

The Lutheran Visitor

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Epiphany - The Day of the Epiphany was once second in importance only to Easter. Now celebrated on its fixed date of January 6 or the nearest Sunday, it is overshadowed by Christmas. The season of Epiphany runs from January 6 until Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is Greek for the "revelation of something hidden."

Star - The magi believed that the stars announced great events, such as the birth of a ruler who might affect the fate of nations.

Nations - Christians from the nations of the world recall events from both the Old and New Testaments in which the Lord's light, revealed in his Servant-Son, dawns throughout our world and enlightens all of our lives.

Magi - Colorful priest-scholars-astrologists from Persia who represent all the non-Jewish nations coming to worship the Lord.

Light - Early Christians celebrated the revelation of God's glory in Jesus, calling him Light for the "people who sat in darkness." Converts ready to be baptized were called "illuminadi - those who are about to be enlightened" by Christ, the Light of the World.

White is the liturgical color for the Day of Epiphany and Green for the rest of the season.



Annual
Congregational
Meeting in
January

The Annual
Congregational
Meeting of St.
Paul Lutheran

Church will be held following worship on Sunday, January 16, 2011. We will review the year, approve our operating budget for 2011 and elect members to serve on Church Council. Please plan to be present for this important meeting.



completing this necessary task.

The "Burning" of the Greens for our Christmas festival will take place following Sunday School on The Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 9, 2011. We encourage everyone to offer some of your time to help in

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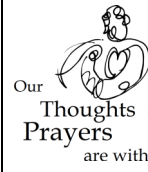
As we begin a new year, we would like to thank you for your Christian stewardship of time, talent and treasure during the past year. Thanks to you we were able to accomplish much in our ministry together. We look forward to continued ministry in the year ahead as we offer our gifts to God.

Each year, January comes and we receive our new offering envelopes. I am often asked what the envelopes “Initial Offering” and “Missions” are used for and what would be an appropriate amount to place in them. Here is my response.

The “Initial Offering” is meant to help cover the cost of our envelope offering program. It costs St. Paul \$1,200 per year to operate the program which mails your envelopes to your home each month. A gift of \$5-10 per unit receiving envelopes would go a long way in covering our costs. You may give this offering at any time even though it comes to you at the start of the year.

The “Missions” envelope is used as a special offering to support a mission project, typically used to support ELCA Global Missions. Monies received are forwarded to the synod which then sends them on to the appropriate Unit of the ELCA. This is done to keep with the Epiphany theme of Christ being a “light to the nations” and January’s emphasis in the ELCA is Global Missions.

Thank you for your questions and than you for your giving.



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

Let us pray for our friends and family members Tom Baker; Andrew Barham; LaDonna Hay Beckett; Mikah Beckett; Olivia Burge; Susan Clark; Eddie Danford; Mary De-Courcy; Ron Dennis; Marissa Eid; Tycho Kerley; Karen Knowles; Kris Maeland; Beverly McLean; John Parsons; Jan Wilson; Niza Usan; Ryan and her family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; for the military, especially Tim Vickers; and for church council.

Please notify the church office (304) 525-9630 or stpchurch@frontier.com



Thanks to all choirs, soloists and instrumentalists for the beautiful Christmas Eve service music. God had richly blessed St. Paul Church with many talents and gifts for His worship and praise. Soli Deo Gloria.



Food Baskets for Christmas

Thanks to our congregation we were able to provide food baskets for thirteen families this year. I would like to thank all of those who contributed food items and money to make my job easier. I would also like to thank my husband, Keith for helping me do the rest of the shopping. A big thank you goes out to these people who helped pack and/or deliver the food baskets: Jonathan Anderson -Cain, Ethan Arneson, Trey Bell, Annette Du-Vall, Barbara Garnett, Steve Golder, Kirk Jennings, Ben and Cindy Jones, Dale, Susan and Sophia Kelz, Doug Korstanje, Paula Simpson and Andrew and Keith Wellman. I had many reports of very grateful recipients.

Bernadette Wellman

Thank You

The Staff of St. Paul would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the congregation for remembering them during this holiday season and for your many blessings.



- 2 Paula Simpson
- 3 Cindy Jones
- 4 Steven Brown
- 5 Ryan Vickers
- 6 Mallory Price
- 7 Samuel Plate
- 7 Kathie Cunningham
- 10 Emma Arneson
- 10 Mary Cremeans
- 11 David Beck
- 13 John Walker, Jr.
- 15 Carla Bryant
- 16 Mary Lou Fricke
- 16 Jennifer Riley
- 18 Nellie Kirby
- 21 Faithanna Hall
- 22 Joel Butler
- 23 Matthew Konzett
- 24 Amy Kisling
- 25 Deborah Arentz
- 27 Cheryl Konzett
- 27 Al Schneider


Thanks
for your
Help!

Social Ministry would like to thank the Fellowship Teams who provided meals during Advent. Those teams were lead by Ron Pease, Judi Korstanje, Debbie Arentz and our youth lead by Jeannie Riley. We would also like to thank Linda Schneider and her team for providing lunch for all those who stayed and helped with Hanging of the Greens and basket deliveries.


Aaron and Judy Schmidt are busy unpacking boxes and settling into their new home. They would love to hear from their friends at St. Paul. Their new address is 1872 E. Gemini Place, Chandler, AZ 85249




It is better to look ahead
and prepare
than to look back
and regret.



**SYNOD CALENDAR
JANUARY 2011**



22 Synod Council meeting
24-25 Continuing Education,
Will O'the Wisp



The West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod LYO is sponsoring a LYO Winter Weekend , Friday-Sunday, January 14-16, 2011 at Camp Hickory, Garrett County, Maryland. You and your LYO friends who are in grades seven through twelve are encouraged to attend. For details and forms see Jeannie Riley, Youth Director.

January 2011 Volunteers

	Acolyte	Sacristan	Assisting Minister	Communion Deacon	Reader	Altar Flowers
January 2	Heath Wade	Jonathan Anderson-Cain	Sally McGill	Traditional Communion	Wilma Anderson	John Paul & Terri White
January 9	Kathleen Korstanje	Zakare Garnett	Frances Case	Wilma Anderson	Mary Lou Fricke	Ernest & Helen Golder
January 16	Jacob Simpkins	Jonathan Anderson-Cain	Norma Gensler	Frances Case	Norma Gensler	Open
January 23	Ethan Arneson	Trey Bell	Mary Lou Fricke	Steve Golder	Sandy Fricke	Open
January 30	Zoe May	Samuel Plate	Tim Konzett	Mary Lou Fricke	Steve Golder	Open

Ushers

January 2: David Korstanje, Doug Korstanje, Carl and Anna Mummert

January 9: Steve Golder, Earl Arentz, Kathie Cunningham, and Brandy Korstanje

January 16: David Korstanje, Doug Korstanje, Carl and Anna Mummert

January 23: Carl and Anna Mummert (two volunteers needed)

January 30: Carl and Anna Mummert (two volunteers needed)

Altar Guild

Tom and Sally McGill

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chancel—open

Muhlenberg Lamp in the Chapel—open

Cridlin Food Pantry



January Food Item

48 cans beef stew



JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 am Sunday School						1
2	3 12:30 pm Cridlin 5:45 pm Movie	4	5 12:30 pm Cridlin 5:30 pm Catechism 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	6 5:45 pm Movie	7 12:30 pm Cridlin	8
9 Burning of the Greens (following Sunday School)	10 12:30 pm Cridlin 1:00 pm Women's Club 7:00 pm Writer's Club	11	12 12:30 pm Cridlin 5:30 pm Catechism 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	13	14 12:30 pm Cridlin Jan 14-16 2011 Winter Weekend at Wisp	15
16 10:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting	17 12:30 pm Cridlin	18	19 12:30 pm Cridlin 5:30 pm Catechism 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	20	21 12:30 pm Cridlin	22
23	24 12:30 pm Cridlin 7:00 pm Girl Scouts	25	26 12:30 pm Cridlin 5:30 pm Catechism 6:00 pm CCC 7:00 pm Choir	27	28 12:30 pm Cridlin	29
30	31 12:30 pm Cridlin Women Club 1:00 pm					

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**A MERRY
HEART doeth GOOD
LIKE A MEDICINE....**

PROVERBS 17:22, KJV