

# W e l c o m e !

We gather today as God's beloved children to worship our Heavenly Father. We praise his holy name, we listen eagerly for his words of comfort, hope, and challenge to us, and we offer ourselves to him in dedicated service. May you be blessed as you worship here today.

Leading and Assisting in Worship

January 6, 2019

**Leader:** Pastor Stephen Wood

**Organist:** Olga Otte

**Deacons:** Dean Dringenburg; Jim Rotert

**Greeters:** Everett & Linda Newkirk (8:00)  
**need volunteer** (10:15)

**Communion Asst:** Bill Woning (10:15)

**Communion Prep:** Judy Woning (10:15)

**Lectors:** Anna Holle (8:00)  
Ed DeVoe (10:15)

**Acolytes:** Vivian Newkirk (8:00)  
Elizabeth Rust (10:15)

**Projectors:** Erin Otte (8:00)  
Eli Lane (10:15)

**Flowers:** Cathy Schafstall

**Welcome Center:**

Shirley Lewis (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15)

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.). It is referred to as "Borchers" since Rev. Henry Borchers, who served our congregation from 1857-1881, advised and influenced a small group of pioneer settlers that wanted to establish a congregation in the area. This year we celebrate 166 years of life and ministry in this beautiful country setting in Southern Indiana. We look forward to many more years of growth and change as we seek continually to be faithful to God's call to mission.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at the 8:00 a.m. services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at the 10:15 a.m. service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Christians who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Sunday School classes are held each Sunday for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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### Staff

The Reverend Stephen Wood.....Pastor  
Trish Tangman.....Care Team Director  
Jennifer Duncan.....Borchers Preschool Director  
Michelle Wood.....Secretary  
Mandy Otte and Amy Shelton .....Custodians  
Jamie Baker..... Director of Technology

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** We have head phones available for those in need of assistance with hearing. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**—There are a handful of large print bulletins available. They are located on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary.

## CALENDAR

<b>Today:</b>	Blood Drive	
	8:00 am	LBW Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	WOV Communion
	11:15 am	Luther League take down Christmas decorations
Monday 7th	NO PRESCHOOL	
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	8:00 pm	Dartball at home
Wed. 9th	9:00 am	Preschool Preschool Chapel
Thurs. 10th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
	6:30 pm	WINGS at Susan Kaiser's home
Friday 11th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making
Sat. 12th	1:00 pm	Christie Beckmann Ordination in Indy

### Next week: January 13-19

Sunday 13th	Treasurer books & Annual Reports due	
	8:00 am	WOV Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	LBW Worship
	4:30 pm	Youth Ministry Board
	5:30 pm	Jr. High Parent Meeting
	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Luther League
	6:30 pm	Servant Group
Monday 14th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket Making
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Dartball at White Creek
Tuesday 15th	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
Wed. 16th	9:00 am	Preschool Preschool Chapel
Thurs. 17th	9:00 am	Borchers Breakfast Club
Friday 18th	9:00 am	Preschool
	1:00 pm	Blanket making

**BUSY BAGS** for children to use during worship are available in the cry room just outside the sanctuary. We also have children's bulletins available on the table outside the sanctuary.

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS**—We have gluten-free communion wafers available. Indicate to the pastor when you come up for communion if you need these.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** begins again TODAY with our study of some of the differences between the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the ELCA. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this study. Any questions, talk to Pastor Steve.

**TREASURER'S BOOKS AND ANNUAL REPORTS** are due in the church office by January 13. Please place items in the box marked.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019 in the Fellowship Room between 8:00 AM and NOON. Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you'd rather reserve a favorite time slot, please look for the signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

**LUTHER LEAGUE** will be taking down Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 6 after the 10:15 service.

**8:00 PROJECTOR HELP NEEDED**—We need people to run the projector during 8:00 worship service. No technical experience required. You just need to pay attention to the service. Training is provided. If interested, talk to Jamie Baker or Michelle Wood.

**WINGS** (Women in God's Service) will be meeting on Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 for a "New Year, New Friends" Chocolate Party at the home of Susan Kaiser. If you're interested in joining this group of women who help our church and community, please come!

**IT'S TIME FOR BLANKET MAKING!** We will begin making blankets again for Lutheran World Relief on Friday, January 4 at 1:00 p.m. We will meet every Monday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. through the end of March. Any questions, talk to Wanda Engelau or Olga Otte.

**PHONE DIRECTORY**—New small phone directories are available at the Welcome Center. If you have any changes, please let the church office know.

**HOT SOUP IN A COLD MONTH**—A pint of soup is given to everyone who attends Borchers Breakfast Club, and deliveries are made in the community. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are willing to donate soup. Donations are needed from one gallon to four gallons! Seniors who receive soup are SO appreciative!!

**YOUTH MINISTRY BOARD** will meet on Sunday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m.

**JR. HIGH PARENT MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Sunday school room. We will discuss the Valentine Dinner and Jr. High Lock-in.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is on Sunday, January 13 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**LUTHER LEAGUE** will meet on Sunday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

**SERVANT GROUP** will meet on Sunday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will be making items for local animal shelters.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2019 are available in the narthex. If you would like envelopes, please leave a note in the church office. Also, if you no longer want envelopes, please leave a note in the church office.

**GREETERS**—The new list for December 2018-May 2019 is at the Welcome Center. People can now sign up for each Sunday individually. Sign up for just 1 Sunday, or as many as you want. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

**MISSING COATS**—Several coats and hats are hanging up near the office door. Please check to see if any belong to you.

**FOOD PANTRY**—Our focus for the month of January is canned soup. Please place your donations in the wooden box in the hallway near the kitchen, or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations will be given to Anchor House and Provisions.

**TRAVELING LUTHERANS AND FRIENDS** will be meeting for a brunch followed by cards and games on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Trinity Lutheran Church located on Highway 135 south of Vallonia. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations should be made to Barbara Shoemaker at 812-358-3198 by Monday, January 14. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message with your phone number.

**MUSIC ACADEMY AT VALPRAISO**—Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, students form an intentional community, living together for 4 weeks on a Lutheran college campus. Since 1981, this unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians, who credit LSM as the starting place for their future careers and vocations. LSM 2019 will take place June 23-July 21 at Valparaiso University. Half Session available June 23-July 7. For more info. visit [www.lsmacademy.org](http://www.lsmacademy.org).

Ordination for  
**Christie Beckmann**

Saturday, January 12  
1:00 p.m.

at  
Resurrection Lutheran Church  
445 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis

*Sign up at the Welcome Center  
if you're interested in  
riding the church bus or carpooling.*

*Christie will be the pastor at  
Hope Lutheran Church in Cincinnati*

# OUR MISSION:

Walking in Faith – Sowing Christ’s Love

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is derived from our core values - the essence of our purpose for existence and the criteria we should use to guide our congregational decisions and actions.

## Our Core Values:

- 1. Spirituality** – to worship and to grow and develop spiritually as Christians.
- 2. Outreach** – To spread the message of God’s love and grace by word and by action.
- 3. Service** to Others – To live Christ’s message to Love one another.

You can support the mission of our church by coming to worship, engaging in study, sharing the word, bringing a friend to church, taking part in Care Team initiatives, volunteering at church or in the community and loving one another.

We invite you to join us in this journey.

## Our Response to God’s Love

**We Worshipped: December 30**

8:00 a.m. service — 97    10:15 a.m.— 56

<b>Offerings for: Dec. 23—</b>	\$12,599.00	Spending Plan—	\$10,074.00	Other giving—	\$2,525.00
<b>Offerings for: Dec. 24—</b>	\$5,429.00	Spending Plan—	\$5,409.00	Other giving—	\$20.00
<b>Offerings for: Dec. 25—</b>	\$1,316.00	Spending Plan—	\$565.00	Other giving—	\$751.00
<b>Offerings for: Dec. 30—</b>	\$12,195.00	Spending Plan—	\$11,475.00	Other giving—	\$720.00

### Readings for January 13:

Baptism of Jesus

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Lectors:

Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00)

Leon Seitz (10:15)

### Those assisting with worship January 13:

#### Greeters:

Everett & Linda Newkirk (8:00)

**need volunteer (10:15)**

#### Communion Asst.:

Mark Hoffmeier (8:00)

#### Communion Prep.:

Phyllis Cupp (8:00)

#### Acolytes:

Annie Engelau (8:00)

Eli Lane (10:15)

#### Projectors:

Natalie Fish (8:00)

Charlotte Rust (10:15)

#### Flowers:

need volunteer

#### Welcome Center:

Shirley Lewis (8:00)

Laberta Otte (10:15)

January 30,  
2019

# Going Deeper

*The purpose of this page is to provide a tool or instrument for your spiritual growth. This page contains a brief synopsis of the readings as well as some questions for your reflection to help you go deeper with the Word. On the back is a day by day listing of scripture readings with possible prayer request. Individuals are listed on their day of birth—so that you might pray for them on their birthday. Also on the back is the prayer list for the congregation. Keep on Growing Spiritually!!*

## Readings for the Day:

**Isaiah 60:1-6:** Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

**Ephesians 3:1-12:** What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

**Matthew 2:1-12:** God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

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## Questions To Ponder:

- 1— What does the word epiphany mean?
- 2— How have you experienced the glory of the Lord risen upon you?
- 3— What is important about the fact that the magi come and worship the Christ child and bear gifts for this newborn king?
- 4— How do these texts speak to you today?

***Prayer:*** *Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service. Amen.*

## NOTES:

## **Memory Verse: Matthew 2:11**

<sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

# Going Deeper in Prayer

## Sunday 1/6

Amos 1:1-15  
Revelation 12:1-18  
✦ Kenneth Runge  
✦ world peace

## Monday 1/7

Amos 2:1-16  
Revelation 13:1-18  
✦ Paige Bush, Wylie Jones  
✦ the Red Cross

## Tuesday 1/8

Amos 3:1-15  
Revelation 14:1-20  
✦ Conner Douglass  
✦ hospice workers

## Wednesday 1/9

Amos 4:1-13  
Revelation 15:1-8  
✦ Milton Otte, Kendra Harris  
✦ college students returning to school

## Thursday 1/10

Amos 5:1-27  
Revelation 16:1-21  
✦ Camden McCory  
✦ the youth ministry of St. Paul

## Friday 1/11

Amos 6:1-14  
Revelation 17:1-18  
✦ Christians in Jordan

## Saturday 1/12

Amos 7:1-17  
Revelation 18:1-24  
✦ social workers

## Prayer List

**Prayer for Homebound Individuals:** *Evelyn Otte; Dorothy Fleetwood (sister of Lois Rust); Betty Melloncamp (Sarah Rotert's sister); Patty Herkamp; Doris Kleffman, Selma Mellenbruch; Eunice Lutes; Kitturah Weddle*

**Prayer for Long Term Care Issues:** *Helen Carter; Walter Von Fange (Bertha Otte's brother-in-law); Andy Runge; Pauline Isaacs (mother of Jack Guffey); Rick Shoemaker (brother-in-law of Howard Wentz); Glenn Johnson; Kermit Schnitker (cancer—cousin of Donald Schnitker);*

**Recent Hospitalizations:** *Paul Otte (heart); Gavin Brown (car accident—friend of Leah Otte); Evan Wieneke (cancer—friend of Cassie Fox); Chad Clark (heart—friend of Sue Shuler); January Rutherford (auto-immune—friend of Kendra Harris); Marcus Jean (heart—stepdad of Amy Rotert)*

**Other Prayer Requests:** *Family and friends of Audrey Brown (mother of Pam McIntire); Family and friends of Donald Sullivan (friend of Bill Kidd); Kim East (cancer—cousin of Robert Smith); Nancy Belcher (cancer—aunt of Robert Smith); Sonna Wentz (appendix surgery); Marjorie Patman (gall bladder surgery—mother of Teresa Browning); Linda Seitz (cellulitis); Justin Self (heart—friend of Sue Shuler); Donnie Lewis (cancer—friend of Sue Shuler); Roberta Main (cancer—sister of Susan Kaiser); Doris Rorick (cancer); Kim Dringenburg (surgery); Lilly Hatfield (awaiting kidney transplant—friend of Chris Otte); Duane Morris (cancer—friend of Brent Lawles); Robin Tormoehlen (knee surgery); Delores Douglass (knee surgery); Mark Cupp (knee surgery); Linda Starr (cancer); Carol Mansfield; Kay Hoene (knee); Wylant Booker (heart—friend of Sue Shuler); Kenny Collins (cancer—friend of Sue Shuler); Sara Benter (cancer—mother of Susie Schnitker); Gail Helt (lung issues—neighbors of Bill Kidd); Mandy Otte; Michelle Riley (lymphoma—friend of Susie Alstatt); Rhonda Dunn (cancer—friend of Terri DeVoe); Jan Otte (cancer); Debbie Michaels (physical healing—sister of Karen Hoene); Bonnie Harper (cancer—aunt of Beth Claycamp); Kathy Teski (cancer—friend of Olga Otte); Lawrence Abell (cancer—Betty Moorman's brother); Debbie Meyers (cancer—friend of Luci Angel); Connie Riley (cancer—friend of Susie Alstatt); Steven Felmy (cancer—friend of Ed & Terri DeVoe); Carolyn Ross (Beth Claycamp's mother); Joe Ross (Parkinson's—father of Beth Claycamp); Bryce Tormoehlen (leukemia—friend of Carolyn Jones); Tater Weidner (cancer—cousin of Ed DeVoe); Tom Wikel Jr. (cancer—Carmen Herkamp's son-in-law); Charlie Castillo (cancer—friend of Benny Kleffman); Luther Piel (poor health)*

**Prayers for those in Military Service:** *Cam Mansfield (son of George & Tiffany Mansfield); Adrian Sanders (husband of Jessica (Rotert) Sanders); Erik Hoene (grandson of Paul Hoene); Kyle Albert (grandson of Karen Hoene); DJ Snyder (Cathy Wentz's nephew); Zachary Rieker (Jerry & Pixie Otte's grandson); Andrew Yerrell (Roger Douglass' grandson)*  
*(Names will be on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you want the request extended, you may re-submit your request.)*

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Wise Men

from Matthew 2:1-12.

**Through the wise men, Herod learned about the Messiah's birth.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- King Herod
- Observe
- Homage
- Scribe
- Inquired
- Diligent
- Overwhelmed

King Herod was a nasty, bloodthirsty guy who ruled by Roman allowance from 37-4 B.C.E.

**Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 218-223

*Spark Bible* pages 1058-1059

## Family Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray for the magi's wisdom to understand and follow your star. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 How did the wise men find the Baby Jesus?
- 2 In this story, how did people get information?
- 3 In what ways do people get information today? Do we still trust and use the same methods as the people who lived when Herod was king?
- 4 Play a game of Telephone: one person whispers a message in another's ear. That person passes the message on by whispering it to the next person, and so on. When the last person hears the message, s/he repeats it out loud. Is it the same message as it was when the game started?



### Eye Spark

Watch for images of stars. Where do they appear? Make an effort to find scientific photographs of stars and remember the Baby Jesus.



### Ear Spark

Listen for happy sounds. When you hear them, make a joyful noise yourself.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Select a craft that will let you make a star for your home. Ideas and directions can be found in books at your public library or online. Work together to make one family star or to help each other make individual stars. When they are complete, display them and remember the miracle of Jesus' birth.

### For younger kids

On the next clear night, look out a window or ask permission to go outside and try to count the stars. How high can you count? Are there any special, bright ones?

### For older kids

Research stars from the perspectives of both astrology and astronomy. What do they say about stars that is different? What do they say that is the same?