

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
January 7 – 14, 2024

Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Joshua 1

12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry – Zoom Meeting

Tuesday

Joshua 2

9:00am Circuit Meeting
2:00pm Sunrise Retirement Home Service
6:00pm Grief Share
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday **Joshua 3**

9:30am Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Night

Thursday **Joshua 4**

9:00am Quilting Group
5:30-7:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

Friday **Joshua 5**

Noon 4-H Meeting

Saturday **Joshua 6**

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:30-11:30am Food Pantry
Noon Private Baptism



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“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184

Baptism Hymn #593 “See This Wonder in the Making”
Hymn of the Day #399 “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”
Distribution Hymn #397 “As with Gladness Men of Old”
#412 “The People That in Darkness Sat”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 p.787
Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 p.1242
Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 p.1026

Baptism - God’s Blessings to Jeremy Sharp & Allison Hart as their daughter Grace Alexis is baptized at our worship service this morning. Grace Alexis sponsors are Jeremy Hart & Chloe Hartnett.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Tyler Burnett

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Organist – Pam Reinke

Altar Guild – Angie Lyke & Judy Johnson

Tech Team – Bill Miller, John Boor, Paul, Logan & Alexa Szymanski

Counters for the weekend – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – The MacCracken’s & Jill Barry

Support the Troops - Please remember our troops who give up so much to serve our country and protect our families. Remember them by purchasing individual packed goodies and toiletries and by sending them a note, drawing or whatever expressing your appreciation of their service. Put goodies in the blue bin under the table and put the correspondence in the basket on the top of the blue table. Thank you.

Griefshare - In this season of great joy over the birth of the Savior is the memory of those who have died and the grieving we do, but with hope. Griefshare gives you an opportunity to journey with others who are grieving, along with help from counselors and the Bible. Join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. here at church, and check out the webpage for Griefshare for other help.

Men's Night – For thousands of years, men have gathered around a fire for many reasons including celebrations and supporting each other. You are invited to join other men **Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm** as we come together to relax, celebrate our victories, and support each other around a fire. You only need to bring your favorite outdoor chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). In the event of inclement weather, we will bring the heat into the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, January 14th at the 9:00am service we will have **Installation of Officers for 2024** and “Thank You” to the Officers and Elders who completed their service in 2023.

Voter's Meeting – **Sunday, January 21st** after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2024 and on the Agenda is the budget for 2024. Following that meeting is a Call Meeting where we will affirm our commitment to call Vicar Larry as our Associate Pastor when he is Ordained to be a Pastor on July 7th. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter and needs to be present.

Mission for the Quarter – For the first three months of this year Prison Ministry through Deaconess Lori Wilbert is our mission to highlight. Lori will be our **Special Guest on Sunday, February 4** and she will speak about her class work with Inmates at Stateville Prison and other prisons, along with news from Andre about the new ministry for those coming out of prison, called Returning Citizens. Mark your calendar!

2024 Church Address/Phone Directory – if you have any changes/updates for the 2024 directory; please send the changes to sec3@stpaulsonline.org or contact the office no later than **Monday, January 15.**

Community Resource Fair - Saturday March 16 - We are planning the second annual Resource Fair and are looking for people who want to help make it happen! If you're interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Rosanne Tadsen at 708-209-5335.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Mindy Cronwall, Dale Twietmeyer,
Sandy Zulfer, Dave Hendrickson, Caren
Neushwander, Lorraine Jennings

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$14,132.89
Building Fund	\$577	\$960
Mission	\$327	\$1,890

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Discretionary Fund-\$125; Scholarship Fund-\$440; St Matthews-\$135; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$690; St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$100; Sacred Grounds-\$28.25; Food Pantry-\$940; LCC-\$800; VBS-\$100; Altar Guild-\$100; Quilting-\$100; Voice of Care-\$50; Prayer Shawl-\$1,000

MARY'S CORNER

As we all hear so many times how cruel some people are to others on Facebook, etc., there has even been cases of people committing suicide over other people's cruel remarks. We should always remember it does not matter what other people think of us, we are children of God, He made us in His image, and God does not make JUNK! Each of us may be a little different but we are each special for our unique way. Don't let bullies wear you down, remember we have God on our side.