

# The Epistle

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## God Is at Work

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33**

As we reflect on the difficult past year and look ahead to 2021 it is important to know God is still at work. While we wish things were back to normal, maybe our pre-COVID-19 normal included schedules that were so busy and unfocused that God, his Word, and serving our neighbor were not as high on our priority list as they should have been. If that is the case, God is at work during the Covid-19 slowdown helping us refocus our priorities.

It has also been a year when we have been humbled. We have heard of plagues and epidemics in the past but falsely thought that recent technology and medical advances would allow us to move beyond such concerns. Yet, we are not as "in control" of our world as we imagine. In the Lord's Prayer we pray "deliver us from evil".

That evil includes things like diseases, accidents, our sinful nature, and the devil himself. However, take heart even "more real" than evil is the one who says, "I have overcome the world". An honest look at our fallen/evil world, helps us appreciate the ongoing saving work of Christ. If you have been humbled, be assured God is at work redirecting your trust to the one who is in the business of raising up those who have been brought low.

God is at work, as we are called to care for those around us. On the one hand this has been difficult because we are not seeing family and friends like we once did. We cannot visit hospitals and care facilities. We are forced to limit those attending weddings and even funerals. Yet, we have been forced to think about our more vulnerable populations and do things for the greater good and not just ourselves. In a culture that focuses on the self, this is a good correction. When others are the focus, God is at work.

It has been a difficult year in the church. Many reading this newsletter have not had the Lord's Supper for months and miss deeply the fellowship of believers in the body of Christ. The congregation has curtailed many activities and it seems that our work here at St. Paul's can be likened to walking carefully and slowly in a muddy field. The progress is slow and is filled with starts and stops. Yet, God is at work as online services have reached beyond the four walls of the sanctuary to our congregation, community and beyond. God is at work, feeding many in our community through the food pantry as many volunteer their time and resources to serve the hungry among us. God is also at work as he has brought to our congregation financial resources which can help move us forward in His mission for years to come.

To state the obvious, it has been a troubling year, but take heart God is at work.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Krenz

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## Member Highlight

### Gene & Jackie Haberl

#### How long have you been a members of St. Paul's?

Gene and Jackie became involved in St. Paul's in 1975 when they built their home here. Jackie was a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Affton, MO and attended Green Park Lutheran School through 8th grade. Gene was a member of St. Paul's UCC in Columbia and became a member of St. Paul's when their son, Jeff, was born.



**Tell us about your family.** Gene & Jackie's son Jeff is 43 years old and has two children, William (16) and Grace (13). In August Jeff married Felicia (Henderson) Haberl who also has 2 children, Nathan (21) and Josiah (18). They have 2 four-legged furry grand dogs named Bella and Praline who are big parts of the family. They are thrilled to have Felicia and her boys in their lives!

**What changes in the church/congregation have been most significant over the years?** The biggest changes that they have seen over the years include three pastors who have provided spiritual leadership to us. They have also seen a decline in church attendance from the younger generation. Our congregation is aging.

**What committees and groups have you been involved in over the years?** Gene was in charge of the food pantry for 8 years and continues to help out. Jackie has served on the Board of Finance, taught VBS many years ago, played in the hand bell choir, and helped the quilting ladies.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?** One of the Haberl's favorite verses is Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anoints my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**RE:VITALITY**  
LUTHERAN REVITALIZATION

Re:Vitality meetings have been postponed until January 2021. In the interim, Pastor is providing weekly on-line reviews of the progress we have made to date for the group. Interested in learning more or want to join the group? Contact Kevin Koenigstein at [koenigsteinkevill@gmail.com](mailto:koenigsteinkevill@gmail.com).

## Board of Outreach

Bob Thoma delivered breakfast goodies from the Board of Outreach to the transportation and teaching staff at all four public schools in Columbia in early December to demonstrate our appreciation for all they do for the children in our community. It felt good to be able to give back and show them we care!



## Board of Elders

Below is a chart indicating service times & mask-wearing options (subject to change). Masks are required when entering/exiting the Narthex and Sanctuary and may be removed during services as indicated. Please sign up for services on-line or sign in when you arrive at church. This allows us to track attendance and provides us with information in case we need to make notifications for a COVID-related issue.

Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30 a.m. w/ masks	11 a.m.	8 a.m.
5:30 p.m.		10:30 w/ masks 9:30 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study

The Elders continue to meet with Pastor on Sundays to review and prioritize connections to members. Patrick Grant will begin serving as an Elder in 2021. We still need one more. Contact David Greeting ([greeting@htc.net](mailto:greeting@htc.net)) if interested. Bob Thoma is the Elder assigned to the oversight committee that will make recommendations later in 2021 regarding the disposition of the funds received from the Schneider estate and parsonage sale.

## The Concordia Corner

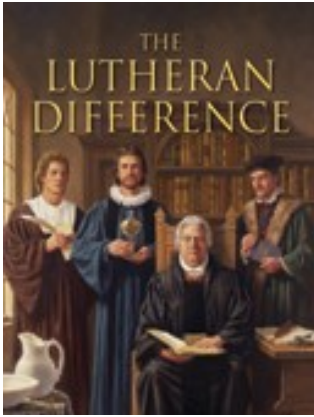
Grace and Peace to you this New Year. Its amazing how time goes by. Seems that just yesterday I joined the St. Paul's family as a new fieldworker. Since then we have experienced a lot together. School is coming to a close and by the end of April, under God's direction, I will be assigned to a new church as a Vicar and start this summer. Until then, I will be helping Pastor Krenz teach confirmation and adult Bible studies and preach God's Word on some weekend and Lenten services. May you all be granted a full portion of His blessings as we eagerly await His return.

~In Christ, Aaron Beckman

God's peace to you! This year has been interesting and I wish I'd been able to spend more of it with you in person. Like Aaron, I will receive my year-long internship placement at the end of April. After that I hopefully will receive a call. Until then, I am helping with Sunday school, confirmation, & handbells God's blessings this New Year!

~In His Peace, Alicia Benning

# The Lutheran/Christian Difference: The Creeds



The Creeds help us define, defend, and declare the historic Christian faith.

Every week we confess one of the three creeds in public worship. Usually this confession involves the Nicene, Apostles, and once a year the Athanasian creed. It is true that verbally stating these creeds can become a practice of meaningless repetition, and for that we cry, "Forgive us, Lord." Yet, by verbally confessing the content of our faith,

we are doing something Christians have done in public worship since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The change in our world over the last 1600 years is mind boggling, but how assuring and comforting to know that the content of our faith remains the same. The creeds help us in defining what the Scriptures say about who this God is and His past, present and future activity in this world and the next. The creeds assist us in defending our faith in an increasingly

secular and multi-religious world. We can no longer assume that what you and your neighbor think about God are the same thing. Finally, the creeds give us a chance to declare to a despairing, searching, and self-obsessed world that God is real and at work creating a holy people, forgiving their sins, and resurrecting them to life everlasting. What a blessing to be part of a creedal church!

## Resources to assist you in your Christian faith:

- KFUO Radio AM 850, Being Lutheran Podcast
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- Lutheran Women in Mission Web Site
- Lutheran Hour Ministries Web Site.

*About this column:* The purpose of this column is to state clearly what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutheran Christians. Using the word "Lutheran" in the title does not mean to denigrate other Christians, for much of what will be stated finds an "amen" in many Christian circles. Rather, it is intended to bring out our Lutheran/Biblical heritage in order to bring more depth of understanding to your God-given Christian faith.

# Board of Christian Caring (Food Pantry)

2020 has been extremely challenging for the food pantry. Due to COVID, we had to change how we operated, recruit new volunteers, and continually adjust on the fly. We were forced away from indoor operations where our patrons selected the food items they needed to an all outdoor operation with pre-packed boxes where everyone gets the same things. We continue to flex as we enter the winter months and must again re-evaluate how to maintain our level of service while balancing the safety and welfare of our volunteers (most in their 70s) in the context of winter weather and its associated hazards.

Every year we rely on the Scouting for Food Drive to restock our pantry. This one event usually provides us with enough of many staples to last an entire year! When the Greater St. Louis Area Scout Council canceled this year's operation, the troops in Columbia quickly engaged and implemented a new plan in less than one week! They coordinated drop-off points at 10 locations in town. We were the grateful recipients of about half of what they collected. As you can see in the photo, it looks like a lot, but it accounted for only about 25-30% of what we would normally receive. As it turns out, this was about all we could handle on our end since our volunteer pool to sort, mark, and pack food for storage was also about 25% of what we would normally require. Last year's evolution took more than 200 man-hours!! In addition to the Scouts, the Board of Christian Caring extends a HUGE "Thank You" to this year's volunteers: the Bierman/Stephens Family, Mary Clyde, Charlie Consolino, the Haberls, Aona Isaac, Kevin Koenigstein, Emily Kohlenberger, the Krenz Family, Stefanie Newbill, Levi Nowak, Kendra Nowak, the Phelps Family, Barb Ries, Rich Rottneck, the Schmitt Family,

and the Youth (Kaitlyn, Seth, Ollie, Martin, Judy, & Joe).

Other local businesses and civic groups also coordinated food collections for us including by Tammy Mitchell Hines & Company, the Columbia Turner Association, & Columbia Agriscience Association. Osterhage Insurance donated 3 large boxes of citrus fruits. Every distribution day throughout the year, Hope Christian Church's food pantry shares fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, and other perishables, helping to ensure that we are able to provide well-balanced meal options for the 110+ households we serve annually.

**Our biggest need continues to be VOLUNTEER support** to help with a variety of tasks. With the exception of distribution, most of these activities can be done on your own schedule. **Can you help?** Call Barb Ries at 618.476.1065 or 618.301.2530.





## Sunday School News

Until further notice, children's Sunday School will not meet in person. In January, deaconess intern Alicia Benning, will provide short-form (approx. 15 minute) lessons on YouTube.

In lieu of a regular Christmas program, this year we had children from one family at a time participate in the worship services during Advent. Campbell and Lennon Ottwell did readings. Keaton Schmitt sang "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The Nowak sisters, Hannah, Sophia, Grace, & Madeline, & their friend Kendall Hemken all sang "Joy to the World" with Hannah, Grace, & Kendall on bass and acoustic guitars. Levi, Maddie, & Sophia Nowak and Hogan & Byron Story also did readings and Hogan played the piano. Abbey Heck sang and read.



## Youth News

The Christmas Season came in a hurry! We purchased a new tree for the sanctuary and the kids had a wonderful time decorating it while listening to Christmas music. Afterwards they played a few games and had lunch. The tree looks beautiful and we greatly appreciate the kids' help! **Tree Take Down** will be on Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Youth Bible Study will resume in January 2021!**

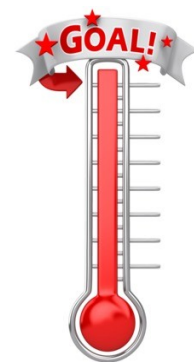
**Life Night** is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 10th. This event will run from 5-7pm and is for 5th–9th graders. Come for an evening of food, devotion, and activities. We plan to do Life Nights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from January–April.



## Fundraising Goal Exceeded

\$12,780 has already been donated for the new church signage! Can we exceed this even further? Prayerfully consider financially supporting this outreach activity. Write "For Church signs" on the check's memo line or envelope (if cash) and return to the church office or offering collection box.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$65,000 with the balance to be paid by a bequest from the Schneider Estate.



The new 2021 flower calendar has been posted. Directions for ordering are next to the chart. Questions? Call Kathy Stechmeyer at 618.281.4670 or the church office at 618.281.4600.

## OOPS! Outreach Opportunity Suggestions

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all you **Jesus' Witnesses** — that's what Jesus Himself calls you in Acts 1:8. Will this be the year Jesus comes again? Will this be the year Jesus comes to take you or your dad or your grandmother to Heaven? How about that friend or relative or neighbor of yours whose faith in Jesus is seldom seen or heard? With those Heaven and Hell questions in mind, our Board of Christian Outreach would prayerfully ask you to consider making this NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, I resolve to intentionally share my faith in Jesus Christ throughout 2021 with (person's name) because I care about him/her and want him/her to be saved when Jesus comes again.**

## Cemetery Improvements

Using designated funds from the Schneider estate, the road through the cemetery was repaved at a cost of \$15,000. Other improvements are being planned.



### UPDATED GRAVESITE PRICING & BURIAL FEES

#### Gravesite Pricing

St. Paul's Members:	\$600
Other LCMS churches:	\$800

#### Burial Fees\*

Funerals, M—F:	\$850 (\$425)
Funerals, Sat:	\$900 (\$450)
Cremation, M—F:	\$400 (\$200)
Cremation, Sat:	\$450 (\$200)
Infant Burial:	\$175 (\$100)

\*includes grave opening/closing fee

In November, we began planning for 2021 and held elections for President and Secretary. Wanda Gross will serve another 2-year team as President and Marilyn Snider was elected as Secretary. The December meeting was canceled.

A big "thank you" to Bob & Marilee Schueler for delivering the Comforts of Love quilts and LWR fabric kits to Camp Wartburg on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Wanda will lead the "Gold, Frankincense, and ME" Bible study from the LWML Quarterly. Bring your own lunch, drink, and mask.

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Pastor will lead the study/discussion. Bring your own lunch, drink, and mask.

Meeting cancellation notifications will be made by phone or e-mail. Want more information about LWML/Ladies League? Call Wanda at 618.281.4691.

Feb. 1: 2021 LWML 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention registration opens. This year's convention in Lexington, KY from June 24-27th and the theme is "Running the Race . . . Looking to Jesus." For complete conference details, registration, order forms, deadlines, etc., go to [lwml.org/2021-convention](http://lwml.org/2021-convention).



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## Meet Our Missionaries—Unity Lutheran Elementary School

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School is a mission of the Southern Illinois District – LCMS. School started in 2003 in the basement of Unity Lutheran Church with 17 students. We grew into a larger facility and now have 143 students from Pre K-3 through 8th grade, 11 teacher, 3 staff members! Our mission is to offer a quality, Christ-centered education in a safe school community while helping each child reach his or her greatest potential and prepare for a Christ-like adult life. Located in East St. Louis, home of some of the worst public schools in Illinois, 90% of our students are from low-income families. 80% of the students are unchurched, so we feel that teaching them about Jesus' love and plan of salvation is as important as giving them a great elementary education. Our students have a chance for a great future because of the Christ-centered education, small class sizes, the most dedicated of teachers, and the safe, caring environment we provide. We are proud to say that 100% of our 8th graders are high school graduates!

While every family does pay some tuition, we rely heavily on donors and grants to keep our doors open. Some churches and individuals give yearly, some give monthly. Your congregation has given a lifetime total of \$6,395 to our school since 2003 and we know several of your members also support us financially. This year your Board of Christian Caring's Giving Tree is providing Christmas gifts for seven children, making Christmas

much brighter for these three families. THANK YOU for your continued generous support!

Here at Unity we love Proverbs 11:25, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." We ask for your continued prayers and whatever help you can give us as we move into 2021 and beyond. We know God wants His children in East St. Louis to know and love Him, and friends like YOU make this possible! You can give on-line through at [www.unityesl.org](http://www.unityesl.org) or make a check payable to "Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School" and mail to 1600 North 40th Street, East St. Louis IL 62204. Donations of stocks, Qualified Charitable Distributions, or Thrivent Choice Dollars are also accepted. Monetary donations are not the only way you can help. **We also need volunteers!** We always need envelope-stuffers, library assistants, data entry, general building and grounds maintenance/beautification, and painting. Have another talent to share? Call Nancy Stallard, Director of Development, at 618.874.6605 or e-mail her at [nstallard@unityesl.org](mailto:nstallard@unityesl.org).

Check out Unity's website at [www.unityesl.org](http://www.unityesl.org) for our latest newsletters and videos of our students and staff in action! We are also on Facebook and YouTube, just search for "Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School."

THANK YOU for "being a Refresher" to us; we pray you all have a Merry Christmas. ~Nancy Stallard, Director of Development





## Voter's Meeting Synopsis

**This is synopsis of the October 27th Voter's Meeting. Committees with no new business/reports are not listed. For a complete set of minutes, contact the church office. For questions regarding content, contact Glenn Grebing or Kevin Koenigstein.**

**Pastors Report** – Visits: General 3; Shut-in 7; Hospital 9, phone calls. Memorial service x1. Jr. Confirmation Aug. 30. Adult classes in progress for 3. Wedding scheduled Jan. 2, 2021. Ave. worship attendance: Weds, 18; Weekends, 78; YouTube, 85. **Holiday Service Schedule** – Advent, Weds. 11am and 6:30pm; Christmas Eve 4pm & 6:30pm; Christmas Day 9am; Sun. Dec. 2, 9am; New Year's Eve 5pm.

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund** – 1yr 0.5%, 2yr 2.5%

**Youth Ministry** – Float Trip 8 youth attended, help with Food Drive in Nov., Christmas tree setup, 2021 Youth project. Rummage sale in March pending COVID restrictions.

**Family Ministry** – Masks for Sunday school students. Annual bowling event in Jan. pending due to COVID. Have ideas for activities? Call Lillian Koenigstein.

**Historic Buildings Fund** – 6/30: \$4,794.84

**Congregational Endowment Fund** – 9/30: \$73,233.74

**Communications** – Send all Newsletter business to communications@stpauls-lcms.org. Will collaborate w/ Board of Outreach for "how-to" guide for new digital sign. Brainstorming ways to welcome everyone back to show "Our church is, by the grace of God, back in business."

**Christian Outreach** – Jamie Moeslein to fill board vacancy. Unity Lutheran School to be Mission Speaker in 2021. Approx. 30 thank you cards delivered to local police. Neighborhood canvas Nov. 29; elder to join and present a Christmas Gift to residents. Feasibility of giving breakfast food gift baskets to teachers in Columbia in early Dec? Looked at the Essential Core Values from the Re-Vitality Cmte; Outreach/Missions Evangelism not identified as Aspirational Value. Discussed emphasizing in sermons the "Outreach Calls" in scripture lessons and preaching texts.

**Cemetery** – LCEF fund + checking account \$85,754.45.

**Christian Caring** – Serve approx 40 households/month. 6 man-hours to pack 30 food boxes. 3-4 people meet most Mon. nights to pack boxes, keep organized. 7-10 on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed distribution days. No Giving Tree this year, instead a "Reverse Advent Calendar. Shopping list for calendar will be provided; collection bins will be in Narthex & bottom of stairs.

**Stewardship** – Gifts and Talents survey sent in Sep. 40+ returned. Follow-up Dec/Jan. Intention forms mailed; return in box in Narthex in Nov. Synod Gift Planning counselor presentation in Jan., hope to have 5-10 attend.

**Education** – Jan 1, preschool startup possible. Planning Sunday school/ Bible Class Oct. 4 w/ 30-45 minute session. Looking at VBS dates. All members up for re-election agreed to stay on board. Ordering books for Sunday School Families w/ Thrivent card. No Christmas Program this year.

**Finance** – Quarterly meeting Oct. 18. General Fund operating balance over \$121K plus \$200+K invested w/ LCEF, quarterly interest earned. Bldg/Renovation Fund balance over \$47K w/ \$150+k K invested w/LCEF, quarterly interest earned.

**Trustee** – Annual exterminator visit done. Lower level retaining wall repaired, cleaned. New phone system installed. Boilers inspected, repaired. Dumpster for church use only; signs placed. Historic Building now included in Trustee Report. No outdoor Nativity scene due to its heavy weight. Lending library moved to Atrium, could use a few people to maintain it, POC Helen Nowak. To be done: (1) restripe parking lot (2) replace weather stripping on all doors.

**Elders** – Services cont. w/ 2 on Wed., 1 on Sat., and 2 Sun.; schedule likely through the end of year. Advent services per Pastor's Report; no Weds devotionals until 2021. Approved salary and cost of insurance increases for Pastor and salary increase for secretary. Elder Lists updated; all members assigned; master list in office. Elder/ pastor visits continue on Sundays. Memorial for Mike Maske: TV screen ordered and to be installed soon on balcony (so Pastor can see same screens as congregation). Need 2 more elders for next year.

## Boards of Finance & Stewardship

- 2021 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex.
- 2020 Financial Contribution statements will be ready for pick-up in the Narthex in early January. Those not picked up by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> will be mailed.
- Giving Intention Forms for 2021 were mailed in October. 39 forms were returned with \$123,817 designated for the general fund, \$21,165 for the building improvement fund, and \$720 for the historic buildings. 11 members indicated interest in having an electronic giving option.

October/November Operating Balances

Fund	Receipts	Expenditures	Operating Balance
General	\$35,646.80	\$45,280.68	\$121,117.35
Building Improvement	\$8,198	n/a	\$56,215.23
Sign	\$8,930	n/a	\$12,780.00

## January

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3	Hadley Grider Marvin Luedeman Nicholas Ray	20	Stephanie Burke Jessica McCann Trudy Penno	2	Laura Camp		
4	Jeanine Consolino Jason Rahn	21	Evy Colyer Daniel Heise Brenda Henckler Blaine Reichert	4	Donna Lake	20	Kelci Hofstetter
5	Janice Elbrecht	22	Casey Keeven Cindy Murray	5	Karen Mueller	21	Alex Idoux
7	Arthur McAuliffe IV	23	Ryan Chandler John Hertz Skylar Toolen	6	Ryan Schwartz	22	Penny Rauh
8	Lillian Berger Tom Keeven Jr.	24	Michael Beatty Noah Gross	7	Samuel Woodcock	23	Paige Bierman Leah Farris Leigh Flynn-Triplett
9	Katherine Lacefield	25	Lynn McAuliffe Jack Wayland	8	Brantley Toolen	24	Desmein Criley
10	Jessica Kritz Ronald Tomlinson	26	Pam Haberl Carol Womack Gail Zavadil	9	Christopher Hancock Stephen Lake Quinn Ramsey	25	Christopher Clyde Aimee Ebersohl Joel Krenz Randolph Moeckel
11	Ralph Mathews Edna Poenitske Hogan Story	27	Donald Gruber Linda Paulat Alan Raney	10	Patrick Tygett	26	Matthew Collet Eric Upson
12	Corla Greer Christine Link Mark Nolte	29	Jason Kirk Helen Nowak Allie Sackman	11	Taylor Holten Chloe Hrabusicky	27	Jan Glaenzer
14	Lindsay Newton	30	Owen Dietz Tom Keeven Sr.	13	Patricia Pulcher	28	Audrey Krupp
15	Zane Ebersohl Tripp Ford	31	Gabrielle Nowak Robert Schueler	14	William Dietz David Greatting Danielle Schwartz	29	Carol Ericson
16	James Colyer Patrick Linderer Jr. Julie Sharp			15	Ray Champion		
17	Sean Frederick Nolan Mathews			16	Catherine Mathews		
18	Joshua Mueller Samantha Nelson			17	Scott Heck Lisa Schmidt Dorothy Tomlinson		
				18	Stacey Filipiak		



3	Mary & Richard Schmidt	3	Mark & Susan Nolte
10	David & Julie Greatting	5	Susan & Rick Stemler
16	Melvin & Agnes Stuckmeyer	6	Stephen & Gale Toolen Sr.
26	Jacob & Lori Camp	16	William & Cynthia Luther Jr.
29	Jean & John Kirk	22	Nelson & Joan Mathews
31	Dean & Barbara Lungwitz	24	Mark & Ellen Heise
		26	Scott & Heather Heck

**"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;  
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."**

# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*** Dates, times, &amp; locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: <a href="http://stpauls-lcms.org">stpauls-lcms.org</a> then click on the "calendar" tab.</p>					1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2 Communion Service 11 am (Sanctuary)
<p>3 Communion Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary) Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing) Private Baptism Reichert/Roediger 12:30pm (Sanctuary) Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>4 Financial Count (Team 1)</p>	<p>5 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Trustee Mtg 5:30pm (Narthex) Revitality 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6 <b>EPIPHANY</b> Communion Devotional 9:30 am &amp; 5:30 pm (Sanctuary) Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>7 Ladies League 11:30 am (Fellowship Hall) Board of Ed 6:30 pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>8 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>9 Communion Service 11 am (Sanctuary)</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*** Dates, times, &amp; locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: <a href="http://stpauls-lcms.org">stpauls-lcms.org</a> then click on the "calendar" tab. ***</p>	<p>1 Financial Count (Team 2)</p>	<p>2 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Trustee Mtg 5:30pm (Narthex) Revitality 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>6 Communion Devotional 9:30 am &amp; 5:30 pm (Sanctuary) Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6pm (Sanctuary) Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 Ladies League 11:30am (Fellowship Hall) Board of Ed 6:30pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Communion Service 11am (Sanctuary)</p>
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<p>21 <b>MISSION SUNDAY—UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b> Communion Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary) Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing) Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>22 Financial Count (Team 2)</p>	<p>23 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Board of Elders 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>24 <b>LENT BEGINS</b> Lent Svcs 9:30 am &amp; 6:30 pm (Sanctuary) Confirmation 6pm (Sanctuary) Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Communion Service 11am (Sanctuary)</p>
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### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve  
2 p.m. (masked)  
4 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day  
9 a.m.  
New Year's Eve  
5 p.m.

