

**Christ Beatrice – 8AM**

**St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM**

**January 16, 2022**

**Epiphany 2**

**Welcome!**



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# Welcome

**THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!**

**We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.**

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – [www.stpaulsplymouth.org](http://www.stpaulsplymouth.org). The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger ([pastorberger@gmail.com](mailto:pastorberger@gmail.com); call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck ([justin.dauck@gmail.com](mailto:justin.dauck@gmail.com); call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at [www.stpaulsplymouth.org](http://www.stpaulsplymouth.org). Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.
- † If you would like the musical notation for hymn harmony, please refer to the *Christian Worship Hymnal*.

## Focus for Our Worship

During the season of Epiphany, we'll continue to see the manifestation of God in human flesh. We saw it last Sunday as the Magi came and worshipped the newborn King. Today, we'll see His divinity in His works as He performs His first miracle, changing water into wine. Paul points out to the Ephesians in the second lesson that Jesus continues to show Himself as the exact Savior you and I need, true God and true man. Oh how "wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"!

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## The Service, Setting 1 (page 154 in *Christian Worship 21*)

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### 919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919 sts. 1-2



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.

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### *Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## 919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*CW 919 st. 3*

3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;  
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Tune: WEBB*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, You gave Your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## The Word

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*God wants you to know joy. There are few occasions in life more joyful than a wedding. So the prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage.*

- For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her righteousness shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your righteousness,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.
- <sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.
- <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a maiden,  
so will your sons marry you;

as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 145B I Will Praise Your Name Forever

*Psalm 145B*

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

*Tone*



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;  
his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;  
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall  
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,  
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;  
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:14–21*

*St. Paul teaches us that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 1:14*

Alleluia.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

*Jesus increases the joy of those attending a wedding and saves the bridegroom from public shame. In this first of His miracles, He also begins to reveal Himself as true God.*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

<sup>11</sup> This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.



The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 576 Amazing Grace

CW 576

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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## Sermon

*John 2:1-11*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Loving God and Lord, You created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through Your Son, who sits at Your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of Your eternal presence.**

Give Your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send Your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in Your promises and our desire to live according to Your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by Your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at Your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow You as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in Your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out Your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer and other intercessions may follow*

Whether we pray together or alone, You have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept Your blessings in whatever way You send them. In Your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when You will take us to be with You forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Be seated*

# 855 The Church's One Foundation

CW 855 sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
 4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,  
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.  
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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## Stand

Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

# 633 Speak, O Lord

CW 633

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us

ceive the food of your ho - ly Word;  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;  
 grasp the heights of your plans for us,

take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and  
 test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the  
 ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your  
 nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 Church is built, and the earth is filled with your

glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

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SPEAK, O LORD  
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1 Sa 3:10; Dt 8:3; Mt 5:6,14-16; 1 Pt 1:23-25; Ps 139:23,24

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**Greeters:** Steve & Stacey Freese

**Childcare:** Deb Weichel, Steph Scheele

**Broadcast Sponsor:** Our broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of Eldred Gronemeyer by his family. Eldred would have celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Paul's Church Family

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Today** – Coen Hummel    **Monday** – Taryn Gronemeyer, Tom Hueske    **Tuesday** – Sam Hueske  
**Wednesday** – Vickie Christ, Nora Dauck, Kaden Koch, Lacey Person  
**Thursday** – Marge Schmidt, Doug Weishahn    **Sunday** – Megann Freese, Ashley Sasse

### JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

Fund	Gifts Received	Fund	Gifts Received
Home Fund	\$8,289.16	NELHS Operating	\$105.00
Missions	\$1,633.29	NELHS Debt	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$609.86		

### LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

239 were present to receive God’s grace in worship last Sunday.

174 were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study last week: Bible Class-72; Sunday School-41; BIC-50; Ladies Aid-11

# Christ Lutheran's Church Family

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – John Segar

Organist: Janice Pieper

### JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

Fund	Gifts Received	Fund	Gifts Received
Home Fund	\$1,798.00	NELHS Operating	\$260.00
Missions	\$165.00	NELHS Debt	\$215.00
Ed. Fund	\$55.00		

### LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

**43** were present to receive God’s grace in worship last Sunday.

**13** were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study last week.

### THIS WEEK, BY GOD’S GRACE (January 16<sup>th</sup> – January 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Today	Worship at Beatrice Sunday School and Bible Class Worship at Plymouth	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting BB Practice Elders’ Meeting	7:15am 3:45pm 6:30pm
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion School Chapel LES Catechism BIC Class at Stone Hollow Brewery	7:15am 8:30am 9:00am 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday	Homestead House Bible Study BB Practice PSI Class	10:30am 3:45-5:30pm 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Home BB Game vs. St. John ‘s, Seward	7:15am 8:30am 4:30pm/5:30pm
Saturday	District Mission Board Meeting in Wichita	1:00pm

Sunday	Worship at Beatrice	8:00am
	Sunday School and Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship at Plymouth	10:00am
	(Greeters: Craig & Steph Scheele)	
	(Childcare: Beckie Bekemeyer, Stacey Freese)	
	Book Fair Volunteers' Meeting in School Library	11:00am
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Teachers' Meeting	11:00am
	Plymouth Annual Meeting	11:00am
Beatrice Annual Meeting	3:00pm	

### Call Acknowledgement Letter

Jan. 11, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Faith,

Grace and Blessings to you! I received the divine call to serve as your Kindergarten and First grade teacher and music coordinator with a prayer of thanks to God for this opportunity to examine where best to serve our Savior and His kingdom. I look forward to hearing from you and learning more about your congregation and school and the prospect of serving among you.

As I prayerfully consider this call to serve, as well as the one I presently hold at Mount Olive, I ask for your prayers for me personally and for both congregations. May the Lord guide me to make a decision to serve to His glory.

In Christ's Service,  
Kari Tiarks

### Thank You Notes — We recently received the following thank you notes:

Dear St. Paul's Members,

Thank you for your generous monetary gift for my help with organ and directing choirs. It is my privilege to lead singing opportunities for our congregation, as we "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things" Psalm 98:1. Cari Schroeder

Dear Members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church,

The family of LaVonne Hosack would like to thank all who kept our family in their prayers, sent cards and condolences, and remembered us when LaVonne was hospitalized and then called home to heaven. We also extend our thanks to Pastor Berger, Pastor Dauck, and all who helped out with her funeral. Your expressions of kindness and Christian love was deeply appreciated. The Families of Tonja Higel and LaVonne Hoseck

**Ark Encounter** — We are looking into the feasibility of taking a tour to the Ark Encounter in KY and our Seminary near Milwaukee, WI. There is a sign-up sheet in the front entrance to indicate **possible interest**.

## Subscriptions

- **Meditations** — It's impossible to stress HOW IMPORTANT it is to daily be fed with God's Word. If you have found the Meditations devotions to be helpful in keeping you connected to God's Word, PLEASE SIGN UP on the back table for another year's subscription. (Our last subscription to Meditations expired with the current issue.) The yearly subscription rate is \$16, which you can pay at your convenience to Deb in the church office.



If you have another devotional plan, that is excellent as well. What our goal is, though, is that every single one of us has a plan to daily be in God's Word. As we do so, may we hold God to His promise to be strengthening us spiritually and point our eyes to our heavenly home through Jesus! The deadline to sign up for Meditations is January 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **Forward in Christ Magazine**— We will once again be ordering a bundle subscription to *Forward in Christ*, our synod magazine. The cost is \$11.50 for each subscription and **the deadline to order is February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Members of St. Paul's/ Christ Lutheran are asked to contact the church office to renew your subscription or to place a new subscription. This is an excellent monthly magazine filled with Christ-centered articles from pastors, teachers, and members from throughout our synod.



**Book Fair** —The in-person St. Paul's School Book Fair runs Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Watch for the sign indicating the fair is open. Great books at great prices!!

There is also an option to purchase books via the **Online Book Fair from Jan. 28th through Feb. 10th only** at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulslutheranschool28>. Online Shoppers will receive FREE standard shipping on book-only purchases over \$25\* and all orders ship direct to home. Plus, all purchases benefit our school, earning 25% in *Scholastic Dollars*<sup>™</sup> rewards during the Fair. This link will be added to the church website when the Online Store is available.

**Shop early because Online Shopping is only available from Jan. 28th through Feb. 10th!!**

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the book fair, you may sign up by visiting our church website homepage and clicking the SignUp Genius box at the top of the page. Please contact Tammy Wurm at 402.239.6946 if you have any questions.

Please note: A meeting for anyone interested in volunteering will be held Sunday, January 23, at 11:00am in the school library.

**Church Cookbooks** — We have placed the order for reprints of our church cookbook! Once the books are here, we will contact those who signed up.

**TILM Mission Trip** — Anyone who might be considering/interested in attending the Truth In Love Ministry (TILM) mission trip to Utah in June is encouraged to talk with Dallas Christ. Visit with Dallas in person, email him at [big.d.nebr@gmail.com](mailto:big.d.nebr@gmail.com), or call him on his cell phone (402)520-1022 for additional information. He'd be happy to give you details and possible trip dates.

**Youth Group** — Our current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to our first Youth Group meeting of 2022 on Saturday, January 29, from 6:00-7:30pm. We will have pizza for supper, a Bible study, and play Dodgeball.

**Ladies Aid** — The following will be serving as officers of the Ladies Aid for 2022: Mary Hueske, president; Karen Bergmeier, vice president; Melva Jurgens, Treasurer; and Tammy Dauck, secretary.

### **2022 Nominations for the Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Plymouth – 11:00AM**

- Elder: Dennis Weichel
- Board of Ed: David Hummel, Robert Orth
- Trustee: Forrest Freese
- Chairman: Steve Freese (incumbent eligible for another term)
- Financial Secretary: Rick Gerlach, Logan Scheele
- Stewardship – 2 openings: Doyle Kerwood, Tom Person, Andrew Wiedel
- Endowment Committee – 1 opening: Leonard Wasserman, Wes Schroeder (incumbent eligible for another term)
- Cemetery Committee: Daryl Workman, Daryl Bergmeier (incumbent eligible for another term)
- Auditor: Doyle Kerwood, Tom Person, Nick Schroeder
- Delegate to serve by going to 2022 District Convention in Colorado on June 6-8
  - Wes Schroeder (attended '21 Synod Convention & eligible to attend '23 Synod Convention)
  - Brian Burger (alternate)
  - Brian Scheele (alternate)
  - Calvin Weichel (alternate)
- NELHS Delegates: Matt Meyer, Craig Scheele, Wes Schroeder, Mark Wells

### **2022 Nominations for the Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Beatrice – 3:00PM**

- Chairman/Elder – Ted Rabenberg
- Secretary – Paul Fanning
- Treasurer – Wayne Zimmerman
- Trustee – Bruce Freese, Troy Kendal
- As announced last Sunday, the Christ Lutheran Church Council is recommending that our congregation forgive \$50,000 of the church's loan to Nebraska Lutheran High School. It will be discussed at the annual meeting. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact any of the members of the church council.



## **SIGN UP FOR THE ADULT CHOIR!**

(Singing for Transfiguration Sunday, February 27th)

*All WELS High School through Adult Singers Welcome!*

*(All Previous and New Singers Are Invited!!)*

*We will practice in the bakony.*

*Childcare will be in available in the basement.*

### **FIVE PRACTICES**

<b>Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

~ NELHS SUMMER CAMP DATES ~

**Summer Basketball Camp (Overnight):  
Wednesday, May 25th - Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Volleyball Camp (Overnight):  
Tuesday, July 5th - Wednesday, July 6th**

**We are also in need of help with meals and dorm supervision.**

Needed for each camp:

**Dorm supervisors would help watch dorms during camp sessions, watch campers during their relaxing times, and help with check-in and check-out.**

(1+) Adult Dorm Supervisor

**Meal volunteers would help prepare, serve, and clean up meals. If you would like you can sign up for one or more meals.**

(3) Day 1 Lunch volunteers

(3) Day 2 Lunch Volunteers

(3) Day 1 Supper volunteers

(3) Day 2 Supper volunteers

(3) Day 1 Evening Snack volunteers

(3) Day 2 Evening Snack volunteers

Other ways to assist with these camps:

- Donate food
- Help with campus set up prior to the camps (moving beds, etc.)
- Donate basketballs and volleyballs for campers to take home
- Assist with coaching and demonstrating during sessions (if you have prior basketball experience, are an alumni, or current player)

**Also, there is an opportunity for **current 8th-9th graders** to participate in a state **tournament in Lincoln** over Memorial Day Weekend. This takes place from **May 27th-29th**. Details are not yet out, but the team would be coached by Mrs. Tracie Hueske.**

**Please contact Coach Moriah Hackbarth via email before January 18th if your child is interested, or you are willing to assist. ([mhackbarth@nelhs.org](mailto:mhackbarth@nelhs.org))**

# December 2021 Church Council Highlights

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1. Devotion – Acts 19 by Pastor Berger
2. Meeting called to order by Dallas Christ (Elder leading meeting as chairman in the absence of Steve Freese and Gail Schroeder)
3. Minutes from the November meeting were approved
4. Treasurer’s Report
  - Home Fund: \$577.85
  - Missions: \$43949.14 (submitted)
  - Building Fund Balance: \$998.28
  - High School Operating: \$20642.62 (submitted)
  - High School Debt Retirement: \$7,010.00 (submitted)
  - Memorial Fund: \$16677.87
5. Elders’ Report
  - New Communicant Members: Sandy Brandstetter
  - Release from Membership: Pat Roesler (per her request...she has moved to Oklahoma)
  - Future Baptisms: Pastor and Beth Dauck; Caelan and Paige Adams; Michael and Whitney Hoffmann; Britton and Lauren Scheele
6. Board of Education Report
  - Principal’s Report (excused for Christmas break)
    - 83 students from church and school participated in our Children's Christmas Eve service
    - 78 students enrolled in our Christmas for Kids event this year
    - \$960 were raised through our Christmas Cookie Extravaganza which will be split evenly between tuition assistance and our 6th-8th grade Focus on the Ministry trip this spring
    - 22 student-athletes will be competing for St. Paul's on our basketball teams this year. We have home games on Thurs., Jan. 13, and Thurs., Jan. 20. Hope you can come catch a game!
  - Rebecca Friske returned the Call to serve here as K-1 Teacher with a strong passion for music (LES and SS Music)...next Call meeting will be after church on January 9<sup>th</sup>

- Principal Andrew Danner has returned the Call to serve at Cross of Christ in Coon Rapids, MN

## 7. Trustees' Report

- Hole in dry wall in school gym needs to be fixed...someone is lined up to do this when he has time
- Wind damage from high windstorm on teacherage
- Building Fund Projects for 2021
  - ~~New sidewalk south of school (\$1,500 if we do ourselves)~~
  - ~~Repair rotting wood on west steeple (\$4,500)~~
  - ~~New northeast door with keypad to match northwest door (\$1,900) — new door handle was installed instead~~
- Building Fund Projects for 2022
  - New phone system (around \$6,000)
  - Exit lights not working at church or school (around \$1,000)
  - Concrete at northeast corner of church and in front of the school

## 8. Stewardship Report

- The committee is planning a study on Christian Vocation
- New Member Welcome needs to be planned for January/February

## 9. NELHS Report

- NELHS Cheer Camp — On January 15<sup>th</sup>, the NELHS cheerleaders are hosting the 2022 Cheer Camp, where girls from kindergarten through eighth grade will have the opportunity to learn some cheers and dance! We will be teaching disco-inspired dance routines which the girls will then perform at designated times during the varsity games. The registration this year is electronic by means of google forms. You do not need to send any money--waiver signatures and money will be collected at registration on January 15<sup>th</sup> which begins at 9:00AM! Please contact Tutor Zabel (hzabel@nelhs.org) for any additional information.
- Call Update — Mr. Springborn has announced that he has accepted the call to Lakeside Lutheran High School and will be transitioning his ministry after the present school year ends. We thank Mr. Springborn for his years of faithful service at NELHS and wish him God's blessings as he begins his service in Lake Mills, Wisconsin.
- Year End News — As we start winding down 2021 and year end approaches, we would like to remind everyone that donation receipts have been sent throughout the year. We no longer send out yearly statements to everyone that has donated \$250 and above. Monthly Vanco donors will receive a year-end

statement. If you think we have missed a donation that you made or you have misplaced your receipts, just email Vickie Himmelberg at [vhimmelberg@nelhs.org](mailto:vhimmelberg@nelhs.org) and we can get a statement out to you for your records. You can help NELHS save on supplies such as envelopes, paper, and stamps by letting us email information to you such as donation receipts and the Knightly Newsletter. Please help us update your contact information with a current mailing address and email address, if either of those has recently changed. Send your current email and mailing address to Vickie Himmelberg: [vhimmelberg@nelhs.org](mailto:vhimmelberg@nelhs.org). THANK YOU!

#### 10. Christ Lutheran in Beatrice Report

- Annual meeting
  - \$119,000 loan to NELHS
    - Considering a \$50,000 loan forgiveness matching program

#### 11. Pastors' Report

- Bible Instruction Classes – a number of one-on-one classes taking place; Group class from 7-8PM at the Stone Hollow Brewery has been going very well. 95 different souls have studied God's Word there. We will finish the Growing in Hope Class on Tuesdays from January 11 – February 15.
- Pastor Berger met with 8<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The goal will be to get them together for a Bible Study, Supper, and Dodgeball game in January.
- Homestead House Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00am...been getting some very positive feedback about this.
- Missionaries' Conference will be in Lincoln January 25-26 – Nebraska District Mission Board is hosting.
- District Mission Board
  - Currently overseeing: The Vine Lutheran in Joplin, MO; Grace Hmong Lutheran in Kansas City; Living Savior in Blair, NE;
  - Possible Future starts as WELS looks to start 100 churches in 10 years: 2<sup>nd</sup> site in Wichita, 3<sup>rd</sup> site in Lincoln, 4<sup>th</sup> site in Kansas City, 4<sup>th</sup> site in Omaha
- Future Weddings – Courtney Bekemeyer and Dawson Beffa (December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Pastor Berger); Hannah Herman and Dylan Warford (May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Pastor Dauck)
- Jose Hernandez met with Pastor Berger this week about baptism and will be baptized on January 1

## 12. Other Business

- Nominating Committee Work (this list needs to be approved and then published in the bulletin two weeks before the annual voters' meeting)
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- Budget Committee (Steve Freese, Pastor Berger, Pastor Dauck, Mr. Danner, Dustin Gronemeyer, Gail Schroeder, Eric Bekemeyer, Stan Hueske, Ethan Schroeder, Preston Gronemeyer, Daryl Workman, 2 At-large members – Dave Schmidt and Joel Schroeder) met on Thursday, December 9 at 7PM. They will hand out the results of their work and their recommendation for the 2022 budget. A correction of \$6000 for Black Hills Energy was made (they say they will increase their cost by 58% this year)
- Reports need to be to Deb ([deb@stpaulsplymouth.org](mailto:deb@stpaulsplymouth.org)) by Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> for the compilation of Annual Report (Gail Schroeder - elder, Stan Hueske, Pastor Berger, Pastor Dauck, Steve Freese, Preston Gronemeyer, Don Wurm - broadcast, Craig Scheele – broadcast account, Ethan Schroeder, Dennis Weichel, Wendell Gronemeyer, Cari Schroeder, Marge Schmidt, Daryl Workman, Tom Hueske - NELHS, PTO Report, Andrew Danner)
- Setting the Parsonage and Building Expense Allowances for called workers:  
*Under provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the "Ministers of the Gospel" listed below may have a portion of their compensation designated as a parsonage allowance. The amount indicated shall be the designated parsonage allowance for the year 2021*

*and all future years unless otherwise provided. Should any of the workers listed be provided with a home, they shall have the rent-free use of the home for the year 2021 and all future years unless otherwise provided.*

*Rev. Frederic Berger's housing allowance designation is \$30,000.*

*Rev. Justin Dauck's housing allowance designation is \$35,000. Principal Andrew Danner's housing allowance designation is \$30,000. Rev. Joel Frank's housing allowance designation is \$13,600.*

*Teacher Beckie Bekemeyer's housing allowance designation is \$26,000.*

*Teacher Rachel Schroeder's housing allowance designation is \$26,000.*

*Mid-year changes in personnel, delayed changes, and other unexpected contingencies:*

*"40% of the salary of every minister and male teacher on staff, regardless of when hired, is hereby designated as a housing allowance for the current and all future years, unless otherwise specifically provided."*

- Please have your books in the church office and ready for the auditors (Calvin Weichel and Dean Milius) by Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (Matt Meyer, Stan Hueske, Eric Bekemeyer, Wendell Gronemeyer, Dennis Weichel).
- Recommendation from the Endowment Committee to place money from Rich Newhouse's estate into Endowment Investment Fund
- Next Church Council Meeting – Thursday, March 3, at 8:00PM
- January Annual Voters' Meeting – Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship at Plymouth, 3PM at Beatrice

13. Close with the singing of the doxology

14. Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 pm

Dustin Gronemeyer – Secretary

If you would like more information about St. Paul's or Christ Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger ([pastorberger@gmail.com](mailto:pastorberger@gmail.com); call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Justin Dauck ([justin.dauck@gmail.com](mailto:justin.dauck@gmail.com); call/text 402-806-9082) after the service or anytime during the week! If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's or Christ Lutheran church family, either pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! ([danner@stpaulsplymouth.org](mailto:danner@stpaulsplymouth.org); call/text 402-433-5349). He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

**Please contact us! We would love to serve you!**

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Mrs. Tracie Hueske (Preschool) 402-230-0607  
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Mrs. Rachel Schroeder (2-3) 402-239-1206  
Mrs. Beckie Bekemeyer (4-5) 402-239-7667  
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Mrs. Cari Schroeder (Music Coordinator) 402-239-9054  
Principal Andrew Danner (6-8) 402-433-5349

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