



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

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January 15 & 16, 2022	Baptism of our Lord	Hymns
Order of Service	Word & Sacrament (p26)	93
Sermon	Luke 3:15-17, 21-23	Psalm 2 p65
		89
	Annointed FOR YOU!	91:3,5
	Because He wasn't what was expected.	679 & 315
	Because we need to be assured of the truth.	685

- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound & light controls. There is a one-way privacy shade in the smaller section past the room divider as well should you need it.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** with changing stations are to the right as you exit church.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. We pass offering plates. *As the offering is brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 91:3,5.*

Ushers this weekend (Jan. 15,16) teams are 11 (J. White), 12 (T. Schwefel), & 13 (D. Babler). Greeters are V. White, J&L Jerman, & D. White. Next weekend (Jan. 22,23) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), & 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be J. White, K. Sebestyen, & P. Eckert.

God's Word This Week

Epiphany 1: The Baptism of Our Lord

Our sight tends to be the sense that we trust the most. As the saying goes, "I'll believe it when I see it." That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eyes see differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, He was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. So, to assure His children, God connects His grace, power, and blessing to something we can see – a visible sign: the anointing of baptism, His means of grace.

January 15-23, 2022

1/15	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #11)
1/16	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #12)
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #13)
1/17	Mon.	6:15 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
1/19	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (The Divine Call)
		6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
1/20	Thur.	7:30 PM	Open Gym
1/22	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship (team #1)
1/23	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship (team #2)
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		10:15 AM	Worship (team #3)

Holy Communion:

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we publicly testify to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak with our pastor before communing with us. Thank you.

A Prayer Before Worship:

Confirm in us your gospel, Lord, Your promise of salvation. And make us keen to hear Your Word and follow our vocation: To spend our lives in love for You, to bear each other's burdens, too. And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come and bear Your loved ones safely home.

Adult Bible Study next week

Our time in the book of Psalms is drawing to a close this Sunday. As it does, we will have a one-week study on the Divine Call. Our Synod is facing a shortage of called workers. The result is that congregations will face more and more calls coming to their pastors and teachers. It's a good time to refresh why we do what we do. Join the discussion on Wednesday at 8:45 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

New Adult Bible Study beginning 1-26-2022

Few topics generate as much debate and discussion among Christians as public worship. Churches are often identified and described by the style and content of their services, sometimes, even more so than the doctrines they teach. There is certainly no shortage of opinion on the topic of best worship practices. A new hymnal has certainly made us all the more aware of these things. Maybe it's even got us asking what God has to say about worship? Our study will be based on a new book released by Northwestern Publishing House and appropriately titled *Christian Worship*. As we study together may God grant us a better understanding of why we do what we do and a deeper appreciation for the gospel-centered, means of grace focused forms we have. Join the discussion beginning 1-26 on Wednesdays at 8:45 AM and Sundays at 9:00 AM.

Poinsettias

We are grateful for the many beautiful poinsettias which were donated this Christmas. However, they are really starting to shed their leaves and if you want your plant, it's probably time to collect it. We'll care for them as long as we can (which is not much longer) and then, if they haven't been picked up, we'll dispose of them.

Year-End Statements

Statements of yearly contributions for 2020 are in your church mailbox. If something seems incorrect, please contact our church secretary, Amy Surian.

Annual Voter's Meeting

We thank our voters for the time they gave as we talked about finances. By God's grace, we ended the year \$9,000 short of our budget figure but we also underspent the budget by \$74,000. Seeking to acknowledge our current climate and fulfill various obligations (mortgages, wla, missions, etc.), our budget for next year was set at \$887,240.42, a 1.83% rise over last year's numbers. The increase is mainly due to our commitment to pay our called workers at synod code. Housing numbers are slowly being adjusted to reach 100% of the synod suggested amount. We are currently at 90%. Agendas are on the information center.

St. Paul's Open Gym – Thursdays at 7:30 PM

Looking for a way to run off those extra holiday pounds? Trying to figure out how to get those new year's resolutions going? Just looking to hang out and have a little fun? Try St. Paul's open gym. We play a little basketball (1/2 court or full if enough show up) and pretend that we are a lot younger than we actually are.

Thank you to all who took down the Christmas Decorations

The place always looks a little empty after the decorations all come down. A special thank you is in order to all who helped with the process of putting it all away though. Thanks for donating a bit of your Saturday morning.

A Thank You for the Gift Cards for Seminarians

Christian friends in Fond du Lac, My family received a generous Christmas gift of multiple gift cards, and we wanted to express our gratitude. We thank God for caring and generous people who support us while studying at the Seminary. Your gift is a great encouragement to continue to diligently study and prepare for a future in the ministry. God's richest blessings in the new year. Zach Flunker and family

2022 Offering Envelopes

If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2022 envelopes, even if you plan on giving electronically. Our Elders will begin calling & delivering unclaimed packets in February.

Last Week's Offerings:

Made wise in faith, we came and knelt before the altar of the Lord and presented our gifts to the King last week: Current – \$13,331.20; Missions - \$439.27; Improvement - \$210; Mortgage - \$2077.61; Initial Offering – 170; \$200; Altar Fund - \$100; Computer Fund - \$200; Hymnal Fund - \$25; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund - \$200; Organ/Piano Fund - \$200; Gym Improvement Fund - \$125 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$5,201.08; all offerings totaled \$17,183.08; Weekly target \$17,063). 202 people attended regular weekend service (44, 44, 114 Livestream = 65). **Gifts and Memorials:** A gift was given to the current fund in memory of Ray Brinkman. At their last meeting, WinGS designated the following gifts: \$110 given to the Mortgage fund in memory of members that passed in 2021; \$400 given to Mortgage fund; \$200 given to Piano fund; \$200 given to SPLS Student Aid fund; \$100 given to Altar Fund; \$200 given to Church Computer fund; \$100 given to Gym Improvement Fund. Flowers on the Altar this week were given in honor of the 34th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and MaryLou England on 1/16 and the 80th Birthday of MaryLou England on 1/19.