



Rev. Steve Hulke, Pastor  
 Rev. Joshua Baumann, Pastor  
 Rev. Roger Moldenhauer, Pastor  
 Jim Wegner, Principal

## The Holy Grapevine

Friday, December 25, 2020 through  
 Thursday, December 31, 2020

### "CHRISTMAS MAKES US RICH"

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."*

*(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

True or False...."Christmas makes us rich." Many would look at that statement and say without hesitation - "Are you kidding, that's false." We feel a financial hit at Christmas. New decorations, baking supplies, Christmas cards and the postage to send them out. Don't forget the tree or the meal you need to prepare. Did I mention the gifts? As the family grows the gifts become more specialized and high tech, or you don't know what to get so it's gift cards which just makes it easier. Christmas makes us rich?! You must be joking!

No, I'm not joking. It's true. Christmas does make us rich. When you consider all that our Savior has done for us, how can we view it any differently. Jesus Christ, true God, left the glory and majesty of Heaven and came to Earth. He laid aside His riches and became man. Through His birth in the manger and His atoning death on the cross Jesus became poor. "That though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor." In a world of people trying to get rich, Jesus becomes poor. Why? For your sake - for you.

As completely opposite as that sounds, Jesus does it for a reason. "So that you, through His poverty, might become rich." Christmas makes us rich! We had nothing to offer God. We were poor and helpless and that's why our Savior came. He gives us the great gift of salvation and gives us the riches of the Kingdom.

"He came to pay a debt He didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay"

"Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn"

Christmas makes us rich! Take time to celebrate and meditate on this great truth in Christ who was born in the manger for us.

Blessed Christmas to all,

Pastor Steve

### In-Person Worship Schedule

Wednesday 5:30 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM (Traditional)

10:45 AM (Contemporary)

### Online Worship Opportunities

<http://stpaulequips.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulequips/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaullutheran/>

### Other Ways to Worship Weekly

Via Telephone at 877-234-5051

Via Cable Access on Channel 984

→ Mondays at 11:30 AM

→ Wednesdays at 1:20 PM

→ Thursdays at 3:00 PM

Phone: 715-344-5660

Website: <http://stpaulequips.com>

E-mail: [office@stpaulequips.com](mailto:office@stpaulequips.com)

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8am-4:00 pm

*"As we journey through life, we can go with confidence because Jesus is the Compass."*

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## CHURCH NEWS

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Stay connected with updates and events at St. Paul

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### HOLIDAY BASKET PROJECT

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With your help, St Paul was able to provide for 15 Operation Bootstrap Holiday Baskets. Special thanks go out to all who participated in the following ways:

School children families who contributed chapel offerings of non-perishable food and paper products.

Thrivent Action Team which contributed a grant to purchase a wash basket and a covered tub to deliver basket items for each family.

Members who contributed to our food pantry and mission funds which allow us to purchase perishable foods.

Members who took an ornament from the giving tree, purchased, and wrapped gifts for the children and adults in each family.

Members who volunteered to purchase those perishable food items and deliver the baskets to our 15 families.

And to our office staff who fielded calls, helped collect food and gifts, and provided direction and space for this project.

Especially at this time of the year, may it warm your heart to know that you were a part of making a Merrier Christmas for an area family, who sincerely appreciated your outreach. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. . .as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me. Matthew 25:35-40

Board of Evangelism

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### PART TIME CUSTODIAN

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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is looking for an individual to assist temporarily with our custodian staff beginning in January. The position would primarily involve the vacuuming/mopping of floors and sanitizing/disinfecting areas throughout the building. This individual would work up to 20 hours a week within the hours of 4pm and 9pm each school day. Employment is for 3-4 months. If interested, applicants can request a job description in the office and pick up an application. Applications being accepted until January 7<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about the position, you may call or email our Principal - Mr. Wegner @ [jwegner@stpaulsequips.com](mailto:jwegner@stpaulsequips.com). (715) 344-5660

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### LWML LOG

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Please return your mite box monies to the office LWML mailbox by Dec. 30th. Coins and paper are gladly accepted to fund the mission grants.

The Woman's Quarterly winter issue is available on the shelf near the elevator. Information regarding the June 24-27, 2021 convention in Lexington, KY is in there. Also check out the LWML bulletin board for more info regarding the grants and the convention. More info can also be found on the district website [nwdlwml.org](http://nwdlwml.org).

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### YEAR END OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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As we approach the end of the calendar year, please remember that all offerings to be credited for 2020 need to be received in the office by Thursday, December 31st. Thank you for your gifts to God!

### NEW 4 WEEK BIBLE STUDY

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A new study at St. Paul called Coping with Stress begins January 5th. There are two opportunities for this study:

Ladies can join Myra Swiston and the "Joy Ladies" on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm to participate.

Men can join Pastor Baumann on Tuesday nights at 6:15pm to participate.

Invite a friend if you would like to either session and email [office@stpaulsequips.com](mailto:office@stpaulsequips.com) to receive your zoom invite.

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### DECORATION TAKE DOWN

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We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 11, 2021 starting at 8:30 A.M. Any time you can give to this project is greatly appreciated. For questions, call Sherrilee Wallerman at 715-344-0031.

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### HELMETS OFF TO WOOD CREW!

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Four sessions and a couple hundred servant hours later and the City mandated removal of diseased Oak tree's at the Cemetery is DONE. Brush to be removed by Zblewski's shortly and stumps to be excavated in Spring. The Crew is thankful the task went safely and without incident. When you see any of these folks please acknowledge their commitment to this project. The 2020 crew consisted of the following volunteers: Ron Roth, Roger Pionek, Dave Kromenacher, Dave Verhage, Dave Kratzke, Pete & Linda Leder, Fred Hiles, Mark Spletzer, Dave Voss, Paul Schlaefer (Immanuel Rapids) Butch & Tina Weege.

# SCHOOL NEWS

Stay connected with our School Ministry

No School December 22-January 3rd—School resumes in person Monday, January 4th  
Office Closed December 24-25 and December 31-January 1, 2021

## JANUARY PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE MEETING



Please join us Monday, January 4th at 6:00 pm via Zoom for the next PTL meeting. All parents and staff are invited.

Help us to start the year right and schedule some events to connect, support our teachers, and encourage our students! Please email [mstwiston@stpaulsequips.com](mailto:mstwiston@stpaulsequips.com) for the invite.

## SEEKING ASC ASSISTANT APPLICANTS

St. Paul Lutheran School is looking for an individual to assist our After School Director - JoAnn Wrezinski in our ASC program. Our program runs after school each day when school is in session from 3-5:30pm. Students from ages 4K - 8th grade use this program. This position is part-time and would have approximately 8-12 hours a week. If interested, applicants can request a job description in the office and pick up an application.

Any questions about the position, you may call or email our Principal - Mr. Wegner. [jwegner@stpaulsequips.com](mailto:jwegner@stpaulsequips.com)



## SAVE THE DATE—2021-2022



February 1st will be here before we know it—this is the date when our 2021-2022 enrollment will open, both for St. Paul and Wisconsin Parental Choice. More details will be coming soon.

## Hot Lunch Menu for January 4th-8th

Choice of fruit, vegetable, and milk is available daily.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Hamburgers	Hot Dogs	Pancakes & Omelets	Macaroni & Cheese

\*This institution is an equal opportunity provider

## FREE LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS 0-18 YEARS OLD!

Grab N Go lunches will continue to be available each day for e-learning students and all siblings of St. Paul students in January—May 2021. Orders must be called in by 3 pm on Friday the week before and pick up is between 10:45 am—12:30 pm daily in the office.

## CHAPEL ON JANUARY 6TH

We are excited to be welcoming Elizabeth Williams as our guest chapel speaker for chapel on January 6th! She is currently a missionary in Africa and is back in town. Please join us at 8:15 am at [youtube.com/c/StPaulLutheran](https://youtube.com/c/StPaulLutheran).

## JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School (WVLHS) is our mission of the month for January. You can help support their mission of shaping individuals to be Christian Leaders through excellence in education by bringing in chapel offering on Wednesday.

## NO ASC JANUARY 4TH-8TH

Reminder that we will not have After School Care the first week of our return to in-person learning. ASC will resume on Monday, January 11.

### Scrip Center Hours

December 23rd - 27th

**Wed 12/23:** 7:45am - 8:30am & 2:30pm - 3:15pm

**Thurs 12/24:** Closed

**Fri 12/25:** Closed

**Sat 12/26:** Closed

**Sun 12/27:** 8:45am - 9:15am

10:15am - 10:45am

**Mon 12/28:** 7:45 am—8:30 am & 2:30 pm-3:15 pm

**Tues 12/29:** 7:45 am-8:30 am

**Wed 12/30:** 7:45 am-8:30 am

**Thurs: 12/31:** Closed

**Friday 1/1:** Closed

**Sat 1/2:** 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

**Regular Hours Resume**

## Mission of the Month:

LCMS International Missions



### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

#### Sick, Hospitalized or Recovering Members

Marlene Vircks, Ed Ferg, Tom Hering, Donna Calhoun, Rita Iwanski, Dian Schlichtmann, Lorne Thurier, Linda Petig, Shirley Rozumialski, John Sommers.

#### Members Who Are Homebound

Madeline Hagen, David Hanson, Ramona Haima, David Swenson, Bob & Pat Ilten, Mary Jennings.

#### Friends and Family of Members

Heather Christien; Thomas Birr; Lois Daehling, mother of Diane McLeod; Linda, friend of Karol Selle; Erin S, daughter of Vicki Potter; Brian, cousin of Carrie Jagodzinski; Ed Radomski, brother of Marie Swanson; Eric Thorstenson, son of Leonard and Lois Thorstenson; LWML District President Becky Haltaufderheid; Makenna, cousin of Lori May; Earnest Danielski, father of Duane Danielski; Wayne Vreeland, father-in-law of Christina Montgomery.

#### Members mourning the loss of a loved one

For the family of Heidi Okreglicki as Heidi's father, Lloyd Nimmer was called to his eternal home.

Please consider sponsoring the altar flowers and/or bulletins! The sign up sheets for 2021 are on the Welcome Center counter.



## Upcoming Schedule of Events

THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Friday, December 25	Friday, January 1
10:00 AM—Christmas Day Worship	<i>No School—Office Closed</i>
Saturday, December 26	Saturday, January 2
<i>No Worship</i>	4:00 PM—Worship Service
Sunday, December 27	Sunday, January 3
8:00 AM—Worship Service	8:00 AM—Worship Service
10:45 AM—Worship Service	9:15 AM—(L/V) Education Hour
	10:45 AM—Worship Service
Monday, December 28	Monday, January 4
<i>No School</i>	School Resumes
	6:00 PM—(V) PTL Meeting
Tuesday, December 29	Tuesday, January 5
<i>No School</i>	6:15 PM—(V) Men's Bible Study
	7:30 PM—Ladies Bible Study (V)
Wednesday, December 30	Wednesday, January 6
<i>No School</i>	6:30 AM—(V) Men's Bible Study
6:30 AM—(V) Men's Bible Study	8:15 AM—(V) Chapel
5:30 PM—Worship Service	10:45 AM—Noontime Nibbles
	1:30 PM—(V) Noontime Nibbles
	5:30 PM—Worship Service
	6:30 PM—Confirmation
	7:45 PM—Youth Bible Study
Thursday, December 31	Thursday, January 7
<i>No School—Office Closed</i>	6:30 PM—(V) Walk Through Scriptures Bible Study

\*(L/V)- meeting live & virtually \*(V)- meeting virtually

### CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 62:10-12  
**Epistle:** Titus 3:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:15-20

### EPIPHANY LITURGY

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 3:1-12  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### CHURCH INFORMATION

Total Attendance:	214
Wednesday 4:00 PM	48
Saturday 4:00 PM	34
Sunday 8:00 AM	61
Sunday 10:45 AM	71

### After Hours Emergency Contacts

Pastor Hulke: (906) 869-9434 / Pastor Baumann: (605) 220-1908 / Pastor Moldenhauer: (715) 574-1013

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