

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday after Christmas

2 January 2022

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**Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church.*** The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Adelia Becker*  
*Cindy Becker-recovering*  
*Pam Becker-recovering*  
*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*  
*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Dorothy Kallaja-recovering (mother of Dorothy Schautschick)*  
*Hildegard Krause-recovering*  
*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*  
*Ruth Lorenz*  
*Chris Miertschin*  
*Shannon Miertschin-recovering*  
*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)*  
*Calvin Robertson*  
*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Kynlee Stewart-recovering*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*

### **Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

#### **Those fighting cancer including:**

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*  
*Joyce Bise*

*Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton*  
*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*  
*Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*  
*Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*  
*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*  
*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*  
*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker)*  
*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*  
*Carie Oltmann*  
*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Karen Schmidt*  
*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*  
*Barbara Symm*  
*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*  
*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

#### **Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*  
*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX*  
*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

**The Order of Service**— Page 184 of the hymnal  
The Hymns: 850, 384, 686, 589, 725, 937  
Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:3-14  
The Sermon: **“Blessed in Christ”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$41,015.48.
- † **Being Installed** today are the new Congregational Officers: Scott Jones – Chairman, Randy Becker – Vice Chairman, Seth Kalbas – Secretary, Monroe Schatte, Jr. – Board of Elders, Dwayne Schulze – Board of Elders, Chris Becker – Board of Trustees, Kyle Kasper – Board of Trustees, Nick Hinze – Board of Christian Education, Clint Oltmann – Board of Christian Education, Rex Perry – Finance Committee Chairman, Virgil Becker – Finance, Brooks Kasper – Finance, Ty Kasper – Finance, Troy Wiederhold – Finance, Alan Kaiser – Picnic Committee – Beer, Jason Heuermann – Picnic Committee – Soda Water, Erich Schatte – Scholarship, Krista Rodriguez– Scholarship.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the January 9<sup>th</sup> voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council
- † **LAF & LYF.** The LAF & LYF will take down all decorations and the trees this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.
- † **Wreaths Across America.** Clean-up of the wreaths is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to have the wreath(s) they purchased, they need to be picked up on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- † **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation’s annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- † **2022 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2022 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2022 envelopes, please do so.
- † **The NEW Epiphany Lutheran Church of Bastrop:** The formation of an LCMS congregation in Bastrop has begun! If you are interested in being part of this exciting new venture, come join us as we gather to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. We will gather in the home of Paul and Barbara Hofmann, 711 Bluffview Dr. Bastrop, TX on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. From 6:00-7:00pm will be fellowship and refreshments, a prayer service at 7:00pm, and more fellowship time following the service. If you have a friend or relative in the Bastrop area who may benefit from this information, please share! Please RSVP to Barbara Hofmann at (830)377-2308 or [barbpaul83@gmail.com](mailto:barbpaul83@gmail.com).

**Serving today:** Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Kaden Kasper and Ayla Droegemueller  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann  
**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,  
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, David Michael,  
Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick, Austin Schmidt,  
Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

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**As we gather at the Lord’s Table,** we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**Install Congregational Officers**  
LAF-LYF take down Christmas Decorations – 2:00 p.m.

Monday **No School**  
Staff Professional Development Day  
Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday **School Resumes**  
Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday  
Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday  
Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Trey Fritsche and Brandon Burgdorf  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hudson Short, Rayli Woelfel; 4<sup>th</sup> – Wesley Clopton, Shane Ray; 5<sup>th</sup> – Van Durrenberger, Averie Miertschin, Marissa Ruiz; 7<sup>th</sup> – Dianna Noack, Carie Oltmann, Zeldia Richards; 8<sup>th</sup> – John Tate, Lynette Wiederhold. God’s Blessings to you.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Christmas Eve- 522, Christmas Day- 154, Morning Worship- 193, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 29, Offering- \$17.06.

**Offering Last Week:** \$110,225.49

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$98,185.43	Mission	\$2,295.00
Sunday School	\$17.06	Lutheran Brail	\$2,613.50
ECC Operating	\$1,264.00	LBT	\$1,618.50
<b>Received 12/26/2021</b>	<b>\$99,466.49</b>	LSS	\$1,618.50
		<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$8,145.50</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$192,179.25</b>	Bus Replacement Fund	\$2,613.50
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$2,613.50</b>
		Total	\$110,225.49

**MEMORIALS: ECC:** In memory of William Neal Snowden by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, “Facing Rejection”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How does one deal with rejection? Push through it? Rise above it? Or start over? (Luke 3:1-22). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.