

# Epistle

January 2023

St Paul Lutheran Church

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# Pastor's Page

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A blessed New Year to you all! I'm in forward-looking mode, so here goes.

I pray we have faith to trust in the Lord at all times in our lives.

I pray we gather in community more often than we have in recent years, to give thanks to God, and be fed by Word and Sacrament.

I pray we intentionally invite others to share in the mission with which we have been entrusted.

I pray we keep our eyes wide open for those in need, and our hearts open to the Spirit to guide us to minister to and with those who have need.

I pray more of us assume responsibility for more ministries of this congregation.

I pray we continue to financially support the ministry to which we have committed ourselves.

I pray we do a far better job of caring for all of creation, including our neighbors.

I pray we will look more closely to the ministry of Jesus when discerning what to say and what to do as we live our lives in this time and place.

Please note that this is not a New Year's resolution. It is my earnest prayer. And to be about prayer is to be in partnership with the Almighty to bring about the words in the prayer.

Thanks be to God for this relationship we share in Jesus Christ. Amen

In Christ,

Pastor Frank Kauzlarich



## Adult Bible Study Beginning in January!

Letting our Light Shine and Other Themes in the Season of Epiphany

Led by Pastor Frank, we will meet on five consecutive Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom, beginning January 18. For more information and to RSVP please call or text Pastor Frank at 920-217-0204.

# January Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b> 9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> 8:45am – 10:15am Women's Spiritual Growth Group Zoom	<b>06</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study In- Person or Zoom	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b> 9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Worship & Music Zoom Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:45am – 10:15am Women's Spiritual Growth Group Zoom	<b>13</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study In- Person or Zoom	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:30pm Bible Study by Zoom & In Person 5:30pm Church Council Zoom Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:45am – 10:15am Women's Spiritual Growth Group Zoom	<b>20</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study In- Person or Zoom	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot Souper Bowl of Caring Begins	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:30pm Bible Study by Zoom & In Person	<b>26</b> 8:45am – 10:15am Women's Spiritual Growth Group Zoom	<b>27</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study In- Person or Zoom	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Worship Sanctuary & Parking Lot	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# January Volunteer Schedule

Song Leaders		Musicians			Pastor	
		Jan. 8 Doreen Holt Jan. 15 Shawn Mathys Jan. 22 Doreen Holt Jan. 29 Doreen Holt			Pastor Frank Kauzlarich	
Volunteers	1 Sunday	8 Sunday	15 Sunday	22 Sunday	29 Sunday	
9am Assisting Minister		Cathy Mestek	Jane DeCock	Debbie Jones	Debbie Jones	
9am Indoor Usher		Mary Anne & Clarenc	Jana Raines			
9am Outdoor Usher		Andrea Esau	Dave DeCock			

Please contact the church office at 920-868-2826 if you would like to be added to the volunteer contact list.



# AED Information

## AED Information

The new year brings good news for St. Paul in the form of an AED (automated external defibrillator), which is now mounted and clearly marked in our narthex. An AED is a medical device used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The AED can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver defibrillation to help the heart re-establish rhythm.

An AED can be a lifesaving, though not inexpensive, device. St. Paul received this AED without charge through the generosity and diligence of a number of people. Earlier in 2022, an anonymous donor provided \$75,000 to Door County Emergency Services to launch the Defibs4DoorCounty campaign, a campaign that raised an additional \$80,000 in donations from community members. These funds made possible the purchase of 84 new defibrillators for law enforcement, first responders, government agencies and community locations, such as St. Paul Lutheran.

At the congregation level, we appreciate Clarence Scherer's willingness to spearhead the effort to obtain one of these AEDs, a process that started with his application to the Door County Fire Chiefs Association. This association was charged with reviewing requests, assessing demand, and placing equipment orders for the county.

St. Paul's request was approved. Without hesitation, five members of St. Paul made themselves available and completed the training offered on December 12 by the Sister Bay and Liberty Grove Fire Department. We are grateful to Doreen Holt, Dave DeCock, Jane DeCock, Jeff Kuchenbecker, and Clarence Scherer for their willingness to serve in this capacity. If there are others who would like to take the CPR/AED training class in 2023, please contact Carol Former at 920-854-4021 or 814-571-8092. Thanks in advance.

As with any piece of emergency equipment, our hope and prayer is that this AED and those trained to use it will never be called into action. However, it is reassuring to know we are now better prepared to meet the medical needs of those who worship and serve at St. Paul. There is also a free PulsePoint AED app that will allow responders to quickly find the nearest AED when one is needed, including the one at St. Paul, so the benefit extends beyond our doors.

We are grateful for those who worked together - county agencies, donors and our own members - to make this goal a reality. Please accept our thanks along with prayers for health and wholeness in the new year!

# Food Pantry & Souper Bowl of Caring

## Food Pantry

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry. This month we delivered food to Lakeshore Cap on 3rd Ave. in Sturgeon Bay. With the need for food the pantries are very grateful for all donations. Please support the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by the Benevolence Committee. Thank you,  
Mary Anne and Clarence



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Help contribute food to our neighbors who are hungry during the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign, coordinated by our Local Benevolence Committee...

While ANY non-perishable food item will be accepted, consider donating the following each week and leave them at the display in the entry:

Week One (Jan. 22): Canned Fruits vs. Canned Vegetables

Week Two (Jan. 29): Peanut Butter vs. Jelly

Week Three (Feb. 5): Chunky Soups vs. Macaroni & Cheese

Week Four (Feb. 12): Canned Tuna vs. Canned Chicken

Donations will be counted each week to see which food is the champion.

Monetary donations (a good place for all that loose change that's been accumulating) will be accepted Sunday, Feb. 12.



# Snow Shovelers Needed!

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SHOVELING THE SIDEWALKS AT CHURCH  
THANK YOU**

**CONTACT CLARENCE SCHERER**

**CALL OR TEXT: 920-559-1951 EMAIL: CMSCHERER42@GMAIL.COM**

DATE

NAME

DEC 1 THRU DEC 7 CHARLIE MESTEK & GERRY SCHWALLER

DEC 8 THRU DEC 14. CHARLIE MESTEK & GERRY SCHWALLER

DEC 15 THRU DEC 21. CHARLIE MESTEK & GERRY SCHWALLER

DEC 22 THRU DEC 28. CHARLIE MESTEK & GERRY SCHWALLER

DEC 29 THRU JAN 5. GREG EHLKE

JAN 6 THRU JAN 12. AL PETERSON

JAN 13 THRU JAN 19 DAVE DECOCK

JAN 20 THRU JAN 26 CLARENCE SCHERER

JAN 27 THRU FEB 2. \_\_\_\_\_

FEB 3 THRU FEB 9 DAVE DECOCK

FEB 10 THRU FEB 16 AL PETERSON

FEB 17 THRU FEB 23 \_\_\_\_\_

FEB 24 THRU MAR 2 \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 3 THRU MAR 9 DAVE DECOCK

MAR 10 THRU MAR 16. \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 17 THRU MAR 23 \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 24 THRU MAR 30 CLARENCE SCHERER

MAR 31 THRU APR 6 \_\_\_\_\_

APR 7 THRU APR 13 DAVE DECOCK

APR 12 THRU APR 20 \_\_\_\_\_

SUE AND TIM TISCHLER WILL FILL IN ANY FRI THROUGH SUNDAY AS LONG AS THEY ARE HERE



# Women's Spiritual Growth Group, Men's Bible Study, Prayer Shawls

## Women's Spiritual Growth Group

Our winter session will return to meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:45-10:15 AM beginning January 5 through February 16. We will meet via ZOOM to accommodate those who spend their winters away from Door County.

Our study will be a book with "reflection" questions at the end of each section and is called, Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life - 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth by Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan. It is available at [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) for roughly \$12.

From the back cover:

*MAY YOU LIVE TO BE 120!*

*How shall we spend our God-gift of an extra three decades? The Last Third of life (age 60 and beyond) offers significant challenges that Thibault and Morgan propose we approach as a pilgrimage. Their scripture-based meditations and reflection questions examine 7 tasks essential to living the Last Third fearlessly and with purpose: Facing Aging and Dying; Prayer and Contemplation; Learning to Live with Limitations; Redeeming Loss and Suffering; Doing Inner Work; Leaving a Legacy; and Living In and Out of Community.*

If you are interested in attending, learning more about our discussions, or receiving the ZOOM link, please contact Debbie Jones.

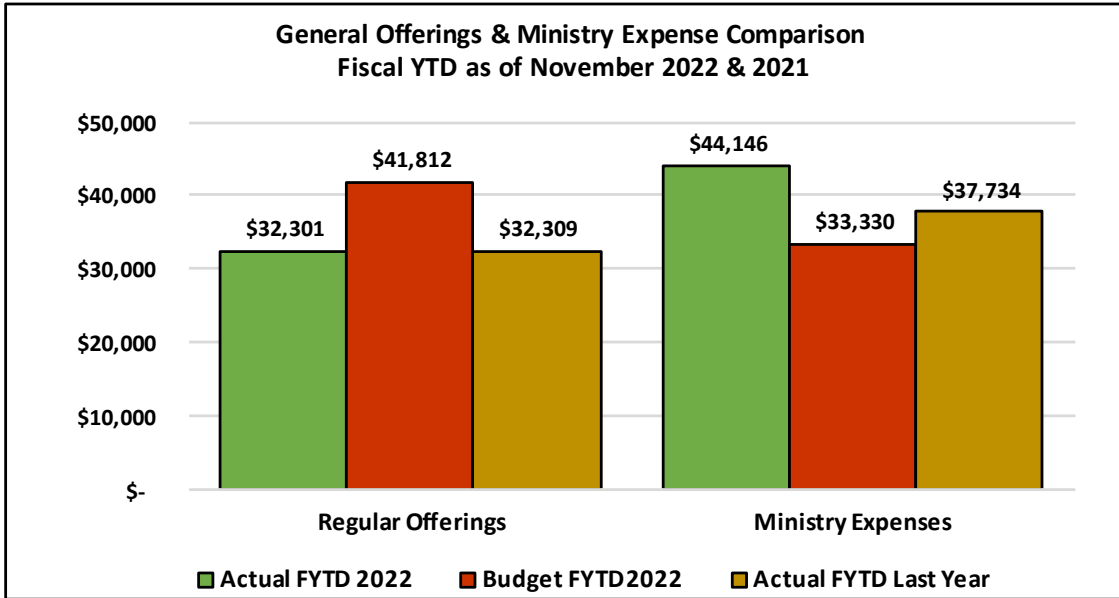
## Men's Bible Study

The St. Paul Men's Bible Study group continues to meet on Friday's at 8:30 with the opportunity to meet via Zoom or in person at Julie's Café in Fish Creek. For more information about the Zoom session or to receive a copy of the readings and questions, please contact Gary Jones at [gary.jones09@gmail.com](mailto:gary.jones09@gmail.com). To learn about the in-person meeting, please contact John Hermann at [john.c.hermann@gmail.com](mailto:john.c.hermann@gmail.com).

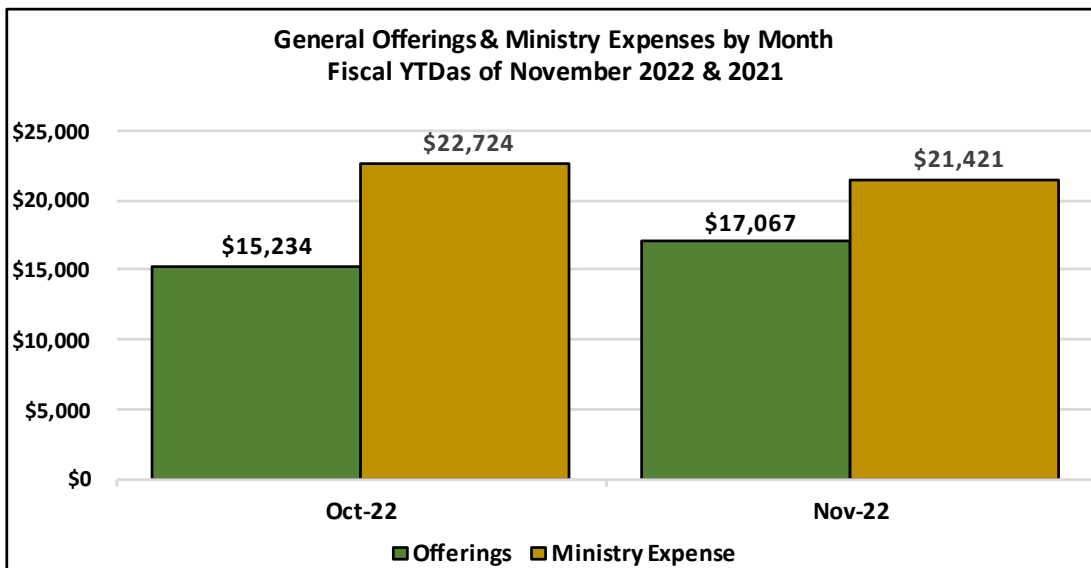
## Prayer Shawls

Thank you to all who have been distributing prayer shawls. If you are aware of someone in need of one, please pick one up from the credenza in the narthex or from the table outside on Sunday before or after worship or call the office during the week. For those of you who knit or crochet, the winter is a great time to get started on creating one of these gifts of care and concern as our supply diminishes. For additional information, contact Debbie Jones at 651-328-1261 or [debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.jones.pmp@gmail.com).

# Financial Update



- FYTD = Fiscal Year-to-Date. St. Paul Lutheran's fiscal year begins on 01-Oct.
- The 2022-23 fiscal year Ministry Expenses budget is \$258,868.
- General Offerings received in the first two months of the fiscal year were almost identical to the prior year (\$32,301 vs. \$32,309) but \$9,511 less than budgeted
- Ministry Expenses were greater than Regular Offerings by \$11,845 (i.e., \$32,301 - \$44,146 = \$11,845 shortfall)



- General Offerings (which excludes Designated Offerings such as Urgent Need and Memorial contributions) received in October and November as shown above were lower than Ministry Expenses by \$11,845 in total
- Ministry Expenses were higher in October than November principally because a full year's insurance premium and certain Benevolence disbursements were made in October which were more than higher costs incurred in November for Supply Pastors and Building/Maintenance expenses



# Council Meeting Minutes

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 2022**

**Mission:** St. Paul Lutheran Church is a welcoming family bringing Christ into people's lives by developing, nurturing and supporting disciples.

**Council Members Present:** Karen Peterson, Steve Stringer, Peder Nelson, Pam Davis, Cathy Mestek, Greg Ehlke, Jeff Kuchenbecker in person and Pastor Frank by phone

**Absent/Excused:** Renee Schwaller

**Other Attendees:** None

## **Meeting Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Karen Peterson at 6:35 pm.

## **Devotions**

Peder led devotions focused on asking for God's guidance as the new Council moves forward.

## **Agenda Approval**

Karen made a motion to accept the agenda; approved unanimously.

## **Welcome/Introduction of New Council Members**

Pam Davis, Steve Stringer, and Renee Schwaller (excused) were welcomed to Council and all members briefly introduced themselves to the group.

## **Minutes**

Jeff made a motion to approve the October Council minutes, Karen seconded; approved unanimously.

## **Reports & Action Items**

*Community of Faith* - Pastor expressed his gratitude for all the support he has received during his surgery and recovery and to those who are stepping up to help lead in his absence.

*Financial Report* – Greg walked through the balance sheet for the benefit of the new Council members and will meet with them to go over the financial process in more detail. He highlighted that January - March tend to be the most challenging times for St. Paul as concerns contributions. Online giving continues to be a valuable tool, with gifts given that way amounting to over 30% of our total offerings. Greg also gave credit to Shawn Mathys for her outstanding skills and diligence as our Financial Secretary. Jeff moved, Pam seconded, all approved the financial report as printed and presented.

## **Old Business**

*Scholarship Recipients* – Four students applied for the St. Paul Scholarships. Karen moved, Pam seconded, the motion to grant \$500 each to Spencer Krauss, Wyatt Beaudot, Marcus Reinhardt, and Trevor Reinhardt. Pam asked for clarification of the guidelines. Karen further mentioned that these monies are disbursed directly to the respective colleges. Motion passed unanimously.

*Annual Meeting Minutes* - Bob Kufirin has drafted minutes for the October 30, 2022 Annual Meeting. These minutes are to be approved at the October, 2023 Annual Meeting. A highlight of the actions from this past October's meeting will be published in the Epistle.

### **New Business**

*Election of Council Officers and Ministry Chairs* - The Council discussed the various officer positions, St. Paul ministries and responsibilities as listed in the Constitution. Ministries are to have Council liaisons whenever possible, though the liaison need not necessarily chair the ministry. After discussion, the President and Vice-President were elected by written ballot: Cathy Mestek, President; Jeff Kuchenbecker, Vice-President. Karen Peterson then moved, Steve Stringer seconded to elect by unanimous ballot the following: Greg Ehlke, Treasurer; Pam Davis, Secretary. Motion unanimously approved. Steve Stringer and Peder Nelson will act as liaisons for the Property, Maintenance, and Cemetery Ministry. Karen Peterson will again chair Local Benevolence. Liaisons for the other ministries will be determined at the December Council meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

### **Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 6:30pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

Cathy Mestek, Acting Secretary