



Purpose Statement

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

News for Sunday, January 28

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Business will follow worship in the Sanctuary

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Michelle Klinger, Barb & Don Lenn, Dottie Julien, Julie Woessner, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Hanson, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Reminder: If you need pastoral care during Pastor Makayla's maternity leave, please call Sue in the church office or Jim Gorman. They will connect with the on-call pastor who will get in touch with you.

Annual Meeting will be in-person and on Zoom January 28, 2024 at 10:30 am

On Sunday, January 28, 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 2023.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83489358306?pwd=ZGd0VUo5cXhkcE1jTHZLK21iQXZNdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 8935 8306

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Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

There's still time to sign up for Wednesday Night Bible Study. Our first class was postponed due to weather and our books didn't arrive on time. We will begin meeting on January 31, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge.

We will be studying a book written by John MacArthur, Pastor and Author, titled "Twelve Unlikely Heroes". There is also a workbook with this study. All are welcome. You can sign up on the sheet on Head Usher's table or by letting Sue know. Books will be handed out the first week and we will go over the format.

St. Paul is seeking to hire Children's Ministry Director

Faith formation for our kids and their families is an important ministry at St. Paul. We want to continue to equip our volunteers to lead our Children's ministry and events. To do so we are seeking a Children's Ministry Director who would work on average 10 hours a week to help vitalize our Children's ministry. For a full job description please reach out to Sue and encourage interested candidates to submit a resume and cover letter to the church office.

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in Sterling on Monday, January 29. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Libby at 815-626-0764 or Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Cookbooks and Baskets

There are several cookbooks to be taken home along with a few baskets. These were left here by Florence Pfundstein's family and they do not want them back. Take as many as you like! They are in the Fellowship Hall by the library shelves.

Looking Ahead for Lent

As we look toward the season of Lent, please mark your calendars for these opportunities to be together in celebration of God's love for us and presence in our lives. Ash Wednesday is February 14. There are several options for worship on this day as we begin our Lenten journey. The St. Paul sanctuary will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a quiet time of personal reflection and contemplation. More information can be found in the February newsletter. Ash Wednesday worship services at Immanuel are at: 12:15 and 6:30 p.m.; St. John's service are at: 6:00 p.m.

Children's Offering

The January children's offering will be going to the PADS Homeless Shelter's roof fundraiser.

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 29

CLEO will meet at Pizza Ranch at 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, February 4

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – February 4

9:00 a.m. Service

Presider – Rev. Brant Clements

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Dan Bartel

Acolytes – Bartel family

Greeters – Bartel family

Ushers – John Renner, Greg Zeigler

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Coffee Fellowship – Nancy Beck, Jen Pillars