 4yr old preschool-12th grades Adult Bible Class New Member Class with Pastor Neil	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 6:00-7:30PM
Monday	Bells	6:30AM
Tuesday	Church Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy's Bible Class – studying the Catechism Midweek (grades 3rd -6th and 7th/8th grade Confirmation)	7:00AM 9:30AM 5:30PM 5:45-6:45PM
Thursday	More than Bread Bible Study (at Subway)	6:00PM
Saturday 1/14/23	Worship Service w/Communion *NOTE TIME CHANGE	5:00PM
Sunday 1/15/23	Worship w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee & Fellowship Sunday School grades 4year old preschool-12th grades Adult Bible Class New Member Class with Pastor Neil	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 6:00-7:30PM

Offering this week \$ Attendance: New Year's Eve: 47 New Year's Day: 60

AS WE GATHER The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God's judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him. As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be “alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11).

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY, Kyla Arbegast, Colton Delong, Kylee Mrozek, Alayna Swanger, Levi Swanger, Luke Swanger.

MILITARY BIBLESTICK – VISION 2033 THANK YOU to all those that donated towards the Bible Stick program we were blessed to bring in \$5,425.00, again, thank you for your donations

THE TREE OF LIFE: God's Promise of Salvation in the second half of The Tree of Life, we will focus on Jesus' coming as our Savior. We will look at His birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and His promise to return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead. By the end of these ten weeks, you will be refreshed with the Bible's overarching theme and storyline, equipped with the tools for unlocking the full riches of each page of Holy Scripture.

JANUARY CALENDAR CORRECTION – LWML Bible Study leaders is only on January 16 at 4:00PM not both the 16th and the 23rd sorry for the confusion.

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Birthday wishes to Willy Edsen on Saturday, Jan. 7
50th Anniversary Jim & Judy Lichtenberg, Jan. 6

Continued prayers and/or healing for:

Clarissa "Boots" Schumann Jack Ausborn Jo Palmer Dorla Schuett
Kenny Thornhill Stan Chisholm Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell
Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff Weston Burger Jolene Peffer
Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Alicia Burgus Jim Wilcox
Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Brandi Crawford Toni Jepsen
Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Roxy Railsback Melanie Meyer

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS For January: Baking items: flour, cane sugar, cake mixes, baking soda/powder, brown sugar. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the hallway by church office. 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 at the United Methodist church, Ida Grove on **January 19th, from 4:30-5:30PM.**

PROMISED REST, a Women's Bible Study by Michelle Diercks, we will be meeting again on **Monday, January 9 at 6:30PM** in the Conference room downstairs, if you are interested in joining us. We plan to meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month

LWML LADIES HAVE BOXES OF CARDS FOR SALE in the old Conference Room (across from the church office), prices are on the boxes.

USHERS please check out the sign up sheet for regular weekend services.

ST. PAUL LWML will be having a General meeting **on January 19** at 4:00PM and you may ask what is a General meeting you ask? Well that is the "formal name" for our meeting in January but we invite you (open to anyone) to come and enjoy soup and listen to our co-president Nancy Schoen, tell us about her adventure this past summer helping teach Vacation Bible School at a couple different churches in Alaska

Iowa West Branch of **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**, Ida Grove, is scheduled to load a container to be shipped to the Red Cross, Latvia, next Thursday, January 12th starting around 9 AM. As always, we appreciate all the volunteers that can help with this. Sharon Ann Irwin, Branch Manager, jerryirwin2@gmail.com 712-660-1380.



**Saturday Evening Worship at
5:00PM
through the winter months, will evaluate**

