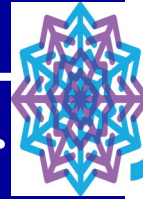


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

# Family Newsletter



JANUARY 2022

## 2022 National Lutheran Schools Week

### Jan. 23-29, 2022 Schedule of Events At St. Paul's Lutheran School

**Sunday:** "In Christ in All Things" (Go to church with your family)

- Choir Tour- We start at St. Paul's and sing at 8:15 am. Have breakfast, Sunday School & visit & sing at 2 more churches.

**Monday:** Christ – "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross." (Col. 1:19-20)

- Create a timeline of the life of Christ & a display of the names for Jesus and Have a baptismal celebration
- Dress as a favorite Bible character

**Tuesday:** Creation – "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible, and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him." (Col. 1:16)

- Collect staff & students baby pictures & have others guess who's who in God's Creation

- Creation Fair (Science & Art) 5:00pm-hot dogs/5:30-Fair & "Creation Walk" to Shepherd's Garden
- Dress like a favorite animal

**Wednesday:** Children – "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Col. 1:17)

- "Donuts with Dad" or "Muffins with Mom" 7:30-8:15am
- 2:00 – Family game time @ school
- Dress like your parent

**Thursday:** Church – "And he is the head of the body, the church." (Col. 1:18)

- Make Thank You's for the Congregation & learn the history of our church & school
- Add your name to the BODY outline in the Gym as "We are the Body of Christ!"
- Wear your St. Paul's attire

**Friday:** Community – "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom that we may present everyone mature in Christ." (Col. 1:28)

- Make service bags for Police Officers & Welcome bags for kids
- Collect items for service bags & write Thank you's to Police Officers & Firefighters
- Dress like a community service worker (police, firefighter, nurse, waitress, etc.)





It is hard to believe that year two thousand twenty-two is here.

Before we plan for what we should be doing for this coming year, we need to look back on what is behind us so we can learn from them.

In Psalm 90:12 we heard Moses pray to God, *"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."* *"To number our days"* is more than just counting how many days have gone by and how many days are left, but constantly reviewing and aligning our life with God-given purposes and meanings. So, let's quickly review the year that has just gone by.

A year ago, we all entered a brand-new year with fear and uncertainty due to COVID Pandemic. We did not know what we should expect except hoping that we would stay healthy, and the end of the Pandemic would come soon. So, some put their hopes and dreams on hold, and some got drifted away from their plans by whatever the waves that came to their ways.

Now a year has passed, the Pandemic is still causing many limitations and inconveniences, and sometimes even threats and fear. No one can tell you when we will see the light at the end of the tunnel.

So, as we look toward the new year, are we still just trying to keep our heads above the water?

I do not mean that we just ignore the existence and the impacts of the virus. We do need to adjust what we are doing to stay healthy. However, if the purpose and meaning of our life are defined by whatever our circumstances allow us to do, then we will have a depressing new year and there is not much to look forward to.

Remember, with COVID or not, we are always children of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. God is with us no matter what our circumstances might be. And our mission and purposes of life have not been changed. We are to be the light and salt of the World and to make more people become disciples of Jesus, i.e., leading people to believe in Jesus, getting them baptized in the name of our Triune God, teaching them everything that Jesus has commanded us, and guiding them to follow Him for the rest of their life. All we do and plan should have these purposes in mind.

Of course, not everyone of us has the same backgrounds and settings. God has put us in various



vocations and locations. Therefore, God's plan for you is not the same as what He has for me. That's why as we plan for what to do in this coming year, we need to pray to God without ceasing, and constantly ask God for His guidance.

God loves the world, until the Last Day comes, He will not stop His salvation plan to save more people. And we need to open our eyes and observe wherever God is working around us and pray that the Holy Spirit will help us join what God has already been doing.

Yes, year two thousand twenty-two is here. As we put down anything on our agenda, let's remember Saint Paul's words in Ephesians 5:15–17, *"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."*

*Pastor Kenny Hou*

## Biblical Resolutions

**H**old firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
**P**ray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
**P**etition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**otice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**earn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
**E**xercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**A**im for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
**R**edeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)







## DCE Deep Digs

Greetings,  
During the season of Epiphany, we are celebrating the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. At this point in the Scriptures, though, we do not

fully understand what Jesus has come to do. Throughout the prophets, we hear of peace; that Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:6) and “*How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace*” (Is. 52:7). We fast-forward to Paul’s letter to the Romans regarding how we are dead to sin and alive in Christ. <sup>4</sup>*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.* <sup>5</sup>*For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*” (Rom. 6:4-5)

When I think of peace, I think of it being a result of the winning of a conflict or fight. Many times, a battle fights for the illusion of peace from the two parties. Both have differing views of peace and that is the kicker. Christ brought us peace and security through His death on the cross and resurrection on the third day. He was not a military leader come to fight for the freedom of the Jews from Roman oppression, but to free everyone from the bonds of sin, death, and the devil. It is a peace of a

different kind. We will still have hardships and tragedies, wars, and terrors, but in Christ we do not have to worry about the future. We gain life through His death, through God’s grace.

We are still awaiting this world peace today as we still look to our government and those in authority to grant it. There is so much dissent in the world, in our nation. Yet in Christ, we already have peace. The long-expected Jesus has already come. **“His righteous government and power shall over all extend; On judgement and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.”** (from LSB 412)

Joyously we can be reminded of this peace at the end of each worship service in the Benediction: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace* (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessings, DCE Intern Grace



### St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Annual Fund Drive



With Your Help We Can Reach Our Goal!

## YEAR END ANNUAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL FUND DRIVE

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School is extremely grateful for the generous gifts you have given to help with past, current and on going expenses. Your gifts will help children to “Learn the Faith” and then to “Live the Faith.” We are pleased to announce that we have hit our goal of \$50,000. As of December 28th, we’ve raised a total of \$51,051! We thank you for your prayers, support, and generous monetary gifts knowing God will bless our efforts to lead His children to know and love Jesus.. We give God, from whom all blessings flow, all the glory—Lonnie Stuhr

Fundraiser  
Update





# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



Dear St. Paul's congregation and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School,

I have been blessed and honored to serve you for 12 years as Principal and 37 years as teacher. It is time to step down and let someone more capable serve you. I am retiring. Thank your entrusting me with educating your children. I know we are doing the work of God at St. Paul's when I hear how a little one proclaims the gospel. Remember "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

I have health issues that make it impossible to climb the stairs at school without pain. I also have family obligations that need to be met. Helping raise a three- and six-year-old is a lot of work.

I hope to find part-time work that is not so demanding so that my Grandkids can still attend St. Paul's Lutheran. I feel Christian education is important in raising children. St. Paul's has been a blessing to me and my family.

I pray you find the right person to serve as your Principal, and Preschool director. The job is very demanding and even more so since COVID-19. The state, DHS and NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Accreditation) requires large amounts of time and paperwork that cannot be done in 17 hours of time in a week. God willing the right person will apply soon and take on the responsibilities.

You have been a great support to me and my family. I know your prayers were heard and I felt the Christian love shown to me. Please, continue to pray for me as well as St. Paul's Lutheran School and their mission. In recent years, 25% of the school did not claim a church. I pray you see this mission of leading children to Jesus as a priority and not diminish its importance or lessen your commitment to providing Siouxland with quality and affordable Christian education. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. And this is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him." (1 John 3:1)

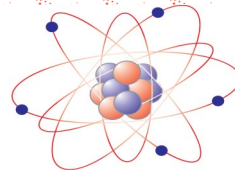
Prayers and Blessings, Your humble servant,

Alyce Strong Davis



In January, we are collecting Hershey Kisses, Laffy Taffy, Mint Patties, Lollipops, gum, 100 Grand bars, caramel & lifesavers (all

individually wrapped) for police officers. We are also collecting 5"x7" or smaller note pads, 5" x 7" coloring books, 8-boxed colors, yo-yo's, 4"-6" stuffed animals, pencils, gummies, and stickers for children in need. Bring these items to the large box by the trophy case. May God bless our efforts. During Lutheran School Week, we will be making care bags for the Police officers & children they help.



**SCIENCE FAIR**

Elements, Experiments, and Explosions!

Oh My!

Come see the greatest demonstrations come alive at the St. Paul's School Science Fair

**Tuesday, January 25th**

Chili & Hot Dogs will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The Science Fair begins at 6:00 p.m.



# 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR



**January 1**-Holiday – New Year’s Day  
**January 3** - Resume Classes  
**January 11**- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks – 46 days  
**January 12**- Teacher Workday—No School  
**January 23** -Choir tour –8:15 a.m.  
**January 23- 29** - Lutheran Schools Week  
**January 25** – Science Fair (5:30 p.m. Food)  
**February 4**- Professional Development  
 Early Out—1:00 p.m.  
**February 6** – Movie & PTL Meeting  
 (Lunchroom)/5:00 pm Pizza Potluck &  
 5:30 pm Meeting  
**February 14** - Valentines Parties 1:00-2:45 p.m..  
 in Classrooms  
**February 24** - Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup  
 11:00 am-6:00 pm/Gym  
**February 25**-No School  
**March 4**-Professional Development Early Out—  
 1:00 p. m.  
**March 6**- Waffle Brunch/Gym (8 - 1:00 p.m.)  
**March 17**- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks – 45 days

**March 18**- Snow Make  
 Up Day/or No School  
**March 21**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Parent Teacher  
 Conferences—Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.  
**April 1**- Professional Development Early  
 Out—1:00 p.m.  
**April 13** - Easter Party (1:00-2:45 p.m../Gym)  
**April** – Popcorn Sales  
**April 14-18** Easter Break— No School  
**April 24** – Movie & PTL Meeting (Lunchroom)/  
 5:00 pm Pizza Potluck & 5:30 Meeting  
**May 10**- Operetta/Gym (7:00p.m.)  
**May 13**??? - Field Day/\*\*Paullina  
**May 24**- Graduation/Church (7:00p.m.)/4th  
 Grade Parents Host  
**May 25**- End of 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks – 45 days  
 Last Day of School – Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.  
**May 25** - Picnic (TBA - Mrs. Zirpel) /Riverside @  
 Shelter by Splash Pad  
**May 26**- Teacher Workday—No School  
**May 30**- Memorial day—No School



## Staff and Teacher Emails

Alyce Strong Davis: Principal & 4/5 teacher  
Bethamy Carrig: 4th and 5th grade teacher  
Suzy Awe: 3rd grade teacher  
Pam Zirpel: 1st and 2nd grade teacher  
Deb Chellew: TK and Kindergarten teacher  
Lindsey Parker: Preschool teacher  
Marlene Mertens: School Secretary/Cook/ AM  
 E-Care  
Casandra Hager: Band/Choir teacher  
Pam Schulz: Library Teacher  
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Church Email:  
Pastor Kenny Hsu:  
Dana Howell: Church Secretary  
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# Support Our School



## Support our School with Scrip!

All you need to do is buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. We carry a variety of cards in the office. You can call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office to order.

The next order date will be **Friday, January 14, 2022.**



**RaiseRight**

by ShopWithScrip

Shop [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) with our school code online and at local stores with the new app RaiseRight found on the app store or google play.

## BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.



All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

## Hy-Vee Receipts Program:

**Hy-Vee  
Receipts**

We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts once again. Please save all receipts dated from now to **April 25, 2022**, exceptions include: no fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts. Drop-offs are located in the church office, in the church or Narthex or can be sent with St. Paul's students. The receipts accepted are from the Sioux City Hy-Vee locations and the South Sioux City Hy-Vee location or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Thanks for your support.

## Casey's Rewards App

**Casey's  
REWARDS**

Give back to St. Paul's Lutheran School with Casey's Rewards. We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up St. Paul's to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students.

The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school. Turn your Casey's purchases into donations to St. Paul's. Sign up for Casey's Rewards in the Casey's app and turn points earned on everyday purchases into a donation. Get started today! Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at [www.caseys.com/schools](http://www.caseys.com/schools).

## The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) Help Make Lutheran Schools Affordable .



The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization has been established to assist families who want a Christian education for their children. Join me and help schools by giving a donation through the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Your gift will receive an Iowa Tuition Tax Credit for 75% of your donation. Additional information is available online at [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com) or contact Dewey Torkelson at [deweytorkelson@gmail.com](mailto:deweytorkelson@gmail.com) or 712.260.2991.

## Thrivent Financial Action Cards and Choice Dollars



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL®**

Did you know that all Thrivent members can apply for two Thrivent Action cards a year? The Action cards are \$250 gift cards that can be applied to educational needs, service events or fundraiser needs in your community.

There are many opportunities to use the cards at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Just ask Mrs. Strong Davis for a list of events and apply at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). Thank you for your generosity, Alyce Strong Davis, principal (712)899-3396

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** are waiting to be directed. In order to direct Choice Dollars by phone, eligible members may call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or members can also go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and direct your choice dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Thank you for your support.





## December School Christmas Program, New Horizon Band Concert and School fun!



Happy  
New Year







*(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)*

### Happy Anniversary

1/08	David & Caroline Gomez	50 Years
1/10	Michael & Sandra Murphy	24 Years
1/18	Terry & Maureen Fisher	47 Years
1/24	Ralph & Debbie Modlin	46 Years
1/25	Tony & Brandi Beller	19 Years
1/25	Erik & Bethel Tyger	16 Years
1/30	Clarence & Marlene Anderson	67 Years
1/30	Bob & Coleen McKeever	46 Years

### Happy Birthday

#### Jan. 1

McKenzie Schweigert  
Lon Stuhr

#### Jan. 2

Matthew Ferry  
Kenneth Windle  
Samuel Rugu Kihuga

#### Jan. 3

Alicia Behrens  
Brittany Dodds  
Marlis Friesner  
Brent King  
Rodney Lantis  
Levi Trobaugh  
Adia Wetrosky

#### Jan. 4

Hannah Hodges  
Vickie O'Dell

#### Jan. 5

Carol Draube  
Demetria Knutson

#### Jan. 8

Dustin Brown  
Samantha Jager  
Jeremiah Sparr  
Anjuli Wagner

#### Jan. 9

Amber Haines  
Leona Rogers  
Eric Striegel  
Noah Swearingen

#### Jan. 10

Kathan Jager  
Matthew Jaminet

#### Jan. 12

Sophia Huff

#### Jan. 14

Erin Chatham  
Emily Joines  
Taylor Meek  
Carter Reekers

#### Jan. 15

Nicole Lewis

#### Jan. 16

Derek Strom  
Paige Wagner  
Kiptyn Wilcox

#### Jan. 17

Owen Orban

#### Jan. 18

Bobby Bratvold  
Maureen Fisher  
Theodora Schwartz

Fred Sulzbach

#### Jan. 19

Kristen Carlson  
Dennis Hageman, Sr.  
Megan Hansen

#### Jan. 20

Carter Sulzbach

#### Jan. 21

Brian Halma

#### Jan. 23

Heath Blanford  
Jennifer Ferris

#### Jan. 24

Alyson Cardwell

#### Jan. 25

Wally Delzell  
Chris Hansen

#### Jan. 26

Michael Bliven

#### Jan. 27

Linda Larsen  
Patricia Murphy

#### Jan. 30

Cooper Ferris  
Jacey Kennedy  
Brenda Robles

# Away In A Manger Sunday School Christmas Program







## Siouxland Hispanic Ministry



In November, we had the joy of coming together with our brothers and sisters from Storm Lake and Denison, Iowa, for a joint Thanksgiving service Pastor Pedro Lopez, recently called to our area, led us as we were served by our Lord through His Word and Sacrament. Afterward, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with a Hispanic flare: Cuban style roasted turkey, Mexican pozole, special drinks like horchata and tamarindo, and so much more. When you are one of the few members of a budding Hispanic Lutheran Church, these moments of fellowship with others united in faith and culture are especially strengthening.

In many cases, our Hispanic members are the very first Lutherans in their entire family history! In the face of criticism and accusations of leaving the "true church" (Roman Catholicism) from family and friends, you can imagine the amount of fortitude and conviction that these men and women have! In the words of one of our members, "Oh well, I care about God's opinion of me more than that of my family and friends!" Jesus' own words come to mind: *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* (Matthew 10:37). And if that

weren't challenging enough for us, Jesus completely changes how family is understood. In one occasion while He's teaching a group of people, His mother and brothers come to get Him. Here's what happens next: *"[The crowd] said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.' And he answered them, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother'"* (Mark 3:31-35).

As members of God's family by grace through faith in Jesus, our family boundaries are also redefined. The popular saying would teach us that "blood is thicker than water." To the contrary! Blood ties last only a lifetime while our family of faith, born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5), will be our family for eternity! Through the waters of Baptism, we are bound to one another in a way the world cannot understand. **Water is thicker than blood!**

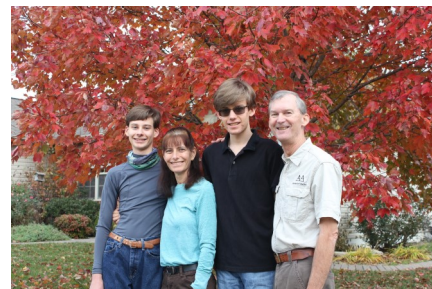


On December 6, we had an end-of-the-year potluck celebration with our ESL students and our Hispanic Ministry Committee. We congratulate our students for their hard work and thank our dedicated teachers who continue volunteering their time to serve our Hispanic neighbors through these English and Citizenship classes: Our next quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be **Tuesday, March 1** at 6:30 pm.  
*Pastor Paul Flo*

## Beckendorf's USA Travels

Dear Friends,

Currently we are in southern Illinois with my (Lisa's) mother for a



visit until we fly back to Botswana.

Unfortunately our original flight was cancelled, so now we are flying out the morning of Christmas Day. We celebrated Christmas with my mother last night so that Christmas gifts can be packed along with the rest of our luggage this week instead of trying to be crammed in at the last minute. Now to figure out how to distribute a year's worth of school books, several pieces of steel (for Andrew to make knives out of) and a 3 lb. hammer among our luggage so that nothing is overweight . . . .

While we have been here the boys and I have continued with some homeschooling, I've tried to get caught up on correspondence (with varying degrees of success), and Tim has been working on getting the Khwedam panoramic Bible ready for typesetting (mostly checking for spelling, punctuation and formatting mistakes). While in the States Tim and his mentor were able to have a few Zoom meetings with software people at JAARS (SIL's [linguistics agency] technical branch). We are hoping this preparation for typesetting should pretty much be done by February. Of course, there are still bits and pieces which are being worked on by the translators and will need to be checked and rechecked, but at least we are getting down to the end! We are praying we can start typesetting by March, because that step will take a long time and we want to be able to print and distribute the panoramic Bible by the end of 2022.



Otherwise, when we land in Botswana on the 27th our first goal will be to pick up a few supplies and get back home, where hopefully the cats and termites have not trashed the house too badly.

We give thanks for the visits we have had, the people we have seen, and the things we have been able to accomplish. Please pray for our travels; that our Covid PCR test results would come back quickly (and negative) and that travel would be easy and that we will all remain healthy.

*Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf*

## Our First Official Semester is DONE!

And that is that! Our first "official" semester of the English Studies Program of the Luther Academy ended Dec. 13 with the usual flurry of end-of-the-semester activities: due dates, final examinations, etc. What is still unusual to me is that it is all done across numerous time zones with students who are studying theology

in English as their 2nd (or 3rd!) language.

Time for a report card. The first thing to note is how far we have come from a year ago. It has been just a year since we completed our Introduction to Theology "beta" course. This was a not-for-credit course introducing what Lutheran theological studies are all about. There were no tests and no obligations. As instructors we were learning too about how to construct a course for an on-line, live environment taught over Zoom.

In January 2021, we launched our first for credit course, Early Church History, to which we added short student papers and a written final exam. We added the use of Canvas, a learning management system (LMS) that serves as the means for making assignments, doing tests, posting lectures, etc. Moving to an actual academic course vs. a series of free lectures meant a new level of commitment on the part of the students. Our overall numbers were smaller, but by the end of the semester, we had formed a solid cohort of students desiring to enroll in an actual Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) program and study for ministry.

Over the summer of 2021, a great deal of administrative detail and improvements were made. Students were formally interviewed and enrolled, a first-edition of It is the love of God in Christ that compels and propels it all. a student handbook was created along with beginning module courses on academic writing and research (TH100), and theology as a discipline of the church. The courses and work just completed show places where we need to improve or create some different way of doing things, but the English Studies Program has posted a huge milestone with this first official semester. All of this is truly to God's glory alone! From the extraordinary commitment of our students, to that of a small, but dedicated group of teachers and staff, it is the love of God in Christ that compels and propels it all. Soli Deo Gloria!

At the end of the year it's always appropriate to say thank you to those with whom one is closely associated in life and work. So, THANK YOU first to all of you who have supported and prayed for me, for my work, and for the students of the English Studies B.Th. program

*Charles & Connie Cortright*  
Eurasia Branch Office -  
Sheboygan, WI" -



## Support Our Missionaries

**Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump** ([www.TheTrumps.org](http://www.TheTrumps.org)) **Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright**  
([charles.cortright@lcms.org](mailto:charles.cortright@lcms.org)) **Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf** ([tbeckendorf@LBT.org](mailto:tbeckendorf@LBT.org))  
**Rev. Paul Flo** ([Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com))

### Let the New Year Begin

Somehow a New Year seems to bring revitalization. We take a deep breath, forgetting all that went wrong in the old year, and start fresh. For the Christian, this revitalization takes place daily as we remember our Baptisms, for God "has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Empowered by this knowledge, let us use each day for His glory.

**Prayer:** Lord, in this New Year, grant me strength to put You first. Help me to seek You and Your righteousness. Thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus, who came to live and die on the Cross so that I may live as a forgiven person who will spend life eternal with You. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.



# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*Education Hour:</b> Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth and Praise Team all meet at 9:30 a.m.</p>						<p>1 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship/ Communion</p> 
<p>2 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Worship/ Communion <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Education Hour* <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Worship/ Communion</p>	3	<p>4 <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Evangelism Meeting <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Elders Meeting</p>	<p>5 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Lamplighters– Hope Lutheran <b>3:30 p.m.</b> Homework Huddle <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Confirmation</p>	<p>6 <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Study, Church basement</p> 	7	<p>8 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship/</p>
<p>9 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Worship <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Education Hour* <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Worship</p>	<p>10 <b>9 a.m.</b> Sewing Club</p>	<p>11 <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Evangelism Meeting <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 <b>No School</b> <b>3:30 p.m.</b> Homework Huddle <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Confirmation</p>	<p>13 <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Study, Church basement <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Board of Ed Meeting</p>	14	<p>15 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship/ Communion</p>
<p>16 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Worship/ Communion <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Education Hour* <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>17 <b>6 p.m.</b> Mary Martha Circle</p> 	<p>18 <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Evangelism Meeting <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>19 <b>3:30 p.m.</b> Homework Huddle <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Confirmation</p>	<p>20 <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Study, Church basement</p>	21	<p>22 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship/</p>
<p>23 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Worship/ School Choir Tour <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Education Hour* <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Worship <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Friends of Christ/Faith Lutheran</p>	<p>24 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> Sewing Club</p>	<p>25 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Evangelism Meeting <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Science Fair</p>	<p>26 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>7:30 a.m.</b> Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom <b>3:30 p.m.</b> Homework Huddle <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Confirmation</p>	<p>27 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Study, Church basement</p>	28 <b>Lutheran Schools Week</b>	<p>29 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship/</p>
<p>30 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Worship <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Education Hour* <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Worship</p>	31					

# January News & Notes

**LWML Mites offering** will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of each month. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

**2022 Offering Envelops:** Are now available in the Narthex area of the church. Please stop by and pick yours up. If there is any information incorrect on your envelopes or you did not receive your envelopes, please contact Dana at the Church office.

**2021 Year-End Giving Statements:** will be available by January 31 at the latest. If you need them earlier, please contact Dana at the Church office.

**Friends of Christ:** Soup and Pie dinner with a white elephant gift exchange on **Sunday, January 23** at Faith Lutheran at 2:00 p.m.

**Lutheran Witness Magazine Renewal:** If you are interested in renewing your magazine subscriptions or starting a new subscription, please contact Dana at the church office. The cost for 11 issues of the Lutheran Witness Magazine is \$22.68. Please have your payment to the office by **Sunday, Feb. 27**. The magazine will be mailed directly to your house.

**Evangelism Committee:** - Happy New Year everyone. What is your New Year's resolution? Our Evangelist Committee will be sitting down and talking about our plans for this year. If you have any ideas or like to get involved in our group. Please join us on any Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. You are all welcome. We are here to serve as Jesus has served us. May our God be with you this New Year. Evangelist Committee Marlis Hilden

**Annual Church and School Fund Drive:** We are pleased to announce that we have hit our goal of \$50,000. This week we raised \$13,361 bringing us to a total of \$51,051! We would like to give all glory to God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for your kind and generous gifts which will allow us to continue to bring Christian education to the children of Siouxland this coming year!

**Siouxland Hispanic Ministry:** the next quarterly meeting will be **Tuesday, March 1** at 6:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City.

**Mercy Meals of Siouxland:** Year in Review 2021...We started the year with 9,858 Mercy Meals in storage. We hosted 20 packaging events. We packaged 169,332 Mercy Meals. We delivered 149,904 Mercy Meals to Orphan Grain Train. We have 29,316 Mercy Meals in storage at Faith Lutheran Church. Open Upcoming Packaging Dates for 2022 will be on Saturday January 22, 2022 – @ 8:30 A.M., Saturday February 26, 2022 – @ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 AM, Saturday March 26, 2022 – @ 8:30 A.M., Saturday April 23, 2022 – @ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 AM. If you would like to schedule a special event, please let us know at 712-258-0808 or [mercymealsoftsiouxland@gmail.com](mailto:mercymealsoftsiouxland@gmail.com).

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Anna's Circle/Sewing Group** meets on the second and fourth Mondays each month. The next meeting is **January 10 and 24**, at 9 a.m. in the church basement.

**Board of Ed Meeting:** The Board of Education will meet **Thursday, January 13, 2022** at 7:00 pm. in the school lunchroom.

**Confirmation Classes:** each **Wednesday Night** at 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Elders Meeting:** The Elders will meet **Tuesday, January 4** at 7:00 p.m.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Pastor's Office.

**Homework Huddle:** 6th-8th graders, those who are in confirmation, meet on **Wednesday afternoons** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the church basement!

**Lamplighters:** Meet **Wednesday, Jan. 5** at 9:30 a.m. This month they are meeting at Hope Lutheran call Connie Elliott at 899-7189 or Charlotte Grothaus at 277-2167.

**Mary Martha Circle:** Meets the third Monday of every month for food, fun, fellowship and Bible Study. The next meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 17** at Perkin's Eastside at 6 p.m.

**Morning Bible Study:** Thursday morning Bible Study will be meeting in the church basement at 8:30 a.m.

**St. Paul's Women's League Meeting:** The ladies meet the first Thursday of the month in the church basement. They will not be holding a meeting in the month of January.

**Youth/Parent Board Meeting:** Youth Parents and Committee Members meet the 2nd **Tuesday, Jan. 11** at 6 p.m. in the Church basement.



**Servants for the Month of January**  
**Altar Guild: Liz Sanders and Dawn Hindman**

**Communion Elders for January**

1/1	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
1/2	8:15 a.m. Service	Daryl Heimgartner
1/2	10:45 a.m. Service	Tim Draube
1/15	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
1/16	8:15 a.m. Service	Bob Greene
1/16	10:45 a.m. Service	Frank Tenuta

**Ushers for January**

1/2	1st Service	Steve Segebart
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
1/9	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Tim Draube
1/16	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Dallas Schulz
1/23	1st Service	Nick Gunn
	2nd Service	Tim Draube
1/30	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Dallas Schultz

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**

Worship Services Traditional -Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service -10:45 a.m.

Disciple Training Hour: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

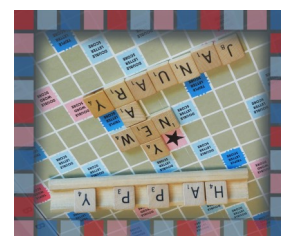
Live Streaming at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. on [www.Facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool](http://www.Facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool)

**DISCIPLE TRAINING HOUR-Sun. 9:30 -10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class** will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the Church basement.

**Youth and Sunday School** meet in the Sunday School Rooms

**Lesson of the Day** with Frank Tenuta will meet in the Church office.



**January 2022 Newsletter**

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