St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022



Rev. Samuel Bobby, Senior Pastor [Cell: 415-5578]

Rev. Jacob Smith, Assistant Pastor (586-556-6077) pastorjacobs@stpaulsaberdeen.org Alison Andreasen, Lighthouse Preschool Director (725-1855) alisona@stpaulsaberdeen.org Cindy Jung, Admin. Assistant – cindyj@stpaulsaberdeen.org Michael Leapley, DCE Intern – michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org www.stpaulsaberdeen.org **Please pray** for Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Elli Bode, Sheyenne Seely, Eileen Kukrall, Janet Smith, Debbie Caven, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Laurie Steichen-Ingram, Dallas Tschappat, and Courtney Frohling. Brantson Meier – military service.

A Circuit Epiphany worship service will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at St. Paul's at 6:15 pm.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Coin Banks are collected. The money donated is given to the Journey to help those in need in our community.

A Five Loaves supper will be held on Wed., Jan. 5th beginning at 5:15pm. Menu will include scalloped potatoes, ham, mixed vegetables, and buns. Members may bring a salad or a dessert.

Newsletter: The monthly newsletter is on-line due to paper shortage and cost of copy paper. Go to St. Paul's website, select NEWS and then CHURCH NEWSLETTER. For those who do not have access to a computer, call the church office and a newsletter will be printed for you.

Do you like to visit people? We are looking for volunteers to visit members of the congregation. It would only be about 3-4 hours a month and do not worry about what to say or do. For we will have a short training session at the beginning of next year. So, if you are interested or know of someone would love to have someone visit them contact Pastor Smith and let him know!

Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes. They are on a table in the South Narthex.

State of the Preschool Address: January 23, 2022

You are invited to attend a presentation by Alison Andreasen on how the preschool is doing at 9:40am in the fellowship hall. We have done a lot in the past few years and are excited about the opportunities the preschool will have in the future. You will also have a chance to ask any questions you may have. See you then!

The Lighthouse Preschool is now HIRING! We are in need of a person to ride along on the bus from 3-4:15ish on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons to help take kids to their doors. If you are interested and will have a clean background check, please call the preschool at 605-725-1855. Beginning date: January 3rd.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Jan. 9, 2022 10:00 AM – This the Life – *"Money for Marriage"* 10:30 AM – Rev. Kenneth Soyk, presents the message "Why would Jesus need to be baptized?" This sermon is based on Matthew 3:13-17. For more information go to the web site: <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u>.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Jan. 9, 2022 *"Facing Rejection" Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Ushers: If any member is interested in helping usher for 2022, please contact the church office.

Offering: Dec. 24-26, 2021 - \$17,283.00

Sunday Attendance –December 24:3:30 pm - 1885:00 pm - 109December 25:9:30 am - 100Communion - 72December 26:9:30 am - 118Communed - 94

Bible Study: Wed. 6am - 6

Organists: Sunday - Sue Ellingson Monday - Tierra Cassens

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Jan. 2 – Jan. 9)

Sun8:00 amWorship Service9:30 amCoffee/Donuts9:30 amBible Study and Sunday School10:45 amWorship Service5-7pmCircuit Youth at Our Savior

- Mon 6:15 pm Worship service 7:00 pm Elder Meeting
- Tue7:00 pmDevotional Challenge Bible Study
- Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study 10:00 am 1 Samuel Bible Study 5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper 6:30 pm Confirmation
- Thurs 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle 6:15 pm Epiphany Worship Service

Sun8:00 amWorship Service9:30 amSunday School9:30 amCoffee/donuts and Bible Study10:45 amWorship Service12:30 pm Prayer Service1:00 pmElder Bible Study

Cindy JungIntroit Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

- P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
 - C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; C: his understanding is beyond measure.
- P: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
 - C: Praise your God, O Zion!
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
 - C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant

David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit

on his throne this day. 7And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

- P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
 - C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
- P: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

January Baptismal Birthdays

Dennis Angerhofer Kiana Beutler Taylor Beutler Gary Brown Patricia Fors Nancy Frohling Jacoby Harry Rhonda Hilsendeger Cyrece Kono Lloyd Hodgin Collin Huff Steven Jacobson Ethan Jung Lincoln Kaiser Norma Kilber Joshua Ritter Deb Klapperich Bridger Krueger Eileen Kukrall Erika Schwabe Brantson Meier Miranda Oberfoell Fern Preston Everett Quam Jeanie Quam Jeff Schaunaman Trudy Schaunaman Nancy Schuchhardt

January Wedding Anniversaries

John and Tierra Cassens Vern and Muriel Stoecker Jay and Kelly Widstrom

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)