



The Carillon

JANUARY, 2022



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
*Everyone Engaging the Entire Community for
Christ*



New Year, New You, Same Lord

Hello, and welcome to 2022!

What a year we have had here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Covid has brought us all sorts of changes that have NOT been very fun. Mask mandates, cancelled events, and for many a huge learning curve as we learn to zoom, work remotely, and even order groceries online. But now, as the new year is upon us, it's time to stop looking backward and start looking forward to what God has in store for us in the future!

At the beginning of each new year it's very popular for people to make a change in their lives, to try and be better about personal habits. This can be good, because it is always positive to read your Bible more, stay fit and healthy, or work harder on your goals.

This same idea applies to us as a church too! I have been your pastor now for 6 months, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I've finally gotten into the swing of things, and I'm starting to look ahead at the future of our ministry here at St. Paul's. As we begin this new year, you should ask yourselves "where should WE go from here?"

So, what's new in 2022? I am not 100% sure yet, but I do have a few ideas. What I do know for certain, is that the Lord is still watching over us. Every year as we grow, change, and adjust how we do ministry, there is one thing that remains constant no matter what, and that's Jesus.

God sent His very own Son into the world to take the punishment of sin on our behalf and be our Savior. That will never change. The Lord is good, and He is watching over St. Paul's, He will be leading and guiding our steps throughout 2022 and forever more.

So, as we go forward into this new year with new ideas, new programs, new members, and a new mindset... remember that there is nothing NEW about the love that God has for His Church.

**Blessings in Christ;
Pastor Matt**

FINANCIAL REPORT

"Something New"

January 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021

\$188,870.87 Home Purposes Revenues

\$143,843.89 Home Purposes Expenses

\$45,026.98 Home Purposes Surplus

With January rolls in a new year. HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

The new 2022 contribution envelopes are available in the church narthex if you have not picked up yours yet. At some point in January the 2021 contribution statements will be printed and also placed in the narthex so you can take yours and review your monetary gifts to St. Paul's in 2021.

There's more news! The Finance Committee welcomes Betty Priebe who officially becomes a new member of the Finance committee as a counter.

Then there's news of the 2022 budget which was approved at the November 2021 Voters meeting.

\$95,206.47 Elders Budget

\$99,496.00 Trustees Budget

\$34,900.00 Administration Budget

\$229,602.47 Grand Total 2022 Budget

Finally, let's remember what the Bible says about "What's new" when someone is in Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come."

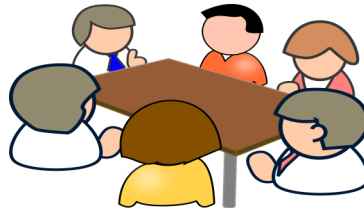
The Finance Committee

Sunday School & Youth Group

The children from St. Paul's Sunday School and Youth Group did a wonderful job along with the children from Freestyle Learning telling the Christmas story on December 19th to the congregation. We also enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with them after the service. Thank you to everyone who worked very hard to present the service and serve a great meal.

Sunday school will resume on January 9th in the lower level of the church. On the 9th we will have a Happy Birthday Jesus celebration and then have a regular lesson in our classrooms. I know it is after Christmas, but we can always celebrate the birth of Jesus.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL



YOUTH GROUP

We are looking forward to an exciting year and preparing to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas – July 9th – 13th.

In February we will be having a spaghetti supper to help raise funds for the Youth to attend the gathering. The date will be either Feb 12th or 19th date to be determined. Please save dates.

There will be other fundraisers to help defray the costs to the congregation and parents. I personally am looking forward to working with the Youth and others to make this a great experience for the Youth.

Yours in Christ Liz Bellamy and Ladye Allen



ELDERS September OFFICE REPORT

Joe Bova, Vice Chairman – Secretary of Elders

DECEMBER Was a REALLY BUSY MONTH:

We started Advent with Wednesday services at 6:00 PM from 11/28 to 12/22. On 12/12 was the Alter Guilds Cookie walk. On 12/19 we had our annual X-Mass Sing, then the Children's Christmas Service with Free Style Learning, followed by a luncheon in the gym. Then our Christmas services on 12/24 & 12/25. Followed by our last service of the year with Communion on 12/26! Here's to the NEW YEAR 2022!

Bible Study: Sunday Bible Study is well attended.

NOTE: Due to COVID policies by the State & IDPH we are now holding Bible Study in the gym. We HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM for more so come join us Sunday mornings from 9:00AM Sharp to 9:45. Doors Open at 8:30AM, come socialize.

Women's and Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study is at 7:00AM in the School/ Ladies Parlor. Rise and Shine – Guys! Pastor Matt is leading this study. We have coffee or tea to start your day and sweet rolls.

Women's Only Bible Study led by Jennifer Jacobs is at 7:00PM. The study is held in the former computer classroom in the school. There is plenty of room for more to attend in both classes.

Communion:

We have begun offering communion in church at the alter rail using individual cups of wine or grape juice and host. No Common Cup at this time.

NOTE: Outdoor Service; those listening in their cars in the parking lot; the elders will now come out to your car to pass out communion packets. The communion packets will be consecrated at the alter at the same time the bread & wine is inside. At communion, please turn on your head lights if you are receiving communion – it makes it easier for the elders to find you.

Please continue to come into the church lot, go to the church front doors, be greeted by an Elder & Usher, and get your Bulletin and give your offering.

WEEKLY CHURCH & ABS/COFFEE HOUR ATTENDANCE:

Date:	(Indoor)	(Outdoor)	(Total)	(Coffee Hour)
11/28/21	90	5	95C	25
12/01/21 (1st Advent Service)	15	5	19	
12/05/21	79	17	96C	24
12/08/21 (2nd Advent Service)	19	2	21	
12/12/21	79	12	91	27
12/15/21 (3rd Advent Service)	15	2	17	
12/19/21 (Children's Service)	147	7	154	66
(Luncheon)			100+	
12/22/21 (4th Advent Service)	13	2	15	
12/24/21 (Christmas Eve 6PM)	79	8	87	

DEATHS: There were none for the month of December

NOTE: Darlene Seay; Funeral - Burial/ Interment to be at Assumption Cemetery. We are still waiting to hear back from her estate when that date will be.

BAPTISM: There were none for the month of December

TRANSFER IN: There were none for the month of December

TRANSFER OUT: We have 3 that left our congregation:

Nita Wirkus to Trinity Ev Lutheran Church; Crown Point, IN.

Douglas & Robbyn Rebeck to St. John Ev Lutheran Church; Lansing, IL.

LAY READERS: There will is a sign-up sheet on the lectern in the narthex for those (at least high school age) who are confident in their speaking skills to read our Sunday Old Testament and Epistle reading. Sign up with your name and e-mail so I can e-mail you the readings to practice. If you don't have e-mail, leave your phone number. Several women & men have read – more readers are welcomed.

Upcoming for January:

12/31/21: There will be no New Year's Eve Service this year.

01/02/22: Coffee Hour/Bible Study at 9:00 AM (Doors open at 8:30 AM)

01/02/22: Regular Church Service w/ Communion at 10:00 AM.

Attached are the upcoming events for the new year.

Brian Goers, Chairman of Elders

Joe Bova, Vice-Chairman & Secretary

_____ dated 12-27-2021 _____ dated 12-27-2021

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway on Sunday December 19th with the meal.

We had some "Angels" who worked really hard. You know who you are!

**A Blessed New Year
Gloria**



The *Portals of Prayer* for daily devotions from January 1 to March 31 are in the Narthex. Please help yourself to either the regular or the large print booklets

Enjoy the daily devotions



Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of the New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world, with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat.

Summer begins in sunshine and ends in Autumn's breezes.

And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.

As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you.



**THE 2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. All envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please pick your envelopes up.
Thank you to all who shared their monetary blessings with St. Paul's in 2021.**



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year 2022...a New Year that we pray will bring peace, healing, and comfort! Although our church has had to provide additional opportunities to worship, modify our communion distribution, cancel some seasonal activities, and other traditional norms, the ladies of the Guild continue to work in the service of our Lord to maintain the beauty of our altar during the holiday season. Whatever challenges this "New Year" brings, let us not be swayed from our Faith and Trust in God. Blessings, St. Paul's Altar Guild

Please contact Marilyn Harris by phone, text, or email if you wish to put flowers on the Altar for any special occasion. Her contact information for phone or text communication is (708) 533-5467 or email marilynharris030@gmail.com.

**Wishing all a Very Happy New Year
From the Altar Guild**

JANUARY Wedding Anniversary

Renate & Shawn Pocius Jan. 05

***Love doesn't make the world go 'round.
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.***



St. Paul's Lutheran Church 2022 Officers - Committees

*Denotes new term

Chairperson: Pamela Meyer* (1 yr.)
Vice-Chairperson: Mark Becker* (1 yr.)
Secretary: Vacant (2 yrs.)
Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Board of Elders:

William Anthony, Joe Bova*, Brian Goers, Edward Kirchner*, Vacancy (1)

Board of Trustees:

William Bellamy*, James Des Jardins*, Diane Goers*, Gloria Graham-Smith*,
Chet Hiestand, Dorothy Stelter, Vacancy (1)

Board of Stewardship:

Judith Cohrs, Ruth Hansen, Pamela Meyer*

Board of Evangelism:

Jeff Albrecht*, Diane Goers*, Gloria Graham-Smith*, Linda McGourty,
Burt Schild, Ken Schultz*, Dorothy Stelter*

Board of Christian Youth:

Ladye Allen*, Liz Bellamy, Karen Des Jardins, Kristin Kalus, Vacancy (1)

Nominating Committee:

Rita Canon, Shirley Miller, Betty Priebe*, Burt Schild

Financial Secretary:

Burt Schild

Assistant Financial Secretary:

Shirley Morrison* (becomes Financial Secretary in 2023)

Financial Assistants: Judith Cohrs, Virginia Ehrich*

Financial Associates-Counters:

Julie Albrecht, Kristine Anderson*, Ralph Bramstadt, Janice Heaney*, Joyce Michael, Shirley Miller*,
Holly Petrelli*, Betty Priebe*, Willie Rush, Phyllis Schimke*

Thank you to all our officers who have completed their duties during their office terms. May God now bless all our new and re-elected officers in the year 2022.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Natalie Dickey	Jan. 02
Quinn, Robert	Jan. 05
Denise Most	Jan. 05
Cannon, Rita	Jan. 07
Leona Gustafson	Jan. 08
Klara Hanninen	Jan. 08
John Hanninen	Jan. 10
Ashley Dau	Jan. 11
Julie Allen	Jan. 11
Susan Middleton	Jan. 13
Marlene Bum	Jan 18
Ralph Dandino	Jan. 18
Kalyn Des Jardins	Jan. 19
Bruce Meyer	Jan. 19
Caroline Perrot	Jan. 19
Carol Schultz	Jan. 19
Patricia Mantel	Jan. 20
Leonard DiAnni	Jan. 22
George Mayer	Jan. 23
Kevin Rab	Jan. 25
William Bellamy	Jan. 26
Katherine Flatley	Jan. 26
Katherine Heusmann	Jan. 26
David Brauer	Jan. 27
Gay Dehning	Jan. 27



Special Birthdays

***George Mayer
Marlene, Baum
Ralph Dandino
Carol Schultz
David Brauer***

***Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to all of you,
Happy Birthday to you.***

***God's Blessings to you,
God's Blessings to you
God's Blessings to all of you,
God's Blessings to you.***

***Blessed Birthday
From Everyone at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church***

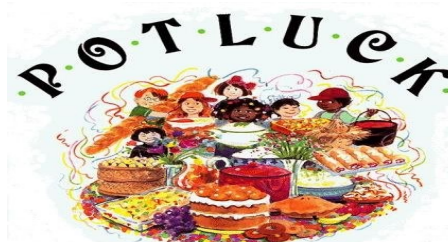


Church Council Meeting 7 PM January 5th

Voters' Meeting after Service January 9th

PLEASE COME TO THE VOTERS' MEETING

**January 6th—Epiphany of our Lord
Service at Immanuel - Steger 12 Noon
Pot Luck to follow.**





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Installation of Officers January 9th during the Service.		<i>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</i> January 6th– Service at Immanuel STEGER 12 (Noon) Pot Luck Luncheon after service				1 New Year's Day
2 Second Sunday of Christmas 10 AM service w/comm. Inside/Outdoor SS - Coffee Hour 9AM	3	4	5 Church Council 7 PM	6 Bible Men Study 7AM Conf. 5PM 6:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM Ladies	7	8
9 The Baptism Of our Lord 10 AM Service Inside/Outdoor SS - Coffee Hour 9AM VOTERS' Meeting After Church service	10	11	12	13Bible Men Study 7AM Conf 5PM 6:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM Ladies	14	15
16 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 10 AM Service w/comm. Inside/Outdoor SS - Coffee Hour 9AM	17 Martin Luther King Day	18	19	20 Bible Men Study 7AM Conf. 5-6:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Ladies	21	22
23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10 AM Service Inside/Outdoor SS –Coffee Hour 9AM	24	25	26	27Bible Men Study 7AM Conf. 5-6:30 Bible Study 7PM Ladies	28	29

30 4th Sunday after Epiphany 10 AM Service Inside/Outdoor SS - Coffee Hour 9AM	31
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Pastor Matt (517) 604 0158
Sunday Worship 10 AM
Inside/Outdoor

Sunday School –Youth-9 AM

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