

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

SATURDAY:	Worship.....	5:30pm
SUNDAY:	Worship.....	9:00am
	Fellowship.....	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:15am
MONDAY:	Quilters	9:00am
TUESDAY:	Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study.. ..	9:00am
	His Too Class	3:00pm
	Church Council Meeting	6:00pm
	Quarterly Reports due	
WEDNESDAY:	Meal served by Helen & Mike Ramsey	5:00pm
	Mid-week 3rd-6th grade	5:00pm
	LYF here at St. Paul	
	Confirmation 7th –8th grade.....	7:30pm
	Adult Choir	7:30pm-8:00pm
	One Accord Practice	8:00pm-8:30pm
THURSDAY:	Women’s Guild	1:30pm
FRIDAY:	Highland Ridge Worship	10:30am
NEXT SAT:	Worship/Communion.....	5:30pm
SUNDAY:	Palm Sunday/Worship/Communion.....	9:00am
	Fellowship	10:00am
	Education Hour.....	10:15am
	Highland Ridge Worship	3:00pm

The Lutheran Hour April 9, "Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation" Lutheran Hour
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom but to overcome sin and death--for us. (Philippians 2:5-11) On WGN-720AM at **6am**, WMT 600AM at **6:30 am**, WHO-1040AM at **7:30 am**, or XM's Family Talk Radio XM170 at **noon**.

Attendance Last Week:

Saturday — 52 Sunday — 125 Wednesday 29th — 82 Total 259
 Adult Bible Study— 17 Sunday School — 17 His Too Class — 8
 Home Purpose March 26 —\$5406.00

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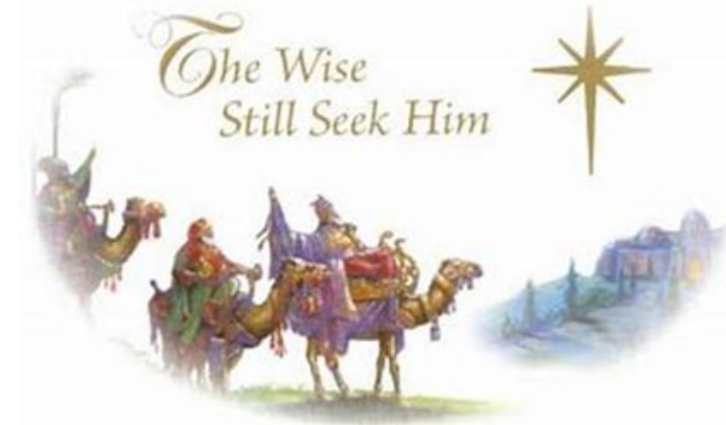
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The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5 & 6, 2019



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Welcome to worship! We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that as you worship this day you will be strengthened by His love and grace. *Visitors:* Our worship has been enriched by your presence! Please return soon. *Members:* Let us truly be the family of God in greeting and loving one another. *Everyone:* Please sign the Record of Fellowship book found in each pew. After Sunday worship please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments served by Parish Education.

Saturday January 5

- Acolytes:***Katharyn cox, Zach Glandorf*
- Altar Guild:**.....*Cynthia Bohrn, Helen Kozishek*
- Elder:**
- Greeters:***Jeannie Schwarting*
- Organist Sat./Sun.:**.....*Jean Grewe*
- Head Ushers:***Harvey Schwarting, Don Hiner*

Sunday January 6

- Acolytes:***Landon Jepson, Brooklyn Kilgard*
- Elder:**
- Greeters:**.....*Darlene Read, Russell & Bonnie Furler*
- PA System:** *Mark Imhoff*
- Reader:***Rachel Zuber*
- Stewardship:**..... *Lori Kahler, Mike Ramsey, Carolyn Hopp*
- Head Ushers:***Richard Schaefer, Gilbert Asbe*
- Ushers:** *Mike Bohrn, Mike Feldman, Matt Schaefer*

The annual L.I.S. Chili Supper is just around the corner Friday, January 11, 2019! There will be three basketball games starting at 4:30pm that afternoon against Newhall. The supper is from 4-8p.m. Home deliveries are available, to order please call the school between Monday 7th-Thursday January 10th between the hours of 8:15am-3:00pm (319) 668-1711

Divine Service, Setting Four

Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Invocation, Confession of Sins & Prayer for Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☩ **who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☩ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☩ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

Introit

from Psalm 45

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

☩ **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

☩ **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

☩ **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

☩ **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Kyrie

- In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Midweek grades 3-66:30pm
THURSDAY: One Accord6:30pm
FRIDAY: Early out
LIS Chili Supper4-8pm
NEXT SAT: Worship/Communion.....5:30pm
SUNDAY: Worship/Communion.....9:00am
Fellowship.....10:00am
Adult Bible Study/SS10:15am

The Lutheran Hour January 13 "**Reason to Believe**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did. Come and see. (John 1:19-51) On WGN720AM at 6am, WMT 600AM at 6:30 am, WHO-1040AM at 7:30 am, or XM's Family Talk Radio XM170 at noon.

Attendance Last Week:

Saturday — 55 Sunday — 94 New Year's Eve — 41 Total— 190
 Adult Bible Study — NA Sunday School— NA His Too— NA



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

∞ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

∞ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- ³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

↪ This is the Word of the Lord.

∩ Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

↪ This is the Word of the Lord.

∩ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Jan 17 – Kyle Goodell 14, 208 East Penn, PO Box 664
Jan 18 – Richard & Judy Wardenburg 55th, 2557 F52Trail, Parnell 52325
Jan 19 – Brayden Goad 2, 1002 North St.

Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital

Grace Belland, 112 Ridge View Circle
Christopher Doehrmann, 304 Taylor Dr., PO Box 557 Lone Tree 52755
Roland Williams, 304 West Welsh St.

Congratulations and blessings to Amanda(Taylor) and Kevin Anderson on the birth of a daughter Cora Grace born December 27, 2018.

New address: Don and Joyce Sandersfeld 9001 Windsor Parkway #301, Johnston , IA 50131

We would like to welcome new members to St. Paul: Brett & Ellyn Kozishek and Baylea and Emma Rose Hinrichs.

Our sympathy and prayers for the family of Patricia (Kenneth) Hagen of Homestead who passed away Dec 27th. Pat is the sister-in-law to Doris Heitman and aunt to Kurt and Loring Heitman.

Erna Davies celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, January 5, 2018, at St Paul Lutheran Church with an open house. Her actual birthday is January 7.

LIS will be having a Blood Drive on January 16 from 2:30-6pm contact Rebecca Oberg at 319-662-4196 or Rebecca.oberg@cune.org

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- SATURDAY:** Epiphany service5:30pm
- SUNDAY:** Epiphany Service9:00am
- MONDAY:** Quilters9:00am
- TUESDAY:** Pastor Circuit here at St. Paul9:00am
- Tuesday morning Men’s and Women’s Bible Study.....9:00am
- His Too Class3:00pm
- Church Council meeting 6:00pm
- Elders meeting7:00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** LYF6:00pm
- Confirmation grades 7th & 8th6:30pm

Bible Study Note. The Sunday morning Bible kicks back into action this week, beginning a new study of the letters of Paul to the Thessalonians. These books offer Christians words of encouragement as they live in an often hostile world, always keeping a focus on the return of our Savior. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in the Chamber Room after a time of fellowship. We meet from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study. The Tuesday morning women's Bible study resumes this week after a few weeks off. A new topic begins this week—"I Surrender!" This study looks at the intimate relationship God desires for His people, and examines how much we need God's grace, mercy, and redemption. All women are invited to take part in this study. This week, the group will meet in the Chamber Room beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study Resumes. The men's Bible study that meets on Tuesday morning starts back up this week. The group, led by Marvin Muhlenbruck, enjoys great fellowship as well as useful time in God's Word. Luther's *Small Catechism* provides the structure for this study. The group meets in the church kitchen at 9:00 a.m. each week.

Circuit Pastors Meet at St. Paul. St. Paul is the site for this month's meeting of the Williamsburg Circuit pastors. The pastors will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. until their meeting concludes around noon.

Thank you to all who helped us to meet our year-end financial goal and for the matching funds. To God be the glory!

The January Church Council Meeting is this week—Tuesday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m. All council members are asked to be present. All boards and committees should have their reports in before that date.

Mark your calendars! The next quarterly meeting of the St. Paul Voters is coming up on Sunday, January 20, at 1:30 p.m. We will be voting on the 2019 budget, considering revisions to the congregational wedding policy, and conducting other business. All voting members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to be present.

Life Sunday. Sunday, January 20 is Life Sunday. During our services that weekend, we will utilize resources from Lutherans for Life that focus on the priority that our Lord puts on life at all ages and stages.

Altar Flowers are needed January through December 2019. Please stop by the Altar flower calendar and see if a specific date is available. It is located by the church offices.

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted)

Jan 7 – Erna Davies 90, 2232 210th St.

Jan 7 – Kayden Schaefer 10, 3147 M Ave., North English 52316

Jan 10 – Bryce Grissom 15, 247 Highland Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids 52406

Jan 10 – Doug Schwarting 50, 2881 245th St.

Jan 12 – John Iberg 80, 898 Eastern Ave, Marengo 52301

Jan 14 – Darlyn Garringer 81, 2262 F 52 Trl.

Jan 16 – Kendall Jepson 11, 916 Terry Dr.

Jan 17 – Braxton Goad 5, 1002 North St.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed

Apostles' Creed

☩ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Hymn Hail, O Source of Every Blessing *LSB 409*

Sermon A Gospel for All Ephesians 3:1-12

Offering

Hymn To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray *LSB 768*

Prayer of the Church

- Heavenly Father, as once the Magi of old came to adore the infant Savior and to bring Him the worship of their hearts, hands and gifts, so do we come this day giving thanks for Your mercy and rejoicing in Your promise kept.
- Bring the light of Your Word to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**
- You, O Lord, have established Your Church and drawn into her people from every race, tribe and people.
- Bless all those entrusted with the leadership of the church, and give to all pastors and missionaries the boldness of Your Spirit, that they may proclaim the saving truth of Your Word without fear.**
- Bless also those who hear the Word.
- Through that Word establish and maintain faith in more and more people.**
- Loving Lord, bring an end to all threats of violence, and raise up for all the peoples leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice, and follow Your commands.
- Grant to all people the blessing of food, shelter, medical care and safety in their homes, and bless those whose duty it is to protect and defend them.**
- Giver of truth, guide those who teach Your Word, and fill the classrooms in our churches and schools, particularly Lutheran Interparish School, as well as universities and seminaries with children, youth and adults who seek to know Jesus Christ.
- Prosper the publishing of faithful books to teach the faith, and bless the ways in which we may use the gift of technology for the faithful witness of the Gospel.**
- Gracious God, give to all people the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, relief of their suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, especially those for whom our prayers have been requested _____ and those we name in our hearts.

Sustain the weary with Your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace.

Mindful of Your plan, O Lord, of the mystery hidden for the ages and revealed in Christ, we come together in this place as one people by Baptism and set apart to live out our common vocation of worship, witness, intercession and mercy work.

Bless the gifts we bring as You once honored the Magi by accepting gold, frankincense and myrrh.

With the faithful of every time and place, we give You thanks and praise, almighty God. Through their example, we are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith. Through the apostles, prophets and all the saints, You have displayed Your saving glory for the benefit of all people.

Guard us against the power of doubt and fear and help us endure, that we may be kept among Your sons and daughters who shall see You and be filled with the radiance of Your glory forever.

With exceedingly great joy in Your promises and with confidence that You will hear and answer Your people, we commend into Your hands ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the You and Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, and we pray as He has taught us:

**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.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 212

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399

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