

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the new year, I imagine many of you have ideas of things you would like to be different about this year. Perhaps you have plans to change some behavior. Perhaps you're just hoping 2022 is better than its predecessors. Many advertisers around this time of year like to use the saying "new year, new you." Maybe they're trying to convince you to join a fitness gym, maybe they want you to try some new diet, or maybe they're trying to convince you to rethink your wardrobe. Whatever the case with the new year comes a push to change something about yourself as well.

And with this idea of a new you, I can't help but recall what St Paul has to say about the new you. In 2 Corinthians we read,

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - **2 Cor. 5:17**

For those of us who are in Christ, St Paul reminds us we already are a new creation. Therefore we leave behind our sinful ways, the old self, that we might be the new creation we are in Christ.

Martin Luther reminds us of this as he talks about baptism reminding us that by daily contrition and repentance, remembering our baptism, the old Adam (that is the sinful self) should be drowned and die with all its evil desires. And each day the new Adam (the new creation in Christ) arrives to live a God pleasing life.

The new year is a great time to consider where we stand as God's children. How have we fallen short? Where can we make changes? And as we consider these things we remember that in Christ we are made new. Jesus suffered and died on the cross that our sinful self might also be put to death in Him. This is why St Paul talks about the new creation. We are in Christ, therefore we are a new creation. It's not just a matter of "new

year, new you" every new day because of our faith in Christ we go forth as God's new creation.

Right after St Paul declares us a new creation though he reminds us of our responsibility as God's new creation, we read, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." **2 Cor 5:20a**

As His new creation, we are called to be His ambassadors. That God might bring his message of forgiveness to all the world. This is God's ultimate goal. In Revelation as John's vision is wrapping up, we see Christ seated on the throne there we read,

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.'" - **Rev. 21:5-6**

Jesus is the one who makes all things new. He is the one who makes us a new creation. He has redeemed us from our sins and promised us resurrection (new bodies) and eternal life with Him (a new home). He truly does make all things new and He has promised us that we will be part of that new creation through faith in Him.

As God's children there are many things we might like to change. Consider the commandments, have you shown your love for God as His new creation? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself? Perhaps you've been struggling with some specific temptation. Whatever the case, know that in Christ that sin has been put to death you are His new creation.

As you consider all the things you'd like to do this new year for the "new you". Remember that in Christ you are already a new

creation. May He continue to bless us all as we live out our lives as His new creation, proclaiming His righteousness to all the world. A blessed new year to you all,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

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THANK YOU

CHURCH CLEANING: A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped clean the church.

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY: Thank you to everyone that helped with the party. There were about 15 kids that attended the party.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: Thanks to our Sunday School children and teachers for a wonderful program on Christmas Eve.

SNOW REMOVAL

We are looking for someone to remove the snow off the sidewalks and steps this winter. If you are interested, please contact a trustee: Jim Thies, Gary Goslar or Ted Nutt

DRIVE UP COMMUNION

On Monday, January 3 & 17th there will be drive-up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the back-parking lot.

LCW

Lutheran Church Women is open to all confirmed ladies of the congregation. The meeting is usually on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 1 p.m. There are many opportunities for fellowship and everyone is welcome to attend.

Officers: **Presidents/Treasurer** - Joan Trimpe; **Secretary** – Teresa Mordhorst

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On Thursday, January 6th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 11th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 16th, there will be a Voters Meeting after church in the fellowship hall. Main agenda items will be the year end reports and the election of officers.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2022 are on the back table in the church to pick up. Envelopes were ordered for the people who signed up to receive them. If you would like to receive a packet for 2022, you will have to notify Deanna. Special mission offering envelopes can be found in the back of the church, or any plain envelope can be used as long as you designate where your donation should go. Automatic debit giving can be used by signing a form at your bank.

For 2023, you will need to request envelopes by either calling the church office or there is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

2021 SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS

2021 Special mission project was The Grulkes', Lutheran Bible Translators. Congratulation for making our goal for the year.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter for January is sponsored in honor of Evelyn Thies' 80th Birthday and in honor of Evelyn & Vernon Thies' 61th wedding anniversary both on January 22nd

Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$37.



PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in January are:

Keivin Hennings, Jayden Young	2
Alexis Mordhorst, Bethany Mordhorst,	3
Colin Mordhorst, Laurie Mordhorst,	
Candace Seward, Elizabeth Meadows	
Carla Teut	4
Joan Neddermeyer, Daniel Vogt	5
Justin Hageman, Leonard Trimpe	14
Matthew Savery	15
Hannah Peitsch	20
Aaron Gosch, Donna Watke,	21
Mariah Nutt	
Audrey Gust	22
Ashley Savery	24
Deon Christman	25
Deryl Hennings, Daxton Leitz	28
Noah Sorensen	31



SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less-than-ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio station, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

"THY STRONG WORD"

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

- Jan. 3-8 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem
- Jan. 10-15 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak
- Jan.17-22 Rev. Nathan Peitsch**
St. Paul's, Ute
- Jan. 24-29 Rev. Mark Kluzek
St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit
- Jan. 31-Feb. 5 Rev. Josh Keinath
Zion, Denison

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2021

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- January 8, 2022 – James Sharp family – Uruguay – 1:00 pm
- January 18, 2022 – Tirzah Krey – Dominican Republic – 1:00 pm



WINTER EVENTS

Family Ice Fishing Retreat January 28-30, 2022 This Ice Fishing Retreat is for all families of all ages and is for anyone who loves to fish or wants to learn! Expect good food, good fellowship, and good fishing for this weekend retreat. Pastor Ben Dose of Zion – Arcadia & Pastor Jim Stogdill of Messiah – Johnston will be our Bible Study leaders. Looking forward to seeing you at the (FROZEN) lake!

Summer 2022 Camps

- Kids' Kamp (June 3-5)
Kids' Kamp is the perfect weekend to get your child acclimated to camp before they attend on their own in a couple of years! Kids' Kamp provides K-2nd graders and families (parents, grandparents,...
- Concordia Cub Week 1-Grades 3-5 (June 12-15)
Cub Week has been the foundational experience at Camp Okoboji for decades! It exists to provide 3-5th Graders an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, create new...
- Jr. High Week - Grades 6-8 (July 10-16)
Jr. High Week focuses on providing students who have completed Grades 6-8 an opportunity to nurture their faith & grow in community through Bible Studies, worship, Gaga Ball, 9-Square-in-the-Air,...
- Concordia Cub Week 2 (July 17-23)
Cub Week has been the foundational experience at Camp Okoboji for decades! It exists to provide 3-5th Graders an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, create new...
- Youth Week (July 24-30)
Youth Week's purpose is to provide high school students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, establish and build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging...