



"St. Paul's

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## Time For God's Word

In the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer we pray that God's name would be hallowed among us. This is to say that it would be kept holy or set apart. The explanation is put forth in the Small Catechism: *God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear father in heaven!*

*But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!*

As Luther rightly indicates in the explanation of the First Petition, living Christian lives is bound up in knowing the Word of God. If we don't know God's Word how do we determine what is good and what is not. We can't. We will make assumptions based on our own changing feelings or whatever popular culture would have us believe. This will lead us to live contrary to the Word of God and therefore profane the name of God while bearing the name Christian.

So we need to know God's Word. It is a fountain head to a life guided by our Lord Himself. It helps us to see through the weeds of the world and see what is good, right, and salutary. If we try and make things up as we go we are building on shifting sand. We and our families need a strong foundation – especially nowadays. When our lives are bound to the Word of God we are secure.

To aid you on this course, you will find a schedule of Bible readings printed in the bulletin each week. They have been there for several years but I want to draw your attention back to them. If you are not using a different schedule, here's a place to start. If it's your New Year resolution – great. If you want something different, come and see me. In addition to church attendance, read the Bible at home. Rather than saturating your days with CNN, Fox, or MSNBC, make time for the one thing needful. You will be blessed. Come to Bible Study and ask questions. Let God's Word lead your life as you interact with a world which is hostile to it and hear Peter confess to Jesus as he confesses for us all: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68).

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.*

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In Christ,  
Pastor Suggitt



## New Year, New Notes for Sunday School

The Sunday School will be starting off 2022 with our belated Christmas Program on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come for pizza and dessert at 6:00 p.m.; followed by The Birth of Jesus performed by the children at 7:00 p.m. We hope to fill the pews!



Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your children to hear the Good News during church and then again in Sunday School. Coffee hour will continue for everyone who wishes to stay after church to visit with your fellow Christian friends.

Snack Schedule for January: 1/9 – Ewald and Deming; 1/16 – Reibling and Haag; 1/23 – Swartzendruber and Suggitt; 1/30 – Gunsell and Mandich; 2/6 – Holland and Reehl. Please bring 3 dozen treats each.

We will be assembling Jared Boxes for Pigeon Scheurer Hospital on January 23<sup>rd</sup> during Sunday school. These boxes are available to children who are hospitalized or having surgery at Scheurer.

We are playing bells during church service on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Make church part of your family's New Year's resolution! Make God a priority.

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The 2021 Children's Christmas program has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th.

A pizza party will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to both.

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**Issues, Etc.**



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio  
[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

Want to listen to good theology concerning current topics, the Bible, and Christ crucified for you? Check out *Issues, Etc.* on your computer or smartphone.

# Hats off to you!

- Great Job Choir! Thanks for making the Advent and Christmas seasons more enjoyable with your beautiful songs during services.
- Thank you, thank you to Faye Errer for playing all the wonderful hymns and songs in services and for all the hours working with the choir and children.
- God Bless You to the Ladies Aid and our Youth Group who collectively donated Christmas gifts to 8 families in December.
- Christmas Decorating Committee for spending a number of days 'preparing the way for the Lord' by beautifying St. Paul in stages this year. Your efforts are very much appreciated!
- Good Job Zachary! Zach Schember made the Dean's List at Oakland University for his first semester of college. Keep up the good work!



**Is 2022 the year that you will encourage your son/daughter to participate in Youth Group?**

As you know, our youth group invites all students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade thru college to join and participate. Unfortunately, many of our high school and college kids aren't as involved as they once were.



It's great getting the younger kids involved, but it can be fun and even rewarding for our older students to stay involved. Youth group does a lot of fundraising and community service, and we also have lots of fun meetings and outings throughout the year. I implore you parents to encourage your "big kids" to come to youth group and participate in our events as often as possible. Spending time with fellow Christians is always time well spent!

Our first fundraiser of the year is Soups and Sweets Sale. Orders are due by January 16<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. or after church on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Youth group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to package and sort orders. All who come to help will enjoy soup and homemade bread for their dinner! The money raised from this fundraiser will be used for the following projects: Bowling and Pizza Party; Easter Egg Hunt; and our Seminarian.

If we get some big snow, I'd also like to have a sledding day at Sherwood on the Hill in February. Stay tuned!

Let's get our kids back into church and youth group! Make God a priority in your house.

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# SOUPS & SWEETS SALE



Youth group members are taking pre-orders for soups and braided coffee cakes from now until January 16<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. and after church on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

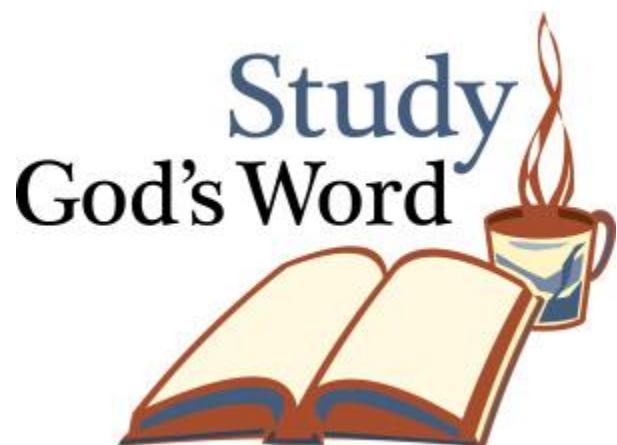
We are hoping to raise at least \$1,200 with this fundraiser. I am going to try utilizing the Thrivent Online Giving along with this sale. For those who would like to donate toward our cause, but might not be ordering, this platform will help us raise more money toward our goal. Monies raised will be used for: Seminarian, Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, and Youth Bowling & Pizza Party.

See a youth group member to order or pickup an order form in the North narthex.

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	Bonnie Nowaczyk 7305 Main Street Owendale, MI 48754 (989) 553-4286 or (989) 678-4286



Come and grow in faith as we read and digest God's Word on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning on January 12, 2022.

# Don't Miss the DEADLINE!

The deadline for the February issue of St. Paul's "Epistles" is **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Email your article to [salcido.sandy8@gmail.com](mailto:salcido.sandy8@gmail.com) or place in the newsletter mailbox.

Please help us keep the congregation informed as to what's going on in your organization. And don't forget those "Hats Off" items. Thanks!

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## LIFE QUOTES

On the March for Life: "We've shown up to celebrate and safeguard each one from the unborn to the elderly and everywhere in between ... We're leaning in to bring joy to the desperate and hope to the endangered. We're reaching out to take community and opportunity even amid adversity. We're marching forth to give courage and compassion. We've united today not simply to leave a sordid past behind but to leap ahead into a splendid future."

*Pastor Michael Salemink  
Executive Director of Mission and Ministry,  
Lutherans For Life  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life  
[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



Crackers  
Cereal  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Fruit  
Fruit Juices  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Dish Detergent  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Tooth Paste  
Canned Spaghetti-O's  
Canned Ravioli, etc.  
Tuna Fish  
Boxed Mac & Cheese  
Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Canned Beans of all kinds  
Ramen Noodles

*Epiphany*



# **IN HIS SERVICE**

January 1 – Elaine Renn

1 – Josh Sprague

3 – Terrance Dubs

4 – Titus Sprague

6 – Donald Fibranz

8 – Zachory Gilbert

10 – Barbara Adams

10 – Richard Metzger

13 – Maxwell Albrecht

13 – Robert Haag

14 – Lyle Osantoski

15 – Miranda Becker

17 – Ron Wissner

18 – Connor Becker

19 – Marge Weisenbach

20 – Jan Stoeckle

21 – Derrick Holland

22 – Eugene Kady

22 – Patti Reinhardt

23 – Judy Wright

23 – Austin Bruce

26 – Silver Sprague

26 – Meleah Timmons

28 – Linda Roe

31 – Aaron Gaeth

31 – Jim Roe

31 – Wayne Tabar

## **January Elders**

Jan. 2 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

Jan. 9 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

Jan. 16 – Ron Tabar & Marc Reinhardt

Jan 23 – Marc Reinhardt & Josh Sprague

Jan. 30 – Joe Salcido & Ken Haley

## **Tithe Counters**

Jan. 9 – Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn

Jan. 23 – Jyl Shope & Chris Gettel

## **January Altar Guild & Altar Flowers**

Wanda Dubs

Peggy Parrish

## **January Snow Patrol**

Jan. 2 – Volunteer

Jan. 9 – Timmons

Jan. 16 – Stoeckle

Jan. 23 – Fluegge

Jan. 30 – Volunteer



At the present time we are short one trustee. Therefore, we would appreciate it if some of our members would volunteer to be in charge of snow removal on the sidewalks and steps around the church occasionally. If you are willing to volunteer for this chore, please sign up on the Snow Removal calendar at the south entrance. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



**Happy Anniversary**

18 – Chuck & Kim Dorland

25 – Richard & Char Metzger

26 – Robert & Amy Haag

30 – Richard & Lucille Welchner

# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service <b>9:30 AM</b> SS /Coffee Hour <b>1:30 PM</b> Catechism	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pizza Party <b>7:00 PM</b> Children's Christmas Program	<b>5</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service <b>9:30 AM</b> SS /Coffee Hour <b>1:30 PM</b> Catechism	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service <b>9:30 AM</b> SS /Coffee Hour <b>1:30 PM</b> Catechism	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>5 – 6:00 PM</b> Soup & Sweets Pickup
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Service <b>9:30 AM</b> SS /Coffee Hour Soup & Sweets Pickup <b>1:30 PM</b> Catechism	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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**2022**

**In case of inclement weather, please tune in to WLEW 1340 AM to see if services are cancelled.**

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