

## The Sunday Messenger

January 21, 2024

### This Coming Week at St. Paul's

<b>Sun:</b>	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:45 am
	Adult bible class/Sunday School	10:40 am
<b>Tues:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Wed:</b>	NICL	11 AM
	Choir	5 pm
	Jr. Confirmation	6:30 pm
<b>Thur:</b>	Pastor Retreat	
<b>Fri:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am

37 people worshiped at last week's service

\$8,525 was collected last week

\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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**Pastoral Care** – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well.

Dr. Mark Wolfrum, Congregation President

Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

**Good morning** to all gathered here today at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Transfiguration follows:

#### ***Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory***

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

**Upon Entering the Sanctuary** – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

**The Lord's Supper** – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please read over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

**Next Weekend's Scripture Readings** – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: Daniel 9:2-10, 1 Corinthians 9:24-10-4, Matthew 20:1-16.

**Missions for December:** Coalition Life

**Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher** Rev. Christopher Antonetti;  
**Organist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Ken Gerk; **Acolyte:** Isaac Zavala; **Hannah Guild:** Rita Saxon, Kristina Wojciechowski

**Fellowship update:** As of October 8, 2023, St. Paul will supply the fellowship food, coffee, juice and milk. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to host on Sundays, which involves set-up and clean-up. The food items will be placed on the kitchen window counter on Saturday. The juice and milk will be placed in the kitchen refrigerator. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please reach out to Marlene Barmann for assistance and with any questions you may have. Marlene's cell phone: 815 735-8582.

**Manna:** Orders can be picked up today.

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God for the blessings of Isabella and Evelyn Barmann's baptism by the Barmann family.

**Pre-Lent Pancake Breakfast** - The Men's group of St. Paul's will be hosting a pre-lent pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 10, from 8am-10am. Come enjoy fellowship and pancakes. Men - please sign up to help in the narthex.

**Confessional Young Singles Retreat:** Calvary Lutheran Church in Elgin invites LCMS singles — high school graduates thru age 30 — to join them on Saturday, February 10 (1:00-7:00pm) for its second annual Confessional Young Singles Retreat titled *The Art of Confessing the Faith in an Age with No Truth*. This retreat will feature prayer offices, presentations, indoor activities, food, and fun. Participants are welcome to hang around after 7:00pm and play board games. Come and get to know other singles who faithfully confess Jesus Christ and the one true faith. More info and a registration link are available by scanning this QR code. Calvary is located at 535 N McLean Blvd in Elgin, Illinois.

**Baptism Reception:** Today we celebrate Evelyn and Isabella Barmann, made children of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. After the service there will be a reception with cake in Bezold Hall. All are invited.

### **This Week We Lift Up Prayers**

**Members of our church family:** Donald Chaney, Frank Bruntjen, Jr., Richard Anderson, Jerry Wessel, Bonnie Fox, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Rev. David Daniel, Michael Smulterowicz, Ramona Gudgel, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Joan Summers

**Family and friends including:** Kelsey Gardner (Gudgel), Stevie (Gudgel), Alexander Yankowsky (Wetherbee), Tony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Natalie Lee (Gudgel), Rick Smith (Gudgel), James Brown (Hinkelman), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Joyce Riegel (Gudgel), Michael Pourtabib (Gudgel), Taimi Carlson (Smulterwicz), Gerri Grigsby (Gudgel), Charles M. (Czimer), Dan Schwarz (Gudgel), Billy Andrist (Hinkelman), Dennis Zabor (Hinkelman), Judy Percy (Gerk), Levi Howard (Popadowski), Bill Gray (Gerk), Marilyn Ramsey (Gudgel), Timothy & Jubie Gerk (Gerk), Marilyn Singletary (Czimer), Ruthie and Nellie Church (Gerk), Gwen Riley (Gerk), Adam Ferrentino (Ferrentino), Theresa Popadowski (Popadowski), Vinnie Gincauskas (Bachmann), Della Jones (Smulterowicz), Nieko Hadley (Penny & Tina McSherry), Jeanne & Roger Sahs (Wetherbee), Parker Vicich (Lemke), Kathy (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)