

THE Epistle from St. Paul



Jesus Makes All Things New

JANUARY 2024

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Saint John wrote these words to a Church that had seen great trouble. Those early Christians suffered a great deal under Jews and Romans alike, who wanted to snuff out the followers of Jesus. Many of them had been crucified, beheaded, or stoned. Many were arrested and sold into slavery, or imprisoned and left to rot. Pagan religion flourished in the temples of Rome, while Christians met in the underground tunnel system of tombs called the catacombs. Markets and trade built wild amounts of wealth, but Christians had to keep a low profile, and most were very poor.



It must have seemed as though the whole world was too far gone, spinning further out of control into sin and evil and death. It must have seemed as though the good Creation of God had gotten too old, crumbled, and was falling to pieces before their very eyes. We've seen that too. Our world is no stranger to the old evil foe, even 2,000 years later. We know what it is to feel like this old world is spinning out of control, like evil prospers while virtue never seems to pay off. We know what it is to watch helplessly while some of our deepest fears unfold before our eyes and life crumbles into pieces.

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Even so, Jesus reminds us through the Apostle John that our experience of this old world is far from permanent. On the contrary, Jesus is making all things new. Jesus is making all creation new again, with no more sorrow or sin or death. Jesus is finishing off evil forever. So often it can feel foolish to follow the Lord Jesus, and expect the rulers of this world to pass away. Jesus promises, though, that he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he will rule over all, for you. He will make all things new, and take you to live with him forever.

As we enter together into the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four, let's celebrate that New Creation, living each day in the promise that in God's good time, this old world will give way to the new. Amen. Come quickly, Lord.

Jesus bless you all.

Pastor Newton



Be Earth Friendly!

Bring a reusable coffee cup or travel coffee mug with you when you come to church. If you forget your travel cup here at church, they get placed in the lost and found cabinet.

Update! Thanks to staff, board and member support, St. Paul is transitioning away from using plastic and foam cups, plates and bowls.

****Please remember this when purchasing items for the church.****

National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26

St. Paul Lutheran Early Education will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) the week of January 22-26. The children will enjoy special dress-up days, activities and more!

NLSW Sunday is January 21. A potluck will follow the late service at Noon, prior to the voters meeting.

Please join us as we celebrate our students and teachers!

A poster for National Lutheran Schools Week. It features a photograph of a young girl with dark hair, looking off to the side. Overlaid on the image is a purple rectangular box with white and orange text. Below the box is a white silhouette of a city skyline. At the bottom, there are two columns of text listing goals and statistics, followed by a 'LEARN MORE' section with contact information and social media icons.

SHARING THE
LIFE-CHANGING
MESSAGE OF
JESUS' LOVE WITH
MORE THAN
180,000
STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES
AND THE COMMUNITY

**RAISING UP THE NEXT
GENERATION OF FAITHFUL
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES**

- Experiencing and celebrating God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Sharing those gifts with others
- Being transformed by God's Word
- Clinging to the cross of Jesus

**PROVIDING EXCELLENT
ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

- Developing love for and excitement about learning
- Excelling at reading, writing and effective communication
- Training minds for success at the next academic level
- Creating a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

EARLY CHILDHOOD > 1,677
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS > 191
MIDDLE SCHOOLS > 625
HIGH SCHOOLS > 103
TOTAL > 2,594

LEARN MORE
888-THE LCMS (843-5267)
lcms.org/school-ministry

    

January Bible Studies at St. Paul

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) Bible Study

Meets Thursday, January 11 and Thursday, January 25

Join Pastor Newton (or another leader) at 9:30am in the FLC. Verse by verse they will be diving deeper into the book of Luke. In BASIC Bible study, everyone is welcome!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The ladies finished *Our Way Home* on December 4. They will take a break for a few weeks. Check the bulletin and newsletter for information on when the next women's Bible study will begin.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Meets January 4 and 18 at 9:30am in the Youth Room. In *With Burning Hearts* Henri Nouwen seeks a fuller understanding of the Eucharist through the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Like these disciples we, too, come together in our brokenness before God, hear the Word and the profession of faith, and recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:00pm join other Christian men for fellowship and Bible study.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Grab your coffee (in a reusable cup!) and join in this weekly adult Bible study at 9:30am in the FLC. Pastor Newton is currently leading the group in a study titled *A Breath of Home*.

Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study

Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend Bible study on Sundays at 9:30am in the Youth Room.

Enrollment Opens January 3

Early Education Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year begins Wednesday, January 3 at 8:00am for St. Paul members and current families. Enrollment opens to the community on Wednesday, January 8 at 8:00am. Registration is available on the church website under the pre-school tab, or you can get paper forms from LeAnn Hilchen.

Programs Offered for 2024-2025 School Year

Three-year-old Class	Mon/Weds/Fri 8:30-11:30am
Four-year-old Class	Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs 8:30-11:30am
Pre-K Class	Monday through Friday 12:15-3:15pm
Kindergarten Class	Monday through Friday 8:00-11:30am
Enrichment Classes-Three-year-old Class	Thursdays 8:30-11:30am
Four-year-old and Pre-K Class	Fridays 9:00am-12:15pm

If you have any questions regarding any of the classes please see LeAnn Hilchen.



St. Paul Lutheran
Early Education



Lady diners will meet at Luddy's Tavern, 106 SW State Street (used to be Wheel House) at 6:00pm on **Tuesday, January 2.**

Lady Diners is for **all** single ladies of St. Paul, regardless of your age or why you are single! Join them for a fun evening of food and fellowship!



Pastor Newton (or an elder or visiting pastor) provides worship services to two local nursing homes. Members are welcome to attend the services. You can help by singing along and assisting residents with the song books.

Sunny View, third Sunday of the month at 2:30pm (January 21).

Mill Pond, fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00pm (January 28).



Keep updated on activities, services and more. Like us on Facebook!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Forum

**Sunday, Jan. 7
 9:30am**

Purpose of the forum is to discuss potential senior pastor candidates.



**Sunday
 January 21
 *1:00pm**

*Following the church potluck celebrating NLSW (give or take a few minutes). Purpose of the meeting is to vote to extend a call to our next senior pastor.

LWML Plans Mission Workshop February 24

God's blessings to you and yours as we celebrate the birth of Christ. LWML would like to thank each of you for being one of God's blessings to others throughout the past year.

Thank you to all the Advent by Candlelight table hosts and guests who joined us on December 3 to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a lovely evening filled with songs, scripture, and sweets while seated at beautifully decorated tables. Thank you to our talented vocalists and musicians Sarah Newton, Alyssa Newton, Lydia Miller, and Carey Crowson. We had 15 tables set up by 12 hosts and approximately 120 were in attendance. Our special guest speaker this year was Theresa Welch, Executive Director from InnerVisions HealthCare (www.ivhc.org). An extra blessing was that there were many first-time attendees to Advent by Candlelight who shared that they didn't know what to expect but truly enjoyed the evening.

Several ladies of LWML got together to celebrate Christmas and enjoyed a good meal with fellowship at Portofino's. If you were unable to join us this time, we hope that you will in 2024!

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for the preschool family we adopted for Christmas! Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards for senior citizens. Those were handed out through the Ankeny Service Center. We realize that it's only the beginning of the year, but calendars can fill in quickly. Please plan to join us for the Mission Workshop on Saturday, February 24.

LWML will gather again on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00pm. We plan on welcoming the new year with a little bit of fun to help get the new year off to a good start. All ladies are welcome to join us!

Have a blessed 2024!

Sarah Kroemer

LWML President



Fill the Manger Taking DMARC Donations Until Jan. 7

This is the time of year you usually donate to a Fill the Manger food drive. Thanks to your generosity St. Paul currently has a large amount in the Food Pantry/Blessing Box fund. Plus there is a large supply of nonperishable food items in inventory.

So instead of food donations, you can make monetary donations that will be sent to DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council) to assist with their food pantry network. DMARC broke every record for the number of folks visiting pantries with an all time high of 26,469 unique visitors in the month of November 2023 alone. DMARC warehouse staff have been moving about 40,000 pounds of food EACH WEEK. The need is high.

How to Donate

Cash or check (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) can be placed in one of the special Fill the Manger envelopes and put in the offering plate. The envelopes are available on the table with the manger display in the Resurrection Hallway. The final date to contribute is January 7, 2024.

Stewardship Updates

The Stewardship Board will be *undecorating* the church on Saturday, January 6, from 9:00-11:00am. Casey's breakfast pizza will be provided. Please join us!

We will host a Bunco night Saturday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30pm. Bunco is a dice game, where you roll triples to score. Treats and beverages will be provided.

The Stewardship Board discussed future events (Escape Room in February, Lenten meal, camping weekend). The camping weekend will likely be in September as it'll be cooler than during the summer. It will not be scheduled during the Iowa State-Iowa game weekend.

The donuts/coffee for December has been served by the Property Board. No donuts or coffee on the December 24 but they might be served on Sunday, December 31. The Elders serve in January and Education in February.

Blessings,
Ken Kise
Stewardship Chairperson



Evangelism Update

Typically in December we ask for food donations through the Fill the Manger event. After consulting with Greg Stokke at Christ Lutheran, we decided to collect money for DMARC instead of food items. We have plenty of funds in the blessing box/food pantry fund. Thank you to all who have donated so far! We'll accept donations until January 7.

We have issued a check to Jarrod Thomas, our Fort Wayne Seminary student, for room and board. Bless Jarrod during his studies!

Evangelism helped the property board serve the last midweek Advent meal on December 20. We provided desserts to go along with the soup they served.

The greeter sign-up sheet is located in the FLC hallway. There are several openings so please consider being a greeter on Sunday mornings!

In Christ,
Lynn Hanselman
Evangelism Chairperson



Youth Events Planned for January

Parents Day Out

December 6 the youth offered parents a kid-free afternoon by entertaining their kids for a few hours (see photos).

Upcoming Events

January 12 to 14 — Confirmation Retreat

January 17 — Senior Youth Bowling

The senior youth are invited to go bowling at B&B Bowling in Ankeny. Meet there at 6:30pm and bowl from 7:00-8:00pm. We have invited the youth from Christ Lutheran and Beautiful Savior. If you're planning to attend text Malisa 515-240-3687 by January 10 so she can reserve lanes.

January 24 — DMARC Tour

Junior and senior youth group will be going to DMARC for a tour of their new facility in south Des Moines. Check out the bulletin and youth board for details. More details will be coming soon.

January 31 — Youth Group and Meals Resume

4:30pm Junior Youth Group

5:30pm Confirmation

6:30 Meal for Junior and Senior Youth

7:00pm Senior Youth Group



December Elders Report

Devotion and opening Prayer led by Pastor Newton on Luke Ch 1. Plan to go through “Life of the Beloved” Ch. “Blessed” for January meeting. Motion to approve November Elder meeting minutes made by Bob, seconded by Don. Motion carries.

Discussion in regards to the possibility of some of our current financial savings to be donated. Suggestions and ideas presented included funding toward Missions, Seminary support, and even to our two current members who are in Seminary. The elders agreed upon supporting this and will be suggested to the council at their next meeting. Senior Pastor update by Tim K. The call committee has now narrowed down the candidate pool to four. They will plan to present each name to the congregation on Jan. 7. The congregation will be given information about all candidates, and it will be encouraged that all members pray about who they feel God wants to lead to become our next Senior Pastor. We will plan to regroup at a later date for a formal meeting, at which we will try to achieve 100% agreement upon calling our next Senior Pastor out of the remaining candidates.

Pastor Newton report: Advent and Christmas schedule reminder. 4th Sunday of Advent service will be Dec 24 at 9:30am Christmas Eve services are Dec 24th at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm. Christmas Day service will be at 9:30am. Pastor will be out of town Dec 25-31st. Elders are in full support of this. Catechumenate update: Going well, still working on transferring in and welcoming in new members.

Official Acts

Funeral: Roger Twedt, Nov 16

Average Worship attendance for: Nov 2023 - 294, 2022 - 331

Average Year to date attendance: Nov 2023 - 286, 2022 - 289

Discussion on next year’s Head Elder. Those elders eligible, please pray about this for the next months leading up to the next installment of officers.

Discussion on inactive members. Please continue to try and reach out to members who have not attended in some time. Encourage via call, email, letter that we would love to see them back in worship should God lead them back. More to come next year.

Tim K to work on upcoming Elder weekend assignments for 2024. Please email dates you know you cannot be in attendance.

Motion to adjourn made by Peter, seconded by Eric. Motion carries. Adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer. Thank you to Eric Bradley for taking notes and putting this together for us! He has been a huge help as Elder secretary this year!

God’s blessings to you all,
Tim Krehbiel
Head Elder

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Message from Seminary Student Jarrod Thomas

Blessings to you all in Christ Jesus!

At the Seminary, we began our winter quarter immediately after Thanksgiving. However, with the quarter being split up by a three week break for Christmas, many of my professors decided to have midterms in week three right before we left, so I have been very busy in the few weeks I was gone. This makes me all the more thankful to be back for Christmas, and to have had a safe trip home.

LWML gave me a generous gift this month, and I used the money from it to buy a Surplice. I was able to use this in assisting at the last Advent midweek service, where I was able to get the LWML stamp of approval on my choice (see photo of me with LWML ladies).

The Stewardship board also gave me a generous Christmas gift from their Advent dinner offering, and I used their donation to buy a Cassock to wear with my Surplice. I used it also for the last Advent midweek service. The timing of these gifts could not have been better, as I could not have been able to assist in the midweek service without them. Both Cassock and Surplice are necessary for my time at Seminary, as I will be wearing them whenever I serve at any of the Chapel services or morning and evening prayer services.

I also wanted to let everyone know that I got an email confirmation that I will be going to Cambridge next year! I met with the financial aid department shortly before I left for home and the Seminary will be covering both tuition and room because it is significantly cheaper than a year of tuition at the Seminary itself. This is a huge blessing for me, both with the opportunity to study at Cambridge and with the amount of assistance the Seminary gives me.

Once again I want to thank everyone at St. Paul for your extreme generosity towards me! You all have been a huge blessing to me in keeping me able to attend the Seminary. I want to thank also Mr. and Mrs. Musfeldt, Ms. Carol Wenndt, and Ms. Lynn Hanselman for your recent generous gifts, which will pay for my textbooks for the upcoming quarter, along with a few for my own studying and enjoyment. I want to thank Pastor Newton once more for letting me assist in services and instructing me while I am back.



With some of the ladies from LWML.



With Ken Kise, Stewardship Chairperson.

November Council Meeting Minutes

November 21 council meeting attendees: LeAnn Hilchen, Shawn Thomas, Malisa Davies, Ken Kise, Tim Krehbiel, David Reddel, Michael Giese, Traci Haselhuhn, Pastor Newton, Joel Ott, Traci Haselhuhn. The meeting was called to order by Duane Suhr at 6:34 pm. Pastor Newton led a devotion based on Luke 1:26-56, 67-79; 2:1-20. Tim Krehbiel moved to approve the minutes from the October Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Kise and carried via unanimous vote.

Pastor Report — Pastor Newton

Pastor Newton asks for continued prayers for Andrea Roettger as she considers the call extended to her for the open DCE position at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The next Catechumenate event is scheduled for December 3 from Noon– 2:00 pm. Pastor Newton attended the Senior High District Gathering this past weekend (Nov. 18–19) along with our senior high youth. Pastor extends a special thanks to Malisa Davies and the Jeros for chaperoning. Nursing home services will continue with Sunny View on the third Sunday and Mill Pond on the fourth Sunday each month. Christmas Schedule: Advent Midweeks 6:30pm, December 24 9:30am – Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve 4pm, 6pm, 8pm. December 25 9:30am Christmas Day. Pastor Newton will be out of town from Thursday, November 30 – Saturday, December 2.

Director of Children's Ministry — LeAnn Hilchen

The Preschool has openings for enrollment. The Preschool is discussing numerous options for advertising and promotion. The Preschool is close to finalizing the DHS inspection. There are several minor paperwork items remaining to be finished. A Fire Marshall inspection revealed that paper and plastic covering the wall in Preschool Room C was not conforming to code and needed to be taken down immediately. The wall will be painted. Prayer partners with congregational members and children will be ongoing until they are filled. P.E.P.S. and P.E.T. program began on Sunday, October 29. The Preschool Christmas Program will be on December 19 at 6:00 pm. The Sunday school Christmas Service is entitled, "Away in a Manger" and will be performed on Sunday, December 10 as part of the 10:45 am worship service. Midweek: Working through the 10 Commandment study, practicing for the Christmas program. LeAnn stressed the importance of practicing memorization work at home during the week. Upcoming events: Preschool Family Fun Night December 1, 6:00–7:00 pm, Preschool Christmas Program – December 19, 6:00 pm, Family PJ and Movie Night – January 26 5:30 pm – 12:00 midnight.

David Reddel moved to approve the staff reports. The motion was seconded by Ken Kise and carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Duane Suhr led a discussion surrounding the financial report. David Reddel moved to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Joel Ott and carried with a unanimous vote.

BOARD REPORTS

Education — Traci Haselhuhn

The Children's Christmas Program is finalized. It will take place on Sunday, December 10 at the 10:45 am service. The program is entitled: "Away in a Manger." Rehearsals will take place beginning November 26 during regular Sunday School and Midweek lessons. Rehearsals will also be held on Saturday, December 2 and Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Evangelism

No one from the Board of Evangelism was present. The following report was uploaded into the shared drive.
Trunk & Treat Event: There were 7 trunks as well as activities and games organized by the Preschool. The Big Rake Event: 7 lawns were serviced and 12 people participated. The Board of Evangelism extends a special "thank you" to those who volunteered. The cradle will be set out after Thanksgiving to collect food donations for the Food Bank. Cash donations will also be accepted. The Board of Evangelism will be issuing a check to Jarrod Thomas to support him while he is in seminary.

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Youth — Malisa Davies

The Youth sponsored a trunk for the Trunk & Treat event in October. The theme was “God is bigger than the Boogie Man.” Six youth participated in the Big Rake event. Senior Youth Gathering: November 17 – 19; 13 youth attended as well as Jon Jero, Candy Jero, and Malisa Davies Upcoming Events: Game nights after Advent services on December 6, 13 and 20. Parents Day Out: Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The Youth will be assisting with this event. DMARC Tour: tentatively scheduled for January 17. Official planning for this is still in process.

Stewardship — Ken Kise

Upcoming Events: Christmas / Advent decorating – Saturday, November 25, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Advent meal – December 13. Discussed hosting future events, including: Bunco Night in January, an Escape Room in February, as well as a camping weekend during 2024. Coffee and Donuts between Sunday worship services has been planned through June 2024.

Elders — Tim Krehbiel

Official Acts: Funeral: Dennis Shaltanis – November 12

Average worship attendance for October 2023 was 264 which compares to 258 in October 2022

Average year-to-date attendance through October 2023 is 286 compared to 286 through October 2022

Total members: Baptized – 725; Confirmed – 600; Households – 309. Pastor Kottlowski preached on November 19 as Pastor Newton was at the Senior High District Youth Gathering. Advent and Christmas Worship Schedules have been finalized. Advent – Wednesday evening services will be at 6:30 pm. December 24 – 9:30 am, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. December 25 – 9:30 am. The next Catechumenate event will be on December 3 with a theme of “Fishbowl Theology.” The Board of Elders is continuing to work on solutions / improvements for the hearing-impaired members during worship services. Elders will be actively reaching out to inactive members in their respective cottages. The Elders discussed the possibility of updating and bringing back a phone tree for things like funeral announcements at their last board meeting.

Property — Shawn Thomas

Old Business: Exterior structures – concrete; Sacristy update. Work Day projects (11/18/2023): Replaced light fixture in sacristy, fixed paper towel dispenser in the Preschool bathroom, moved pianos out of the music office to prepare for Pastor Booth, rearranged FLC storage closet, batteries replaced in exit lights, hung a new curtain for the men’s bathroom stall. Ongoing projects: Updating property files; Obtaining church keys from former members. New Business & Projects: Playground – new gate (Spring / Summer, 2024); Preschool – furnish inspection; Exterior – fix can lights & paint garage; Interior – occupancy sensors in the main hall and in all restrooms; paint bulletin boards.

Ken Kise moved to approve the board reports. The motion was seconded by Tim Krehbiel and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Pastor call committee update: The Committee has narrowed the search to five individuals. Interviews will be held on December 2. The committee plans to have congregational input and discussions after interviews moving forward. The annual voter’s meeting will be on November 27, 2023 – 6:30 pm. Edward Jones - \$\$\$ to move or not to move.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Krehbiel moved to spend \$500 to advertise at Woodland Hills Golf Course during 2024. \$500 will cover the cost of the advertisement(s) for the full year. The motion was seconded by Ken Kise and approved via unanimous vote.

Traci Haselhuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Kise and carried via unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8: pm. The Council closed with the Lord’s Prayer. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm.

Full-size calendars can be found under the mailboxes in the Narthex.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>31</i> 9:30am Worship Service	<i>1 Offices Closed</i> 	<i>2</i> 6:00pm Lady Diners	<i>3 Preschool Starts</i> 10:00-11:30am Moms Group	<i>4</i> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 9:00am Take Down Christmas Decorations
<i>7</i> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Youth Bible Study 9:30am Congregation Forum 10:45am Worship Service	<i>8</i> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<i>9</i> 5:30pm Ed Board Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm LWML	<i>10</i> 10:00-11:30am Moms Group	<i>11</i> 9:30am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	<i>12 No Preschool</i> <i>13</i> Confirmation Retreat	
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<i>21 NLSW Sunday</i> 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Youth Bible Study 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Worship Service Noon Church Potluck *1pm Voters Meeting 2:30pm Sunny View	<i>22</i> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 10:00-11:30am Moms Group 4:30-5:30pm Midweek (preschool-3rd Grade) Jr & Sr Youth to DMARC (time TBD) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Handbell Rehearsal	<i>25</i> 9:30am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	<i>26</i> 5pm-Midnight PJ & Movie Night	<i>27</i> 6:30pm Bunco Night
National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW)						
<i>28</i> 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Worship Service 2:00pm Mill Pond	<i>29</i> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 10:00-11:30am Moms Group 4:30-5:30pm Midweek & Jr. Youth Group 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Jr./Sr. Youth Meal 7:00pm Sr. Youth Group 7:45 Handbell Rehearsal			*Voters Meeting will follow the potluck, around 1pm give or take a few minutes.

ELDER OF THE WEEK

07: Bob Peters
14: Don Halbur
21:
28:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Steve & Sandy Townsend

ALTAR FLOWERS

07:
14: Betty & Ken McConnell
21:
28:

OFFERING COUNTERS

January 7
Marilyn Sharar, Rod Silvey

January 14 & 21

Jon Gerthls, Dewayne McGohan

January 28 & February 4

Betty Berlau, Dan Deppe

Wedding Anniversaries

06: Malisa & Tim Davies
10: Dianne & Sherwin Buls

USHERS

January 7 & 14
8:00am — Les Stave, Morey Juhlin
10:45am — Rod Silvey, Matt Hayden

January 21 & 28

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman, Curt Hora
10:45am — Jason Buls, Jaydon Buls, Jaren Buls, Tim Fairchild

January Birthdays

- 02: Christopher Marvin
03: Darwin Rohlfen
04: Lauren Harken
06: Rod Silvey
07: Julie Hodges
10: Tammy Grant
11: Ryan Bracelin
12: Walker Allen
13: Samuel Remington
14: Jim Anderson
15: Hailey Boeding
16: Matthew Madsen
19: Blaine Giese
20: Stephanie Rosing
21: Don Jacoby
22: Faylene Kluser
23: Kelly Woerdehoff
24: Bethany Coop
25: John Hughes
26: Lucas Juhl

21: Bernard Griffin
22: Lori Wesack
23: Taytem Spiegel
25: Curt Hora
27: Jacob Hubbard
28: Doe Davidson
29: Carla Foster
30: Christa Foster
31: Nathan Retzlaff
32: Josh Krehbiel
33: Zachariah Watt
34: Linda Aswegan
35: Cookie Brown
36: Arlan Jans
37: Barb Kunst
38: Chandler Bracelin
39: Jaren Buls
40: Michael Giese
41: Diane Halbur