



## The Epistle

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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For centuries Christians have marked the lintels over their home's front door during the season after the Epiphany (Epiphanytide). The marking is a sign of blessing and a prayer for protection for those who dwell within or enter the house. It draws upon the marking over the doors of the Israelites during the Passover in Egypt (Exodus 12). Furthermore, it recalls the protection of our Heavenly Father for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the Magi (Wisemen) did not return to Herod, having been warned in a dream not to, and the visitation of an angel to Joseph in a dream telling him to flee to Egypt for safety (Matthew 2).

The marking on the lintel includes: the year, 4 crosses, and the letters C, M, B. They can be understood as initials for the traditional names ascribed to the 3 Wise Men. They can also be understood as being initials for the Latin: *Christus mansionem benedicat* = Christ bless this house.

We draw from the Wise Men's names as we mark saying:

C - Caspar

M - Melchior

B - and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became human

20 - two thousand

22 - twenty two years ago

++ - May Christ bless our home

++ - and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

If you would like to arrange a time for me to come by for a visit to bless the house and chalk the door, just call the church or send an email. [Blessings should customarily take place during Epiphanytide - Jan. 7th - Feb 1st.] If you plan to be there, which I hope you will, we can do it together at the front door. However, if you will not be home, simply leave a Diet Coke at the front door, so I know I'm at the right place, and



I'll happily come by. And if you would like to do this on your own you can grab some chalk and an instruction paper on the table in the Narthex the next time you come to church.

Epiphany Blessings,

Pr. Tony



## Council Notes

The Church Council met on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Our response to Covid was discussed. One change was made: we will pass the offering plate.
- Council commended the Parking Committee for its work.
- Council will hold a retreat on January 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a reorganization of our congregation governance.
- Annual meeting of the congregation set for February 27<sup>th</sup>. We elect new council members, and we need a new treasurer.
- Discussion of installing solar panels on the rood continued. We have information from two companies. There is a hole in the shingles near the steeple that must be repaired before this can be done. Council is also addressing several issues which have arisen related to this; we need answers before we can bring this to the congregation.
- We continue to look for a cleaning service for the building. Any input or assistance from members is welcome.



Have you the skills to be treasurer of the congregation? Debby Borrelli is moving. She has served us very well for many years, and we heartily thank her for all her work. But now we need a successor as soon as possible, so that Debby may work with that person during a transition period.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following worship.

Committee chairs: please submit your reports to the office by February 14<sup>th</sup>

Council members will be elected. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination if you are asked. This is your church, and your participation is vital.



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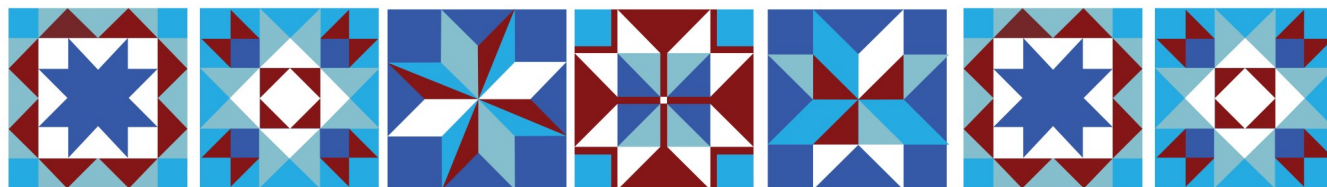
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 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 I desire a pastor to call     I am a visitor

Home congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this card with the offering or hand it to an usher.*

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Our constitution states that voting members must have a communion of record and a financial contribution of record within the current or preceding calendar year. To maintain your status as a voting member, please fill out a communion card when you next attend worship.



**From the Piece Makers**

As the New Year comes The Piece Makers thank the Congregation of St. Paul’s for their help in past years. Most recently was the purchase of raffle tickets and items from our craft sale. The winners of the raffle were pleased. Both plan on giving their items as Christmas presents. Among the customers at the bazaar were many Saint Paul members, and we hope that their friends and families will equally enjoy their gifts.

The quilters ended 2021 with a tasty Christmas luncheon, good conversations, and an exchange of small crafted items. Sherry and Dana Fox took eleven quilts for delivery to the warehouse. Look for new quilts to appear in the narthex and church balcony in the new year.

The Piece Makers will resume making quilts for WELCA on January 7. We welcome new members to join us then and on following Fridays. Quilting skills are not necessary; just the desire to be of service and enjoy the fellowship.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: NOVEMBER 2021

**OFFERING AND INCOME: \$ 15,585**

**EXPENSES: \$ 16,692**

**NET INCOME – Nov. 2021 \$ -1,107**

**NET INCOME FOR 2021 \$ 21,862**



REMINDER: If you are unable to attend worship in person, offering envelopes may be mailed to the church!

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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To everyone in the congregation who gave Christmas cards and presents, we are very grateful and thank you! - The Setleys



## Christmas Baskets

We donated 35 Christmas meals — thank you! Rock Forge serves about 45 families each month; many of the clients are older people with limited resources and access to help. The donations from St. Paul (holiday baskets and money from the parking committee) are a big part of their work.




### Parking Committee

The Parking Committee met on December 12<sup>th</sup> and decided on the following distributions of funds:

- \$1500 to each:
  - Christian Help
  - Bartlett House
  - St. Ursula
  - Morgantown Community Kitchen
  - Pantry Plus More Monongalia County
  - Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU
- \$1000
  - Rock Forge Food Pantry



\$10,00 total earned from parking WVU games and given to the community!!



The January—March issue of *Christ in Our Home* is available now. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

The new **FLOWER CHART** for 2022 is posted

Please choose a Sunday when you would like to place flowers on the altar. We will order the flowers for you, and you will be sent a bill from the florist. Please let the office know if you would like a particular type or color of flower. This is a wonderful way to remember someone special, celebrate a special occasion, or just to the Glory of God. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



# Serving in january



SERVING ST PAUL January 2022	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COUNTERS	ZOOM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 AM	J. Lemasters	M. Kirkpatrick	L. Springer	G. Riegel	S. Kirkpatrick C. Henry	C. Wertz
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	D. Borrelli	S. McEwuen	D. Custer	S. Sandolini	****	M. & J. Peters
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	J. Lemasters	T. Riegel	E. Naumann	D. Stiles J. Bouquot	S. Setley
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> 10:00 AM	M. Haas	T. Riegel	W. Graham	G. Riegel	****	M. Boroff
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	J. Lemasters	S. Setley	L. Springer	V. Sandolini	B. Graham J. Seasholtz	C. Wertz

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**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**  
**St. Paul MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED!!**

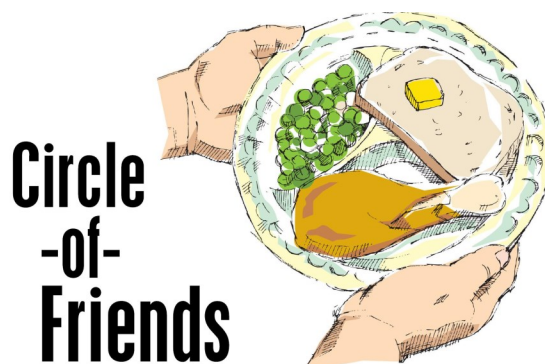
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For the past several decades, St. Paul has been providing a meal one weekend each month to anyone in the Downtown Morgantown area. Some of the people are homeless, some have homes but have minimal cooking skills, and - until COVID restrictions – some just wanted a place to have a meal with other people. Churches and organizations in the surrounding Morgantown area provide meals on the other Saturdays and Sundays. That is why we are a “Circle of Friends”!

Our congregation has had a dedicated cadre of volunteers who provide food items, donate money for food and serving items and who serve the meals. The volunteer numbers have gotten much smaller recently due to several people moving away from Morgantown

The meal is served on the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend Sunday at the WVU Lutheran Campus Chapel from 4—5 pm. Set up usually takes about 30-45 minutes and clean-up is usually finished by 5:15. So the total commitment is about 2 hours! (FYI: Street parking is free downtown on Sundays.) With COVID restrictions still in place, all meals are served as “to-go meals”.

Please contact the church office or Debby Borrelli, if you would be interested in coordinating this ministry of our church. **If a new coordinator is not in place by the end of the year, we will notify the Circle of Friends group organizer that St. Paul will no longer participate in this ministry.**





Thank you to Debby Borrelli for her years of faithful service as congregational treasurer, as coordinator of Circle of Friends, as a member of the Parking Committee, and other jobs too numerous to remember!

**Reminder: Deadline for February newsletter is January 24<sup>th</sup>!!!**



# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:00 AM Worship Service			7:00 PM Choir		10:00 AM Piecemakers	9:00 AM Church Council Retreat
10:00 AM Worship Service Epiphany of Our Lord (observed) Take down Christ- mas decorations after worship		8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers  10:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM Choir		10:00 AM Piecemakers	
10:00 AM Worship Service Baptism of Our Lord (observed)		8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers  10:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM Choir	7:00 PM Council	10:00 AM Piecemakers  7:00 PM Synod Council Retreat	8:00 AM Synod Council Retreat
10:00 AM Worship Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends		8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers  10:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM Choir		10:00 AM Piecemakers	
10:00 AM Worship Service	8:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission					





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