Journey

Pastor's Letter

Tradition

I don't know if there is any time of year more associated with tradition than Christmas. What kind of tree do you put up, real or artificial? Do you use white or colored lights? What kinds of ornaments do you put on the tree? How many trees do you have and where do they go? What lights do you put up on the outside of the house? When do you do it? What other ways do you decorate your house? Do you have a manger scene? What cookies do you make? What events do you attend? Which service do you attend? Do you open your presents on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Tradition.



The church is full of Christmas traditions. The four Sundays of Advent, the Advent Wreath, midweek Advent services, the Advent dinner, the Sunday School Christmas Eve service, *Silent Night* in candlelight on Christmas Eve and *Joy to the World* on Christmas Day are all traditions.

While we dare never be a slave to traditions, traditions have their value. Sure, some traditions can trigger unhealthy thoughts—my mom always made beef stroganoff on Christmas Eve and I didn't like the mushrooms in it so the meal always ended in tears—but for the most part traditions are valuable to the psychology of people.

Important Dates:

Dec 02 – WELS Night at the Bucks Ticket ordering deadline: (fevo-enterprise.com/event/wels24 see page 7 for details)

Dec 03 – 11:30am Christmas Decorating

Dec 03 – 4:30pm Little Learners Christmas Service

Dec 06 – 4:00pm and 6:30pm Advent Services

Dec 09 - 8:00am Breakfast with Jesus

Dec 09 - 10:00am SS Christmas Practice gr. 3-8

Dec 13 - 5:30pm Advent Dinner & Service

Dec 14 – 6:30pm Choir Song Service

Dec 17 - 7:45am & 10:30am Choir Song Services

Dec 20 – 4:00pm and 6:30pm Advent Services

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

2:00pm Candlelight service (chapel)

4:30pm Sunday School Christmas Service

6:30pm Candlelight service (chapel)

Dec 25 – 9:30am Christmas Day Service

Dec 31 - 9:30am New Year's Eve Service

Dec 31 - 4:00pm New Year's Eve Service

Pastor's Letter (Continued)

For example, in a constantly changing world, traditions bring stability, comfort and peace in the midst of a fluid, busy life. In my family growing up, you always knew that we opened presents first thing Christmas morning, then breakfast, then church, then Christmas dinner with family.

Traditions bring families together. Besides the dinner mentioned above, my family had an annual jigsaw puzzle that we put together. Two, three, or four of us would sit around the table and work on it together. Making Christmas cookies and decorating them was another family affair.

Traditions help bridge generational gaps.
Young, old, and in between can participate in these traditions. The older generation can explain to the younger generation the value or meaning of these things or how it was "back in my day." The younger generation can share their own traditions and interests.

Traditions help to transmit values. Why do we decorate a Christmas tree? Well, in the middle of winter when very few trees have leaves on their branches, the evergreen reminds us that there is life even in winter. God's love for us is "ever green." And the lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. The star on the top reminds us of the star that led the Magi to the baby Jesus. Or the angel reminds

Children's message during 10:30 service - October 29

us of the angel that announced to the shepherds the birth of Jesus. You see what I mean?

Traditions convey a sense of belonging. There is a collective value, unity, acceptance, and connection. We are a part of something bigger than ourselves. It's not about me. It's about us. We are family. We are the family of God. We belong.

There is one caution. Tradition just for the sake of tradition is not valuable. There should be thought and reason behind the tradition. Sometimes traditions are born out of necessity, and when that necessity changes, traditions can change as well. I always remember the family where they used to cut the ends of the ham off before putting it in the oven. Three generations later, little Sally asked her mom about the tradition. Her mom said, "Well, that's what my mom always did." They asked grandma. Grandma said, "That's what my mom always did." Finally, they asked great-grandma. Great-grandma replied, "Well, I don't know why you all do it, but I did it because my pan was too small to fit a whole ham." Traditions.

Our celebration of Advent and Christmas, while filled with all sorts of traditions, is more than just a tradition. It is a good and proper time to remember God's love that caused Him to send Jesus to be our Savior, to be one of us to save us. God bless your holiday celebrations!

Door Offering

We do not have a typical door offering in December. Instead, we have two giving trees. The first is sponsored by the St. Paul Branch of Christian Life Resources and helps out mothers and children at New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers. The second helps out Seminary students and their families. In both cases, there are cards or tags to fill out. Gifts should be around \$25 in value and need to be back at church by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity!

Worship Opportunities

Thurs. at 6:30 pm and Sun. at 7:45 am and 10:30 am (Communion on the 2nd and 4th weekends) **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:** Wed. at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm; Sunday at 9:10

Monthly - Worship / Preachers / Themes

December Worship

- November 30 + December 3 = The Christian Waits: For Christ to be Revealed (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- December 6 = O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: The Root of Jesse (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- December 7+10 = The Christian Waits: For the Comfort God Promised (Sr. Vicar Zac Meier)
- December 13 = O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: The Dayspring (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- December 14+17 = The Christian Waits: For the Christ-child to be Born (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- December 20 = O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: The Key of David (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **December 24 (Children's) =** Follow the Star (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- December 24 (Candlelight) = How Great our Peace (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **December 25** = How Great our Joy (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **December 31 =** How Great our Gratitude (Pastor Ben Golisch)

Worship notes:

Our Sunday Advent worship theme is "The Christian Waits." The word "advent" means "coming." It highlights our anticipation of Christ's coming, both his first and second coming. Still, we must wait. The December 14 & 17 services are our traditional choir song service focusing on the baby Jesus. This year is unusual in that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a Sunday. Therefore, Christmas Eve we will not have a morning service, since most will be attending in the afternoon or evening. New Year's Eve, we offer the option of a Sunday morning 9:30am service or a Sunday evening 4:00pm service. There is no Sunday school or Confirmation class on either of these two days.

Our midweek Advent theme is based on the traditional Advent hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. The hymn uses Old Testament prophecies to draw the eyes and ears of God's people to the promised Messiah. We will look at these prophecies in more detail. December 6 and 20, there will be 4:00pm and 6:30pm services. December 13, we will

have a less formal service following our Advent dinner in the Commons beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign up for this meal.

Christmas Eve we will again offer three service options. At 2:00pm, we offer a candlelight service in the chapel. (The service ends in candlelight, not the whole service through.) That service will repeat at 6:30pm. The Sunday School Christmas service will take place in the gym beginning at 4:30pm. Christmas Day we have one service at 9:30am.

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes for 2024, please do so this month. Envelopes are located on a table in the narthex.

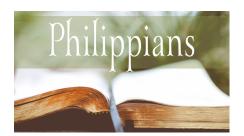
Membership Updates

- Mike & Sandy Boeker transferred to St. John's, Lomira.
- Mary Todhunter transferred to Shepherd of the Hills, West Bend.
- Lorna Kieper transferred to heaven, 9/27/23.



SUNDAYS, 9:10-10:10am in the Commons

In December and January, Pastor Golisch will lead us in an eight-week series on Paul's letter to the Philippians: A Joyful Partnership in the Gospel. One of Paul's "prison epistles," the book of Philippians emphasizes the partnership we share with each other and the Apostle Paul. This highly encouraging epistle will touch us in very special ways.



Here is the breakdown:

12/3/23 = Introduction to Philippi (A Partnership from the Beginning)

12/10/23 = Introduction to Philippians (A Partnership in the Gospel)

12/17/23 = Advancement of the Gospel (A Partnership in Chains)

1/7/24 = Imitating Christ (A Partnership with Christ)

1/14/24 = Support Networks (A Partnership with Others)

1/21/24 = Faith vs. Flesh (A Partnership in Righteousness)

1/28/24 = Paul's Example (A Partnership in Glory)

2/4/24 = Final Encouragements (A Partnership in Joy)

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30-11:30am in the Commons

We continue to walk through the **Gospel of John**. This month we move into Gethsemane, Jesus' trial before the High Priest, and Jesus' trial before Pilate. All of these are so important to our Christian faith. All of this was to fulfill prophecy and all righteousness. We are getting to the point where all of this comes together with Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. NOTE: There will not be class December 27.



WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:15pm in the Upper Conference Room

In September Pastor Golisch started a new **Bible Basics** Class. Because of the busyness of this month and the extra services, we are pausing class until January. Also, in January, we will begin a new round of classes which will meet on Saturday mornings. The exact time has not yet been determined.





- Because of some weather delays, Great Lakes Roofing is about two weeks behind. That means by the time
 of publication, they should be working on our roof replacement. In late October, a special appeal letter
 was sent to offset the cost of repairs and lessen the amount we will have to borrow to complete the
 project. At the time of writing, approximately \$20,000 had come in. Couple this with the \$34,000
 downpayment, it looks like we will need to borrow about \$75,000 with a 10-year note. (M)
- Last year, we installed heat tape to certain parts of our roof. Last winter, it did what it was supposed to do. However, there was one problem area that was not done due to cost. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, heat tape will be added to the northeast corner of the chapel and pastor's office. (WL)
- So far, just over \$23,000 has been collected for the replacement of the discolored exterior panels for the stained-glass windows. Our current quote is \$30,000. We will receive an additional quote this month. The \$5,000 increase is not surprising given the current state of inflation. While still on our agenda, there are some other projects that may take priority. (WL)
- Because of the roof project, the soil erosion issue on the northwest side of the upper parking lot has been put on hold. Perhaps we can tackle it next year. (M budgeted)

Key: WL = Wish List Items, I = Higher-Cost Improvements, M = Maintenance Items

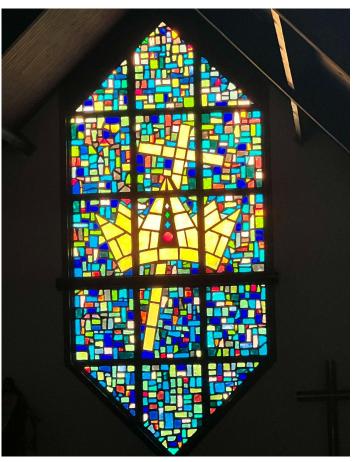
Church Mortgage Progress and Update

As of November 1, 2023, our church mortgage balance stands at \$665,868.68 Our new monthly loan payment is \$5454.00.

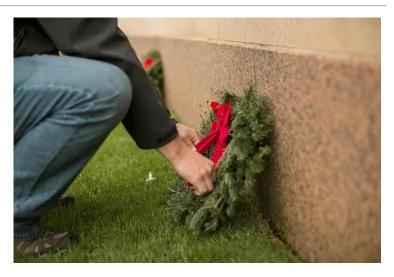
Due to the great generosity of several congregational members (using red special offering envelopes which are applied to principle over and above the usual loan payment) we have seen a rapid decline in our loan liability.

- December 2022 we received an additional \$8,685 towards principal
- January 2023 we received an additional \$3,682
- February 2023 we received an additional \$5,195
- March 2023 we received an additional \$3,715
- April 2023 we received an additional \$4,125
- May 2023 we received an additional \$3,980
- June 2023 we received an additional \$5,090
- July 2023 we received an additional \$4,715
- August 2023 we received an additional \$3,790
- September 2023 we received an additional \$3,975
- October 2023 we received an additional \$4,110

Many thanks to all who continue to bless our church with these gifts. Our congregation is truly blessed.



God's love shining through the stained glass window in the chapel on fall afternoon (taken by Julie Hang)



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA The Allenton American Legion Post 483 will participate in the National Wreaths Across America on December 16, 2023, at 9:00am. With your financial support, a hand-crafted wreath made of an All-American balsam will be placed on the headstones of our local veterans. There is a wreath display in the narthex with further information regarding this amazing outreach for heroes. Thank you for considering in contributing financially and/or participating to Wreaths Across America Day!



Christmas Gift Giving for New Beginnings

The St. Paul Lutheran Branch is again offering you the opportunity to give gifts of love to the mothers, children, and staff at New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers.

Consider choosing a tag from the selection found on the board in the back of church beginning on Nov. 26. Then purchase a gift and return it by Sunday, Dec. 17. In order to be fair to all of the residents we ask that the value of all gifts (including gift cards) stay as close to \$25 as possible. (If you wish to give more gifts, please consider taking an additional name.) NOTE: Kindly wrap the gifts. Another easy idea is to purchase a gift card from Little Learners' Scrip and place it in a Christmas card.

Once the presents are collected, they will then be delivered by the branch members in time for Christmas. Call Glenn Blank with any questions.

Thanks for touching the hearts of others in need. Submitted by Glenn Blank and Diane Fleischmann

Fellowship

Christmas Decorating: Sunday, December 3 (the first Sunday in Advent), we decorate the church and grounds for the Advent and Christmas seasons. For those who go to early service or Thursday night, you can get a jump on things downstairs after Bible class. For those attending the late service, we'll begin with a light lunch right after church. Then we will proceed upstairs to decorate the chapel, library, school hallway and outside. Your help is greatly appreciated. With lots of hands, we can be done in an hour.

Advent Dinner: The second of our midweek Advent services is a little different. We gather together at 5:30pm in the Commons for a candlelight dinner followed by brief service according to our theme for this year, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. All are invited to come. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex to help us prepare for the dinner.

Christmas Undecorating: Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany Sunday), we take down all the Advent and Christmas decorations and return things to normal. Like Christmas Decorating, those who go to early service or Thursday night, you can get a jump on things downstairs after Bible class. For those attending the late service, we'll begin with a light lunch right after church. Then we will proceed upstairs to undecorate the chapel, library, school hallway and outside. Your help is greatly appreciated. With lots of hands, we can be done in an hour.

2024 WELS Night at the Bucks



Monday, January 1, 2024

Come out to Fiserv Forum with WELS to see the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Indiana Pacers!

Date and Time: January 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fiserv Forum, 1111 Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee

Ticket Information:

fevo-enterprise.com/event/wels24

Ticket prices range anywhere between \$20-\$40 depending on your seating choice.
(No ticket necessary for kids under age 2)

For more information, please contact Lior Kolton at Lior.Kolton@Bucks.com or 414-908-3773.

To receive the WELS discount and sit near other WELS attendees, you must order tickets through the link below. The first 150 people to order through the link will be able to shoot a free throw on the court following the game! Details to follow at a later date.

Ticket ordering deadline: December 1, 2023



"And she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." -Luke 2:7



Recently we had the stones vacuumed off the rooftop to prepare for the roof replacement.

Submitted by Russ Geiger shared with us by Lou.

The David's Star Women's Retreat took place
November 11. It was a time for WELS women to
gather together and relax (approx. 175 women
attended). There were several speakers there with
good information about dealing with anxiety.
They served a wonderful lunch of soup and salad.
Several women from our congregation attended
and look forward to the retreat next year on
November 9th.

WELS Campus Ministry

If you are entering college or are in college already, please sign up with WELS Campus Ministry so we can share your information with your local campus pastor and send/e-mail you free copies of Meditations devotions and Forward in Christ magazine. Sign up today! data.wels.net/CampusMinistry/CampusMinistry.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: https://wels.net/news-media/together/

Israel Trip



Because of interest on the part of members, Pastor Golisch has set up a trip to Israel January 8-17, 2025. That gives you over a year to plan and get ready. The cost is \$4492 departing from Chicago. (There is also an optional four-day extension to Egypt if there is enough interest.) Registration forms are on the back table in the church narthex. Note, there are discounts for early registration. Register now online at RegisterNow.ittworld.com and use tour code: Golisch25.

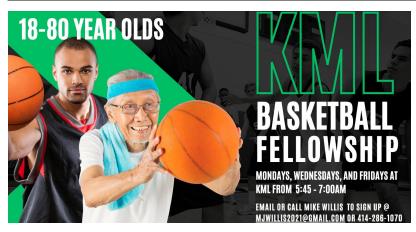
Some have asked about the effects of Israel's war on this current trip. The honest answer is "I don't know." From news reports, Israel is systematically going through Gaza rooting out Hamas and their terror network in the region. Once that work is done, expect things to get back to "normal," perhaps even safer because a threat has been removed. It's a good reminder that there are always risks, but that's the reason we recommend paying the extra travel insurance. If you have any additional questions, please speak with Pastor Golisch

WELS/ELS Singles Group Activities

Hi Friends! If you have information or an upcoming event you'd like us to know about, you can certainly email us at wels.els.singles@gmail.com. To see a list of all the events go to. WELS & ELS Singles | Facebook. If you have single friends who are members of the WELS or ELS and would like to be on this email list, they can sign up at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe.

KML Updates





A group of men from across the KML Federation play basketball Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at KML from 5:45 – 7:00 AM and are looking for some additional players. Yes, it's early, but this is a great opportunity to start the day right, get in shape, and enjoy some fellowship and fun. Competitive, but friendly group, ranging in age from 18-80. No long-term commitment and no cost – play as frequently as you'd like. For any questions or to be placed on the email list, please reach out to Mike Willis (mjwillis2021@gmail.com or 414-286-1070). Hope to see you on the court!



Christmas Choral Concert Please join us at Kettle Moraine **Lutheran High School as our choirs** glorify the Christ child through song at the Christmas Choral Concert on Saturday, December 16, at 6:30 PM. Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.





Please join us in person or online (kmlhs.org/stream) as students from KML and its federation elementary schools glorify God through music on Sunday, December 3, at 2:30 PM. We hope you can join us!

KML Updates (continued)

12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser

Over 12 days in December, KML's Student Council and National Honor Society work to collect money through student involvement to support families in need. Parents, federation members, alumni, friends, and the community are encouraged to donate as well.

In 2023 we are raising money to help the Gerlach, Hovorka, Lindenberg, and Praefke families. **To learn** more about fundraiser and the feature families go to kmlhs.org/12days.

The Gerlach family attends St. Paul and Jack was confirmed at St. Paul in June of 2020. We continue to pray for Jack and his family. Here is a little more about them.. Here's a little more info about Jake and his family.

We are the Gerlach family, Jeremy, Lisa, Jack (18), and Alexis (13). Jeremy is a KML alumnus, class of 1994. He and his wife have been married for 21 years. Alexis is in 8th grade at Slinger Middle School. Jack is a senior at Slinger



High School, a captain of the wrestling team, and was participating in a work study program as a pre-apprentice for an electrician.

On November 1, 2023, Jack was on his way to work and encountered black ice on Hwy 41. He hit the median and rolled his truck three times and was flown by flight for life to Froedtert Hospital where life saving surgery was performed, removing a portion of his skull to relieve brain swelling. Jack has a severe traumatic brain injury, 3 fractured vertebrae, a broken jaw and nose, and a long recovery ahead of him.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

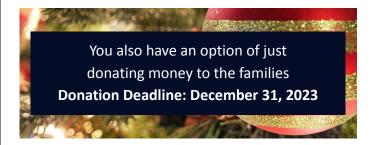
KML is once again partnering with Coffeeville Company to raise money for **KML's 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser** to support families in need.

For each \$16 bag of premium 12 oz. coffee (ground or whole) sold, Coffeeville is donating \$3 back to the 12 Days of Christmas. Order before December 12th. Late orders cannot be honored.

Orders will be available for pick up in the KML PAC Lobby on December 19th from 2:50 – 4:00 PM.

If you are unable to pick up your order at this time and do not choose a KML student to deliver it to you (option on order form), please contact the KML Main Office (office@kmlhs.org) after placing your order.

Prizes will be awarded to KML students with the top number of sales. You may choose a KML student to receive credit for your order, if you wish, by naming them on the order form.



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WINTER

Bible Trivia

Test your Bible knowledge with a little Bible trivia. See page 14 for the answers.

1.	What did God do on the seventh day of creation?
2.	What does God forbid in the last two Commandments?

3. When did Jesus institute the Sacrament of Baptism?

4. Fill in the blanks for the popular Christmas hymn:

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Away in a	, no	for a bed.	
The little Lord _	laid do	own His sweet	·
The	_ in the bright sky	looked down	He lay.
The	Lord Jesus	on the hav.	



Childcare News:

Happy Thanksgiving! It's the end of fall! The leaves have fallen, and we've celebrated our first snowfall. In our Bible stories, we've been learning about Joseph, Moses, David and many others. These stories remind us that God is with us and has a plan for us even during tough times. We've also started learning some Christmas songs as we look forward to learning about Jesus' birth.

Some themes in childcare this month have included autumn, Thanksgiving, turkeys, pumpkins, and keeping healthy. We've



enjoyed reading many books and songs about these themes. We also learned about Veteran's Day and made red, white and blue hearts. We've enjoyed reading books and singing songs about autumn, turkeys, sharing, washing hands, and blowing our noses. We made snowy day art to celebrate the first snowfall. We enjoyed exploring pumpkins. We made leaf and a variety of autumn art. Sunshine group is celebrating keeping healthy with fun exercises and Zumba. We're also practicing hand washing, blowing our noses, etc. We did a glitter germ experiment, that showed how important soap is for getting clean. We are also learning about healthy foods. We've been doing a variety of matching, counting games and dice games.

Sunshine and Rainbow classrooms are continuing to practice name recognition, and practicing letter recognition, letter sounds and making letter crafts.

We've been practicing zipping up our coats, putting on our shoes by ourselves, and have started to practice



putting on our snow gear on snowy days. Some favorite gross motor activities have included turkey tag, pool noodle races, and playing catch and kicking soccer balls.

Sunday School News:

December is a month of preparation. We prepare our hearts for the coming of that tiny baby so long ago. Our Lord and Savior was born in a lowly manger as the perfect gift for all mankind.

We prepare for the Children's Christmas Eve Service with practices as follows:

- Sat. 12/9 (10:00 11:00) Grades 3-8
- Sat. 12/16 (9:00 11:00) Grades 3-8
- Sat. 12/23 (9:00 11:00) Grades 3-8

(10:00 -11:00) Grades 3K, 4K, 5K, 1, 2

There is no Sunday School the morning of 12-24-23. The Children's Christmas Eve Service begins at 4:30 P.M. that evening.

Again, no Sunday School Classes on 12-31-23.

We resume classes on January 7, 2024.

Little Learners (Continued)

3K News:

The 3K classes continued exploring fall last month. A favorite classroom activity was planting pumpkin seeds to take home. The children also enjoyed lots of extra time outside due to the beautiful fall weather! The children wore pajamas to school and ate a special snack during the week of Thanksgiving. Our Bible lesson theme was "We are Thankful" and our lessons focused on how God hears our prayers and always takes care of us. The 3K students have been busy learning and practicing the songs for the Preschool Christmas Service that will be held on Sunday, December 3rd. We are looking forward to singing our songs and celebrating the birth of Jesus with our families!

-Mrs. Herbst



4K News:

We are enjoying a beautiful autumn season in our classroom and outside! We are counting down the days to Thanksgiving by counting up our blessings! Each day for 12 days we list things that we can say thank you to God for. We spent the month of November reminding ourselves of all of these blessings. Our Bible stories focus on Moses and God's plan for him. We are reminded that God also has a plan for each of us. We saw many times in these lessons that the people prayed when they were afraid. We talked about all of the ways we can pray and the reasons we have for prayer. He takes care of all of our needs each and every day. We give thanks for that gift!



Care Committee

December is a joyful time of the year. Joyful in the excitement and anticipation to celebrate the birth of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ! It can also be a time of loneliness for some who are away from family, or those who are without a good support system to care for them and keep them connected. Our Care Committee works to help keep our St. Paul family connected. Through the efforts of the members of this team, Pastor, and all who support us, we are able to continue our work to make connections, and we are thankful for these opportunities.

Our Committee members are here as a conduit to provide support and a pathway to help our St. Paul family stay connected to God and his church. We love to visit and write cards letting those in need know we are thinking about them. We also pray together and do devotions with those we visit. We are joyful and privileged to serve in this manner. The Bible tells us, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 26:40. The Care Committee is aligned with the teachings of the Bible.

It's an awesome opportunity to serve our LORD by serving others, and we are humbled to have this opportunity.

Our Committee is comprised of members of our St. Paul congregation. We meet once a month on Saturday mornings. We are purposeful and thoughtful in meeting those in need on their level and based on their preference. If you have thought about "how" to get involved, we can help you get started. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, a conversation, a card or a prayer, please contact the church office. We invite you to stop in and join us at any time. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at 9:00am in the CFC Commons (Fireside room). We wish you a Merry Christmas and God Bless You! For questions or more information about the committee please contact Mrs. Terri Garbers at 262-305-2894.

Bible Trivia Answers (December)

- 1. He rested (ceased his creating work)
- 2. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house (9), wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor (10)
- **3.** After his resurrection, Jesus met with the apostles on the mountain in Galilee where he commanded them to make disciples by baptizing people of all nations and teaching them God's Word. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 4. Fill in the blanks for the popular Christmas hymn:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay.

The <u>little</u> Lord Jesus <u>asleep</u> on the hay.

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

			Happy Birthday!		
Dec 2	Becky Baumeister	Dec 12	Mardell Rauh	Dec 22	Alexis Gerlach
Dec 2	Chad Hron	Dec 13	Mari Harms	Dec 26	Dawn Robarge
Dec 2	Michele Weiss	Dec 13	Alissa Rauh	Dec 27	Harley Berndt
Dec 3	Mark Moldenhauer	Dec 14	Dianne Retzlaff	Dec 27	Jonathon Boteler
Dec 4	Andy Schneider	Dec 15	Misty Berndt	Dec 27	Jessica Metzger
Dec 5	Christina Harmon	Dec 15	John Retzlaff	Dec 28	Jacob Gullickson
Dec 5	Evan Swart	Dec 16	Don Guerndt	Dec 28	Katie Harms
Dec 6	Ronald Kieper	Dec 16	Lisa Jutz	Dec 28	Dorman Lighthizer
Dec 6	Sarah Saari	Dec 17	Charlotte Fulmer	Dec 29	James Kunz
Dec 7	Casey Jacklin	Dec 17	Karen Goetzinger	Dec 30	Michael Brazee
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			NO SCHOOL			Communion
		- 90		NO CHILDCARE	NO CHILDCARE OFFICE CLOSED	9:30am/4:00pm New Year's Eve Worship (G)
		SERVICE			Service	31 New Year's Eve
		NO WORSHIP	8:30am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:00pm Bible Basics Class		9:30am Christmas Day	2:00/6:30pm Candlelight Service in Chapel (G) 4:30pm SS Children's Service in CFC (G)
30	29	28	27	26	25 Christmas Day	24 Christmas Eve
		NO WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30am Bible Class (G) 4:006:30pm Advent Service (G)			9:10am Bible Class (G) 11:00am Private Rental 6:30pm Foundations
9:00am SS Christmas Practice		9:45am & 12:00pm LL Chapel	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am & 12:00pm LL Chanel		6:00pm Choir	7:45/10:30am Choir Song Service/Worship (G)
23	22	21	20	19	18	17 Advent 3
9:00am SS Christmas Practice 9:00am Care Committee Mtg.		9:45am & 12:00pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Choir Song Service/Worship (G)	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am & 12:00pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 5:30pm Advent Candlelight Dinner 7:00pm Dartball @ Good Shepherd	9:00am Executive Crnte Meeting	6.00pm Chair	7:45/10:30am Worship (G) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Class (G) 11:00am Private Rental 6:30pm Foundations Communion
16	15	14 Advent 3	13	12	11	10 Advent 2
8:00am Breakfast with Jesus 10:00am SS Christmas Practice		9.45am & 12:00pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G) Communion	8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am & 12:00pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 4:00/6:30pm Advent Service (G) 7:00pm Dartball vs Shepherd of the Hills		6:00pm Choir 7:00pm Dartball Captains Mtg/Chapel	7:45/10:30am Worship (M) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Class (G) 11:30am Christmas Decorating 4:30pm LL Christmas Program/Gym 6:30pm Foundations
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