

The Dove News

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School - Batavia, New York

January & February 2024



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EPIPHANY AND IT'S SEASON

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, To Thee we raise,

Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,

Branch of royal David's stem in Thy Birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the season of Easter. This season of LIGHTS emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or revealing) as God and man, The earliest Christians called the "Feast of Epiphany" the "Theophany" or revelation of God. When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Gentile and Jew, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the NEW TEMPLE: God in flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6th) or the 12th day of Christmas, marks the celebration of the visit of the Wisemen. Here are various practices and traditions: **Like Christmas**, the **Epiphany** of Our Lord, the **Baptism** of Our Lord, and the **Transfiguration** of Our Lord are festivals of Jesus.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme:

And at Cana wedding Guest in Thy Godhead manifest:

Manifest in power divine, Changing water into wine:

Anthems be to Thee Addressed, God in man made manifest.

The color for these festival days is WHITE, the color of divinity, purity and joy. The Sundays following after the Epiphany focus on the GROWTH of Jesus' ministry, so the color GREEN on the altar, pulpit, lectern and pastor's stole symbolizes that growth.

On the First Sunday after Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father sent Jesus to bear the Sins of the world. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters in the Jordan River to soak up the sins of the world: He is baptized so that our Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.

The Transfiguration, observed on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season, is a uniquely Lutheran gift to the Christian calendar. It celebrates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpse their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples, then and now, that He is the long-awaited One who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory the following week.





The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the last Sunday before ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT begin. Because we give up singing “Alleluia” during LENT, at the close of the service on Transfiguration we say farewell to “Alleluia” with the hymn Alleluia, Song of Gladness.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;

Christ will then like Lightening shine, all will see His glorious sign;

All will then the trumpet hear, all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, present in Thy Holy Word

Grace imitate Thee now and be Pure, as pure art Thou;

That we might become Like Thee at Thy Great Epiphany

And may Praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, also Valentine’s Day this year, and ends on Holy Saturday. We are invited into the story of Jesus’ sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. This gives proof that our salvation has been completed and our hope for life eternal with God is certain and secure. In the Early Church, Lent was a period of “preparation” first held for baptismal candidates. During this period, the candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism at the Easter VIGIL. Later, these 40 days were associated with Jesus’ 40 days in the desert being tempted (Matthew 4:1-11) and with the 40 years the Children of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34), becoming a period of preparation for every Christian.

The Church is decorated in violet, the color of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful “turning away” from our sin and “turning toward” Christ for His mercy and pardon. On Ash Wednesday, ashes on the forehead is a sign of repentance and a reminder that we, too, shall die. Black may be used to decorate the church this day.

Alleluia is the Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord”. It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forego using this joyous response to focus on our need for repentance and faith. As in ADVENT, so in LENT, we do not sing the “*Gloria in Excelsis*” (Glory to God in the Highest) in worship. The focus is more on repentance. FASTING is giving up eating a particular meal to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God. The days of the week before Easter Sunday are called HOLY WEEK, including MAUNDY THURSDAY (remembering The Last Supper in the Upper Room with Jesus and the 12 disciples) and GOOD FRIDAY, focusing on the arrest, trial and Crucifixion of Christ. We observe Good Friday with a special SERVICE OF DARKNESS called “Tenebrae”.

A BLESSED JANUARY and FEBRUARY TO ALL!

Pastor Richard E. Pape
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SERMONS IN JANUARY, 2024

- Jan 7th:** “Heard Any Voices Lately?”
- Jan 14th:** “Inviting the CYNIC!”
- Jan 21st:** “What will You Do With the Body?”
- Jan 28th:** “Never Been This Way Before!”

SERMONS IN February 2024

- Feb 4th:** “The FOWLEST Sermon!”
- Feb 11th:** “Here I AM! Don’t Miss the Point”
- Feb 14th:** “Clothing That Makes the Man”
ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb 18th:** “God’s Son Under Pressure”
- Feb 25th:** Preacher: Rev. Carl Prostka

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ”
Acts 10:17

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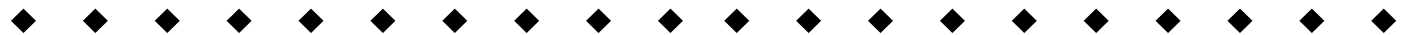
From the President

It's been a wonderful time of celebration. In November we celebrated the 25th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran School, the 150th anniversary of St Paul Lutheran Church, Batavia NY, and had a music fest with guest organist Jeremy Rath. In December we will have celebrated Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I would like to thank everyone who helped in the preparation of all of these events.

God has blessed our congregation with members who have graciously given to the Parking Lot fund. The loan for \$70,000 has been paid down to approximately \$4,000 in just less than 2years. With the large increase in the interest rate the church has saved a substantial amount of money that can be used to further our mission to bring others to Christ. By the grace of God and your support we can close this loan in early 2024.

On February 14th it is traditional to celebrate Valentines Day. We go to parties, send Valentines Day cards, eat candy and cakes with hearts all over and words of love. Let us recognize that as stated in 1st John 8, "God is Love". Without God's love all of this activity is meaningless, but with Jesus's love in our hearts, we can truly show love to others on this day and every day. Have a Happy Valentines Day!

This year Ash Wednesday also falls on the 14th and we are reminded of the greatest love of all. God gave his only begotten son to die and be raised up from the dead for our transgressions so that we may have eternal life with Him.



The Klafehn family thanks all of you for your cards and prayers for our husband, father and grandpa. Chris was very grateful for your thoughtful messages of love and support. A special thanks to Pastor for his many visits to the hospital over many months God Bless Pat and family

FEBRUARY 14
Ash
wednesday



Upcoming ...

- * **Bells will not meet for January or February. Rehearsals will resume on March 5th.**
- * **The next Safety Team Meeting will be March 6th**
- * **School Auction March 16th**



LWML....News

We remain active with 12-15- women as we meet. November our devotion was on Ruth and Naomi...and very enlightening! We always enjoy a variety of goodies as well. We were able to collect a few gas cards and Aldi cards for those who stop at the church in need. We met in December to enjoy a delightful Christmas “dish to share” meal and a wonderful devotion led by Betty Van Nest. We decided to send our mission donations to Salvation Army, Compassion Care of Rochester, and to the Shetler family. We continue to send cards of well wishes, birthday wishes and general just thinking of you wishes! We meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 7pm. We will continue to hear devotions about women of the bible through out the next year. We are so grateful to your devoted devotion team and the encouragement our devotion time brings to each of us! All are welcome. Our January gathering will be Jan 16...and our gifts of love are paper products for the school. February will be the love story of Mary and Joseph as we look forward to the season of Lent. Gifts of love for the February 20 gathering will be gift cards for Crossroads House.



The Buffalo Zone of LWML event will be February 24, at Pilgrim church in Kenmore. A flier will be coming out with all the information. We will be making scripture beads bracelets/ropes for the home bound for all of our zone churches....All are welcome to attend! We can surely car pool!!! If you need a ride for any of our events/ gatherings....please call Sharon Wolff 585-516-5544....***please note the phone number change!***

The Eastern District 80th Convention will be June 14-16 in Cranberry PA, just north of Pittsburgh. Please pray about attending... these are very fun opportunities to build new relationships, rekindle old ones, and feed your spirit! More information will be posted to our LWML board in the narthex.

If you are unable to attend any of the LWML events/ meetings we would ask that you simply pray for our groups and our mission endeavors, that God would open doors and opportunities for us to serve and build relationships and to then rejoice in the fruits of our labors! The mites box is always in the narthex for your spare change or left over paper money! Blessings to all in this coming new year!

BOOK READING TOUR:
Genny Sees The Eclipse
An Original Children's Book

**2024
TOUR DATES**

- Richmond Memorial Library**
January 16, 2024 | 6PM
*Registration Required
- Woodward Memorial Library**
January 23, 2024 | 5-30PM
*Registration Required
- Corfu Public Library**
February 21, 2024 | 10-30AM
- Byron-Bergen Public Library**
February 23, 2024 | 10-30AM
- Haxton Library**
TBD

MORE INFORMATION!
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GeneSEetheEclipse.com



QUILTERS NEEDED

Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. volunteers work together to provide warmth and comfort for those in need. One of the main tasks is tying the quilts, which is just pulling crochet cotton through the quilt using a needle and then knotting it. It

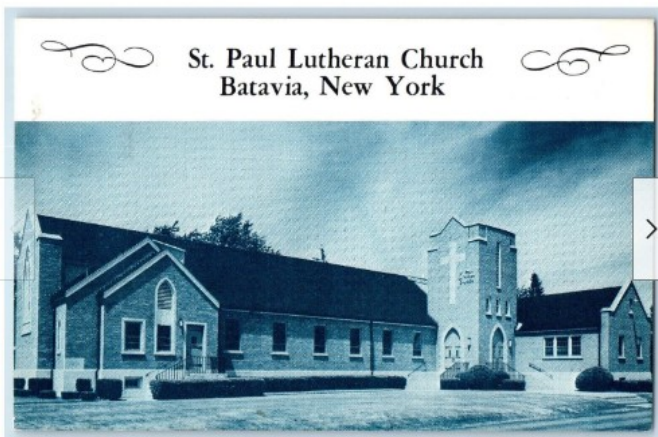
is a great time to sit with a friend and chat while working to provide warmth and comfort for others. **Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please come and see what we do.** You so not need to call ahead, just show up! **Remember to sign in at the office before coming downstairs to the quilt area. Also remember to sign out when you leave.**

THANK YOU for all the generous donations keeping quilters supplied and busy making quilt for Lutheran World Relief. At this time we have sufficient fabric, so we ask that you **do not** bring any more fabric until we have used up much of our supply. We can always use colored or printed sheets. Our biggest need is for fillers for the middle to provide warmth. **DONATIONS of BLANKETS AND MATTRESS PADS** are still needed for the middles of quilts. Please be sure these are freshly laundered before donating. If you have some other donation that might work for a middle, please check first with a quilter. Fleece is no longer accepted by LWR, because it is found to pollute the water supply in areas that have no filtration. We can also use donations of crochet cotton in bright colors. We have sufficient white and neutral colors for tying. Donations can be left downstairs in the room to the left of the stage.



Check this out!!

Deb Porter found a piece of St. Paul history on E-bay!!



1979 St Paul Lutheran Church Advertising Batavia New York NY Antique Postcard

Condition: Used

Sale ends in: 2d 13h

Price: **US \$14.98**

Was ~~US \$29.95~~

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School News ~ Ellen Larson

What a wonderful Christmas program performed by our school family. Students played their roles so meaningfully. A huge thank you to Jenn Dunn who spent endless time preparing the students and to her husband, Rick, who was in charge of the technical portion. Our dedicated administrator along with the rest of the faculty offered their dedicated help & support. We are always thankful for the support from parents and once again a successful bake-sale that brought in more funds to FOLKS, our parent group, whose funds help our students. God Bless you all. Our Christmas program was another way to help spread the word that St. Paul School offers a Christian education with academic excellence.



NOW its 2024! It's auction time, March 16th! Be thinking about how you can help by suggesting or contributing, new auction items and/or ideas of businesses to contact. Maybe you have an idea such as baking, sewing, building or preparing baskets to be donated for the basket raffle - a part of our auction event. Have you attended other auctions and have helpful suggestions? Our auction chairman, Joanna Weicher, welcomes all contributions and ideas.



Principal's Posting

The Christmas Program was so wonderful. The children did an amazing job: learning lines also multiple songs and the signing that accompanied those songs. Each class was a joy to watch. The littles all did so well with so much going on around them. We are so thankful for each of the children and for the time and effort that Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Eick and the teachers put into the program. It was wonderful to share the evening with all the families and the Prayer Partners. Thank you for your love and support for the children.

The bake sale was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who baked such a variety of wonderful treats for the sale. I personally would like to have tasted each of the desserts! Thank you to the FOLKS for organizing this tasty Fundraiser.

Thank you for all those that bought Cuba Cheese for the Cheese Fundraiser. Thank you especially to Joanna Weicher for organizing the fundraiser and Jackie and Cliff Blank who spent 6 hours on the road so that we could get the cheese to the families. We so appreciate your care for the children at St. Paul.

The 3rd/4th Graders won the Cheese Challenge. Congratulations to Ms. Austin's class. They will have a pizza party after the 1st of the year.

Mrs. Porter organized fun Christmas Centers for the children, on the last day of school, before winter break. There were six centers for the children to be involved with. They were able to make reindeer hats, color wonderful Christmas scenes, listen to a story read to them by Mrs. Weicher and frost cookies. We had a fun day with each of the children and the staff.

The staff and teachers wish you and your precious families a Happy New year!

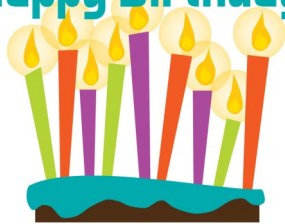
Blessings,

Susan Wakefield



January & February

Happy Birthday!



| January Birthday's | |
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| 2-Jan | Ryan Kabel |
| 3-Jan | Andy Dries |
| 5-Jan | Thomas Kruger |
| 6-Jan | Matthew Guiste |
| 7-Jan | Wayne Grefrath Jack Dressel Chantelle Fluet |
| 8-Jan | Marjorie Morse |
| 10-Jan | Timothy Klafehn |
| 12-Jan | Tyler Prospero |
| 13-Jan | Harold Athoe Evelyn Thielemann |
| 14-Jan | J.C. Kabel |
| 18-Jan | Erika Khan |
| 19-Jan | Karen Crupi |
| 22-Jan | Debbie Fischer |
| 23-Jan | Wilma Meyer Kristen Prospero |
| 25-Jan | Vivian Wohlford |
| 26-Jan | Harold Kiltbau |
| 27-Jan | Kim Kabel |
| 28-Jan | Nathan Canale Alexander Edson |
| 29-Jan | Rachel Coolbaugh |
| 31-Jan | James Donahue |

| School January Birthday's | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2-Jan | Eryk Hodges |
| 7-Jan | Liam Maduro |
| 31-Jan | Liliana Strusz |
| School February Birthday's | |
| 3-Feb | Abigail Varland |
| 14-Feb | Indiana Nigro |

| February Birthday's | |
|---------------------|---|
| 1-Feb | Laura Parker-Roy Ruth Rigerman Austin Williams |
| 2-Feb | Jonathan Edson |
| 3-Feb | Cindy Baldwin |
| 5-Feb | Thomas Prospero Maxwell DeMare |
| 6-Feb | Kimberley Maier |
| 9-Feb | Ardeen Rigerman-Raglan Emily Klein Gretchen Weicher |
| 13-Feb | Randy Smart |
| 16-Feb | Ky Reese Drake |
| 17-Feb | Chelsie Pangrazio |
| 18-Feb | Martha Richenberg |
| 19-Feb | Maggie DeMare |
| 23-Feb | Benjamin Kruger |
| 25-Feb | Susan Gorski Madeline Gogolack |
| 26-Feb | Nadeen DeMare Gina Avino |
| 27-Feb | Gary Snell |
| 28-Feb | Sharon Cassidy |
| 29-Feb | Kerigan Pangrazio |

| January Anniversaries | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Helmut & Evelyn Thielemann |
| 4-Jan | George & Barb Galliford |



| February Anniversaries | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Dorothy & Edwin |
| 1-Feb | Seanor |
| 13-Feb | John & Cindy Canale |





January 2024

| <u>Sunday</u> | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | 1 Happy New Year! No School Office Closed | 2 Quilters 9-11am | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am | 8 | 9 Quilters 9-11am | 10 School Board Mtg | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am Communion | 15 Martin L. King Day No School Leadership 6:30pm | 16 Quilters 9-11am LWML 7pm | 17 FOLKS Mtg - Library @ 6:30pm | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am | 22 | 23 Quilters 9-11am | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Worship 10am Comm. At Altar | 29 | 30 Quilters 9-11am | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Notes No Bell Rehearsals for January | | | | | |

February 2024



| <u>Sunday</u> | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 4 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am | 5 5 | 6 Quilters 9-11am | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 11 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am Communion | 12 | 13 Quilters 9-11am | 14 Valentines Day School Board Mtg | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
| 18 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship 10am | 19 Presidents' Day Vac No School | 20 Presidents' Day Vac No School Quilters 9-11am LWML 7pm | 21 Lutheran Schools Celebration | 22 Lutheran Schools Celebration | 23 Lutheran Schools Celebration | 24 | |
| 25 Worship 10am Comm. At Altar Students Sing in Church | 26 | 27 Quilters 9-11am | 28 | 29 | 1 | 2 | |
| 3 | 4 | Notes | | | | | No |

5th - 9th Parent/Teacher Conferences **If requested
Bell Rehearsals for February - rehearsals will resume March 5th