St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6 Epiphany February 12, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kogen Kalb)

CHILDREN'S HAND CHIMES "Do Lord"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

C we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (four measures introduction)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



@ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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■ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

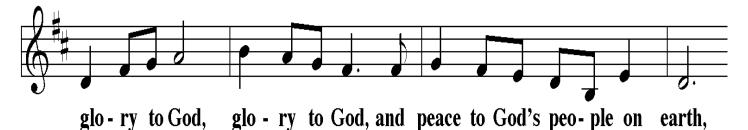


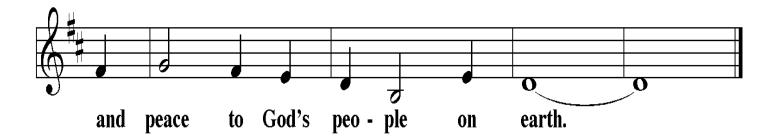
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the











PRAYER OF THE DAY (Adalie Kalb)

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Alli Betz) [Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8 (Abbie Freyberger)

(Refrain: Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD.)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

C ²Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

C ⁴You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. (*Refrain*)

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

C ⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

C 8I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. (*Refrain*)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Jaxson Keller) ¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? 5What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (two measures introduction)



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37 (Reese Weisheit & Gabe Neukam)

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift

at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery;

and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Lillian Potts & Lilly Lottes)

ST. PAUL'S LYO HISTORY (Doug Wiseman, Brooklyn Dodd, Barb Schnarr, Linda Schmitt & Terry Seitz)

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 504 "O God, My Faithful God"

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Caroline Kellar & Anna Ruhe) Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith

with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Nurture all in need. (We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Don Fuhrman, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Bring healing to all who

experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

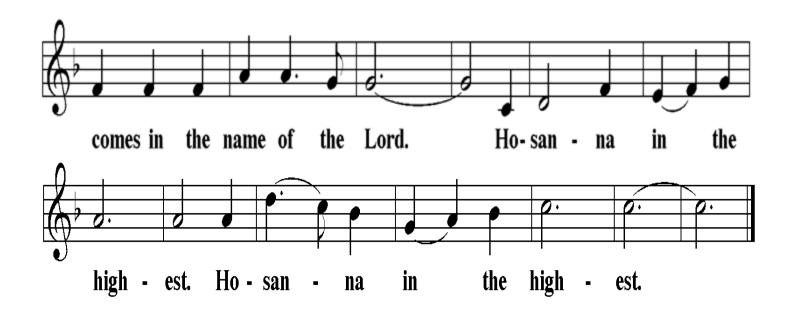
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (four measures introduction)





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

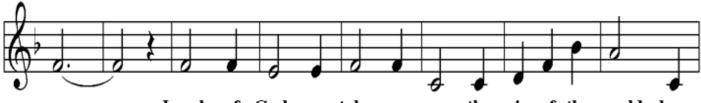
COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

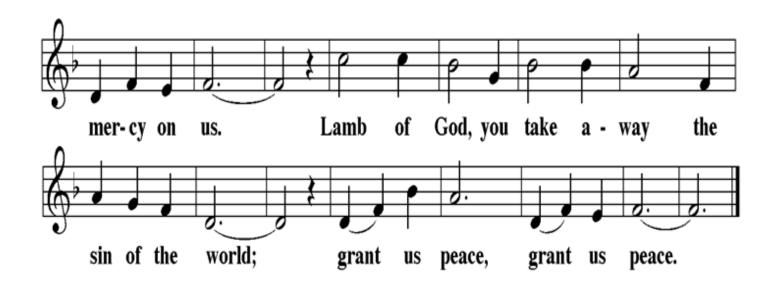
LAMB OF GOD



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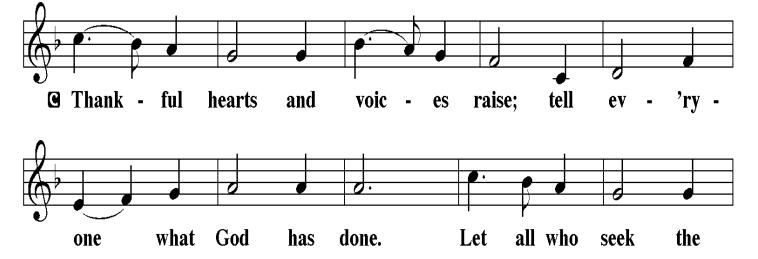
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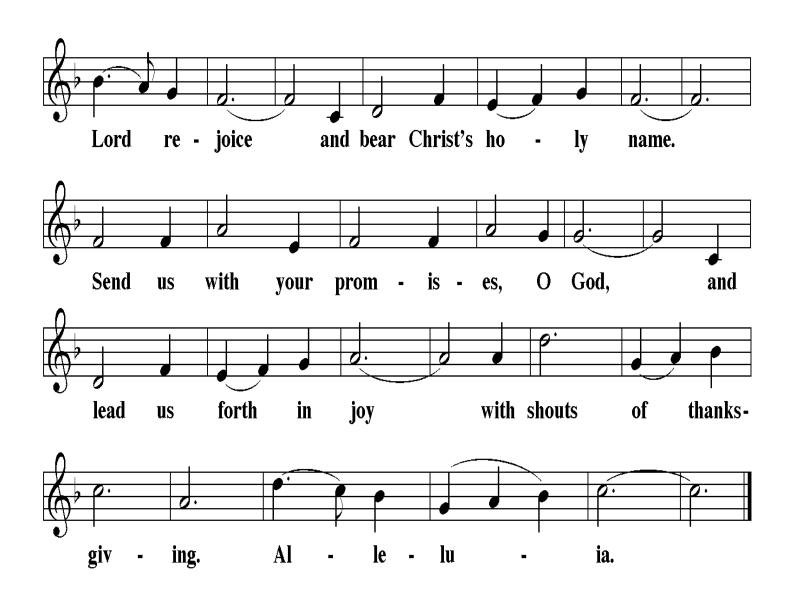
WOV 710 "One Bread, One Body" WOV 738 "Healer of Our Every Ill" WOV 746 "Day by Day"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (four measures introduction)





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Dax Smith)

Let us pray.

C Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING (Dax Smith)

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 492 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

DISMISSAL (Dax Smith)Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.**C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday Spotlight *By Eugene Kieffner*

The 175tth anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Haysville means what: celebration, achievement, progress, disaster, promotion, creation, development, blessing, endurance, strength, family faith or numerous other adjectives!

I, only one person of thousands with St Paul association and only one witness of no less than 600 possible witnesses, am a May 5th, 1941 model of St Paul Church; Son of Othmar and Loretta Hautsch Kieffner and the older Brother of the late Glenn Kieffner.

We lived at a time when electricity was not readily available, knew only to speak German and attended Ackerman School [which is still located at Ackerman Rd and Portersville Rd, a one room school building].

Vividly remember seeing St Paul Church burn in 1946, saw the smoke and flames out the bell tower. It really did seem like Pentecost because I heard several languages and dialects from volunteers present.

I witnessed the rebuilding of the new church, with the sharing of strong Faith, available goods, talents, man power, disputes and engineering abilities in achieving success.

My father, along with numerous church family members, was enthusiastically active in the church construction and council duties. My mother was an organist, my Grandfather George Hautsch along with friends George Seitz, Oscar Krodel were outstanding choir personnel, which kept the spirit high for the congregation.

Of course, all was conducted in the German Tradition. I would need to sit and listen to a German sermon, while my mother played the organ and my father had to pump air, which was needed to make the church organ play. I would listen to the pastor say "Ga nouse in ale da weld, un verkindad das avengalium!", which is German for "Go out into the world and preach the Gospel"

I witnessed the time, the church had no a/c, windows were open and the pastor would be bring the message about "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times", we would hear a rooster crow from outside, because of a chicken house and barn was located about 50 feet to the west of the new church.

I witnessed being a member of one of the largest confirmation class of St Paul Church in March, 1954, Pastor Brede presiding. We were obligated to present the Lutheran Catechism, church history and a confirmation hymn by memory. The class met every Saturday from 9-12 for a period of two years. This was a time when moral and spiritual discipline was a priority.

At that time Melvin Meyer and I were the youngest, to be Sunday school superintendents and had 15 teachers and substitutes attend the teachers meetings. We utilized all the rooms in the basement, the basement stage, the bell tower rooms, balcony, and occasionally parsonage rooms. We were blessed with well informed and dedicated personnel and had approximately 75 to 100 students, who had an opening conducted with music by young talents like Arlene Vonderheide, Marilyn Bredhold, Barb Schnarr, Dorothy Fuhrman to mention a few.

The blessing our marriage on November 21,1964, (which of course, was deer season), Pastor Rehrig informed me that my hunting days were over), my wife, Judy Sendelweck, now Kieffner, and I were both Sunday School teacher for 25 years. We also sang in the choir for that time period.

Should the question, "is St Paul Church a family church?" ever arise, the answer could be,
"YES". During the choir tenure, there were 18 to 20 regular members, all of which were
relatives of Judy and I with the exception of Mrs. Brede. Therefore "Yes" would be the correct
answer.

Having had the opportunities and blessings to witness St Paul Church rebuild, advance, grow, expand, enjoy, change, inspire, and teach pastors, individuals, children and families shows the tremendous amount of talent and insight available for St Paul Lutheran Church for another 175 years.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION

How many of you have memories of Fall Frolics, hayrides, or sponsoring chili dinners? How about attending Youth Gatherings in Houston, Miami Beach, or New Orleans? Many of you most likely remember Hungerthons, building parade floats, and being a part of many service projects. These are just a few of the numerous activities for Luther League and LYO.

Some of our present-day LYO members recently shared their thoughts and memories about their experiences with LYO.

Emma Betz likes outings to haunted houses and remembers one trip that included pizza and a spitball fight. Emma stated that LYO is a time to engage with other youth about our faith while having fun.

Caroling at the nursing homes was a favorite activity for **Ari Wiseman**. She enjoyed when the group went to Sky Zone after serving a meal at a soup kitchen. Ari finds LYO to be a time to build a foundation for her faith.

Bri Wiseman says LYO is exciting and has a favorite memory of going to Sky Zone and serving a meal at a soup kitchen. A favorite activity for Bri is caroling at the area nursing homes.

Abbie Freyberger feels that LYO is an opportunity to be involved with the church. She enjoyed the recent Christmas caroling and also a fun trip to a haunted house.

"A family" is how Alli Betz describes her time with LYO. She remembers (though not fondly!) when they dyed 14 million eggs for the egg hunt!

Favorite activities for Lillian Potts are serving breakfast and also attending meetings. For Lillian, LYO is a good time!

Adalie Kalb liked helping cook the Lenten meal last year. She finds LYO to be interesting and entertaining. A favorite memory for Adalie was going to the haunted house and one of the workers trying to scare her brother.

Luther League and LYO have been a part of St. Paul's ministry for close to 100 years. As we look back and remember our times with these groups, let us also look ahead to our future and all the wonderful opportunities and experiences that are ahead for our St. Paul's family.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: JD & Linda Popp **Comm. Asst:** Sandy Schnaus

Video: JoAn Breitwieser

Organist: Barbara Dell

Lay Reader: Doug WisemanAudio: Bryan Buchta

Acolytes: Jaxson Kellar & Alli Betz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 120 SS: 9

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 12th - Feb. 19th, 2023

Sun. Feb. 12 th	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		(Heritage Sunday)
	10:00 AM	LYO Breakfast
Mon. Feb. 13 th	6:30 PM	Property Meeting
Wed. Feb. 15 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Sun. Feb. 19 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		(No Communion)

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Eli Holt, Max Holt, Eva Neukam, Reeve Potts, Hudson Stemle and Maggie Stemle for playing the hand chimes this morning.

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented by the 175th anniversary committee in honor of today's heritage Sunday.

Our next Heritage Sunday will be hosted by St. Paul's LYO, today, February 12th. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service.

Parents/Grandparents!!! Please update the church office with your college student's name and address Our evangelism team likes to keep in touch with them and send them goodies.

WELCA will be making ham salad March 6th & 7th with pickup on the 7th and 8th. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be March 26th.**



Do you have fond memories of attending Sunday School as a child at St Paul's?

Were you a teacher who helped our children learn about the love of God thru Bible stories, songs, crafts and games?

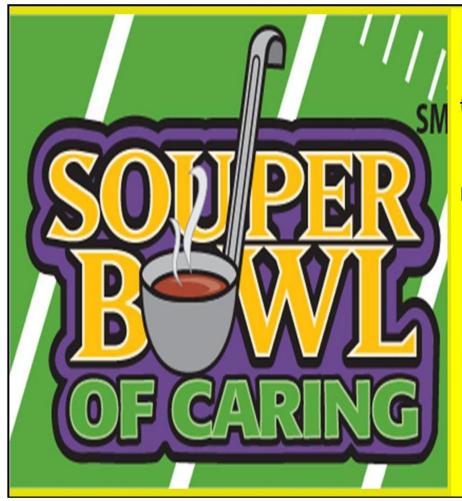
Please share your experiences with our children and lead them in a lesson on your favorite Bible story.

In conjunction with our Anniversary year celebration, we are offering the opportunity to lead Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month.

We are currently planning a lesson on Zacchaeus for Sunday January 29th and The Creation Story on Sunday February 26th both led by JoAn Breitwieser. JoAn has approximately 15 years of experience as a former Sunday School teacher. We will be learning some songs with motions from our Sunday School history as well as a Bible story and a fun craft activity.

Please consider helping out on those Sundays. All hands young and old are welcome, or just come and spend some time with us! Bring your children, your grandchildren or even your neighbor's children

Contact JoAn Breitwieser, Lori Werner or Stephanie Stemle if you are interested in leading a Sunday.



Demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors through our "Souper Bowl" of caring food drive.

\$1 in the soup pot in the welcome center.

Sunday, February 12th

All money and soup cans will be

donated to the Dubois Community Food Bank

Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 offering envelopes and 2022 end of year giving statements.

There is a table set-up in the welcome area with the envelopes and the wooden box with statements. If you cannot find a box or statement with your name, please advise Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at:

secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

LEN

Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd through March 29th. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 Bars of Soap

(2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz.. any brand, in original wrapping)





WEEK 2

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27". dark color



WEEK 5 Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



(adult size. in original packaging)



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