

THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

JANUARY
2021

Connection Point

Things happening this month

Wednesday, January 6th

Church Council Meeting

The St. Paul Lutheran Church leadership will meet at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall. New incoming council members are invited to join in this meeting.

Sunday, January 10th

Sunday School Begins

After taking a few weeks off to celebrate the Christmas holiday, Sunday School students will be back in the classroom again following morning worship.

Wednesday, January 13th

Adult Bible Study Begins

Pastor Aaron is looking forward to continuing onward in the book of Acts after a long break due to COVID-19 concerns and Advent. Adult Bible study meets at 6:30pm every Wednesday in the fellowship hall. Join us for a cup of coffee! New faces are always welcome.

Sunday, January 17th

Jr. Lutherans

The Jr. Lutherans will meet at Church at 1:30pm. Pastor Aaron is planning a service project, games and a snack. Pick up time at the Church will be 3:30pm.

Sunday, January 24th

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Join us as we seek to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” (Proverbs 31:8) In worship we will celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit ourselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Women’s News

Leaders of St. Paul Lutheran’s **Helping Hands Circle, Women of the Word** and **Quilting** groups will be evaluating when and how to safely begin meeting again based on COVID-19 recommendations and data in Sioux County. Pay close attention to bulletin announcements and future newsletter publications for more information.

Worship Notes

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated this month on Sunday, January 10th and Sunday, January 31st.

January Worship Assistants

Deacon: Ken Nielsen

Women’s Duties: Sherry Tiedemann & Wanda Willemsen

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, ushers are not being utilized at this time

Annual Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran’s 2021 Annual Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, January 24th. We will remain social distanced in the Sanctuary. In an effort to expedite this year’s meeting, Annual Meeting books will be placed in Church mailboxes and emailed out to members on Sunday, January 17th. Please take time that week to fully read the material and address any questions to the appropriate source. There will be no Sunday School during the Annual Meeting.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A Message On Masks

While the official recommendation of the St. Paul Lutheran Church leadership team is to wear facial coverings while in the building to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we understand that members of the congregation may exercise their personal freedom not to. The Church Council and Pastor Aaron respect the individual choice and liberty of our members and visitors to make the best decision for themselves and their families. The usage of masks will continue to be strongly urged at worship and weekly events, but not mandated for attendance at either.



HINNERS ORGAN MOVED

The first pipe organ in the original St. Paul Lutheran Church building has been moved to a new location. The organ was first moved with the Church building in 1960 when it became Bolin Funeral Home in George. In February of 2004 the organ was put up for auction on E-Bay for the cost of \$1,000. At that time Dan and John Schwandt, sons of Gwen (Krahling) Schwandt, with the help of John's mother-in-law, Judith Finn, purchased the organ. Some time later John was appointed to the faculty of the University of Oklahoma and St. Paul Lutheran's Hinners Organ was donated to The American Organ Institute at that school where it was restored by a dedicated team of students and staff. Unfortunately, the American Organ Institute was dissolved last year and a conversation began on what to do with the 96 year old, fully restored, faithful instrument. With the ultimate goal of saving a piece of St. Paul Lutheran Church history, Dan Schwandt approached the Department of Sacred Music at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and the faculty was in agreement: such a gift would be a valuable asset to their program. As such, the Hinners organ that served generations of believers at St. Paul Lutheran has found a new home. Recognition of its history will be represented by a plaque on the organ, citing its use in the original Church from 1923-1960. Donations are still being taken to offset the transportation costs to South Bend. If you are interested in making a gift, please see Wanda Willemsen.

JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30am: Worship 3	4	5	6 7:30pm: Church Council	7	8	9
9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Sunday School 10	11	6:30pm: Young Adults Group 12	2:40pm: Confirmation 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study 13	14	6:30am: Men's Breakfast Bible Study 15	16
9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Sunday School 1:30pm: Jr. Lutherans 17	18	19	2:40pm: Confirmation 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study 20	21	22	23
9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Annual Meeting 24	25	6:30pm: Young Adults Group 26	2:40pm: Confirmation 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study 27	28	29	30
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January Birthdays:

6th—Ken Nielsen
 10th—Diane Fick
 11th—Jennifer Collins
 14th—Gordon Egdorf
 15th—Elaine Sohl
 15th—Kenzee DeStigter
 15th—Terry Anderson
 16th—Morgan Wellendorf
 20th—Daryl Van Dyk
 30th—Karen Mosier

January Anniversaries:

8th—Dallas and Melanie Willemsen
 20th—Lawrence and Kathi Sohl
 24th—Keith and Sara Anderson