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Jesus Loves

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*⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" **Luke 2:8-14***

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."


Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

- ✚ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School begins at 10:15am
- ✚ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace... ~ Philippians 1:2-7b

As I sit here at my desk reflecting on my time so far as your Pastor, I am first of all grateful. I make the above words my own. I am thankful for the journey we have walked together. I am thankful for the challenges we have faced. I am thankful for the words of encouragement you have given me. I am thankful for the ways God has used me to serve you, and your loved ones. I am thankful for the ways He has used you to serve my family and me. I am thankful for the forgiveness I have been able to proclaim and deliver in Jesus' name, and the forgiveness I have received. I am thankful to God for it all... and I am thankful for all of you.

There are other words I have made my own as well. They are the words of a prayer I was given when I graduated from the seminary. It is called *Martin Luther's Sacristy Prayer*. I have it placed precariously on a beam in the closet where the acolyte robes and my vestments are kept. Luther wrote the prayer when contemplating the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His purposes through Jacob despite the foolish and deceptive acts of him and Rebekah against Isaac in Genesis 27. In drawing a connection between the call of a pastor (whom God has appointed to bear Christ to the congregation), and God's appointment of Jacob (the one through whom Christ would eventually come to the world), Luther says pastors should pray in the following manner:

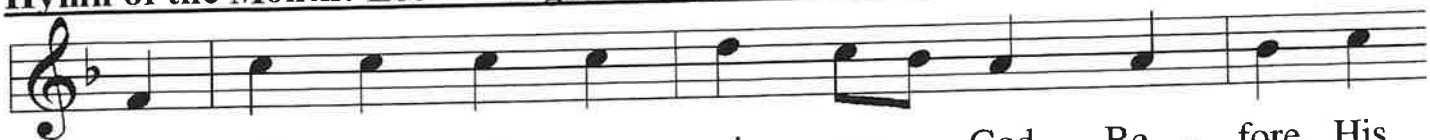
Lord God, You have placed me in Your church as bishop and pastor. You see how unfit I am to administer this great and difficult office. Had I been without help from You, I would have ruined everything long ago. Therefore, I call on You. I gladly offer my mouth and heart to Your service. I would teach the people and I myself would continue to learn. To this end I will meditate diligently on Your Word. Use me, dear Lord, as Your instrument. Only do not forsake me; for if I were to continue alone, I would quickly ruin everything. Amen.

I often pray this prayer just before entering the sanctuary to greet those sitting in the pews before the service. It is humbling to say the least. Yes indeed, I would quickly ruin everything, save but by the grace of God. We all would. But thanks be to God! He does not forsake us, "*for you are all partakers with me of grace.*" (Phil. 1:7b) God can and does work through each one of us to bear Christ to each other. As I like to say, we are all "Christophers" (Christ-bearers). We have each been called and appointed through baptism to bear to each other the forgiveness and reconciliation that are found in Him alone. I thank God that He has placed me here with you as your "bishop and pastor" to share this partnership in the Gospel of forgiveness. May God continue to be with us all.

Living Forever, Now,
Pastor Grannis

Hymn of the Month: Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
To blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.

Text (sts. 1, 3-7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913-2001; (st. 2): tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

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Hymn of the Month Study

Let All Together Praise Our God - Lutheran Service Book 389

Based on a study by Steven P. Mueller

Adapted by Pastor Michael James Grannis

Day 1

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389*

Consider: The world’s celebration of Christmas seems to start earlier and earlier each year. Each year we hear messages about the true meaning of Christmas. Some of these get it right, but many speak only of human actions: giving, sharing or loving. Strangely, as soon as Christmas Day is over, the celebration ends. Attention turns to other things and Christmas is largely forgotten.

But in the Christian Church, the celebration continues. In the Church year “The Time of Christmas” begins with the Advent Season, continues through the Christmas Season (the 12 days of Christmas), and extends all the way through the Epiphany Season (butting up to Lent). In our Hymn of the Month, we celebrate the coming of our Savior at Bethlehem as well as His daily presence in our lives. Jesus wasn’t simply a cute baby; He is God eternal who was born as a man to save us from our sins, and make us heirs of His heavenly Kingdom. That is the truth that this hymn proclaims.

Discuss: Do you find it tempting to follow the world’s example and “put Christmas away” as soon as the day is over? What advantages are there in prolonging our celebration through the 12 days of Christmas (from Christmas to Epiphany)? Beyond through Epiphany? How can we respond to misleading messages about the “true meaning of Christmas”?

Pray:

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 2

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389 stz. 1-4*

Consider: These first four stanzas of the hymn reflect on what it meant for almighty God to become a human being. St. Paul considers the same theme in a text that many people think was one of the earliest Christian hymns (Philippians 2:6-11).

Read and Discuss: Phil. 2:5–11. How do we know the “mind” or “attitude” of Christ according to these verses? What did He do for us? Jesus is God and is equal to His Father according to His divine nature (John 10:30) and therefore deserves honor, glory and worship. According to the verses in Philippians, how did He demonstrate humility? Why did He do it? In Philippians it is written that every knee will bow at the name of

Jesus and every tongue will confess Him as Lord. When does or will that happen? Will every person see this as good news? Paul writes similar words in 2 Cor. 8:9. What does this verse say about our Savior? What is meant here by poverty and riches?

Pray:

You are the King of Glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father. When You took upon Yourself to deliver man, You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin. When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our judge. We therefore pray You to help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting. Amen. – *an excerpt from the Te Deum*

Day 3

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389 stz. 5-7*

Consider: At the time of the Reformation, a mining town in Bohemia called Joachimsthal strongly supported Lutheranism. Over time they became known for their support of the arts. In particular, many hymns came from this area. A teacher and church musician named Nicolaus Herman (1480– 1561) taught at the Latin school there. Herman developed a close relationship with his pastor, Johann Mathesius who knew Luther well from his days as a student at Wittenberg. Herman often transformed ideas from Mathesius' sermons into hymns.

During the last 14 years of his life Herman wrote many hymns, including "Let All Together Praise Our God." In his published collection of this and other hymns he noted that the children and their fathers were his intended audience, in order to deepen their faith through home devotional use. Despite this intended use, several of Herman's hymns are still used in corporate worship today.

Discuss: In Luther's Small Catechism nearly every section begins with the words "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household." The daily teaching of God's word in all of daily life was commanded by God in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Did you sing hymns and other Christian songs in your home growing up? Do you still? How could this habit be used to teach the faith to the Church's children, and to our children's children? (Duet 6:2)

Pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son gathered the little children to Himself that He might bless them. Strengthen the parents of our congregation that they may faithfully bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord by a life of prayer and devotion to You and Your Word. Bless the work of all who assist our parents in teaching the faith, that all might be led into the Savior's loving arms and grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Christ's holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Day 4

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389 sts. 1-3*

Consider: While speaking of the incarnation, this hymn refers to Christ hiding His all-creating light (stz. 3). Some Christians mistakenly think that only God the Father was involved in creation.

Discuss: Read Col. 1:16–17 and Heb. 1:2. What do these verses teach about who created and sustains the world? God our Creator chooses to leave His throne, become an infant small and lie in a manger (stz. 2). Why does He do this? Do you think that some people struggle with the idea of God becoming a human being, and even an infant? Why?

Stanza 3 says that Christ hides His light and cloaks the “splendor of His might.” Did He still have His divine power and glory? (See Matt. 17:2-9 and John 1:1-3, 14-17)

Pray:

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Day 5

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389*

Consider: Lutherans speak of the work of Christ in terms of His humiliation and exaltation. The humiliation consists of the time from His conception until His burial. During this time, Christ did not always or fully use the power, glory and divine prerogatives that were His by virtue of His deity. During the exaltation, which began with His descent into hell, He uses these however He sees fit.

Discuss: Why was this humiliation necessary for our salvation? Stanza 6 calls Jesus the key and the door to paradise. Read Gen. 3:24. What kept human beings from Paradise? Why? Read John 10:7–9. What does Jesus call Himself? Does anything or anyone else deserve such a title? What does this mean? Read Is. 22:22 and Rev. 3:7. In what way is Jesus a key? Is there any doubt that this will change?

Pray:

O Most High, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Key of David and the scepter of the house of Israel. By His death, He has opened the kingdom of heaven and closed the gates of hell for all who trust in Him. By His resurrection, He has rescued the prisoners who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 6

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389*

Consider: St. John writes, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). In Jesus, we truly see love, for “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). That was God’s eternal plan. Christ took on our human flesh from the time of His virgin conception. But it was at His birth that other human beings first set eyes on the incarnate God, our Savior. He has done this and so much more for us, providing us with this “great exchange.” He takes our sin and gives us His righteousness.

Discuss: How does this truth enable us to face life’s challenges? Philippians 2:5 says that we should have the same mind among ourselves as is in Christ Jesus. He led a life of humble service, not seeking His own needs but ours. How does this affect the way we think of ourselves and others?

Pray:

Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Day 7

Sing/Read: *Let All Together Praise Our God – LSB 389*

Consider: While our society speaks of what it considers the “true meaning of Christmas” for a few days a year, we know something more. This infant is God Eternal, come in the flesh to bear our sins to a cross and open paradise to His people. Though we can never truly understand the mystery of the incarnation, in faith we believe. In thanksgiving we receive the gifts that He has won for us. How else can we respond but to praise the Triune God now and forever?

Pray:

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **January 17th** from 5pm to 6:30pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$10.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



January 12th, 2025 Sweet - Sommers VFW Post 1642 Along with the
St Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip team invite you to an **ALL YOU CAN EAT**
breakfast from 7am to 12pm **MENU:** Sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast,
biscuits and gravy, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee. **Ages:** 1-5 -Free; 6-13 - \$7.00 and Adults \$12.00.



Monday January 6th, 2025 at 6pm



Sunday January 26th, 2025 at 10:15 am.



MARRIAGE RETREAT

PREPARE/ENRICH Marriage Retreat

February 21st -February 22nd, 2025 at Camp Omega

Cost: \$250 per couple (includes dinner on Friday night and breakfast Saturday Morning and lodging). **MUST register by January 31st, 2025.** Limit of 9 couples. See bulletin board for sign up sheet or speak to a member of the Board of Evangelism.



Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of Me" (John 5:39). As the calendar year begins, we start reading at Genesis and in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is proclaimed to be the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Galatians 3:16). In the book of Acts Peter quotes these passages as He proclaims Jesus Christ as the Seed of Abraham and the Savior of the world (Acts 3:24-26). Jesus appeared to Moses at the burning bush and called Himself the great I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). As you read God's Holy Word this year may you hear Christ speaking to you that you would have the forgiveness of all your sins.

JANUARY:

1. Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
2. Genesis 3,4,5; Luke 2
3. Genesis 6,7,8; Luke 3
4. Genesis 9,10,11; Luke 4
5. Genesis 12,13,14; Luke 5
6. Genesis 15,16,17; Luke 6
7. Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
8. Genesis 20,21,22; Luke 8
9. Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
10. Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
11. Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
12. Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
13. Genesis 31,32,33; Luke 13
14. Genesis 34,35,36; Luke 14
15. Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
16. Genesis 39,40,41; Luke 16
17. Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
18. Genesis 44,45,46; Luke 18
19. Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
20. Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
21. Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
22. Exodus 3,4,5; Luke 22
23. Exodus 6,7,8; Luke 23
24. Exodus 9,10,11; Luke 24
25. Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
26. Exodus 14,15,16; Acts 2
27. Exodus 17,18,19,20; Acts 3
28. Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
29. Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
30. Exodus 25,26,27; Acts 6
31. Exodus 28,29; Acts 7
31. Revelation 19,20,21,22



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

- Sunday January 5th, 2025 Hayden Allen Greeter: Peyton Ross**
Sunday January 12th, 2025 Joel Hammer/ Owen Arndt Greeter: Elliana Grannis
Sunday January 19th, 2025 Kameron Kunkel/ Mason Presher Greeter: Makayla Clark
Sunday January 26th, 2025 Tyler Ryan/ Alex Bethke Greeter: Peyton Ross

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Please join us on **January 22nd, 2025** for a potluck luncheon at noon in the Parish Hall. We hope you can make it!!!



Birthdays This Month

(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Dustin Cate	Jan. 1	Maven Grannis	Jan. 13
Noah Berg	Jan. 2	Cynthia Wood	Jan. 14
Danita Proechel	Jan. 2	Judith Graper	Jan. 15
Nathan Draheim	Jan. 4	Debra Roemhildt	Jan. 15
Joan Manthe	Jan.4	Nicholas Roemhildt	Jan. 16
Wyatt Schroeder	Jan.4	Bonnie Delong	Jan.18
Robert Lau	Jan. 7	Blaine Brooks	Jan. 19
Josephine Ross	Jan. 7	Ronald Wood	Jan. 19
Marcie Ross	Jan. 7	Beverly Schroeder	Jan. 23
Jaxon Duval	Jan. 8	Jacob Holm	Jan. 26
Judith Webber	Jan.8	Ben Hill	Jan. 28
Elora Grannis	Jan. 9	Dan Roemhildt	Jan. 28
Anita Nelson	Jan. 9	Karen Weckwerth	Jan. 29
Theresa Berberich	Jan. 10	Nancy Schroeder	Jan. 30
Wyatt Arndt	Jan. 12	Steven Steinke	Jan. 30
Ella Holm	Jan.13		
Denise Duffy	Jan. 13		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Children's Christmas Worship Thank You

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Children's Christmas Worship! We were blessed to have you involved. And to the children – we were blessed to hear you share your faith and help lead us in worship.

Operation Christmas Child – Shop Christmas Clearance

As you shop the Christmas clearance and deals, remember the children of Operation Christmas Child. Sales are a great time to pick up small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, plain T shirts (sizes youth 6 through adult small), and craft supplies that can go in the shoeboxes next November. Items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls, are collected throughout the year. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. No toy guns or military items.) Items can be stored in a locked room at church. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped pack on packing day. Thank you also to those who gave toward the shipping cost (\$10 per box; \$2000 total). St. Paul Church Sunday School students, youth and adults packed 200 shoeboxes!

Community-wide collections at St. Paul's accepted a total of 806 shoeboxes, which were then taken by trailer to Mankato. Thank you to the many volunteers who greeted individuals that brought their shoeboxes to St. Paul's, loaded the trailer, and safely transported all those boxes. From Mankato, all were taken to a Minneapolis warehouse for a final customs check before shipping out from MSP airport.

St. Paul's purchased shipping labels through the Shoebox website for tracking. This year, our boxes were sent to the African country of Malawi. Please pray - for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children in Malawi receiving the shoeboxes and others around the world. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share the salvation found only in Jesus. Next year, boxes will continue to be available for you to take home, fill, and return with shipping funds of \$10 per box. You are welcome to use items from the Shoebox storage room to complete your box. And we will pack boxes in November, ahead of the National Packing Week. Thank you!



In honor of "**Sanctity of Human Life**" during January, 2025, Cotta Guild will be collecting donations through January for Rachel's Hope, a caring pregnancy center in Austin, MN. They serve pregnant women and families through the age of 2. They offer free pregnancy testing, peer counseling, and assistance during pregnancy and early childhood.

Items on their wish list are children's winter coats, diaper rash cream, clothing 2T-5T, diaper bags, baby lotion, baby wipes, and pacifiers.

Cotta Guild will have boxes by the elevator during the month of January for your donations. Thank you for your support of life.

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

December Cotta Guild Meeting:

Barb Denn led with Devotions titled "A Sweet Season" We sang "Go Tell it on the Mountain" accompanied by Cindy Wood.

Treasurer report read and approved.

Judy Thanked everyone who worked funerals, fellowship and Bazaar. We need to replace Kathy Flogstad on Altar Guild and flowers for April and May. Also still need someone for flowers for June.

Barb made motion for Cotta Guild to pay for half of the flower arrangements. Coffee hour for January 12th. Workers will be Linda, Barb and Judy. We will serve muffins – Linda will do Gluten free, Rhonda, Cindy, Barb and Judy will do rest.

Distributed monies from the Bazaar totaling \$3550.00

Next Meeting: January 19th, Judie's circle will serve, on Monday January 6th at 1pm and will work on new booklet for 2025.

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For those of you who donated and supported our St. Paul Lutheran Cotta Guild annual Christmas Bazaar, you may be interested to know the funds we received this year in comparison to the recent years that we had the bazaar. Thank you for your support.

	2024	2023	2022
Bake Shop	\$491.02	\$674.50	\$578.00
Candy Shop	\$318.50	\$348.00	\$233.00
Cookies	\$665.00	\$770.00	\$725.00
Crafts	\$771.25	\$853.50	\$693.75
Lunch	\$1,905.00	\$2079.00	\$1,547.00
White Elephant	\$104.50	\$151.50	\$163.75
Total	\$4,255.27	\$4876.50	\$3,940.50
Expenses	-\$787.89	-\$795.42	-\$646.58
Net	\$3,467.38	\$4081.08	\$3293.72
Thrivent	+\$250.00	+\$250.00	+\$250.00
Final amount	\$3,717.38	\$4331.08	\$3,543.92

With the proceeds from our Christmas Bazaar, we were able to bless and support these charities, church organizations, and church workers.

Mission Donation	2024
Ablelight Lutheran Home (formerly Bethesda)	100
Bethlehem House, Waseca	100
Boys' Town of Omaha	50
Camp Omega	100
Comfort Dogs	100
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	100
Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Louis	50
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	100
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank, Fort Wayne	50
Dakota Boys' Ranch	50
The Dwelling Place	200
Faribault Lutheran Hour Broadcasts	100
The Gideons	100
LCMS World Missions	100
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	100
Lutheran Heritage	100
Lutheran Hour	50
Lutherans for Life	50
Mary Jo Copeland Caring & Sharing	50
MN South District Missions	100
Neighborhood Service Center	100
Rachel's Hope	100
St. Paul Lutheran Church Improvement Fund	500
St. Paul Lutheran Church Radio Ministry	300
Shoe Box Christmas gifts postage	100
Trinity First Lutheran	100
Veterans of the Cross, LCMS retired pastors	100
Waseca Senior Center	50
Pastor Grannis	200
Aimee Hill	50
Mathias Barents	50
Mark Pehrson	50
Kelli Lenz	50
Harold Christianson	50
Cindy Wood	50
Total:	\$3,550



Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store? Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate the rides that you may need.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you.



The Board of Stewardship is hoping to increase St Paul Lutheran Church's donation to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center. The Food Shelf served 589 households in July alone (which was 1,212 individuals that lived in those households). The total pounds of food that went home with these households was 18,289 pounds. You can see that the need is great - and each month so far in 2024 the numbers have increased. Any donations are greatly appreciated as it's hard to keep up with the need!

If you have too much produce in your garden, the Neighborhood Service Center is always looking for fresh vegetables (or fruits) as that is very hard to keep stocked! No need to call - just drop off at the Food Shelf Monday - Friday 9-12 and 1-4 (closed from 12-1 for restocking).

Below is a list of items that can be place in the church donation boxes and the Board of Stewardship will deliver to the Food Shelf. Please prayerfully consider donating a few items for this community service.

Ramen noodles	Spaghetti sauce	Canned fruit (any kind)
Crackers	Granola bars	Canned vegetables (any kind)
Salad dressings	Mayonnaise	Hamburger/tuna helper
Roni pasta	Flour and sugar	Cake mix & frosting
Tuna	Pasta noodles	Cereal
Peanut butter	Jelly	Instant mashed potatoes
Ketchup	Mustard	Tomato sauce
Applesauce	Mac and cheese	Spam

** Waseca Area NSC has applications available until December 5th to sign up to receive a Holiday Food Basket. If you are interested in receiving a basket, please contact the Director at 507-833-4119 or stop in to fill out an application. Thanks



We will resume on January 7th, 2025.



Know someone who is in need of a “hug from above”? The Quilters are starting **“The Quilters Rocking Chair Project”**. These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.



Our Women’s Bible Study: **In January**, we plan to meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am ...January 8th and January 22nd. (the change is due to the holidays) We hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



Christmas Poinsettias: Thank you to those who donated flowers in memory of loved ones: Karen Berg, Shirley Bluhm, Jean Kuschel, Joan Manthe, Karen Weckwerth, Mary Wyffels.

29ers: Come join us beginning January 22nd for food, fun and fellowship. There is no age limit, just bring a smile and a dish to pass!! We meet once a month at Noon. Hope to see you all there!



FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:

“Remember when getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.....”



January 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. OFFICE CLOSED NO Confirmation	2. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	3.	4.
5. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	6. 10:00 am Prayer Team 12:30 pm Education 6pm Church Council Mtg	7. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	8. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	9. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	10.	11.
12. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study 7am – Noon VFW Breakfast	13. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	14. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	15. 9:30am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble	16. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	17. 5pm-6:30pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	18.
19. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	20. 10:00 am Prayer Team	21. 1:00 pm Quilters	22. 9:30 pm Women's Bible study 29ers Potluck at Noon 3:30 pm confirmation 7pm Senior Choir & ensemble	23. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	24.	25.
26. 9:00 am Divine Serv. 10:15am Sunday School 10:15 am Voter's Mtg	27. 10:00 am Prayer Team	28. 1:00 pm Quilters	29.	30.	31.	