

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Jan 23) **WORSHIP** & Sunday School

Dale8:00 am
Larsen10:00 am

MON (Jan 24)

Choir6:00 pm

NO Zoom catechism class-St. Paul/St. Peter's

NEXT SUN (Jan 30) **WORSHIP** & Sunday School

Dale-20 minute Bible study7:30 am
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Larsen (Congregation meeting follows)10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Jan 27-** Terry Williams, Paul Calmes

THANK YOU- to Pastor Paul Zittlow for conducting the services this morning.

ANNUAL REPORT – (St. Paul) It's that time of the year again when we will be publishing an annual report of the congregation for 2021. We will need activity reports for 2021 from Choir, Women's Fellowship, LWMS, Treasurer, Finance Committee, Evangelism, Education, Trustees, similar to year's past reports. Please submit your reports to the church office by Friday January 28, 2022. Handwritten or typed copy or email will be ok. Email is St.paullutherandale@gmail.com. Annual congregation meeting and installation of officers is scheduled for February 13.

JAN 23 BIBLE CLASSES/VACATION – We will not be holding Bible class at either church on this day. Pastor and Lisa will be on vacation from Jan 23-28. Pastor Paul Zittlow will be conducting the services on the 23rd. There will not be a worship service on Thursday, January 27. Pastor Peter Kesting from Zion, Readfield (920-574-5005) will be available for emergencies during Pastor Ibisch's absence.

ST. PETER'S – We will be having our annual congregational meeting on Sunday January 30 immediately following the service.

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 sign up for a time that you would like for your photo to be taken. January/February dates now available.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

TODAY'S WORSHIP - In the Old Testament lesson, Isaiah records for broken hearts and imprisoned souls the Voice of Salvation. The Anointed one proclaims healing and freedom—the making of all things right. No longer will there be sin and sorrow, but restoration and righteousness. How these words must have touched the despondent hearts of the faithful in Israel! How these words touch the hearts of those who have seen the Fulfillment! This is the Year of the Lord's Favor. Isaiah in the Old Testament lesson compares God's people to a prostitute who has not been faithful to her husband. The result is ruin and destruction for Zion, but God reveals good news for his ruined church. The once rejected harlot will stand as his bride. To his glory, she will stand together with him in righteousness and salvation. No longer called Deserted and Desolate, she will be recognized as the delightful bride of the Lord, the jewel of his crown. All this God will do through our Savior Jesus. In the lesson from the Gospels, all that was promised to Adam and Eve, all that was renewed with the Patriarchs, all that was foretold through Isaiah, all that was passed from generation to generation is fulfilled. It is no longer a future promise to fainting hearts, blind eyes, and bound souls. It is a promise fulfilled as the Anointed One reveals himself to be the Fulfillment. Let there be no doubt, the Messiah has come.

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.

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: #84, 478, 566, and 623 verse 4

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78, pg 95

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 61:1-6

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

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

Registration forms and seminar details available on entryway counter.

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – (St. Paul) next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022 at 1 PM . All adult women are welcome to attend.

FORWARD IN CHRIST magazine - (St. Paul) the February edition is available for pickup in the entryway for the subscribers.

OFFERINGS - (St. Paul) The plate offerings for January 9th and 16th were \$2,030.00. The Vanco online offerings for week ending January 8 were \$520.00 and for week ending January 15th were \$479.50.

⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

⁵ Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

⁶ And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.

You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78 pg. 95 (*Sing in Unison*)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26, 27 (sermon text)

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

SING: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S DEVOTION

HYMN OF THE DAY #478 “*With the Lord Begin Your Task*”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27*

“No Christian is an Island”

1. We need Jesus.

2. We need the church.

3. We need each other.

After the Sermon - The Apostle’s Creed

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN: #566 “*We All Are One in Mission*”

PRAYER & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #623 verse 4 “*God the Father, Son and Spirit*”

God's Word for This Week

Jesus "going public" should not have surprised his Jewish countrymen. They had known of the coming Messiah for a long time, dating back to the promise given Abraham (Genesis 12:3), even to Eden (Genesis 3:15). Yet, when Jesus finally arrived, "his own did not receive him" (John 1:10). He was not the kind of Savior that many were looking for. That too was foretold: "He was despised and rejected by men" (Isaiah 53:3).

First Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-6

Who is speaking in these verses?

Jesus is speaking through the prophet Isaiah.

What would the Savior come to do according to Isaiah?

Jesus would come to proclaim the good news of salvation, particularly to the spiritually downtrodden of this world. (See Matthew 9:13; Luke 19:10.)

What promise does the Lord make to Christians in verse 6?

Jesus promises that we will have a part in his heavenly kingdom (priests and ministers) and that we will inherit eternal riches.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26, 27

How does Paul illustrate the Christian church and our relationship as Christians to one another?

In a beautiful way, St. Paul compares the Christian church to our bodies. As our bodies are made up of many different but essential parts, so also the church is made up of many different but essential parts. We all work together to form the body of Christ.

What encouragement does Paul give to us as Christians?

Paul encourages us to work together in unity as a body. Just as our own bodies wouldn't work well if the eyes, ears, or feet decided not to work anymore, so also the church is thrown into disarray when one of its member parts becomes divisive and schismatic.

Gospel – Luke 4:14-21

What Scripture did Jesus read in Nazareth's synagogue?

In his hometown's synagogue, Jesus read the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 61.

What amazing words did Jesus use to conclude his reading?

After Jesus read from Isaiah 61, he explained: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." In other words, Jesus was emphatically declaring that he was the fulfillment of the words of Isaiah, that he was our long-foretold Savior. The people who first heard Jesus make this claim were furious" (Mark 4:28-29)