

THE GUIDE +++

January 3, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus
10:15 AM Worship Service- Installation of Officers
11:00 AM Church Council Meeting

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
6:30 PM WDS
7:30 PM LFY @ Trinity

THU. 1:30 PM Ladies Aid- Hostess- Yvonne Pfeiffer

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus
10:15 AM Communion Service

December 27 8:30: 69 10:15: 44 Total 113 - Year Ago: 127 Sunday School:36 Christmas Eve: 158 Christmas Day 66

Welcome Happy New Year! Welcome to worship, one and all. Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Congratulations to Brandon and Shelby Beltz on the birth of their son, Breck Alan Beltz, born on December 27, 2020. Breck weighed 8lbs 7 oz and was 21in. long. Grandparents are Darin & Colleen Storm. We welcome Breck to our St. Paul's family.

Thank You Thanks to all the caring people of St. Paul's congregation for your calls, visits, memorials and cards sent to me at the time of Carl's passing. He was so ready to be with his Lord and Savior. A special thanks to Pastor Cluver for his comforting service and many calls and visits. Also, a special thanks to the pall bearers, neighbors and cousins for all they've done for Carl and me at this time. God's blessings to all. Imogene Lading

LYF High school students, join us for our LYF meeting on Wednesday, January 6th at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Aid Ladies Aid members are reminded of our meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 1:30. Please bring your mite boxes. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 24&27	\$ 3,214.00	\$5,252.00	\$ 2,038.84
year-to-date	\$157,306.00	\$ 176,913.01	\$19,607.01
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
December 24& 27	\$ 423.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 182.00
year-to-date	\$21,753.00	\$21,668.27*	\$ -84.73
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$7,850.00
Building \$520 Trinity \$315 Sem Students \$100		December 24	\$3,953.00
LYF \$50 Cemetery \$200 Dakota Boys Ranch \$125		December 27	\$3,214.00

* Includes a \$2,086.27 credit from Central Illinois District PPP funds

- 1/12 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
- 1/13 8:20 AM Chapel
- 2-4 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM WDS
- 1/14 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Church Council Meeting There will be a meeting of the church council following the 10:15AM service today.

2021 Church Officer Installation The installation of new officers will take place today during both services.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2021 please do not begin using them until January 2021 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly. If anyone would like to start using offering envelopes at any time during 2021 just contact the church office since extra unused boxes are available.

2020 Contribution Statements All envelope users will receive a copy of their 2020 contribution statement shortly after the first of the year.

New address Chris Doehring, Aperion Healthcare, 221 E Cumberland Rd, St. Elmo, IL 62458

St. Paul's Shirts Some of you may have noticed many of our children in the Christmas Eve Program wearing black and grey tie-dye shirts. On the left upper corner is a silver cross and in blue are the words St. Paul's Lutheran. Although our Sunday School Fund paid for the shirts, Mariah Tabbert ordered them and did the printing herself. If anyone in the congregation would like to order on to these shirts, get in touch with Mariah (217-821-0492) or Dee Dee (217-821-4929). The cost is about \$10.00 per shirt and sizes range from child XS to Adult XL.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 – Richard & Catherine Stremming
- 7 – Tim & Delreen Lenz
- 9 - Ron & Carolyn Boldt

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Tim Lenz
- 4 - Anna Schlechte; Lisa Shelton
- 6 - Tim Beals
- 7 - Imogene Lading; Whitney Schlechte
James* Hortenstine
- 8 - George Glasscock

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Dusty & Claudia Rincker, Gary Rincker, Jim & Sharon Rincker, Loyd & Mary Rincker, Luke & Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker, Mildred Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker, Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff,

**ADOPTED SEMINARY STUDENTS
2020-2021**

Sem. Brian Homann
Concordia Theological Seminary
6600 N Clinton St.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

Sem. Mason Vieth
Concordia Seminary
801 Seminary Place, Box 218
St. Louis, MO 63105

HEALING

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Merle Ragan	Shirley Stremming
Sue Bowers	Rosemary Sporleder

LIMITED MOBILITY

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Ken Hagan – Lakeland Effingham
Mildred Rincker – Brookstone Suites
Larry Storm – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Brookstone Suites
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

**FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)**

Jean Lowe (Hip Replacement-Susan Hanfland Friend)
Erica Stollard (cancer)
Matt Durbin
Melissa Wirth
Family of Crewe Jones
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois Ogle’s son)
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley’ daughter)
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro’s uncle)
Karl Zalman (cancer)
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth’s brother, health)
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading’s gson.)

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PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

Opening Hymn The Ancient Law Departs

LSB 898

- 1 The ancient Law departs, And all its fears remove,
 For Jesus makes with faithful hearts, A covenant of love.
- 2 The Light of Light divine, True brightness undefiled,
 He bears for us the pain of sin, A holy, spotless child.
- 3 His infant body now, Begins the cross to feel;
 Those precious drops of blood that flow, For death the victim seal.
- 4 Today the name is Thine, At which we bend the knee.
 They call Thee Jesus, child divine; Our Jesus deign to be.
- D 5 All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one, In glorious might above.

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Please stand

All responses to be spoken.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

The Epistle is read

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away

TLH 125

- 1 The old year now hath passed away; We thank Thee, O our God, today
That Thou hast kept us through the year, When danger and distress were near.
- 2 We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Thy Christendom, Through all the ages yet to come.
- 3 Take not Thy saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay.
Abide with us and keep us free, From errors, foll'wing only Thee.
- 4 Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss; A happier, better year be this.

- 5 Wherein as Christians we may live, Or die in peace that Thou canst give,
To rise again when Thou shalt come, And enter Thine eternal home.
- 6 There shall we thank Thee and adore, With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith, To praise Thy name through life and death..

Sermon "Begin the New Year with Praise" Eph. 1:3-6, 15-18

Installation of Church Officers

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Collect

P Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T grant you His peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Great God We Sing That Mighty Hand

TLH 119

- 1 Great God, we sing that mighty hand, By which supported still we stand.
The op'ning year Thy mercy shows; Let mercy crown it till it close.
- 2 By day, by night, at home, abroad, Still we are guarded by our God,
By His incessant bounty fed, By His unerring counsel led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own; The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit, And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.
- 4 In scenes exalted or depressed, Be Thou our Joy, and Thou our Rest.
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise, Adored through all our changing days.

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Silent prayer. Please be seated. Pastor will dismiss by row to maintain distance.

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