



# welcome to st. paul lutheran church & school

Weekend of January 8th and 9th

Biblical Texts: *Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22;*

Sermon: Pastor Ron Weidler  
Sermon Title: "Jesus' Baptism Means He Really Cares"  
Sermon Text: Luke 3:15-22

Baptism  
of the Lord

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***Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School!***  
***We are glad that you worshiped with us today.***  
***If you are a visitor and you are looking for a church home,***  
***we would love for you to consider St. Paul. We are here to connect you with Jesus!***

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### **LWML Mite Boxes Sunday — This Weekend**

**Get Your Loose Change Gathered!** This weekend the Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) will be having one of our LWML ladies at each service collecting loose change for the LWML Mite Boxes. Mite Box amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

### **Steve Green**

For those of our St. Paul community that would like to send a card or send a note to Steve Green.

Steve address is:

**Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital**

**Steve Green #3371**

**26 W. 171 Roosevelt Rd.**

**Wheaton, IL 60187**

### **Golden Heart Lunch Group — January 19th**

Golden Hearts will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of January (Jan. 19th) at the Riverview Restaurant on 1420 SE River Road in Montgomery 11:30 AM. We want to extend an invitation to any ladies from the church to join us for a great get together where **we pray together** and get to know each other over good food and conversation. We meet at different local restaurants chosen by the "Hostess of the Month" on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The farthest we go is Oswego or Fox Valley area. Everyone pays for her own meal and takes a turn at being hostess. **Guest are welcome.** We would love to have you join us if you're interested in becoming a member. It's easy. Just phone and let us know if you can join us. If you can join us please call our "January Hostess" Gwen Dreyer 630-851-1777.

# Upcoming Events and News

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## **2021 St Paul Annual Holiday Food Drive**

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the people that have been helping with this year's Food Drive! We've had volunteers collecting food and cash donations at Jewel-Osco on Galena and Prisco's this November and December and also the Youth Group helping with sorting all of the donations. Again this year, we have been blessed with an amazing outpouring of support from our local community, our St Paul School family, our St Paul congregation, Prisco's, and Jewel-Osco on Galena Blvd. For Thanksgiving, we were able to deliver over 38 complete turkey dinners and boxes of food to families. This year we were able to support Hessed House with 10 turkeys for their Thanksgiving meals. Due to the remodeling at Jewel-Osco, we did not receive food bags until after Thanksgiving. Even with this delay we were still able to collect and distribute over 140 bags and 50 turkey meals at Christmas time. Through the goodness of our local supporters, we will be able to provide for families again at Christmas. Thanks be to God.

## **Offering envelopes**

The 2022 contribution envelopes can be found on the table outside of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor kitchen. They have been alphabetized to make it easier for you to find. If you do NOT have a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the church office.

## **Fostering Smiles For Education**

St. Paul Member, Emily Head, daughter of Mike and Sue Head, has started a scholarship for the teenagers that are aging out of the foster care system. More than 4,000 former foster care kids every year end up being homeless after leaving the system. They throw away their future. Without hope or faith, they feel useless and not good enough. But we who are in Christ know that God has put these young men and women on this earth for a reason. Fostering Smiles for Education in partnership with Lutheran Social Services and Thrivent Financial is trying to raise money to help one particular teenager in the Aurora area. You can help by donating at [justgiving.com/fundraising/fosteringsmilesforeducation](https://justgiving.com/fundraising/fosteringsmilesforeducation).

**Thank you!**

## **Sign-Up For Altar Flowers**

Please stop by the flower chart (next to the church office door) to sign-up to provide altar flowers for your special day or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$35 per arrangement through **Floral Expressions** and there are two ways to pay.

1. By check: make check out to **Floral Expressions** and place in one of the pre-addressed envelopes and mail  
or
2. By credit card: call them at 630-551-4438

Floral Expressions will deliver the arrangement. Please do not take your altar flowers home till after the last Sunday service. If you would like to provide your own live (not artificial) flowers please contact the church office for more details and to be included in the Bulletin but do not sign-up on the flower chart.



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## **Interested in Leading a Small Group?**

There will be a Small Group Training meeting Saturday, January 29 @ 9-11 am and Tuesday, February 1 @ 6:30-8:30pm. RSVP with name(s) and day attending to [smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org](mailto:smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org)

## **Job Openings at St. Paul**

### **1. Coordinator for Missional Care and Connections (Community Outreach).**

This position supports the daily life of ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. Activities include volunteer support and community outreach in coordination with the St. Paul Pastor(s). The Coordinator would also work to create a desired goal of our church environment in which to grow St. Paul's ministry "Making disciples who make disciples."

### **2. Social Media Coordinator.**

The Social Media Coordinator will oversee the social strategy for St. Paul as a whole with a primary focus on growing St. Paul and its engagement within its local and digital communities. The Coordinator will work in collaboration with the St. Paul staff to develop social media strategies. In addition, the Coordinator will help implement the visual brand of St. Paul through our social channels and convey how God is moving in all ministries. Bi-Lingual, Spanish, a plus.

For a more detailed job descriptions and qualifications about the duties of these two Coordinators' positions please contact Joe Dunsey at the church office at [jdunsey@stpaulaurora.org](mailto:jdunsey@stpaulaurora.org) or call 630-896-3250 x 602.

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## **Paving Our Future Fund—Total received to Date = \$315,520**

Improvements Made to Date to be paid from Paving For the Future Fund:

3 HVAC (Heating and AC) Units replaced -	\$41,750
2 Industrial Sump Pumps replaced -	\$11,730
Repaving of Driveway and access road -	\$26,319
New Church Roof -	\$72,253
Parking Lot Re-paved -	\$140,253

**Total Giving this past week ending: 1/2/2022**  
**General Fund = \$22,384; Paving for the Future = \$130**

		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD Offering</b>	<b>Budget Weekly</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>
<b>Jan 1 - 2, 2022</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$22,384</b>	<b>\$424,331</b>	<b>\$16,400</b>	<b>\$442,800</b>	
Jan 2 -3, 2021	121	\$21,648	\$393,116			

# Ministry Connections

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## Bible Study Classes

### Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Class

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Class is studying various bible readings. Please come and join this great bunch of gentlemen that meet every Tuesdays in the Youth Group Room at 8 a.m. all year round. For more information you can call Reva at the church office on a Tuesday or Thursday 630-896-3250.

### Monday Morning Ladies Bible Class

We the Living Lights Monday morning Bible Class invite all ladies to come and join us. Our group will be studying the Book of Philippians. We meet every Monday Morning from 9-11 a.m. in the Conference Room. Bring your smiles, masks if needed, and a bible.

### Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is 9:00-11a.m. at Luigi's Pizza , 732 Prairie St, Aurora. The ladies are studying "Jesus & Women". If you have any questions please contact: Danna Grant (630) 277-8149.

### Sunday Bible Study

Pastor Kusch's bible study on the Book of Daniel is being held in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:30 a.m.

### Small Group Bible Study

Please contact Bob French at: [smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org](mailto:smallgroups@stpaulaurora.org)

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**Saturday: Traditional @ 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: Traditional @ 8a.m: Spanish @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Contemporary @ 11a.m.**

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