

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Epiphany Sunday

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
9:15am Children's Sunday School
9:15am High School Bible Class
2:30-4:30pm Pastor/Elder visits

Monday, January 7, 2018

Financial Count (Schmidt, Rahn, B. Pulcher)
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end
7:00pm Communion Service

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:15am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Sewing Comforts
3:30-4:30 pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

1:30pm Pastor at Garden Place
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end

Thursday, January 10, 2019

10:00am Pastor at Integrity
6:30-8:30 pm Pastor visits

Friday, January 11, 2019

1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Kathy & Beverly)
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services (Installation of Officers)
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
9:15am Children's Sunday School
9:15am High School Bible Class
12:00 Noon Youth in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen



Prayer Requests

God answers prayers! Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

†For those with health issues: (names of members are in **bold type**)

Delma Arbeiter	Karie Vielus	Betty Pierson	Jeanine Manning
Joy Bretz	Asa Haudrick	Aaron Ritter	Angie Dixon
Karen Sweet	Trudy Penno	Janice Mann	

†For **Carl Maschmeyer's** grandson, very ill after surgery for perforated ulcer
†For **Don Greer**, recovering at home after wrist surgery
†For Joe Barton, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer
†For Alicia Craft, granddaughter of **Sandy Roessler**, for healing of injuries after an automobile accident
†For Agnes Stuckmeyer, wife of **Mel**, recuperating at home after back surgery
†For a friend, Ann, who broke her femur and has endured 5 months of difficulties

†For those receiving cancer treatments/living with cancer

Marla Vogt	Jan Hoffman	Marian Ritter	Angie Henshaw
Gary Haberl	Mel Kienemann	John McPeak	Jean Landgraf
Joe Barton			

†For Thanksgiving of **Marge Drexler's** brother William's return to good health

†For **LCMS District** Mission work in Southern Illinois jails and prisons

†For those in care facilities:

Delma Arbeiter – Freeburg Care Center
Pauline Greatting, **Ellavee Pulcher** & **Delphine Girard** - Integrity, Columbia
Edna Poenitske - Oak Hill, Waterloo
John Hertz; **Rick Meyer** – in Belleville
Robert Melliere – Legacy, Waterloo
Maurice Schneider & **Elvera Schuchert**– Garden Place, Columbia
Janet Bense – Edwardsville Nursing Home & Rehab

Announcements **January 6, 2019**

Foundational Christianity: All are welcome to join us (January-March) during the adult bible class hour on Sunday morning for class that covers foundations of the Christian/Lutheran faith. This is for all members, old and new, along with visitors who would like a refresher on the Biblical basis for our beliefs. This week's topic – "The interplay of Faith and the Word". Next week, the sin dilemma. Each week stands alone, so if you miss a class or two you can easily slide right in for future classes. Come one, come all! Pastor Krenz

Epiphany: During this time of the church year, we rejoice in the light of Christ to all nations/peoples. It is a time of year with an emphasis on missions. Did you know that this congregation has budgeted \$24,000 for Southern Illinois District work and synodical missions? Some of these funds go to help support the ministry of visitation, Bible Study, and worship in 23 jails and prisons in Southern Illinois. Please pray for these ministries, and for the inmates who benefit from them.

Adult Information Class: For those that are interested in joining this congregation and/or learning more about the Lutheran Church please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121. An initial informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th at 6pm. These classes are an hour long, and run around three months. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for further details.

Committees and Boards: We are hoping that each committee and board of the congregation will have a written or verbal report to present to the church council on January 16th. Even though similar items will be presented to the Voter's Meeting on the 22nd of January it is hoped these reports will assist the council as it prepares for the Voter's Meeting. Pastor and Elders

Elder Visits: On Sunday afternoons over the next few months the Elders and I are making brief contacts each week with five or so families. Our goal is simply to stay connected to the body of Christ here at faith, introduce myself as the new pastor, and to update address, email, and phone information.

Weekly announcements: The weekly announcements in the bulletin can now be found on the first page of the congregational web site. Our hope is to have these up each week by Saturday.

"101 Sermon Series" Starting in January

January 6th & 7th: Epiphany 101 Matthew 2:1-13

January 13th & 14th: Baptism 101 Luke 3:15-22

January 20th & 21st: Spiritual Gifts 101 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

January 27th & 28th: The church 101 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Installation of Officers on January 13th. Just a reminder that everyone who is serving on a board or committee for 2019 is asked to come forward next week during either of the two Sunday morning services to be installed in their particular positions.

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2019 as you leave the service today and leave your **intention slips** in the box provided for that purpose. They are both located on the table on the cloakroom side of the Narthex.

We need one or two people or one or two couples to serve as **greeters** on the second and fourth Sundays at early service. Please call Mary Lou (281-4600) in the church office if you can help. No experience required!!

Food Pantry News: On Jan. 2nd we served 12 households representing 28 adults and 8 children. We are currently running low on toilet paper and feminine hygiene products.

5 lanes are reserved for the **Annual Family Bowling Night, Sunday Jan 27, 5:45-8:00 pm** at West Park Bowl hosted by Family Ministry. Sign-up soon on sheet in Narthex on a table or bulletin board. Feel free to invite non-church members. \$40/lane includes 1 large pizza and a pitcher of soda. Arrive by 5:45 so we can release lanes if needed before 6:00 charges apply and to get shoes, etc. ***Order pizza at check-in when getting shoes.***

SAVE THE DATE - the annual **Church Rummage Sale** will be Saturday **March 23, 2019**. Instead of donating your items to other causes, please save your items to benefit our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July.

Please sign up on the **Flower Chart** in the narthex to provide flowers for almost any time in 2019 to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. There are instructions on the wall by the Flower Chart to make the process easy.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March are now available in the narthex.

Thrivent Members—Please consider directing your **Thrivent Choice \$\$** to our church and preschool.