



# The Messenger

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany ~ February 20, 2022

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday February 20, 9:30 am  
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Wednesday February 23, 6:30 pm  
Seventh Week after the Epiphany

Sunday February 27, 9:30 am  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Bible Study Opportunities

### BEFORE Sunday Divine Service we offer:

8:30 am -- Rev. Dr. James Bushur continues his study on "The History & Theology of the Nicene Creed". The class will consider some of the chief theological conflicts that surrounded the confession of the Nicene Creed as they related to the life of the church. Meet in the Nerger Room.

### AFTER Sunday Divine Service we offer:

10:45 am -- Children's Sunday School, ages 2 through high school youth, will meet in the Nerger Room before departing to their classrooms.

10:45 am -- Pastor Cage continues the study of the "End Times" ("Eschatology" -- the study of "Last Things") amid Christ's reign even now. Meet in the Nerger Room.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Rev Dr. Geoffrey Robinson leads our Wednesday morning Bible study on the book of Psalms. Join us every Wednesday at 7 am at the Indiana District Office across the street.

### Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Pastor Cage continues the study on Zechariah. Meet in the Nerger Room at 2pm.

## Our Giving For February 13

Budget Envelopes	\$19,763.88
Concordia High School	\$50.00
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$24.75
Plate Offerings	\$263.66
Initial Envelopes	\$10.00
School Income	\$1,794.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,896.95</b>
Organ	\$150.00
Enhancing Our Heritage	\$58.09
<b>Total of all Donations</b>	<b>\$22,105.04</b>

## Attendance For February 13

<b>Sunday, February 13 ~ 9:30 am</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 16 ~ 6:30 pm</b>	<b>10</b>

## Serving This Week and Next

### **Sunday, February 20 ~**

**Altar Guild:** *Kris Hall and Kara Mezger*

**Elder:** *Sam Lind*

**Ushers:** *Rob Dillman, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Adam Seeger, Dan Wietfeldt, Josh Vandre, Dean Trainer*

### **Sunday, February 27 ~**

**Altar Guild:** *Kris Hall and Kara Mezger*

**Elder:** *Drew Matz*

**Ushers:** *Dave Geller, David Kruse, Dan Kramer, Dean Trainer, Russ Harges, Jack Hall, Robert Kruse, Nate Stuck, Sam Lind*

## Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

## Altar Flowers

Please consider ordering Altar/Chancel flowers in February and throughout the year. Instructions for ordering are on the Altar Guild book located on the counter in the hallway near the elevator. Please call Lynn Wehrenberg at 260-755-8532 if you have any questions.

## Announcements:

### Youth Meet and Eat - Today!

Immediately after Bible study (11:30), we'll be in the youth loft for a yummy lunch and to get information about options for this summer's Higher Things youth conferences. Then, anyone who wants to go ice skating will head to Headwaters Park. Lunch is free and we'll pay for the skating!

### Organ Renovation Project Update

Thank you to all who have made a contribution to the organ renovation project. The exceedingly generous response from St. Paul's has been amazing, and as of this week we have already received over \$50,000 in donations. Several thousand more dollars are pledged by some additional donors, which means we need about \$10,000 more to reach our goal. We're not quite there yet, but we're getting very close! If you have not yet made a contribution and would like to, you may direct your donation to the church office or place it directly in the offering plate. Thank you again for being part of this exciting part of our life together at St. Paul's.

### Indiana District LCMS - Lutherans For Life Essay Contest

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, e.g., confirmation class or youth group, when validated by a pastor or teacher, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school, when validated by their Lutheran pastor. There are two categories: Students in grades 6-8 and students in grades 9-12. **Contest guidelines:** Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Blessed For Life** with the Bible verse: "... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2. (Consider being blessed with the gift of life, blessed by God for one's entire life or blessed to be a blessing to others.) All entries must be submitted by April 1, 2022. For more information on the rules, the rubric for the essay, the awards, or for resources, go to: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org).

### SCRIP Sales

We will be selling SCRIP immediately following the service from 10:30am-11am in the SCRIP room located in the hallway next to the restrooms. The SCRIP office is also open on Wednesdays from 9am-10am.

### Sign Up for Flocknote!

Get connected and stay informed to what's happening at St. Paul's by signing up for our email communication system called Flocknote. To sign up text SPLC to 84576 or sign up online at the following address: [stpaulslutheranchurch.flocknote.com](http://stpaulslutheranchurch.flocknote.com).

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy and conditions at [flocknote.com/txt](http://flocknote.com/txt). If you have any questions, please call the church office and we will help you get signed up!

### Seminary Food Co-op ~ February Needs

During December and early January, St. Paul's members did an outstanding job supporting the Seminary Food Co-op. Let's keep up the good work and focus on donating soup and crackers for the cold winter months. Any and all varieties of soup, either canned or dry mixes. Any varieties of boxed crackers, including graham or gold fish would be appreciated. They would also happily accept paper towel, toilet paper, and any non-perishable food items you savvy bargain shoppers may find. Be generous and willing to share! What better way to practice this than to share/help/care for our seminary students and their families. Please remember the Concordia Theological Seminary's Food Co-op as they work to ease the difficult financial task of managing money for these families who have given up much to prepare for God's service. Our Food Co-op donation cart is located near the elevator/church office hallway. Let's fill the cart to overflowing once again! Be creative - Be generous - Have fun

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### **February 24th - St. Paul's Night at Panera Bread**

WHAT: St. Paul's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade D.C. FUNDRAISER!

WHEN: **Thursday, February 24th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Panera Bread, 526 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne

WHY: Panera Bread is generously donating 20% of sales (**with flyer**) to St. Paul's to go towards the D.C. class trip.

#### **MUST SHOW THE FLYER TO QUALIFY**

Enjoy an afterschool snack, dinner out with the family, or order ahead and carry out! Tell your friends!

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's!

**\*Online orders use code PRFUND.**

**\*In person orders MUST show the attached flyer (paper flyer or digital accepted).**

#### **March 12th - Fish and Tenderloin Fry**

We are happy to announce the Fish and Tenderloin Fry is back after a three year absence! This tasty event will take place on Saturday, March 12th from 4pm-7pm in the school gym. Tickets are on sale now at the school office, or at the church office before and after the Sunday Divine Service. Please see the attached flyer for more details about how to sign up to volunteer, ticket prices, dessert donations and more!

#### **April 23rd - St. Paul's Annual Spring Auction**

Join us on April 23, 2022 at the USF Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street, Fort Wayne at 5:00 pm for the Annual Spring Auction! Tickets are \$50/person or \$90/couple. Donations are needed as we begin to prepare for this fun event! To make a donation or to purchase tickets, please contact Jamie Landmeier at 260 -241-6655 or [jlandmeier123@yahoo.com](mailto:jlandmeier123@yahoo.com).

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7am Bible Study IN District 8:45am School Chapel 9-10am SCRIP Sales 2pm Bible Study Nerger Rm 6:30pm Divine Service	3	4	5 5pm YAMS
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13 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Divine Service <b>Voter's Meeting Today after the Divine Service with SCRIP Sales following the meeting!</b>	14 5:30-7:30pm St. Paul's Family Fun Night at Roller Dome North	15	16 7am Bible Study IN District 8:45am School Chapel 9-10am SCRIP Sales 2pm Bible Study Nerger Rm 6:30pm Divine Service	17 7pm Board of Elementary Education Meeting	18	19
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# PRAY

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## **St. Paul's students and their families**

† *Ella, Noah, Kamia, Kamri, Myelle, Micah, Vivien*

## **Comfort, Health, Recovery:**

† *Thomas Hoem*

† *Marilyn Schultz*

† *Rev. Soren S. Urberg*

† *Mark Vandre*

† *Tim Wheaton*

## **Ongoing Chronic Concerns:**

† *Harris Beck*

† *Irma Beebe*

† *Doug Doehrmann*

† *Rev. John Hamer*

† *Lonni Helmchen*

† *John Huitt*

† *Lorraine Huitt*

† *Juanita Jefferson*

† *Karen Johnson*

† *Dennis Jordan*

† *Marie Kelley*

† *Jodi Kreiger*

† *Barbara Nelson*

† *Ron Rastl*

† *Janice Schmidt*

† *Andrew Scholes*

† *Fred Scott*

† *Sam Suarez*

† *Gladys Teekaram*

† *Tom West*

† *Sharon Williams*

## **Our Homebound Members:**

† *Neva Aldridge*

† *Joan Badders*

† *Marilyn Berning*

† *Helen Busche*

† *Myra Carrier*

† *Mary Anne Cordes*

† *Elinor Doenges*

† *Buzz Doerffler*

## **Our Homebound Members: (con't)**

† *Betty Elliott*

† *Phoebe Fett*

† *Rodney Hall*

† *Marlowe & Carol Hecht*

† *Ruth Herb*

† *Leah Maier*

† *Beverly Maxfield*

† *Lois Meyer*

† *Richard & Mary Mundt*

† *Steve Pollock*

† *Leona Puff*

† *Judith Rekeweg*

† *Walter Schroeder*

† *Wanda Schweyer*

† *Ralph Sielaff*

† *Dorothy Taylor*

† *Eileen Weber*

† *Mary Weick*

† *Anna Witte*

## **Serving in the Armed Forces:**

† *KiVuan Edwards*

† *Cierra Germann*

† *Brian Hamer*

† *Zachary Harmeyer*

† *Jarrell Harris*

† *Jasmine Jackson*

† *Austin Kerr*

† *Courtney Linnemeier*

† *Jamara Moore*

† *Brandon Screeton*

† *John Sheaffer Jr.*

† *Ryan Sheaffer*

† *Brandon Skalicky*

† *Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Personnel,  
& Healthcare Professionals.*

\* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310



## Dear St. Paul's Members,

Thank you so much for your support of our school through your support of the 7th and 8th grade and our educational experiences. With your help through donations, as well as through the Chick-Fil-A Day and the Nelson's Chicken sales, we were able to take a fantastic educational trip from last Wednesday to Friday. We were able to go to the Underground Railroad Freedom Center, The Creation Museum, the Ark (and stay overnight on the ark!), the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace, Corydon Indiana our first state capitol, Marengo Cave, and to the Levi Coffin Home Underground Railroad stop. We took a charter bus and had one night in a hotel as well. Thank you for your continued support. You helped make this possible! Take a look at some of the pictures below!

