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February 14th — Women of the ELCA

Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.

February 21st - LYO

Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and desserts

February 28th — Evangelism

Pulled pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips and dessert.

March 6th – Worship & Music

Taco Soup, cornbread, sandwiches and dessert

March 13th — Christian Ed.

March 20th - Council

Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.



# St. Paul's Epistle

## FEBRUARY 2024

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, and we will be hosting our service at 6:30 Pm. As is the tradition, we will offer the *imposition of ashes*, as they are placed on the foreheads of those who wish to come forward as a remembrance of our mortality and penitence.

As I did last year, and this worked out reasonably well; I am planning on doing all of the month's visitations on Ash Wednesday, starting in the morning. This way, not only can I offer folks communion, but also provide them with ashes on Ash Wednesday if they wish to have them, as they otherwise may not have the opportunity.

For any who are unable to leave their homes and would like to receive ashes, reach out to the church, let us know, and I will come by at some point that day. I offer this disclaimer in advance, it is highly unlikely that I will stay as long as normal because of the high volume of visits in a single day, so be aware of that going in. With that, the tradeoff is of greater value to participate in this rite as we begin the Lenten season.

Also, the mid-week Lenten services throughout Lent will follow the round robin format once again this year. We have five churches participating: St. Paul's, St. John's Crossroad, St. John's Otwell, Christ, and Redeemer. The focus this year will be examining figures from the Old Testament and the manner in which they found themselves bearing their own cross. A different figure will be highlighted each week, some of which are often overlooked and do not receive the attention that should be placed on them. The midweek services are also a great opportunity for the confirmation kids to get many of their required sermon notes taken care of.

Please do join us for the meal beforehand and the service which begins at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Timothy Holt

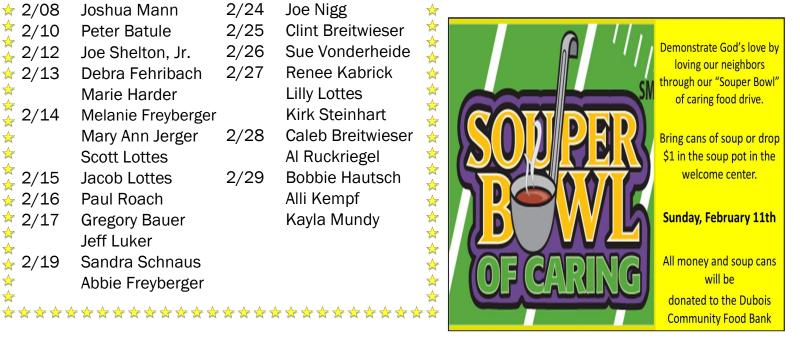
<u>St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

#### **FEBRUARY** BIRTHDAYS

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<b>☆</b>		Camden Werner		Glenn Neukam	<b>★</b>
<b>⋈</b>	2/03	Mary Beth Lottes	2/21	Jessica Freyberger	☆☆
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*		Shawn Kalb	2/22	Beth Buchta	<b>☆</b>
<b>☆</b>		Jeff Sendelweck		J.D. Popp	☆
*	2/06	Jesse Doty	2/23	Tony Schmitt	$\stackrel{\checkmark}{\swarrow}$
<b>☆</b>		Barbara Schnarr		Tara Roach	<b>☆</b>
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*	2/08	Joshua Mann	2/24	Joe Nigg	$\stackrel{\checkmark}{\swarrow}$
<b>☆</b>	2/10	Peter Batule	2/25	Clint Breitwieser	<b>☆</b>
₩ <del>☆</del>	2/12	Joe Shelton, Jr.	2/26	Sue Vonderheide	₩ ☆
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<b>☆</b>	=	Marie Harder		Lilly Lottes	☆☆
₩ ☆	2/14	Melanie Freyberger		Kirk Steinhart	₩ ☆
*	=	Mary Ann Jerger	2/28	Caleb Breitwieser	$\stackrel{\checkmark}{\swarrow}$
*	:	Scott Lottes		Al Ruckriegel	<b>☆</b>
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*	2/16	Paul Roach		Alli Kempf	$\stackrel{\checkmark}{\swarrow}$
<b>☆</b>	2/17	Gregory Bauer		Kayla Mundy	☆☆
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## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES







## **WELCA MEETING**

Abbie Freyberger

The next WELCA meeting will be on February 6th. Blanket tacking will begin at 4:00 PM for those who can come early and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

## 85 AND OLDER BIRTHDAYS/CAKE BAKERS

Dorothy Mehne Feb. 2nd Send Card Marie Harder Feb. 13th (Vicky Eisenhut) Glenn Neukam Feb. 20th (Kathy Jarboe)

> **FOOD BANK ITEM FOR FEBRUARY IS: CEREAL**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## February 2024

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft 4th - 6th: Backpack Buddies

2/11

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

2/18

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

2/25

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

## <u>Baptism</u>

## Kohen Lee Loveless

Kohen Lee Loveless was baptized on January 21, 2024. Kohen is the son of Tristan and Taylor Loveless. He was born on October 19, 2023 in Jasper, IN. Kohen is the little brother of Khloe & Trey and grandson of Ron & Debbie Bauer, Tim & Lori Loveless and the late Tammy Loveless. His sponsors are Kamille & David Helming.



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## St. Paul's Women of ELCA Meeting - January 2, 2024

President Cheryl Hauser called the meeting to order with 13 women in attendance. Blanket tacking began at 4:00 PM with a light meal at 6:00 PM. Meeting at 6:30 PM. President Hauser shared a devotion with a prayer for peace.

Regular and Birthday offerings were collected followed by prayer. Secretary report, read by Jeanne Hoffman and treasurer's reports read by Nancy Freyberger. All reports were approved.

There will be another blanket tacking at the February 6th meeting and will again be blanket tacking.

Stewardship & Service: Donna Rasche will apply for Thrivent donation for service project. They are also needing bed sheets and pillow cases for blanket tacking.

Visiting report was ready by Donna Rasche.

New Business: Ash Wednesday Lenten meal will be on February 14th. We will be making chicken salad on Sunday, February 11th following the church service. On Ash Wednesday, workers are to be at church at 3:30 PM, with the meal to be served at 5:30 PM. Sign-up sheet for chicken, broth, desserts and workers was passed around for those present.

Correspondence was read.

Birthday cake for Robert Lottes will be baked by Marie Neukam. A card will be sent to Dorothy Mehne.

Food pantry for January is canned soup.

President Hauser thanked the December committees: Visiting – JoAnn Schnarr, Donna Rasche; Cards – Dorothy Meyer. Flowers: Diane Bair and Gretchen Brinkman. Refreshments: Kathy Jarboe and Marie Neukam.

January committees: Visiting- Nancy Freyberger, Melanie Freyberger, Sarah Giesler – cards, Flowers: Melanie Freyberger, Refreshments: Stewardship & Service: Donna Rasche and JoAnn Schnarr.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Jarboe on behalf of Sarah Giesler, Secretary



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#### **NURSING HOME & HOMEBOUND**

Northwood/Good Sam. Brookside

Gladys Chanley Rm. 423 Mary Ann Jerger Rm. 111

Wilma Buchta Apt. 3

Homebound Dian Gehlhausen Rm. 410

**Timbers** 

Marcella Weisheit Cathedral Health

Robert Huebner Kristi Fuhrman Rm. 26



Austin Breitwieser Redzikowo, Poland

AM-1 Luke Himsel USS Theodore Roosevelt

Cooper Uebelhor Colorado Springs, CO

## **December Attendance**

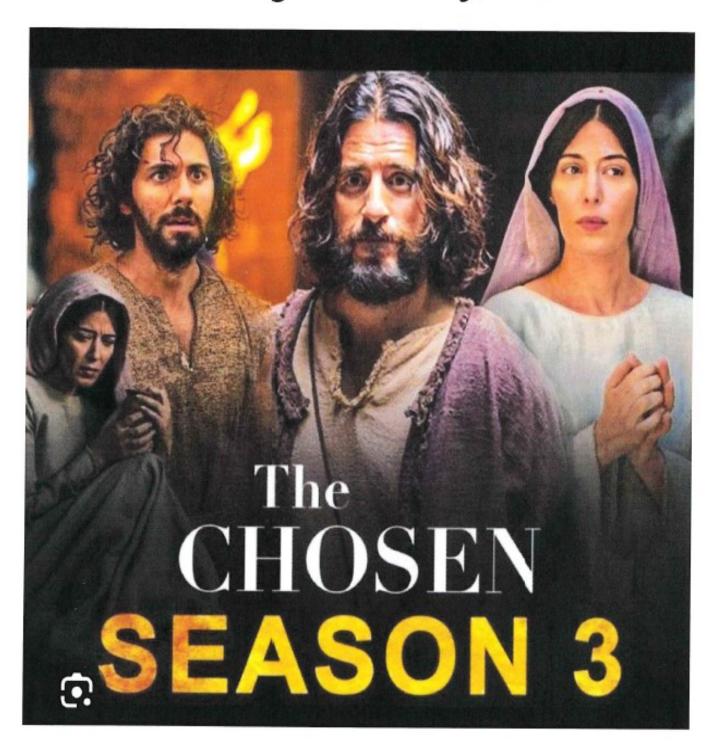
Dec. 3, 2023	141		
Dec. 10, 2023	125		
Dec. 17, 2023	205		
Dec. 24, 2023	401		
Dec. 31, 2023	72		





DECEMBER		MONTH	YTD
INCOME			
	OFFERING	\$ 30,434.00	\$ 219,419.88
	BENEVOLENCE	\$ 3,222.00	\$ 10,788.50
	OTHER INCOME	\$ 2,355.00	\$ 44,376.15
	SOUND SYSTEM	\$ -	\$ 29,420.35
	TOTAL	\$ 36,011.00	\$ 304,004.88
EXPENSE		\$ 35,820.81	\$ 311,257.50
PROFIT/LOSS		\$ 190.19	\$ (7,252.62)
BUDGET		\$ 22,492.67	\$ 247,419.37
OVER/UNDER BUDGET		\$ (13,328.14)	\$ (63,838.13)

## Coming February 2024



Join us for this 8-week video series discussion group on Sunday evenings beginning February 4, 2024 6:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. William O. Gafkjen

Email: bishopbill@lksynod.org

December 14, 2023

Dear Partners in Mission,

Please accept the enclosed certificate as a small token of thanks for your congregation's many years of faithful ministry. I give thanks to God for you and for the variety of ways that you have empowered, equipped, and encouraged one another to make Christ known in your local community and far beyond.

As you know, because this year's Synod Assembly was online and focused primarily on the business of the synod, we were unable to publicly give thanks for and celebrate your congregation and several others during the assembly as we normally would. We do plan to name and thank you, along with other congregations whose milestone anniversaries will be in 2024, during the in-person Synod Assembly June 7-9, 2024, at the Crown Plaza Airport, Louisville KY. I hope you will be able to join us then.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of the good news of Jesus crucified and risen for the life of the world through all these years. May God continue to bless you as a community of faith and witness and, through you, bless others in new and life-changing ways.

Peace be with you,

Withom O. Helpin

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

It was great to be with you in May to celebrate this important milestone!

Empower, equip, and encourage the people of God to make Christ known