

# GOOD NEWS



## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

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Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;*

*As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith  
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*



“A time to look back and a time to look forward.” This is a good description of New Year’s Day, and it has a long history. The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus who is depicted as having two faces, one looking back and the other looking forward.

2023 is past history, and it is much easier to look back than it is to look forward. We rejoice in our triumphs, and we learn from our sorrows, but we have a fresh New Year ahead of us. God has arranged it so that the road of life can only be revealed as it is traveled. During this season of Epiphany, we celebrate God being revealed to us in His Son. We remember the Wise Men who traveled to see Jesus not knowing what exactly to expect when arriving or knowing what they would encounter along the way. They simply followed the light. Anticipation must be an ever-present traveling companion if life is to be worth living.

This new year, instead of wishing a Happy New Year in the conventional way, wish for something better and more fulfilling:

That nothing will come to us that will make others poorer  
because we received it;  
That whatever comes to us, we shall have the grace to  
pass it on to others for their benefit;  
That we shall have work to do which has real value and  
without which the world would be poorer;  
That we shall have a more understanding heart and a  
clearer mind to search for truth;

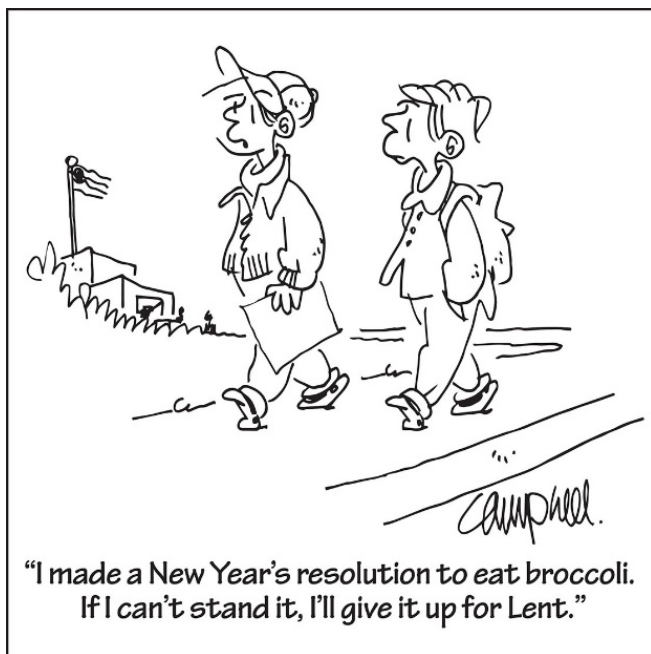
That we shall have the patience to wait for the best things  
and the good sense to recognize them when they  
come;

That we shall be so occupied with big things that we shall  
have no time for littleness;

That, above all things, we shall have faith in God, and  
that we shall walk confidently through the unknown  
future hand in hand with God.

As we follow the light of Christ may God give us a  
Happy New Year.

Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad





### **Sunday School Program Thank You!**

A big thank you to Sara Bargmann for directing the children's Christmas Program on the 10<sup>th</sup>! There were others involved and who helped in many ways...Rebecca Innocenti for her piano

playing, Pastor, Ashleigh Peyton and Cathy Moritz guitarists, Zoe Innocenti for her help with the costuming and backstage angels, all the teachers and adults who helped with other actors and cues, the preschool teachers who helped with the little animals songs, Jesse and Linda Hurta for setting up the stable, Laurey Garcia for the photography, the youth who ushered and helped with the readings and parts of the service, and of course the children and youth who acted or participated in the program itself! A big thank you, also, goes to the parents for supporting us by bringing the children to the practices and the program and for helping at home with the lines! All of you did a great job and a wonderful story was told!

### **Bunco Party**

On January 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will be having our Bunco Party in the Fellowship Hall! Everyone is invited to come and join the fun. We will have light refreshments and snacks, dice to throw, and lots of fun waiting for you. There will be sign-up sheets in the basement, church, and by the office. If for some reason you can't sign up, you may call the church office. Hope to see you rolling along on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

## **Can We “Rally Day...AGAIN?”**

We had such fun on our Rally Day but now we don't want you to disappear after the holidays! So, let's do it again...Rally Day AGAIN! On January 21<sup>st</sup> we will meet in the basement for some fun songs and a brief story. Then we will have some more fun games and activities for the rest of the hour! It is always hard to get back into the swing of things after the holidays, but being together in Sunday School each week never stops! So, let's enjoy each other's company and enjoy being in the Lord's house together worshipping and thanking Him for all he has done for us!

## **Sr. High Learning Time**

We will resume on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> in our new Sr. High room! After the Opening we gather in our new space! As always there will be refreshments and the fridge is stocked with drinks! Hope to see you all there!

## **Camp Time!**

It's cool outside but sign up for Summer Camp is now open! We have chosen the following date: July 21-26 for our camp date:

This date has all the age groups available to us at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville so we will be able to go as one group together this year. We have invited the Oromo youth to join us on that date as well. Here is the information you need to get your youth signed up for camp.

You will need to register your child/youth online at [www.Crosstrails.org](http://www.Crosstrails.org). Register your child/youth in the

appropriate age groupings for Summer Camp listed below and for the July 21-26 date of that program at Camp Chrysalis (some groups are offered at other camps). We are asking that you provide a \$175.00 deposit paid to the church by Sunday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. After you have registered online please let Kim Gaus know you have done so and the church will pay the remainder of the balance. You can call or text Kim at 361-243-8696.

Here are the categories:

Young n's (The "A" grouping) – those who have completed grades 1-3

Explorer- those who have completed grades 2-3

Yearling – those who have completed grades 4-6

Adventurers - those who have completed grades 6-8

Extreme Adventurers – those who have completed grades 6-8

Confirmation - those who have completed grades 6-8

Again, please let Kim know when you have registered online and made your deposit.

(There are other dates available for some of these groups if you are unable to go on the 21-26 and if you register for them please let Kim know. We are trying to go as a group this year to be able to join with the Oromo group and enjoy that experience together as well as enjoy time with each other)

## **Upcoming...for your calendar**

**Sunday Feb. 11th** – “Souper Bowl of Caring” that Saturday and Sunday for one day a collection of food goods.

Thousands are spent on Super Bowl parties but let’s not forget those who have no food or refreshments. Let’s bring something on this one day to take to Yam or the Food Bank to help those who need it and maybe don’t have a reason to party. Let’s fill up the big bowls and pots at church that day!

**Wed. Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** – The Father/ Daughter Banquet returns.

Fathers bring your daughters and enjoy some time together and some great food! A sign-up sheet will go up soon.

## **Just because the baby has left the stable...**

Yes, the cows and donkeys are back eating out of the manger, the Inn now has plenty of rooms, and the shepherds are back in the fields. But that doesn’t mean the Christmas light has stopped shining!

A lot of times it seems that after Christmas everything slows down or the focus goes back to the world. But the light is still shining and, if anything, the Christmas energy is still going. The Wise Men are approaching now, and the star is shining bright until it comes to the house where the baby is. We celebrate Epiphany here in January. And John’s statement about the light that no darkness can overcome is HERE now!

So now it is up to us. Do we let the glorious crowds of Christmas and the glory and joy we celebrated disappear? Do we let the world come back in with a roar into that OR

do we take Christmas and roar back into our world? We have highlights in our lives of faith like Christmas and Easter but our life of faith is EVERYDAY!

The baby is here! Christ is here! He wants to meet us in our church, in our worship, and in our learning! He wants us to learn about Him and all he has to offer. He wants Christmas to last beyond putting up the tree and throwing out the wrapping paper! He wants that glorious time of worship to continue each week! He came to live among us and not wonder where we are. So, I hope to see all of you as we continue our Christmas worship into this coming year!

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The December 12, 2023 council meeting was cancelled. The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

### **2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise  
SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit  
PARISH ED – Tina Boehm  
STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns  
WORSHIP – Jay Heil  
CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling  
PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert  
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Cathy Moritz  
YOUTH – Linda Peyton  
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2023	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2023
Beginning Balance	35,381.67	Beginning Balance	30,736.09
Income	621,406.59	Income	254,395.77
Expenses	<u>(619,561.83)</u>	Expenses	<u>(169,928.26)</u>
Ending Balance	37,226.43	Ending Balance	115,203.60
Totals as of 12/17/2023			
<b>Investment w/ LPL Financial:</b>			
\$123,985.99			

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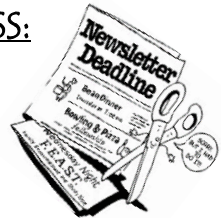
**EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR THE**

**February**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**ARTICLE IS**

**Monday,**  
**January 15, 2024**



CHRISTIAN



Upcoming Christian Life Events:

**January 28, 2024** – Chili Dinner after the Congregational Meeting. Please feel free to bring a dessert.

**February 13 - SHROVE TUESDAY –**

5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**February 25, 2024** – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

Some of our Do-Day ladies were pictured in the monthly newsletter of The Women of the NALC.



The “Do-Day Quilters”, pictured above of St. Paul’s, boxed up thirty-seven quilts and two donated Afghans in June. Lap quilts, as well as baby quilts were made during the year by these ladies. Seventeen quilts and the two Afghans were taken to Rosenberg to the Southeast Texas Mission District warehouse and twenty quilts were taken to the NALC Mission Convocation in Oklahoma City in August for the North Texas Warehouse.



St. Paul Lutheran, United Methodist, & First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will be having our annual community wide Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19, 2024. More info to follow closer to the event.

**Notice to all Committee Chairs** – Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Friday, January 5, 2024 for publication in the Annual Report of St. Paul.

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**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, 2024 - immediately following the Worship Service.**

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2024 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Sanctuary. You can also call the office (564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.



*Flower Chart*

The Flower chart for 2024 has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Make sure you get your name beside the date you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary. **Remember:** Don't forget to contact a flower shop to make arrangements for the flowers, and please pick them up after Sunday service.

To the members of St. Paul –

A huge **THANK YOU** to all for your very generous gifts this Christmas Season. Your generosity is appreciated more than you could ever know.



A Blessed New Year to each of you!

~The staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Congratulations to Dustin and Kelsey Kirchoff on the birth of their baby girl, Callie Rae Kirchoff, born December 5, 2023!

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**Some of the youth went to the Yorktown Nursing home and decorated the residents' doors.**





## 2023 Christmas Program



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## 2023 Christmas Caroling with the Yorktown 4-H









**In memory of Ann Adix – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Henry Alex – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Connie Arnold – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Evelyn Barfield – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of John Barth – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Billie Blaschke – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of OF & Sue Bolting – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Anna Borth – Building**

Mark & Betsy Weischwill                      Melissa Stolle & Sons

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Leona Brieger – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Barbara Chandler – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Jason Day – Building**

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

**In memory of James Denman – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of William Dworaczyk – Building**

Boyd & Pam Weise

**In memory of William Dworaczyk – Senior Scholarship**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

**In memory of Kathleen Fanelli – Building**

Renae Pierce

**In memory of Kathleen Fanelli – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Lou & JoNell Gips – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Mary Gloor – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Eva Gohmert – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Dr. Marvin Gohlke – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Scott Hay – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Elaine Henze – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Dorothy Hester – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Beatrice Hoegemeyer – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Alisha Hopkins – Building**

Alice Stacy

**In memory of Bobby & Georgie Jaeger – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of James Jaeger – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Michael Janssen – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Rosie Karnei – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Lois Kelch – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

Alice Stacy

**In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Mary Ladner – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Peggy Laging – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Leroy Landgrebe – Building**

Alice Stacy

**In memory of David Lassmann – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Junell Lincke – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Arthur Mahan Sr. – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Elroyce Metting – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Sherry Kay Metting – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Arlen & Barbara Mueller – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Jane Mueller – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Alice Plaszyk – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Steven Rau – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Lucy Reza – Building**

Alice Stacy

**In memory of Leona Riedesel – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Robert Riedesel – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Roland Riedesel – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Melvin Roessler – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Arlin Rogge – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Regan Saunders – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Ryan Schmidt – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Shirley Jean Schultz – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Glynda Schulze – Building**

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

**In memory of Davis Schuenemann – Building**

Renae Pierce

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of June Nell Schwab – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Betty Ann Seifert – Building**

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

William & Charlotte Albert

Ronnie Afflerbach

Caitlin Seifert Reeves

Iona Buchhorn

Algerine Vasbinder

Rick & Roxanne Webb

**In memory of Leo Semper – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Arvid Sievers – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Beth Sievers – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Melvin Sinast – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Thomas Smiley – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Alvin Stanchos – Parking Lot**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Cynthia Strait – Building**

Travis & Sherri Semper

Charles & Wanda Styra

Larry, Pam, & Heather Mokwa

Carl & Sharon Matejek

Janice Tiemann

Algerine Vasbinder

Roger & Deborah Geffert

**In memory of Cynthia Strait – Cemetery**

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

**In memory of Cynthia Strait – Landscaping**

The Larry Serold Family

**In memory of Cynthia Strait – Senior Scholarship**

David & Patsy Ibrom

**In memory of Cynthia Strait – Summer Camp**

Velma Lee Moritz

**In memory of Geary Taylor – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

Roger & Deborah Geffert

**In memory of Geary Taylor – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Lola Teschendorf – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Laverne Weischwill – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Ron Weischwill – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Charlie & Alice Weise – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Sandra Williams – Building**

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

**In memory of Nelda Winslette – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Judy Wolpman – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Manroy Wolpman – Building**

Algerine Vasbinder

**In memory of Verlie Yoast – Building**

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

**In memory of Betty Sue Zaiontz – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

**In memory of Vietnam War Veterans – Senior Scholarship**

Helen Breed

*~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of December 17, 2023.*

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JANUARY 2024

#### **Sunday, January 7, 2024-Baptism of Our Lord**



First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

#### **Sunday, January 14, 2024-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51



#### **Sunday, January 21, 2024-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm: Psalm 62:6-14

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

#### **Sunday, January 28, 2024-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 111

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28





# HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

*Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.*

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			

The second Monday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The last Monday \_ \_

The 16th \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

One day before the 20th \_ \_

The day before the first Friday \_ \_

The last weekday of the second week \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The day after the 20th \_ \_

The day after 18th \_ \_

The first day of the second weekend \_

The last Sunday \_ \_ \_

The last day of the month \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

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