



# The Messenger

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ February 9, 2025

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

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

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## Bible Study Opportunities

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.**

Join us for Bible class, coffee, donuts, and fellowship immediately following the Divine Service. Pastor Hoem will lead us through how the cycle of the Christian Life—Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio helps us 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 to meet your teachers for class. Sunday School and Bible study will end at 11:30 a.m.

### **Women's Bible Study—Cancelled This Week**

We will resume on Monday, February 17. If you have not attended before, we welcome you to join us. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other ladies while studying God's Holy 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" (continuing on 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, February 9, 9:30 a.m. Divine Service  
*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Wednesday, February 12, 8:45 a.m. Matins

### Our Giving For February 2

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| Budget Envelopes              | \$23,805.19        |
| CLHS                          | \$10.00            |
| Missions/Lutheran Heritage    | \$29.73            |
| Plate Offerings               | \$240.00           |
| Initial Envelopes             | \$35.00            |
| School Income                 | \$1,698.64         |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>\$25,818.56</b> |
| Gathering In Christ           | \$32,740.25        |
| <b>Total of All Donations</b> | <b>\$58,558.81</b> |

### Attendance Last Week

**Sunday, February 2 ~ 9:30 a.m. 204**

### Serving This Week and Next

**Sunday, February 9 ~**

**Altar Guild:** Barb Doerffler and Diane Lewis

**Elder:** Michael Mabee and Sam Lind

**Ushers:** Craig Linnemeier, Tony Lardyell, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk, Mike Hawk, Tim Hawk

**Sunday, February 16 ~**

**Altar Guild:** Barb Doerffler and Diane Lewis

**Elder:** Sam Lind

**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 have been given to the glory of God by Sharon Hudson, in memory of Marilyn Berning.*

**Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Quarterly Voters Assembly February 16

Meet in the sanctuary after the Divine Service for our regularly scheduled quarterly voters meeting.

### Calling All Youth

Join us for the St. Paul's Youth Group Info and Game Night! Help us decide on events for the Youth Group, eat pizza, play games and hang out. Meet on Sunday, February 16, from 5-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### Annual Fish & Tenderloin Fry & Bake Sale!

Saturday, March 15 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for carryout, \$15 for adults, \$8 for Big Kids (ages 4-11), and free for ages 3 and under. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, February 16, 2025. They will be available in the school office, in the church Narthex on Sundays, before and after the Divine Service, and by email to [bmezger@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:bmezger@stpaulsfw.org). **Tickets are pre-sale only, so don't wait to buy!** Proceeds from this year's event will support our students and families. Volunteers are needed and the sign-up will also be available on Sunday, February 16th. Bake sale items will be needed for this tasty event too! You may contact Mrs. Hall in the school office by email at [khall@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:khall@stpaulsfw.org), or call 260-424-0049. If you are a Thrivent member, we can use Thrivent Action Grants for this event. Contact Mrs. Hall or Mr. Mezger about how to apply for one of these grants.

### Golden Heirs February Event

All members, 55 years and older, are invited to attend our February event on Friday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. at Cracker Barrel on Washington Center Road. Please RSVP to Carole at [radcar1969@comcast.net](mailto:radcar1969@comcast.net) by Monday, February 17. Just a reminder, if school is canceled, we will also cancel. Hope to see you there!

### Update: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

As of Sunday, February 2, St. Paul's has raised \$3,160 for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Seminary. We still need \$6,840 to reach our \$10,000 goal. However, with the matching gift from an anonymous donor our actual current total is \$6,320. The overall goal among many congregations and individuals in Fort Wayne and surrounding areas working together is \$120,000. St. Paul's is endeavoring to raise \$10,000 toward the \$120,000. What is even more heartening is that if St. Paul's reaches \$10,000, the actual mission offering will be \$20,000. Bless we the Lord! Envelopes are available in the back of the church and can be put into the offering plate. As a reminder, please make checks payable to Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

### Kramer Park Real Estate Auction

Scheerer McCulloch Auctioneers will be holding an auction for Kramer Park. They will be auctioning off personal property items. Stay tuned for the auction date, to be determined, and refer to their website for more auction details: [www.scheerermcculloch.com](http://www.scheerermcculloch.com).

### 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.

### Lutheran Lenten Devotional

Looking for a solidly Lutheran Lenten devotional for 2025? In *O Perfect Life of Love*, author Rev. Brian J. Hamer places the forty movements of the St. John Passion as a literary and musical stencil over the forty weekdays of Lent to create a daily listening lectionary. Both the German and English texts are provided to aid in listening, followed by a devotional meditation in which Hamer offers historical, musical, and theological commentary. This careful and deliberate approach to Bach's masterwork will edify your Lenten piety as you behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the world. *O Perfect Life of Love* is available at [EmmanuelPress.US](http://EmmanuelPress.US) and on Amazon.

### 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!

### February 9 – Epiphany 5

Both Isaiah (Is. 6:5) and Peter (Lk. 5:8) believed their sinfulness unforgivable. Many mothers and fathers conclude the same about aborting their own children. Yet God's mercy overflows the altar (Is. 6:6-7) and even the temple (Luke 5:3) until Jesus preaches it in public abundance. And in both cases He commissions agents to continue announcing. Let us also extend His grace to hearts broken by abortion.

## **New Prayer Request Procedure**

Like Jesus, we want to lift those up who need our prayers. Because we don't know people who are not members we will list them under Comfort, Health, and Recovery for two weeks, and under Ongoing Chronic Concerns for four weeks. After six weeks all non-members will be removed from the prayers unless you call back and speak with the pastors so they know the health status of your loved one.

## **Black Suit Coat Mix-up**

Has anyone left church recently only to get home with the wrong black suit coat? If so, please contact Pastor Tim Quill (580-0218) who discovered he was wearing someone's black *Cachet* suit coat "made in Canada".

## **Evangelism Conference 2025**

You are invited to join the *Reformation Revisited: Modern Evangelism, Historical Tools* Evangelism Conference hosted by the IN District on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Westfield, IN. Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m., and the conference will end at 4:15 p.m. Attend to learn how historical tools from the Reformation are being used today to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss—President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. For more information and to register, please go to: <https://indianadistrictlcms.regfox.com/reformation-revisited-evangelism-conference>.

## **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 and 6th grade homeroom and English/Literature teachers. Interested candidates may contact Andy Whirrett at [awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org).

## **NE Indiana Right to Life—40 Days for Life**

March 5th (Ash Wednesday) through April 13th (Palm Sunday). If anyone would like to sign up to pray at specific locations, or for more details about this event, please go to [ichooselife.org](http://ichooselife.org).

## **St. Paul's Apparel Now Available**

Please visit St. Paul's website at [www.stpaulsfw.org](http://www.stpaulsfw.org). Select the church website, then the "Resources" tab. Click on "St. Paul's Swag". There is also a direct link on the lower right corner of the main page of the church website. The ordering process is handled by a company located in Huntington, IN. What a great way to show your support for our church and school when you are out and about! Be sure to check this link periodically for apparel updates.

## **Order Altar/Chancel Flowers**

The order book, located on the glass case in the narthex, has the following dates available to reserve flowers: February 23, March 2, 23, 30, 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!

## **Shepherd of the City Hymn Fest**

Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church will be holding their 18th Annual Hymn Fest on Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m. in their sanctuary at 1301 S. Anthony Blvd. This year's hymn fest coincides with the 55th anniversary of their congregation. All are invited to attend.

# February 2025

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| <p><b>2</b> <u>The Purification of Mary &amp; Presentation of Our Lord</u><br/>           9:30am - Divine Service<br/>           10:45am - SCRIP Sales<br/>           10:45am - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/>           6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>                              | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/>           8:45am - School Chapel<br/>           2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office<br/>           7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>           7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office<br/>           9am - Bible Study—District Office</p>   | <p><b>7</b></p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/>           5:00pm—St. Paul's School Auction—Baker Street Train Station</p> |
| <p><b>9</b><br/>           9:30am - Divine Service<br/>           10:45am - SCRIP Sales<br/>           10:45am - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>           6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>                             | <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>12</b><br/>           8:45am - School Chapel<br/>           2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office<br/>           7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p> | <p><b>13</b><br/>           7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office<br/>           9am - Bible Study—District Office<br/>           5:30pm - Elders Mtg<br/>           7pm - Church Council</p> | <p><b>14</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b></p>   |
| <p><b>16</b><br/>           9:30am - Divine Service<br/>           10:45am - SCRIP Sales<br/>           10:45am - Voters Meeting &amp; Sunday School<br/>           5-7pm - Youth Group Meeting in Cafeteria</p>    | <p><b>17</b><br/>           6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p>                             | <p><b>18</b></p> | <p><b>19</b><br/>           8:45am - School Chapel<br/>           2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office<br/>           7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>           7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office<br/>           9am - Bible Study—District Office<br/>           6pm—BOEE Meeting</p>  | <p><b>21</b><br/>           11am—Golden Heirs, lunch at Cracker Barrel on Washington Cntr Rd.</p> | <p><b>22</b></p>   |
| <p><b>23</b><br/>           9:30am - Divine Service<br/>           10:45am - SCRIP Sales<br/>           10:45am - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>   | <p><b>24</b> <u>St. Mathias, Apostle</u><br/>           6:30pm - Women's Bible Study</p> | <p><b>25</b></p> | <p><b>26</b><br/>           8:45am - School Chapel<br/>           2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office<br/>           7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room</p> | <p><b>27</b><br/>           7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office<br/>           9am - Bible Study—District Office</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p>  |  |

# PRAY

*without ceasing*

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

† Knowledge, Lee, Ivy, Addilyn, Tamia, Kristin Hoem,  
Judith Sabel

## **Gathering In Christ:**

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

## **For Those Who Mourn:**

† For the family of Robert Whirrett, grandfather of Andy  
Whirrett, who has been given the gift of eternal life.

## **Ongoing Chronic Concerns:**

† John Furniss & Susan Balsamo-Furniss

† Harris Beck

† Jeff Carrier

† Roger Couch

† Nathan Davis

† Bob Demaree

† Nick Demaree

† Joanne Engstrom

† Chris Gill

† Gloria Hamer

† Mary Hathaway

† Judy 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

† Eleanor Marine

† Mary Mundt

† Mark Nelson

† Sara Nordling

† Juan Perez

† ...and those who care for

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

† Kiel Barnekov (half brother of Chris Barnekov)

† Sandra Cecchini (friend of Gloria Nash)

† Lonni Helmchen

† Friedrich Hofmann

† Jim Nash

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

## **Our Homebound Members:**

† Neva Aldridge

† Joan Badders

† Myra Carrier

† Mary Ann Cordes

† Jane Doehrmann

† Carolyn Falkenstern

† Rodney Hall

† Jan Leffel

† Leah Maier

† Joan Messmann

† 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

† Alexander Sreeton

† 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

Please note: All non-members will be removed after six weeks. If you would like them to be on the prayer list longer, please contact one of the pastors.