



For Your Information—For Your Inspiration
News & Notes for St. Paul's Community
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15 & 16, 2022

Visitors and members—Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We're glad you're here and pray that you experience God's kindness with us in worship.

At St. Paul's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, all baptized persons are welcome at Holy Communion—the Altar is God's table. We are currently using individual Communion cups that can be picked up ahead of time at church when the office is open if you will not be attending in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.



Today's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

Psalms 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

John 2:1-11 - *Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

St. Paul's Mission Statement

Rooted in God's unconditional love, the congregation of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, commits mind, body, spirit, and treasure to encourage all people to become disciples of Christ, to share God's abundance, and to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

CONTACT information



Pastor Hahn is looking forward to getting to know everyone at St. Paul's. If you would like to meet with her or speak with her, the best way to get in touch is:

Office: 609-267-0740 x 21

Cell: 609-543-9004 (emergencies or texts)

Email: pastorhahn@stpaulsh.org



Valentine Cookies for our Homebound

We will again be making cookie trays to give to our homebound members for Valentine's Day.

There will be sign-up for baking on the bulletin board in the narthex. All cookies (regular and sugar free) should be dropped off at church by **Friday, February 4.**

Come join us for packing on Saturday morning, **February 5** at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall!

Questions—contact Carol Brumbaugh at (609)784-8535.

Red Cross Blood Drives



The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade, and patient care is being affected right now. A dangerously low blood supply means they have had to reduce the amount of blood products hospitals receive by as much as 25% in recent weeks.

Our next blood drive will be held on *Friday, January 28.* Presenting donors will get a coupon for a free medium hot coffee and classic donut courtesy of Dunkin while supplies last. Please consider giving if you are able or sharing the information if you are not.

Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code St Paul Lutheran Hainesport. Thank you!

**SPREAD
Joy
NOT
GERMS** *Just a reminder...to keep each other safe, masks are required for in-person services, hand sanitizer is available in the narthex, and please remember to remain socially distanced.*

Thank you!



Food Pantry Collection

Our food pantry collection is ongoing. You can drop food off during office hours or on Saturday or Sunday.

Suggested items: single serve fruit cups, canned pasta, granola bars, pop-top stews and soups. The shelters are also in need of paper, plastic and cloth bags. Thank you for your generosity!

Glove, Mitten & Scarf Collection

The shelters are in immediate needs of gloves, mittens and scarves! We welcome the donation of new and gently used gloves, mittens and scarves. They can be left on the food cart in the narthex during office hours or after services. Thank you!



Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards

Acme and ShopRite gift cards are still available for purchase! Cards for each store are available in denominations of \$100, \$50, or \$25. Payment must be made in advance and checks should be made payable to St. Paul's.

Contact Ken Hibbert or Rosanne to order your cards.

Assistance for Afghan Refugees



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Members of Team Rubicon, who man the Afghan refugee donation center, are very thankful for all the donations you have given. More housing is being built as refugees continue to arrive at Ft. Dix. As the cooler weather arrives, winter clothing donations would be much appreciated.

- ◆ Strollers
- ◆ Baby Shampoo, Baby powder
- ◆ Brushes/combs
- ◆ Condoms
- ◆ Razors/Shaving cream
- ◆ Garbage Bags
- ◆ Adult shampoo/conditioner
- ◆ Body/Hand lotion
- ◆ Ziplock bags
- ◆ Men's shoes
- ◆ Pillows, Bed sheets
- ◆ Bath Towels
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ School supplies
- ◆ Toys, games, soccer balls, etc.
- ◆ Reusable carryall bags

Also if anyone wants to make gift card donations (Walmart and Amazon only), the gift card may be purchased online and forwarded to LibertyVillageNJ@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

See Nancy Prickett with questions.

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Worship Services:

**Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM In-Person or
Livestream on Facebook
Sunday 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School 10:15 AM
(September—May)**

Worship Attendance

December Attendance

Livestream Worship—109

In-Person Worship—328

Keep these folks in your prayers...

...those who are hospitalized, ill or other:

Marilyn Adams, David Greg Anderson, Jacqui Barraclough, Jack Barry, Sandi Berry, Grace Compton, Alyssa Corrigan, Mitch Cramer, Monica Dixon, Eilyn Doe, Nancy Dous, Barbara Earl, Carol Lee Eckman, Don Egan, Mark Fiveash, Matthew Foltz, George, Earl Gunsalles, Roxanna Hoffman, Irene, Alice Izzo, Emily Izzo, Janice Haines, Natalie Houwen, Marie Kaelin, Alyson Yoos Kelly, Kathy Kennedy, Sharon Layman, Karen Maier, Colin MacFarland, Joan Marsteller, Edward McLaughlin, Charles W. McKenna, Gretchen Mize, Nicole Monastero, Kathy Moran, MaryJane Mullen, Marilyn Murray, Leroy Parent, Marilyn Phifer, Lynda Regn, James Rogan, Linda Seitz, Julia Stanz, Bill Tantum, Ira Webb, Arlene Weiss, Donna Wood

...those who have long-term illnesses:

Gerri Burns, Sharon Favalaro, Bob Grover, Theresa Jones, Virginia Sandstrom, Amanda Williams, Violet P. Wise

...those who are homebound:

Elmer Conover, Grace Compton, Fran Craig, Angie DelVecchio, Dewayne Guhn, Eleanor Johnson, John and Rina Johnson, Alice Karis, Arlene Kaye, Gloria Reagoso, Bob Wolfrom

...those who mourn

Trish Colbridge and family on the passing of her father, Robert Fow

...those in the military or other service:

CPL Timothy Robert Ritter, USMC

...for peace and unity in our own country

*Please help us keep this list updated. Let the church office know if someone should be removed from this list.
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