



The Messenger

Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 19, 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.

“Enduring the silence.” 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 20. We will explore what it means to be “made in the image of God.” If you have time, consider reading Genesis 1-4. 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 directions and 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 19, 9:30 a.m. Divine Service

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Wednesday, January 22, 8:45 a.m. Matins

Our Giving For January 12

Budget Envelopes	\$13,734.79
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$34.73
Plate Offerings	\$228.00
Initial Envelopes	\$51.70
School Income	\$4,260.30
Total Income	\$18,309.52
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$97.05
Gathering In Christ	\$1,840.16
Total of All Donations	\$20,246.73

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 12 ~ 9:30 a.m. 286

Serving This Week and Next

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*

Sunday, January 26 ~

Altar Guild: *Sue Keck and Michelle Kuehnert*

Elder: *James Goodwin*

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

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Robert and Janice Heniser, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today in the Divine Service

We welcome Sunny Jo York, daughter of Dustin and Tori York, to the waters of Holy Baptism. Her sponsors are Jacob and Taylor Schuler. We give thanks to our merciful Lord that He continues to bless His church on earth.

YAMS (Young Adults Married & Single)

Young adults, please join us for lunch at noon on January 19 at Casa Ristorante (7545 W. Jefferson Blvd). It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow members your own age!

Golden Heirs

Reminder for those who signed up, the Golden Heirs (age 55 and older) will meet for lunch at Salvatori's (10337 Illinois Rd) on Jan. 23 at 11:30 a.m.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Join us starting next Sunday, January 26, as our students will be singing and playing instruments in the Divine Service at 9:30 a.m. Teachers will be introduced during Bible Study at 10:45 a.m., followed by an Open House from 12-3 p.m. in the school. All of you are welcome to come and meet our teachers, see their classrooms, and all the wonderful blessings God has given us through our school. Please come and encourage our teachers and show your support. If you know of anyone that would benefit from a Christ centered education bring them with you. Stay tuned for more opportunities to help us celebrate!

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!

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 Andy Whirrett at 260-424-0049 or awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org.

For Your Protection

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. For insurance and liability purposes, our agreement with CME Construction is that we will not trespass into the construction area. 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!

Organ Recital

Kantor Hildebrand's next recital for his doctoral program is Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Sursa Hall on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie. Repertoire includes a prelude and fugue by Bach, a setting of the Te Deum chant by French composer Jeanne DeMessieux, and a massive version of "A Mighty Fortress" by Max Reger that musically portrays all four stanzas of the hymn.

The Lutheran Schools Partnership Event

Protect Young Eyes, a free event for parents and caregivers on Thursday, February 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran High School in the auditorium. *No Filter: Creating a Tech-Ready Home in a Fast-Paced Digital World*. Attend and learn the practical steps any family can take to prepare and protect themselves online.

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/>.

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Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

A Special Thank You

The congregation of Grace Lutheran Church and School in St. Petersburg, Florida would like to thank St. Paul's for the gift, given to the glory of God, for the Disaster Relief Fund following the hurricanes last Fall. Your kind and generous donations, totaling \$1,725.46, are greatly appreciated. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Kevin R. Loughran, Senior Pastor

Mrs. Nicole Clifton, Principal

Wildfire Relief through LCMS World Relief

To give, visit lcms.org/givenow/disaster. You can also text "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444, or call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. central time at 888-930-4438. Another option is to mail checks payable to: "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response" and mail to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

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!

Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute 2025

Don't miss this year's Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute. Four stimulating courses are open to the public on Tuesday evenings, January 28, February 4, 11, and 18, from 7:00-9:15 p.m. at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, 11565 US HWY 27, Decatur, IN. 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 details, brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society special offering. The goal is still 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. Envelopes are available in the back of church and can be put into the offering plate. **Please make checks payable to: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.** Please see Dr. Tim Quill for additional details.

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<p><i>5</i> 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am - Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p><i>6</i> <u>Epiphany</u> School Resumes 4pm - Handbell Practice 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>	<i>7</i>	<p><i>8</i> 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p>	<p><i>9</i> 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office</p>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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<p><i>26</i> <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><i>27</i> 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p><i>28</i> National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p><i>29</i> 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p><i>30</i> 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office 6pm - BOEE National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	<p><i>31</i> National Lutheran Schools Week</p>	

PRAY

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

† *Charlie, Brayden, Michael, Cash, Savannah, Piper, Margo Ernst, Kevan Davis*

Gathering In Christ:

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

Baptismal Life:

† *For Sunny Jo York, daughter of Dustin and Tori York, baptized during the Divine Service.*

For Those Who Mourn:

† *For the family and friends of Brenda Nelson, who has received the gift of eternal life.*

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*

† *...and those who care for them.*

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† *Vincent Backs*

† *Kiel Barnekov (half brother of Chris Barnekov)*

† *Jeff Carrier (husband of Myra Carrier)*

† *Jim Frey (friend of Gloria Nash)*

† *Peter Meyer (son of Lois Meyer)*

† *Jim Nash*

† *Mark Nelson (friend of Davis Dean)*

† *Mike Snider (son-in-law of Marilyn Schultz)*

† *Betty Wheaton*

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*

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

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