

### This Coming Week at St. Paul's

<b>Sun:</b>	Spoken Divine Service (reservation only)	7:30 am
	Divine Service	9 am
<b>Mon:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Church Council Meeting	7 pm
<b>Tues:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Junior Confirmation	6:30 pm
<b>Wed:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Private Confession/Absolution	8:30 am
	Adult Confirmation	4:30 pm

### Our Gifts to the Lord Last Week

15 people worshiped at New Year's Eve services; 74 people worshiped at 1/3/2021 services (combined); and 15 people worshiped on Epiphany.

\$9,331.00 was received in 3 regular offerings.

\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

### **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Pastoral Care** – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well; call Brian Popadowski at (815) 588 - 0884 or Ken Gerk at (815)263-0199.

Mr. Erich Kittlaus, Congregation President  
Mr. Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

## **The Sunday Messenger**

*January 10, 2021*

**Good morning** to all gathered here today at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the First Sunday after the Epiphany follows:

### ***The Glory of the Lord Returns to the Temple in the Boy Jesus***

In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud (1 Kings 8:6-13). Now Jesus, who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, enters the temple to show that He Himself is the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God (Luke 2:41-52). Our young Lord, true man, subject to Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found by His parents after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favor of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ (Rom. 12:1-5).

**Upon Entering the Sanctuary** – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the beginning of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

**The Lord's Supper** – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to

please read over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

**ADULT Confirmation** – An adult confirmation class is held on Wednesdays, at 4:30 p.m. and continuing the same time for about 12 weeks with some breaks. Open to anyone, from those new to the church who'd like to learn more about what we believe, or long-time members who'd like a refresher. Meeting room is TBA, depending on attendance. Please contact Pastor Antonetti with any questions. Next class will be Wednesday, January 13.

**MANNA Program** – Orders due with payment on January 10. And orders will be available for pick up on January 17.

**HELP NEEDED** – This past month, we've had to make several emergency repairs to our heating system. The cost of these repairs was \$13,387.00. Please consider a special donation to the Improvement Fund to help with these unexpected expenses. *Thank you to those who have generously donated!*

**St. Paul's Lockport Sermon Podcast** – If you know someone who was unable to come to church and would like to hear today's sermon or you would like to listen again, there is good news – our sermon podcast is now up-to-date! You can find it on the media page on our website or search iTunes for "St Paul's Lockport Sermons."

**Offering Envelopes** – Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes from the table in the narthex. If you can safely "porch-drop" envelopes for others who are unable to pick theirs up, we'd appreciate that! Thank you!

**Attendance Slips** – In each pew, there are small slips which we are using for attendance. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate as you leave.

**Visitor Slips** – There are "visitor" forms available in the narthex. Please don't hesitate to fill them out and place them in the offering plate if you're a visitor.

**Spoken Service For Those Who Prefer a Smaller Gathering** – Held every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The service is limited to 25 members, and members must reserve their space by contacting either Pastor Antonetti or the church office by phone at (815) 838-1832 BY THURSDAY of each week. This service will be shorter, to limit potential personal exposure. We hope that this provides an opportunity for our members who may be concerned about attending the later service. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Antonetti.

**Next Weekend's Scripture Readings** – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: *Ex. 33:12-23; Rom 12:6-16; John 2:1-11.*

**Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher:** Rev. Christopher Antonetti  
**Organist/Pianist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Brian Popadowski;  
**Trustee:** Richard Czimer; **Hannah Guild:** Rita Saxon, Kristina Wojciechowski, Jill Briese.

#### **This Week We Lift Up Prayers**

**Members of our church family:** Michael and Tracey Bachmann, Mike Benson, Daena Hinkelman, Heidi Kopp, Barbara Ferrentino, Denise Pilz, Sharlene Thomason, Carol Thompson, Bonnie Fox

**Family and friends including:** Rev. Burneal Fick; John St. Aubin (Thies); The Rev. Ron Rock; Annie Picard (Gerk); Jeanne Irvine (Wetherbee); Erica Doerfler (Fox); Parker Vicich (Lemke); Jackie Fox (Loucks); Rita Cunningham (Gudgel); Michelle (Gudgel); Rev. Bill Chormann; Rev. Bill Mitschke; Kathy (Wetherbee) Glenn (Wetherbee); Mary Lynn & Richard H. (Czimer); John B. (Pilz).