



The Messenger

Third Sunday after the Epiphany ~ January 21, 2024

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, January 21, 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, January 24, 8:45 a.m. *Matins*

Bible Study Opportunities

Early Bible Study—Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

PRAYER as CONVERSATION: Prayer is a conversation God starts in His Holy Word. How is it that we both speak AND listen to God in prayer and meditation on His Word? Join Dr. Peperkorn in the Nerger room to learn more through January.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Youth ages 2 through high school meet in the Nerger room before heading off to your classrooms.

Adult Bible Study—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Cage takes up the LORD's promises. God's Word is *filled* with them—Mary's *Magnificat*—but all of them fulfilled in Christ and made our own as the LORD does what He says He will do.

Adult Instruction—Lutheranism 101

Pastor Hoem is leading this Adult Instruction class about what it means to be Lutheran, join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Founders room.

Women's Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

"Women of the Bible" continues on Monday, January 22nd. Join Pastor and Kristin Hoem as we look at how God used Esther to save her people from destruction. What a great opportunity to be encouraged by other women—bring your friends.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Cage in the Nerger Room for the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study-7:00 a.m.

Men, start your day in God's Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet in the church library—donuts provided.

Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

TODAY IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

We welcome Brayden Allen Jancso, son of Justin and Mary Jancso, to the waters of holy baptism. His witness is Rachel Jancso. We give thanks to our merciful Lord that He continues to bless His church on earth.

Our Giving For January 14

Budget Envelopes	\$21,398.12
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$29.73
Plate Offerings	\$233.11
Seasonal Envelopes	\$60.00
Initial Envelopes	\$171.70
School Income	\$458.25
Total Income	\$22,290.91
Livestreaming	\$48.21
Gathering In Christ	\$11,034.31
Total of All Donations	\$33,373.43

Attendance for Last Week

Sunday, January 14 ~ 9:30 a.m. 208

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, January 21 ~

Altar Guild: *Margo Ernst and Raquel Geller*

Elder: *Trent Towne*

Ushers: *Dan Wietfeldt, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Adam Seeger, Barry Mezger, David Vandre, Josh Vandre*

Sunday, January 28 ~

Altar Guild: *Sally Rish and Diana Hunter*

Elder: *Larry Koelper*

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

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Heniser family, in honor of the 54th wedding anniversary of Robert and Janice Heniser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

National Lutheran Schools Week

Sunday starts our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration! The theme for the week is “Connected” and we want to connect with you! Please join us for any of our special events throughout the week:

*Monday, Jan. 22 at 11:00 a.m.—Special Indiana Pacers Assembly in the school gymnasium.

*Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 8:45 a.m.—Special chapel service in the sanctuary followed by refreshments with the students in the Nerger Room.

*Thursday, Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m.—Soaring Hawks Assembly in the school gymnasium.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the activities and projects the kids will be working on throughout the week, please contact Andrea Machemer at andrea.machemer83@gmail.com.

Teacher Openings for 2024-2025 School Year

St. Paul's is accepting names for lower grade teacher openings for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a name and contact information to share, please call the school office at 424-0049 or email our principal Andy Whirrett at awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org.

St. Paul's Supper Club

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Come when you can.

January 24—Don Hall's Prime Rib (SCRIP)
(2005 E State Blvd)

January 31—Wu's Chinese Cuisine
(4411 Coldwater Rd)

February 7—Cracker Barrel (SCRIP)
(1609 W Washington Center Rd)

Please call the church office (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations.

“Foundational Friendships” Sock Collection

Our group of 6th and 7th grade peer mentoring students are collecting MEN's socks for the Rescue Mission through January. Please support this service project by donating a pair (or two) of MEN's socks. A donation box is located in the lobby outside of the main church office.

Northeast Indiana March For Life

The Rally is on Saturday, January 27th at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN, at 12pm. Doors open at 11:30am and The March will start after the Rally.

Two Important Voters' Assemblies

Please plan to attend a special Voters' Meeting on **February 11th**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a Council resolution to proceed with short-term financing for the Heritage Hall renovation project. We will also hear an update regarding the status of the Gathering in Christ fundraising campaign, a brief review of the finalized construction drawings, which incorporate many of the FAQ's raised by the congregation, as well as an update regarding the anticipated construction schedule. Looking ahead, be sure to attend our regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting on **February 25th**. In addition to our usual business items, we will discuss a recommendation from the Board of Elders, regarding the Sunday service schedule. This recommendation takes into consideration the results of the recent congregational survey regarding one or two services. You are encouraged to attend to make your voice heard.

Altar/Chancel Flowers for 2024

Altar flowers are available for February 4th, 11th, 25th, and throughout 2024. Please sign up on the date of your choice in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one. Instructions for ordering are on the Altar Guild book located on the counter in the hallway near the elevator. Questions? Please call Lynn Wehrenberg at 260-755-8532.

CTSFW Food Co-Op

For the month of January, the focus is on breakfast foods, such as cereal, oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, hot chocolate, juice, muffin or pancake mix, syrup, coffee, and tea. Any non-perishable food and household items are welcome. Please consider donating to the Seminary's Food Co-Op to help ease the financial burden of Seminary families. Please drop off your donations on the cart located near the elevator.

January 21—Epiphany 3

The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual's status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. May we likewise direct gazes beyond abortion's and assisted suicide's shortsightedness (1 Cor. 7:30-31).

January 2024

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	1 <u>New Year's Day</u> Church Office—CLOSED	2	3 9-10am - SCRIP Sales	4 7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library 9am - Bible Study IN District Office	5 Higher Things Youth Retreat	6 <u>Epiphany</u> Higher Things Youth Retreat 2pm - Epiphany Divine Service
7 8:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School	8 4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's	9	10 8:45am - School Chapel 9-10am - SCRIP Sales 2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm	11 7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library 9am - Bible Study IN District Office 5:30—Elders Mtg 7pm—Council Mtg	12 J. Neil Reincke JV Boys Basketball Tournament	13 J. Neil Reincke JV Boys Basketball Tournament
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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

St. Paul's Students & Their Families:

† Benjamin, Callie, Lucas, Olivia

Baptismal Life:

† For Brayden Allen Jancso, son of Justin and Mary Jancso, baptized today.

Thanksgiving:

† For Robert and Janice Heniser in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Gathering In Christ:

† Move our hearts and minds to find innovative ways to participate in the "Gathering In Christ" campaign.

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† Susan Balsamo-Furniss	† Ron Rastl
† Harris Beck	† Andrew Scholes
† Ferral Boudinier	† Janice Schmidt
† Terrance Boudinier	† Wanda Schweyer
† Steve Hackman	† Fred Scott
† Amy Hamer	† Amanda Seeger
† Dennis Harmeyer	† Gretchen Seilaff
† Lonni Helmchen	† Rev. Ralph Seilaff
† Antonio Hoem	† Sam Suarez
† Thomas Hoem	† Denise Trentadue
† John Huitt	† Tim & Betty Wheaton
† Roy Huitt	† Ron & Sharon Williams
† Ruth Huitt	
† Diana Hunter	
† Juanita Jefferson	
† Karen Johnson	
† Mark Knoblauch	
† Kelly Kochensparger	
† Jodi Kreiger	
† Dan Kruse	
† Jan Leffel	
† Martin Lewis	
† John Mader	
† James Maier	
† Joan Messmann	
† Florence Mitchell	
† Carolyn Moore	
† Mary Mundt	
† Larry & Louela Murphy	
† Barbara Nelson	
† Sara Nordling	
† Stephen Pollock	

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Bob Demaree
† Carolyn Falkenstern
† Tom Ludwig
† Annette Quill

Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge
† Joan Badders
† Marilyn Berning
† Myra Carrier
† Mary Ann Cordes
† Phoebe Fett
† Rodney Hall
† Leah Maier
† Lois Meyer
† Ernestine Morrison
† Esther Pinnow
† Leona Puff
† Carolyn Reincke
† Walter Schroeder
† Dorothy Taylor
† Mary Weick

Serving in the Armed Forces:

† Abigail Dunno
† KiVuan Edwards
† Cierra Germann
† Brian Hamer
† Zachary Harmeyer
† Jarrell Harris
† Jasmine Jackson
† Austin Kerr
† Courtney Linnemeier
† Sharia Macon
† Jamara Moore
† Josh Schiff
† Brandon Screeton
† John Sheaffer Jr.
† Ryan Sheaffer
† Brandon Skalicky

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

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