

The Epistle

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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The Church is growing. Today there are more disciples of Our Lord than ever, an estimated 2.6 billion souls. From Guntar, India to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and here in Morgantown, USA baptisms are happening. On the Feast of the Transfiguration, the last Sunday of this month, by God's grace we will baptize three new believers into the church: Isaac, Luke, and Grant. We baptize because Christ told us to, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Matt. 28:19) and because we know that for each of the baptized, God welcomes them into His family as children of God.

"Of the baptism of children we hold that children ought to be baptized. **For they belong to the promised redemption made through Christ**, and the Church should administer it [Baptism and the announcement of that promise] to them." (Smalcald Articles III.V.IV)

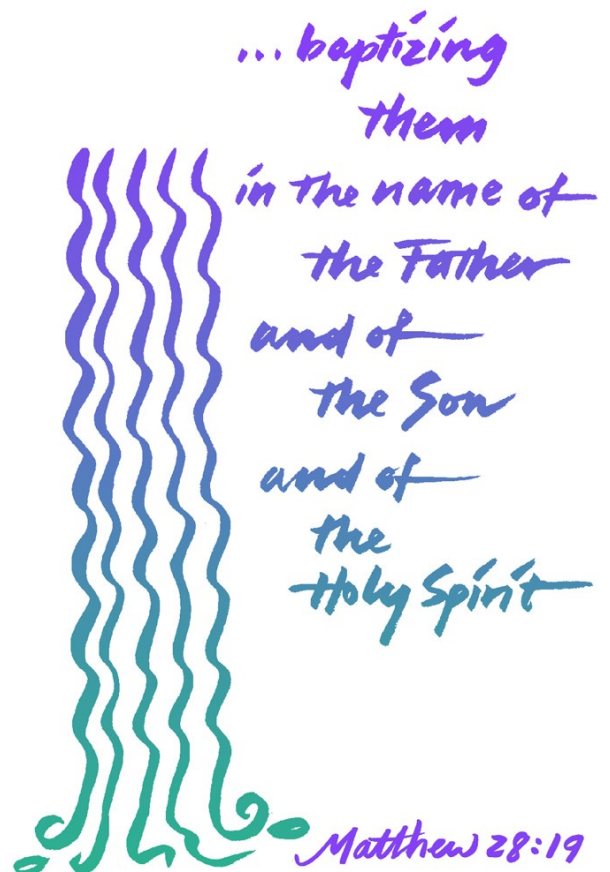
How should we think about that family? As our local congregation? Yes! For those baptized in our midst we bear a special responsibility, one which we affirm during the service. We are they who will welcome, support, and assist these new brothers and sisters in the faith and life.

But the Church of Christ, the assembly of our brothers and sisters in God, is also bigger than those who worship at 309 Baldwin St. The family is also our CMA neighbors next door, Grace Lutheran in Fairmont, *Cordero de Dios Luterano* in Soyapango, El Salvador. Isaac, Luke, Grant, you, and me are a part of something enormous, fitting as we are a part of something of God.

By God's promise, we welcome those who will be baptized into our family, the global Christian family, and into God's grace. The Church is growing. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony





Council Notes

The Church Council met on January 20th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- We heard the end of the year report from treasurer, Debby Borrelli, and it was good news. Our 2021 contributions totaled \$196,612.36, which is just shy of our 2022 spending plan. There were a few outstanding deficits for flowers and poinsettias. If you ordered flowers and forgot to reimburse the church you can still do that.
- We had significant discussions on two important matters.
 - 1) installing solar panels on the roof. We have bids on the project, but we are looking at getting an engineering evaluation of our roof structure before presenting this to the congregation. We are looking at funding this project from the money gained from the sale of Edna Dillon's home, which she bequeathed to St Paul. If you knew Edna you probably know that this would be near and dear to her.
 - 2) Governance. We continue to discuss the reorganization of the governance of the church. It will require a change to our constitution and has elicited a lot of good discussion. We will continue to develop the concept in the coming months before presenting it to the congregation.
- We are still working on filling our list of nominees for council elections 2022 as well as seeking a new treasurer. We urge you to consider how you can contribute to St Paul by seeking one of these positions.
- Lastly, 2022 is the 125th anniversary of St Paul Lutheran Church. We welcome volunteers to help plan for this great event! If interested you can speak to Pastor Tony or any council member.

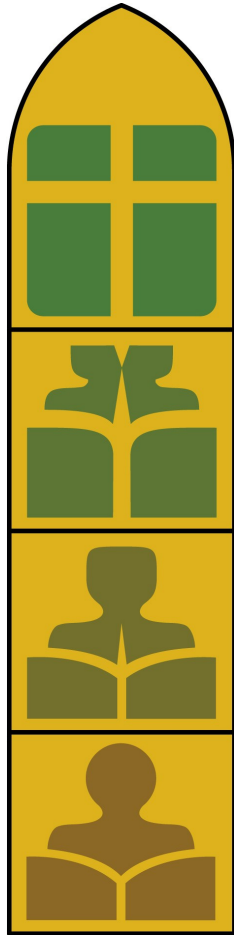


The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, February 27th**, immediately following worship.

Committee chairs: please submit your reports to the office by February 14th

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

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. You need to do this only once a year.



Learn
 &
Grow

Preparing for a faithful Lent
 9:00-9:45, Feb. 13, 20, 27

During the three weeks leading up to Lent you are invited to join in three sessions to prepare and make a plan for this solemn season. We will review the disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, and develop accountable, individually-based plans for the upcoming six weeks. No advanced sign-up is necessary.

Preparing for
LENT



For All Elementary Age Students
 9:00 AM

- March 20—St. Patrick
- April 10—Palm Sunday
- May 22—Ascension
- June 5—Pentecost



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

Services at 7:30 AM, Noon, and
 7:00 PM

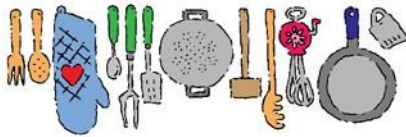
TREASURER'S REPORT: DECEMBER 2021	
OFFERING AND INCOME:	\$ 25,373
EXPENSES:	\$ 26,381
NET INCOME – DEC. 2021	\$ -1,008
NET INCOME FOR 2021	\$ 20,002



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

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KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN



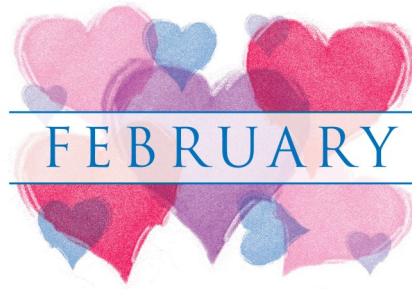
If you use the church kitchen, please clean up after yourself. Wash and dry the dishes and put them away, and wipe the countertops. Please care for it as you do your own.

Date	
February 6	Tamara Riegel
February 13	MaryLee Cushing
February 20	Mary Haas
February 27	Jeanne Lemasters



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Serving in



SERVING ST PAUL February 2022	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COUNTERS	ZOOM
6th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	S. McEwuen	L. Springer	S. Sandolfini	****	M. & J. Peters
13th 10:00 AM	S. McEwuen	T. Riegel	D. Custer	N. Sandolfini	K. Shockley J. Sandolfini	S. Setley
20th 10:00 AM	M. Haas	J. Lemasters	W. Graham	V. Sandolfini	****	C. Wertz
27th 10:00 AM Transfiguration	J. Lemasters	S. Setley	T. Riegel	E. Naumann	W. Graham M. Suder	M. Boroff

Reminder: Deadline for March newsletter is February 21st!!!

From the Piece Makers

February 2022



The cold temperatures kept the Piece Makers from meeting the past two weeks. However, we are hopeful for the month of February. February is associated with love, and we hope to be back to sharing the love of God through making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

We thank Cece Melby for her donation of fabrics and Earl for delivering them to us. We welcome all donations and especially that of the time of people who join us on Fridays from 10 to 2.

February 13th is Boy Scout Sunday. All those involved in the scouting movement, past or present, are invited to wear their uniforms. This will also be the start date for those working on their religious awards.



To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620. There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list.

Thank you!





FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7:00 PM Choir	3	4 10:00 AM Piecemakers	5
6 10:00 AM Worship Service	7	8 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	9 7:00 PM Choir	10	11 10:00 AM Piecemakers	12
13 9:00 AM Preparing for Lent 10:00 AM Worship Service	14	15 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	16 7:00 PM Choir	17 7:00 PM Council	18 10:00 AM Piecemakers	19
20 9:00 AM Preparing for Lent 10:00 AM Worship Service Intro to Communion after worship	21	22 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	23 7:00 PM Choir	24	25 10:00 AM Piecemakers	26
27 9:00 AM Preparing for Lent 10:00 AM Worship Service Annual Meeting after worship	28 8:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission					



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