



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday January 16

Join us for Worship celebrating the baptism of Lily Segura

10:00 a.m.

Just a reminder that masks are required while in the building.

Click [HERE](#) for the bulletin

Tri-Church Online Worship Services

Worship will be available at 9am on Sunday and any time after that:

<http://stpaulsterling.com/> & <https://stpaulsterling.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f94d986cbc4c67a176723cace&id=eff197e4e9&e=2acc769427>

You can call the toll-free number 1-888-975-5536 and listen anytime.

To Watch Worship Click [HERE](#)

Bulletin Click [HERE](#)

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Harlan Zamora, Jon Birkey, JJ Bartels, Lori Dewey, Berta Beyer, MacKenzie Gorman, Eliza Marinack, and Marcia Fields.

Annual Reports Available

Annual reports were emailed out on Friday. For those without email you were mailed a copy. Hard copies are available at the church and can be picked up Sunday, January 16, or before the meeting January 23.

Annual Meeting will be in-person and on Zoom Jan 23, at 11am

On Sunday January 23, we will have our Annual Congregational Business Meeting. Please plan to join us as we need a quorum to conduct our business such as voting on the budget and council for 2022.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87469167260?pwd=UU55R29ZS0FaSmVibVRqQk1jNSsyZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 6916 7260

Passcode: 488085

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,87469167260#,,,,*488085# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcytHeTSO2>

Sunday school will not meet in person for the rest of January due to rise in Covid cases. For January 16, 23 and 30, families are invited to participate in at home faith formation. Please pick up a guide and take-home activity sheets for your students (see table at West entrance). Guides with links to videos were emailed to all St Paul Sunday school families (PreK - high school). There's something for all ages. We'll reevaluate the state of the pandemic at the end of January and announce plans for February. Thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times. Gerard will be present in the sanctuary from 9-9:45 AM on January 23 and 30 for any students who would like to join him for music and a game.

Good Neighbor Emergency Center officially Closed

We give thanks to God for the ministry of the Good Neighbor Emergency Center and all their volunteers, supporters, and donors. Their ministry has been a blessing to our community these many years and we bless its final gathering. Their final board meeting was January 11. Thank you to all who helped with the luncheon. We pray for service and relief organizations & agencies and all those who need assistance. May God guide and protect our community.

Message from Bishop Clements

Our Bishop of the Northern IL Synod offers a message of encouragement and perseverance as we continue through the Covid-19 Pandemic. You can view his video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV4fKXNq5u8>

Children's Offering

In January our offering goes to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). We especially remember the people who have recently fled Afghanistan seeking safety. "Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the U.S. Simply put, we resettle refugees, reunite children and parents, and rekindle the American Dream." (LIRS.org) Thank you for your ministry of giving.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Covid-19 Policy

Per Governor's Order Aug 26, 2021

1. Masks are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status while in the building.
2. Song leaders may take off their masks to sing during indoor worship.
3. During outside worship and/or activities, masks are optional.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – January 19

LWR Quilting at 9:00a
Confirmation Class on Zoom – 7:00-8:30p

Friday – January 21

Woodlawn Arts Academy recital practices

Saturday – January 22

Woodlawn Arts Academy Recital at 10:30a & 1:30p

Next Sunday – January 23

Tri-Church online Worship at 9:00a
At home Sunday school
Worship/Communion at 10:00a
Annual Business Meeting following worship
Youth Group at Immanuel– 12:00 – 1:30p

Next week's assistants – January 23

Head Usher – Jim Gorman
Ushers – Dan & Susan Bartel
Reader – Jim Gorman
Sound – Gerad VonHolten