



The Messenger

The Baptism of Our Lord ~ January 12, 2025

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

1126 S. Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 260-423-2496

www.stpaulsfw.org

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.

“It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.” Join us for Bible class, coffee, donuts, and fellowship immediately following the service as Pastor Hoem leads us on what it means to “wait silently” as we orbit our life around Jesus. Meet in the school cafeteria. Please use the entrance at the playground where there is access to the elevator.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Parents bring your children to the school cafeteria for refreshments and the Opening. Teachers will take them to their classes from there. Sunday School and Bible study will end at 11:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study—Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Please join Pastor and Kristin Hoem at their house on January 13 as we start a new Bible study looking at the book of Genesis. We will explore how creation reveals that our deepest roots are exposed in Genesis, and how they are fundamental in our relationships with each other and with God. If you have not attended before, we welcome you to join us as we begin the new year in God’s word. Call the church office for more details.

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

Join us for midweek Bible Study with the “Life of David” (from I and II Samuel) and the line that God draws to David’s “greater Son” and LORD, Jesus the Christ. Meet on the first floor of the Indiana District Office, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Cage.

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 with Pastor Cage on the first floor of the Indiana District Office.

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

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

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, January 12, 9:30 a.m. Divine Service

The Baptism of Our Lord

Wednesday, January 15, 8:45 a.m. Matins

St. Paul’s Choir On Worship Anew

Our Choristers will be featured on February 2nd.

Performances will be broadcast on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on EPTA 21.2 (NBC). Or, access all their performances anytime by going to the archives on the Worship Anew website at <https://worshipanew.org/>.

Our Giving For January 5

Budget Envelopes	\$17,323.52
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$369.93
Plate Offerings	\$318.00
Seasonal Envelopes	\$385.00
Initial Envelopes	\$403.00
School Income	\$1,440.00
Total Income	\$20,239.45
PEF/Student Assistance	\$100.00
Gathering In Christ	\$13,532.48
Total of All Donations	\$33,871.93

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 5 ~ 9:30 a.m. 239

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, January 12~

Altar Guild: Lynn Wehrenberg and Kara Mezger

Elder: Dan Wietfeldt

Ushers: Craig Linnemeier, Tony Lardy dell, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk, Mike Hawk, Tim Hawk

Sunday, January 19 ~

Altar Guild: Kathy Morse and Renee Wiley

Elder: Michael Mabee

Ushers: Dan Wietfeldt, David Vandre, Josh Vandre, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Ken Baker, Lindani Baker, Barry Mezger

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Heidi Swiss, in memory of Beverly Linnemeier.

Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Paul's Supper Club-5:30 p.m. Wednesday January 15—Salvatori's (717 W. Washington Cntr) Call the church (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations.

Golden Heirs

The Golden Heirs (age 55 and older) will meet for lunch on January 23 at 11:30 a.m. at Salvatori's on 10337 Illinois Rd. **Please RSVP by January 15 to Carole at radcar1969@comcast.net or 483-0650.**

YAMS (Young Adults Married & Single)

Young adults, please join us for lunch on Sunday, January 19 at noon at Casa Ristorante (7545 W. Jefferson Blvd). It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow members your own age! **RSVP by January 16 to Emily Johnson at 260-610-2802.**

Friendly Reminder

Just a reminder that as you pass through to use the restrooms, please do not enter the construction area. Heritage Hall is still an active construction zone, even on Sundays. Our agreement with CME Construction is that we will not trespass for liability purposes. We don't want the project to be delayed because something got broken or someone got injured, so please do not go into the blocked off areas. Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Paul's Annual School Auction

Tickets are now available for our annual school auction! Join us at Baker Street Station on Saturday, February 8, at 5 p.m. for a wonderful time supporting our school. Dinner and drinks are included for the evening, as well as the opportunity to bid on many wonderful silent and live auction items. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased before or after church on Sunday. Tickets may also be purchased anytime from the school office. We are excited to announce that we will be doing online bidding this year so you are able to bid quickly and easily from your cell phone. Can't make the event? Purchase an online bidding ticket for only \$25 and bid from home! All tickets must be purchased by January 27. Thank you for your ongoing support for our school, and we hope to see you at the auction!

Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute 2025

Don't miss this year's Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute. Four stimulating courses are open to the public on the Tuesday evenings of January 28, February 4, 11, and 18, from 7:00-9:15 p.m. at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, 11565 US HWY 27, Decatur, Indiana. The cost is \$10 per adult, per course. Free for college, high school, and elementary students. Please bring your own Bible. Participants are encouraged to pre-enroll with their parish representative. For more information, brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

A beautiful event is taking place among Ft. Wayne Lutherans in January. Congregations and individuals are joining with the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society for a special offering in support of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church during these difficult times. The goal is to raise \$120,000 to help support Pastoral care, operational needs, and a *Save the Seminary* fund to keep the seminary operating for generations to come. To maximize our efforts, an anonymous member of this congregation has offered to match our gifts up to \$10,000. Imagine how encouraging this will be to other individuals and congregations. We'll take a free will offering after church on January 12 (envelopes will be available). **Please make checks payable to: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.** Please see Dr. Tim Quill for additional details.

St. Peter's Dedication Recital & Hymn Fest

St. Peter's Lutheran Church (7710 E. State Blvd) will host this event on January 12 at 3:00 p.m., to celebrate the refurbishment of their pipe organ. All are invited.

Right to Life of NE Indiana

On January 18, Right to Life of NE Indiana will hold the March for Life. The pre-march rally will take place at Tincaps Stadium, 1301 Ewing St. Doors open at 12 p.m., the rally will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the March will start after the rally.

Teacher Openings for 2025-2026

St. Paul's Lutheran School is now accepting teacher candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking for 4th grade and 6th grade homeroom and English/Literature teachers. Interested candidates may contact Principal Andy Whirrett at 260-424-0049 or awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org.

Order Altar/Chancel Flowers

The order book, located on the glass case in the narthex, has the following dates available to reserve flowers: February 2, 23, and throughout 2025. Reserve a specific date in honor or in memory of a special person or event. Payment of \$40.00 is due when you reserve a date. Please make your check out to St. Paul's Altar Guild and include the date that you reserved on your check. You may put your payment in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 1126 S. Barr St. **Please mark your envelope specifically for Altar Guild Flowers.** Pick up your flowers after the service or they will be delivered to our shut-ins. Thank you!

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing: "You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Installation of Officers

We welcome all new and returning officers, elders, and committee members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for Year 2025. Please join us for worship and welcome these individuals who are giving of their time and talents to St. Paul's.

Church Council

Chairman: Mike Hawk
Vice-Chairman: Daniel Ernst
Secretary: Gail Ludvigson
Treasurer: Carrie Gutman
Financial Secretary:
Ralph Schmidt
Stewardship Chairman:
Paul Grime

Property Trustees

Jack Hall
David Rish
David Geller

Fund Trustees

James Scheele
John Mader
David Hawk

Almoner

Daniel Kramer

District Elders

James Goodwin
Tim Mannigel
Ethan Ernst
Samuel Lind
Jon Keck
Trent Towne
Larry Koelper
Paul Kroenke
Dan Wietfeldt
Michael Mabee

Board of Finance

Craig Linnemeier
Michael Mabee
Gloria Nash
Chairman: Ralph Schmidt

Board Of Stewardship

Davis Dean
Stewardship Chairman:
Paul Grime

Board of Elementary Education

Charles Gieschen
David Vandre
Jill Clem
Cassie Lind
Carrie Kroenke
Andrea Machemer

Board of Evangelism

Carl Fickenscher
Claire Fickenscher
Davis Dean

Board of Parish Education

Diana Hunter
Sara Nordling

Board of Youth Ministry

Jamie Roberts
Randall Bledsoe
Terra Soto
Matthew Geller

Board of Nominations

Sally Ware
Mark Kuehnert
Michelle Kuehnert
Veronica McMullen
Barbara Wietfeldt
Cindy Irie
Michael Mabee

Concordia High School Assoc.

Craig Linnemeier
Carrie Gutman

Lutheran Life Villages

Craig Linnemeier

Lutheran Foundation

Kurt Gutman
Martin Lewis
Craig Linnemeier
David Hawk
John Mader
Andy Whirrett
Mike Hawk
Daniel Kramer

Kramer Park Board

James Berning
Daniel Kramer
Mike Johnson
Donald Selking
Barry Mezger

Lutheran Social Services

Elaine Berning
John Huitt

Concordia Cemetery Board

Cindy Irie
Konrad Urberg

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LCSM)

James Scheele
Elaine Scheele

Personnel Committee

Chairman: Amy Scaer
Treasurer: Carrie Gutman
Jill Clem
Judi Parrot
David Geller
Craig Linnemeier
*And representatives from other
Boards

January 2025

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			<p>1 <u>New Year's Day</u> Church Office—CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am - Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>6 <u>Epiphany</u> School Resumes 4pm - Handbell Practice 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p>	<p>9 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:30am - Divine Service Installation of Officers 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am - Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>13 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p>	<p>16 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office 5:30pm - Elders Mtg 7pm - Church Council</p>	<p>17 J. Neil Reincke JV Boys Basketball Tournament</p>	<p>18 <u>Confession of St. Peter</u> J. Neil Reincke JV Boys Basketball Tournament</p>
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<p>26 <u>St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor</u> 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am - Bible Study & Sunday School National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p>27 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p>28 National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p>29 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p>30 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office 6pm - BOEE National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p>31 National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	

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St. Paul's Students, Staff, and Families:

† Celeste, Katrina, Sebastian, Duran, Madison, Sophia,
Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, Kantor Hildebrand

Gathering In Christ:

† God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ"
building project.

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† John Furniss & Susan Balsamo-Furniss
† Harris Beck
† Roger Couch
† Nathan Davis
† Bob Demaree
† Nick Demaree
† Joanne Engstrom
† Carolyn Falkenstern
† Chris Gill (James Goodwin's sister)
† Gloria Hamer
† Dennis Harmeyer
† Terry Harmeyer
† Mary Hathaway
† Judy Helmchen
† Lonni Helmchen
† Jerry Huitt
† John Huitt
† Roy Huitt
† Ruth Huitt
† Juanita Jefferson
† Karen Johnson
† Pam Johnson
† Dennis and Jane Jordan
† Kelly Kochensparger
† Jodi Kreiger
† Lorene Langsdale
† Diane Lewis
† Gail Ludvigson
† Sandy Macon
† John Mader
† James Maier
† Leah Maier
† Eleanor Marine
† Joan Messmann
† Mary Mundt
† Sara Nordling
† Juan Perez
† Ron Rastl
† Janice Schmidt
† Andrew Scholes
† ...and those who care for them.

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Vincent Backs
† Jeff Carrier (husband of Myra Carrier)
† Jim Frey (friend of Gloria Nash)
† Peter Meyer (son of Lois Meyer)
† Jim Nash
† Brenda Nelson (friend of Davis Dean)
† Mike Snider (son-in-law of Marilyn Schultz)

Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge
† Joan Badders
† Myra Carrier
† Mary Ann Cordes
† Jane Doehrmann
† Rodney Hall
† Jan Leffel
† Lois Meyer
† Ernestine Morrison
† Larry Murphy
† Esther Pinnow
† Leona Puff
† Carolyn Reincke
† Susan Schamberg
† Walter Schroeder
† Rev. Ralph Seilaff
† Dorothy Taylor
† Mary Weick
† Sharon Williams

Serving in the Armed Forces

† KiVuan Edwards
† Cierra Germann
† Rev. Brian Hamer
† Zachary Harmeyer
† Jasmine Jackson
† Austin Kerr
† Courtney Linnemeier
† Sharia Macon
† Jamara Moore-Chambers
† Rev. Joshua Schiff
† Brandon Screeton
† John Sheaffer Jr.
† Ryan Sheaffer
† Brandon Skalicky

† Wanda Schweyer
† Fred & Norma Scott
† Amanda Seeger
† Sam Suarez
† Denise Trentadue
† Mark von der Lage

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

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