

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Jan 9) **WORSHIP** & Sunday School

Dale-20 minute Bible study.....7:30 am
Dale (Food Pantry collection).....8:00 am
Larsen (Bible class follows) 10:00 am

MON (Jan 10)

NO Choir
Zoom catechism class-St. Paul/St. Peter's.....6:30 pm

WED (Jan 12) St Paul Council (Time change).....6:00 pm

WED (Jan 12) Joint council meeting at Larsen.....7:30 pm

THUR (Jan 13) **WORSHIP (HC)**4:30 pm

NEXT SUN (Jan 16) **WORSHIP (HC)** & Sunday School

Dale-20 minute Bible study.....7:30 am
Dale.....8:00 am
Larsen 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Jan 12** - Virginia Gordee, Madyson Brandt **Jan 14** – Dorothy Luedtke

JANUARY 2022 COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGE – (St. Paul & St. Peter's) Holy Communion will be celebrated on the third Sunday (instead of the fourth). This will be January 16.

FREE SEMINAR - You prepare for the future but haven't had an opportunity to look into establishing/updating your estate plan or to investigate new tax laws. How will these impact you and those you love in the coming years? As a service to Federation members, the FVL Mission Advancement Office has scheduled a free informational seminar. Join us at FVL on **Wed., 1/12/22** to hear options from a financial planner and an attorney. Event begins at **6 PM**. Go to fvlhs.org/seminar to register and get information.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – (St. Paul)

- ◆ We would like to have a new pictorial directory of all families. We will be taking photos on Sunday's after worship. 4 families/singles per week. Please signup for a time that you would like for your photo to be taken. January/February dates now available.

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS – (St. Paul) There is a signup chart available on the entryway counter for anyone interested in providing the monthly altar flowers for 2022. There are still a few months left to fill. This is a nice way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or express gratitude for blessings received.

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EPIPHANY

January 6 & 9, 2022

TODAY'S WORSHIP - If you were able to attend our Christmas Eve service, you heard lessons based on the theme "A Star is Born." Today we celebrate how God revealed to the world that Jesus had come as the Light not only for the Jewish nation, but for all people of every nation. The prophet Isaiah in our first lesson looks forward to the time when the glory of the Lord would beam forth from Judah and people from all nations would come to the brightness of the Lord's glory. In our second lesson, God inspires St. Paul to write to us about the mystery that up until that time had remained hidden, but now God revealed the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to Gentile believers. If you are not born from a Jewish heritage, you are considered by Jews to be a Gentile. But God welcomes both Jew and Gentile into his kingdom by faith in Jesus.

Welcome to our Guests—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

The liturgy and hymns will be shown on the large screen in the front of the church and the readings are printed in the bulletin.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word on page 38 in the front of the hymnal.

TODAY'S HYMNS: #93, 83, 92, and 94 verses 1-2

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 72, pg 93

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sing: AMEN

+ GOD'S WORD +

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you.

²Look, darkness covers the earth,
and deep darkness covers the peoples,
but the LORD will dawn upon you,
and his glory will be seen over you.

³Nations will walk to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Look up. Look all around and see!
All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and people will carry your daughters on their side.

⁵Then you will look and be radiant.
Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy.
For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you.
The wealth of the nations will come to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE- Brothers in Christ-You are a vital link between the men of your congregation and the thirteenth annual Men of His Word Conference. We need your help in promoting this year's event which will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 19, 2022. This year's theme is More Than Conquerors. Check out conference details at www.menofhisword.org. Our primary mission is to: a) equip Christian men to take a leadership role within their family, within their congregation, and in their community; and b) provide opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually. Registration is OPEN: Encourage men to register online at www.menofhisword.org or use the "2022 Registration Form." The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth – These rates increase to \$60 and \$30 respectively after January 30th . If mailing the registration form, please make the check payable to: Men of His Word / 1332 Arrowhead Road / Grafton, WI 53024 Your support and promotion is essential in bringing our brothers together. Thank you.

More information at <http://www.menofhisword.org>

Dennis Zorn 2022 Men of His Word Conference Home: 920 231-3567 Cell: 920 216-4301 E-Mail: deskz@twc.com

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT - Sisters in Christ, please join us for the 21st Pathways to Christ Retreat on March 4-6 at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. The 2022 theme is "Serve One Another Humbly in Love", Galatians 5:13b. The welcome on Friday evening will center on various skits followed by singing. On Saturday, Dave Schroeder will focus on how Jesus is the perfect example of a humble, loving ant. Naomi Schmidt will offer examples of how people in the Bible served their Lord and Kristi Meyer will explore how to use Jesus's example as a Servant Leader. His Way will then share their gift of music. On Sunday Pastor Leon Ehlert will share with us a Bible Study and then lead us in worship. Additional information, along with registration forms, can be downloaded from our web-site: <http://pathwaystochrist.org>.

If you have any questions, call Paula at (920) 216-0291 or Email: pnimmer@new.rr.com

FVL Musicfest 2022 will be held Sun. 2/6 from 1-4:30 PM. Admission is free for all. Join us to enjoy music, fellowship, and homemade desserts. Event donations will go toward replacing 25-year-old tuxedo components for the band, and for performance risers. Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call Megan Beyer at 920-560-5122.

FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINE – is available today for pickup in the entryway for all subscribers.

⁶Caravans of camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
All those from Sheba will come.
They will carry gold and incense,
and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 72 pg. 93 (Sing in Unison)

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:2-12

²Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, ³namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.
Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)

SING VERSE OF THE DAY RESPONSE (pg 40/or on screen)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (sermon text)

²After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he

who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

SING: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

HYMN OF THE DAY #83 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: Based on: Matthew 2:1-12

“Keeping the Faith”

1. Letting light shine
2. Joy for generations to come

After the Sermon - The Apostle's Creed

OFFERINGS - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: #92 “Brightest and Best”

PRAYER & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #94 verses 1-2 “O Jesus, King of Glory”