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January 2026

From the Pastor's Desk:

Walking in Faith, Sowing Christ's Love

'Walking in Faith, Sowing Christ's Love' invites us to explore what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Each month, we will reflect on Scripture, Lutheran teaching, and practical ways to grow in faith and share God's love with others. Through these reflections, we hope to deepen our trust in God's promises, live out our calling as Christ's disciples, and find guidance for nurturing faith in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Each article concludes with a question for personal reflection, helping us walk more faithfully with God.

Called to Walk in Faith

Faith is the beginning of our journey with God, but it is also the road we travel each day. To 'walk in faith' means trusting God's promises even when we cannot see where the path leads. Scripture is full of such journeys — Abraham leaving his homeland, Israel following God through the wilderness, the disciples following Jesus along the dusty roads of Galilee. Faith, in the biblical sense, is not an idea to believe but a way of living in trust.

Abraham's story in Genesis 12 captures the essence of faith: 'Go from your country... to the land that I will show you.' God does not hand Abraham a map, only a promise — that He will bless and be with him. Hebrews 11 reminds us that Abraham 'set out, not knowing where he was going,' yet he trusted that God's word was enough. Faith begins in this same way for us: God calls, we respond, and grace makes the journey possible.

In Lutheran theology, faith is never a human achievement. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8–9 reminds us, 'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.' Martin Luther described faith as 'a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that one would stake life itself on it.' That confidence does not come from within us; it is created and sustained by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament.

To walk in faith is also to walk in humility. We do not control the path, nor can we predict where God's grace will lead. What we can do is trust that Christ walks beside us — through uncertainty, grief, change, and joy. In a world that prizes self-assurance, faith is a countercultural act. It says, 'I do not know the way, but I know the One who leads me.'

In daily life, this trust shows itself in small ways — in prayer when we are anxious, in forgiveness when it feels impossible, in generosity when we fear scarcity. Every act of trust becomes a step on the path of faith.

As we begin a new year, we remember that walking in faith is not about perfection or strength but about direction — walking toward Christ, who has already walked the road for us.

Reflection Question:

Where in your life might God be calling you to take a step of faith this year, trusting His promise more than your certainty?

Pastor Steve

Church phones are finally working!

We have switched over to VOIP (Voice Over Internet) Thank you for your patience!

FROM INTERN BETH...

I pray that you all have been keeping warm this winter season, that you had a very merry Christmas, and that the new year brings new hopes and renewed energy for you. I wanted to start this month by saying thank you to all who contributed to, volunteered at, and attended the Saint Nicholas Festival. The turnout was more than I expected and brought about lots of joy and holiday spirit! I encourage us all step into being like Saint Nicholas and do an act of kindness for someone this Christmas season.

Thinking back over all of the buzz and excitement of the holiday season, I surely got to experience lots of new celebrations and traditions this year. From the Jackson county Christmas trees display, to driving through Columbus Country Christmas, to helping to decorate the church, to walking downtown Madison and Nashville for Christmas shopping, to joining a couple of you for family Christmas celebrations, and attending the Caramel Christkindlmarkt.

Driving through downtown Caramel, as the sun was slowly setting, we made a turn and suddenly there was this beautiful display of lights all glowing bright in the darkness. As we then walked through the market I found myself surrounded by the scents of traditional German street market foods, admiring all of the intricate craftsmanship of the ornaments and pyramids, and warming myself up sipping on warm cider. Most of their ornaments displayed manger scenes, many contained advent wreaths, and some depicted stories of Christmas carols or traditional Christmas legends. Stand after stand contained little pieces of traditions that all worked together to tell the whole Christmas story. Seeing the love and patience and work that went into the telling of the Christmas story allowed me to reflect on the ways that we experience Christ in our lives outside of the church. While at the church we laughed together watching the children's program and then sang together in the chapel on Christmas eve, I am sure may of us also had many times throughout the season when we felt Christ in our lives beyond the walls of the church. Maybe at the school Christmas concert where you got to see your kids celebrating Christmas with their friends, maybe it was while driving around seeing all the Christmas lights and decorations that other put to light up the nights, it could have been in the family laughter and joy as they gathered around the tree to open gifts, or maybe it was in your Christmas shopping walking through different markets. Wherever you were able to feel God at work in your life as you waited for the birth of Christ, I invite us all in this Christmas season and new church year to continue finding the ways Christ is active in our lives.

Internship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 13 7:00 p.m.



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Below are the lessons and some thoughts about the upcoming Sundays. Please

January 4th:

Text— John 1:1-18

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

January 11th:

Text Matthew 3:13-17 (Baptism of Our Lord)

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism, we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

January 18th: Text—John 1:29-42

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

January 25th:

Text—Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

January Volunteers

Communion Assistants

Donald Schnitker (8:00) Mike Kruse (10:15)

Communion Prep

Jan. 4— Judy Wonning (10:15)

Jan. 11—Phyllis Cupp (8:00)

Jan. 18-Nina Franke (10:15)

Jan. 25—*need volunteer* (8:00)

Lectors

Jan. 4—Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Judy Wonning (10:15) Jan. 11—Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15) Jan. 18—Amy Rotert (8:00) Jan. 25—Leah Otte (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15) Mari Rust (10:15)

Acolytes

Jan. 4—Caleb Wheatley & Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Warren Newkirk (8:00)

Jan. 11—Kasen Nichalson & Emma Franke (10:15)

Wade Rapp (8:00)

Jan. 18—Wyatt & Willie Hoevener (8:00) Jack Fountain (10:15)

Jan. 25—Claire Engelau & Kayla Franke (10:15)

Emily Morris (8:00)

Projectors

Jan. 4—Michaela Smith (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15) Jan. 11—Melina & Sam Engelau (8:00) Kathy England (10:15) Jan. 18—Susie Schnitker (8:00) Michelle Wood (10:15)

Jan. 25—Kaelynn & Henry Engelau (8:00) Matt Tangman (10:15)

Cameras

(always at 8:00 service)

Jan. 4-Jamie Baker

Jan. 11—Hannah Baker

Jan. 18—Tim England Jan. 25—Jamie Baker

Flowers

Jan. 4—Bill & Judy Wonning

Jan. 11—need volunteer

Jan. 18—need volunteer

Jan. 25—need volunteer

January Volunteers

Communion Assistants

Nathan Newkirk (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15)

Communion Prep

Feb. 1— Marj Rust (10:15)

Feb. 8—Casey Engelau (8:00)

Feb. 15-Linda Guinn (10:15) Feb. 22—Jodi Brown (8:00) Teresa Browning (10:15)

Lectors

Feb. 1—Amelia Shaw (8:00) Lois Bryden (10:15) Feb. 8—Mandy Otte (8:00) Micah Wayt (10:15) Feb. 15—Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15) Feb. 22—Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes

Feb. 1—Ben Rapp & Henry Fountain (10:15)

Caleb Baker (8:00)

Feb. 8—Layne Thompson & Daniel Hendrix (10:15)

Caleb Wheatley (8:00)

Feb. 15—Warren Newkirk & Sage Zakrzewski (10:15)

Grant Wheatley (8:00)

Feb. 22—Abe Engelau & Emma Franke (10:15)

Ben Rapp (8:00)

Projectors

Feb. 1—Natalie Fish (8:00) Marc Fountain (10:15) Feb. 8—Michaela Smith (8:00) Thomas & Ruth Ann Hendrix (10:15) Feb. 15—Melina Engelau (8:00) Michelle Wood (10:15)

Feb. 22—Susie Schnitker (8:00) Kathy England (10:15)

Cameras

(always at 8:00 service)

Feb. 1—Hannah Baker

Feb. 8—Tim England

Feb. 15—Jamie Baker

Feb. 22—Hannah Baker

Flowers

Feb. 1—need volunteer

Feb. 8—Tammi Reinbold

Feb. 15—need volunteer

Feb. 22—need volunteer

Sunday School Snacks

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Jan. 4—need volunteer Plan to provide Jan. 11—Mandy Otte snacks for 60.

Jan. 18—Muffin Morning

Jan. 25—need volunteer Suggestions are: fruit, muffins,

Feb. 1—need volunteer Feb. 8—need volunteer

Feb. 15—need volunteer

quick breads and prepackaged

Feb. 22—Rapp family

doughnuts, snacks.

2026 Altar Flower Schedule

The 2026 altar flower schedule is now available at the Welcome Center. You are responsible for providing your own flowers. Please indicate if you wish to donate your flowers for Trish to give to others.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairman—Chris Otte Secretary—Heidi Wheatley Financial Secretary—Amelia Shaw Elders—Cathy Wente & Debbie Rust **Deacons**—Dan Holle (8:00) & Gerald Wayt (10:15) Treasurer—Lou Ann Hoevener

Trustees—Tim England & Allen Morrison

The congregation is invited to celebrate
Judy & Bill Wonning's
50th Anniversary

Saturday, January 3, 2026 2:00-4:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran fellowship hall

Your presence would be the greatest gift as we commemorate this golden anniversary.

RSVP

LWR Blanket Making



Beginning January 5

Monday & Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

in the adult Sunday School room

We will meet from January thru the end of March to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief to send all over the world.

Everyone is welcome to help!

BLANKETS TO BE TIED

We're needing people to knot blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

Blankets are located by the Welcome Center. Place in Mission Outreach Closet when finished.



Removing Christmas Decorations

January 10

9.00 a m

Luther League and our Christmas Decoration Committee will take down decorations.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



Church services will be held, unless a travel ban has been issued for Jackson County. Please make your own decision if you want to venture out in inclement weather. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE! If there is a travel ban in Jackson County, all church activities will also be cancelled.

Bless the New Parsonage with Scripture!

As the framing goes up on our new parsonage, everyone is invited to stop by and write a favorite Bible verse on the studs. Add a word of faith, hope, or blessing that will surround this home for years to come. There will be a container with Sharpies within the house. Everyone is invited to help in dedicating this space with God's Word! Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

TREASURER BOOKS & ANNUAL REPORTS

Due by January 11

Place them in the marked box in the church office.

Offering Envelopes for 2026

Envelopes are available in the narthex. If you don't have envelopes and would like to, please contact the church office.



OFFERING STATEMENTS

Offering statements for 2025 will be available soon in the narthex.



BORCHERS PRESCHOOL NEWS

January 7 January 9 January 19 Return to classes (3/4/5's) Return to classes (2's) NO PRESCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, January 11

Our Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study of the **Book of Daniel**. Daniel speaks to people of faith living in uncertain times—calling us to wisdom, courage, and steadfast hope when following God feels countercultural. Together we will explore Daniel's well-known stories, its vivid visions, and what they reveal about faithful living, prayerful resilience, and God's enduring sovereignty.

All adults are welcome—whether Daniel is familiar or brand new to you. Join us as we listen for God's promises, ask good questions, and encourage one another in faith.



Muffin Morning

Sunday, January 18

9:00 a.m.in the fellowship hall

Everyone is invited!

Stop in for fellowship time! Bring a dozen of your favorite muffins (mini or regular size) to share. Enjoy coffee, muffins sampling and visiting. Sunday School students will enjoy leftovers during their snack time!



Dartball

January 5—at Wegan W January 12—at home (Sauers E) January 19—at Wegan B January 26—at home (Redeemer S)

Contact Merrell Otte if you are interested in playing Games are on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m.



BOOK BUZZ

Monday, January 26 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss "The Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict

Questions? Talk to Trish Tangman or Michelle Wood.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, January 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Any questions, talk to Michelle Wood.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25

after the 10:15 service

Women's Groups

Ruth Circle

Thursday, January 15 1:00 p.m. at the church

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m. Azucar Cuban Restaurant 212 E. Second St., Seymour

Women's In-Depth Bible Study

Thursday, January 8 and 22 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions, talk to Mandy Otte.

Men's Group

January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. Come for Bible study and fellowship. *All men are welcome!* Questions? Talk to Chris Otte or Dean Dringenburg.

&MUSIC NEWS

KIDS BELLS

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. January 6, 20 and 27

ADULT BELLS

Sundays at 6:30 p.m. January 18 and 25

CHOIR

Sundays at 7:00 p.m. January 18 and 25

New Parsonage Account Update

This will be updated each month:

Receipts paid on parsonage through Nov. 30, 2025 \$37,546.03

Current balance in parsonage fund on Nov. 30, 2025 \$391,983.25



First Communion Class

There will be a class during the Lenten Season to provide instruction for youth prior to receiving Holy Communion. Letters will be mailed by the end of January to those who are eligible.

We need to order curriculum for each student. Please return the reply form by February 8 to tell us if your student will be attending the class.

The class will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:00 AM). The first class will be on **February**

The celebration of First Communion will be during the Maundy Thursday Service on April 2.

Any questions, please talk with Pastor Steve.

January Birthdays

- 1 Dot Goodwin
- 1 Bill Kidd
- 3 Clayton Wente
- 4 Amy Rotert
- 7 Paige Koop
- 8 Conner Douglass
- 9 Milton Otte
- 9 Kendra Harris
- 12 Sophia Bowman
- 13 Amy Rosenberger
- 13 Allen Morrison
- 14 Cam Mansfield
- 14 Skye Zakrzewski
- 15 Susie Schnitker
- 15 Brittney Runge
- 15 Hadley Sifflard
- 16 Rachel Hildebrand
- 16 Adam Newkirk
- 17 Kav Hoene
- 20 Kori Otte

- 20 Darla Rorick
- 21 Cassandra Rotert
- 21 Erin Engelau
- 21 Kayla Brigdon
- 21 Kim Shehan
- 22 Benny Kleffman
- 22 Jack Hoene
- 22 Rick Brown
- 23 Debbie Rust
- 23 Beth Albert
- 24 Kristina McIntosh
- 24 Ben Rorick
- 25 Pastor Steve
- 25 Jason Engelau
- 25 Abby Hoene
- 26 Pierce McCory
- 28 Brandy Rotert
- 28 Chloe Criswell
- 31 Delores Douglass

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

On December 7, we received into membership: Tyler, Aimee and Kasen Nichalson Mallory McIntire Ben Peek Clayton Franke and Aaron Waltz (adult baptism)



Sympathy to the family and friends of Alvin Otte who died on December 8. Services were held at Spurgeon Funeral Home on December 12. Burial was on December 18 at Whites Chapel Cemetary.

Meg Brown Senior Project Update

I reached my goal for my senior project! Not only did I reach my goal of 150 Smile Supply Kits for Turning Point, but with all the help of the church members I was able to make 451 bags! I received 1,053 toothbrushes, 451 toothpaste, 1,441 floss, 625 toothbrush covers, and 208 tooth necklaces. I was able to make 208 kids kits and 243 adult kits! Thank you so much for your support!!



God's Global Barnyard Update

This year's total raised: \$1094.81

Thank you to everyone that gave offerings to God's Global Barnyard this year. Sunday School classes were able to purchase one of EVERY animal pictured on the barns, as well as extras!

Luther League Cookie Walk Update

We were able to raise \$1,356 for this summer's youth trip!

Thank you for supporting Luther League's Cookie Walk on a cold and snowy Sunday! Trip plans will be voted on at the January Luther League meeting.

Valentine Dinner

February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale between services beginning January 25.

Start Planning for Bazaar Next Year

We did a great job of selling items in our craft and bake sale area. Thanks to all who contributed!! Over the winter months, begin making items for next year. Plan what foods to preserve/can to be sold.

Read Jackson County Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people who have a high dedication to improving literacy in our community.

<u>Needed:</u> After school tutors & Daytime tutors at the Learning Center

For more info: www.readjacksoncounty.com

Thank You

Thank you to Greg and Dennis Rust for the most perfect Christmas trees for Borchers Chapel. Thank you to the Luther League for carrying the nativity scene to the Chapel.

Special thanks to Pastor Steve, Intern Beth, Olga Otte and Jamie Baker for a very special, memorable service for Floyd Browning. Thank you to those who worked in the kitchen and donated food. We appreciate you!. Thanks to everyone for visits, cards, calls and most important — prayers.

Carol Browning and family

Snacks for ESL Classes

If you are willing to provide 2-3 dozen cookies or bars for participants in the English as a Second Language (ESL) class being offered at Brown Elementary, please contact Ruth Ann Hendrix.



Ladies' Craft & Fellowship Retreat

February 2, 3 and 4

Are you looking for some fellowship time to get through the winter blues?

Grab your crafting supplies and let's get to work in the fellowship hall!

Come for 1 day or leave your things and stay set up for all 3 days! Your craft projects might include quilting, sewing, scrapbooking, knitting, card making, tacking LWR blankets, or maybe you want to learn something new. Come and go as you want.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend to help plan for snacks, table setup and access to electrical outlets. Everyone will have their own table. Come early Monday morning and pick out your work space! You will need to bring all of your supplies.

Plan to bring a snack to share. Pack your own lunch each day.

Questions? Contact: Lou Ann Hoevener or Heidi Wheatley

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

This is also a perfect time to work on things for St. Paul's 175th Anniversary in 2027!



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

SENIOR CARE:

Borchers Devotions

NO DEVOTIONS IN JANUARY

Borchers Breakfast Club

Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-noon

We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 for breakfast, activities, and social time. YOU are welcome to join the group just for breakfast, or for the entire morning. Breakfast Club birthdays are celebrated monthly on the third Thursday.

Leftovers from weekly BBC breakfasts are available to participants and can be delivered to anyone else who would appreciate this effort. If you or someone you know might like a weekly or occasional delivery please let Charlena Warfield or Trish Tangman know.



HOT SOUP IN A COLD MONTH

Beginning January 8

This annual tradition is a way to care for seniors in our community. Each person who attends Borchers Breakfast Club on a Thursday in January gets to take home a pint of homemade soup donated by various Borchers cooks. When we have enough donated, soup is also delivered to a few additional folks in the area!

If you are able and willing to donate <u>any</u> amount of soup toward this effort, please sign up at the Welcome Center. You can sign up for as little as one gallon of any type soup you like!

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

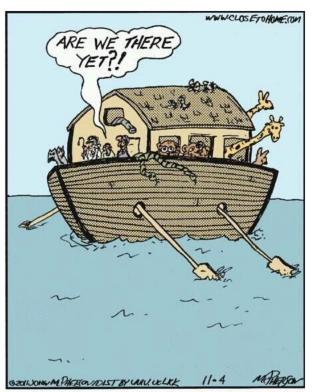
Borchers Breakfast Club will coincide with the Seymour School Corporation's decisions for school closings and delays. If <u>Seymour schools</u> are closed OR delayed, Borchers Breakfast Club will be CANCELLED. Please listen to WZZB 1390 AM or 99.3 FM, or watch for closings on television stations.



Tai Chi Exercise

Every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

This is a meditative form of exercise based on components of ancient martial arts. This takes place for 40 minutes every Thursday morning in the preschool room. Drop-ins are welcome! It's FREE! Our leaders are Beth Goodwin & Dot Goodwin.



The famous question is asked for the first time.



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

MISSION CARE/COMMUNITY CARE:



FOOD PANTRY

Anchor House East items

These items include tuna packets, chicken packets, beef jerky, slim jims, packs of whole nuts, fruit cups, chips, juice boxes, Gatorade. These are lunch items for folks staving in overnight shelter.

Please place your donations in the wooden box near the kitchen marked "Food Pantry", or in the basket near the main entry doors.

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services

Laundry detergent (small containers please)

Donations may be placed in the box near the kitchen marked "Turning Point".



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 20 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Please contact Joe Tormoehlen directly to schedule your donation time.

Tell your friends and family about the next blood drive date at St. Paul! Thank you for continuing to remember the need for donations in our area.



STUFFED ANIMAL MINISTRY

Stuffed animals are available on the Welcome Center. These cuddly animals are available to anyone who knows of a child who is going through a difficult experience and might be comforted by one of these stuffed animals and the words attached to each one's neck.

Please feel free to take a stuffed animal and give it to a child you know who could use a lift.



Pill Bottle Collection

Acceptable collection items include: prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles, large and small pill bottles, and pill bottles with or without child-resistant caps.

Pill bottle donations should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid
- Bottles should be sorted by color and type
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue
- All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot water and dish soap, rinsed, and dried thoroughly
- Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles

Bottles are taken to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati. They send them to various countries which use them to dispense medicine to their patients.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH WEEK AT 9 A.M. FOR ALL AGES.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

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YOUTH GROUPS & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

LUTHER LEAGUE will take down decorations on Saturday, January 10 at 9am.

January's meeting is **Sunday**, **January 11** at 6:30pm. We will be deciding plans for this summer's youth trip. Check GroupMe for details. *Good student attendance at meetings and fundraisers is required for summer activities*. We were able to raise over \$1200 at our cookie walk for the trip - thank you for your support!!

JR HIGH GROUP monthly afternoon activity will be **January 25**. See GroupMe for details and to sign up.

ELEMENTARY GROUP will meet on **Sunday**, **January 18** at 5pm. THIS IS A NEW DATE!

WANT GROUP MESSAGES & REMINDERS?

Join the groups below or contact Jamie and Maddie if you need assistance.

Luther League / High School



Jr High & Confirmation



Elementary & Preschool



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Resumes January 14 6:30 - 7:30 pm

UPCOMING YFM DATES

January 10

LL Take down decorations

January 11

Confirmation Classes and Luther League meeting

January 14

Wed Night Youth Group resumes

January 18

Elementary Group *NEW DATE

January 25

Jr High Afternoon Activity

February 13

Valentines Dinner, Confirmation Class & Lock-In

February 15

Elementary Group & Luther League

February 22

First Communion Class begins

JR HIGH FEBRUARY PLANNING

VALENTINE DINNER / CONFIRMATION / LOCK-IN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Sign ups for Valentine Dinner food and volunteers will be in GroupMe in mid-January - we will NOT have a separate parent meeting. **Ticket sales will begin on January 25** between services.

Confirmation Classes will be held after the Valentine Dinner, followed by a late-night activity and lock-in. Contact Pastor Steve or Maddie with questions.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Classes will begin on **February 22 at 9:00 am** in the YFM Office (in the Sunday School hallway, between grades 4/5 and Trish's office.) Elementary students should have received a letter from the church office with more class details.

Classes will end on **Thursday**, **April 2** with a meal learning about the Seder, followed by students' First Communion during Maundy Thursday worship service that evening. Contact Pastor Steve with questions.

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ONLINE WORSHIP OPTIONS:

LIVE STREAM 8:00 SERVICE

We live stream our 8:00 a.m. worship services.

SUNDAY SNIPPET

This is a short, prerecorded video that has prayer, benediction, a scripture reading from the appointed readings for that Sunday and a brief reflection/commentary on the reading.

Both of these can be found Sunday mornings on our YouTube channel at: St Paul Lutheran Borchers

BORCHERS CHURCH APP

This app allows you to access everything in one place on your cell phone. View our calendar of events, watch worship videos, listen to the "Sunday Snippet" podcasts, chat with church members and more!

Download the app anytime by visiting: tithely.app.link/stpaul-borchers

Scan to download the app



OR







January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				I OFFICE CLOSED NO DEVOTIONS NO BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB NO TAI CHI	2 NO PRESCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	Judy & Bill Wonning 50th Anniv. Reception 2:00-4:00 p.m.
4 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Communion	5 NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket Making	6	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi	9 9:00 am Preschool	9:00 am Take down Decorations
	8:00 pm Dartball at Wegan W	6:30 pm Kids Bells		7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible Study	Pastor Steve at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries meeting	
Annual Reports due Treasurer Books due Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Sunday School — Daniel 10:15 am Worship	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	13 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Ruth Circle	16 9:00 am Preschool	17
5:00 pm Confirmation class 1 6:30 pm Confirmation class 2 6:30 pm Luther League	8:00 pm Dartball at home (Sauers E)	7:00 pm Internship Committee	6:30 pm Wednesday Youth Night	7:00 pm Men's Group		
18 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Muffin Morning 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Sunday School — Daniel 10:15 am Communion	19 NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket Making	20 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at Azucar 1:00 pm Blood Drive (until 6:00)	21 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi	23 9:00 am Preschool	24
5:00 pm Elementary Group (NEW DATE) 6:30 pm Adult Bells 7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm Dartball at Wegan B	6:30 pm Kids Bells		7:00 pm Women's In-depth Bible Study		
Valentine's Dinner tickets go on sale 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Sunday School — Daniel 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Congregation Annual Meeting	9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making 1:00 pm Book Buzz	27	28 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 9:30 am Tai Chi	30 9:00 am Preschool	31
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