

January/February 2022

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.



A Most Blessed New Year to You !

As we begin a New Year (2022) once again, we find that we are still dealing with this Covid-19 Pandemic in our town, in our state, in the United States and all over the World.

I don't know about you, but there was a sense of hope last year at this time that in 2021 this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case despite the country's best efforts of masks, vaccines, and mandates!

While we can only do what we can in our own strength, let us remember that God is still on His Throne regardless of where we have been or where we are going!

While we cannot possibly know what the future holds, we know who holds the future! We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but as Christians, we are assured that God does!

When I understand just a bit of how much God loves me, it puts my mind at ease about His plans and purposes.

There are many times I don't understand the ways of God, but we just need to trust Him!

Isaiah 55:8

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

So, in this New Year, I want to encourage you to live your life for God. Let God be your strength and hope. We can live our lives with confidence because God is on His Throne!

There's a beautiful song written by Bill Gaither many years ago, and the lyrics are as powerful today (maybe more so) as when they were written:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, yes I know, He holds the future. This life is worth the living, just because He lives!

Keep God first in your heart and in your life this New Year, and you will be amazed at the things God will do in you, through you, and for you!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Deb Meyer At St.Paul's, we will continue to follow CDC Guidelines for in-person worship. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

If you are not yet comfortable with joining us for in-person worship, Zion UCC continues to broadcast their Sunday morning worship service on KCHK radio (www.kchkradio.net, 95.5 FM or 1350 AM) on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



Join us on Sunday, January 16th for our annual Soup and Sandwich lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be serving in the social hall this year.

Menu:

Cheeseburger Soup Chicken and Dumpling Soup Sauerkraut Soup Vegetable Beef Soup Ham & Egg Salad Sandwich Dessert & Beverage

> Cost: Adults: \$10.00 Children 6 -10: \$6.00 Five and Under: Free

Look for a sign-up sheet for desserts and workers. This annual fund raiser is sponsored by Young at Heart. Money raised goes towards maintenance projects.

Annual Meeting of St.Paul's United Church of Christ

The annual meeting of St.Paul's UCC will be held on Sunday, January 23rd at 10:30 a.m. after our morning worship service.

Reports are due no later than Friday, January 7th so they can be included in the annual report. Please email them to the church office at: stpauls1867@outlook.com

Committee/Team nominations needed for 2022 Vice President Building and Grounds – 1 vacancy Worship – 1 vacancy Membership – 1 vacancy CE – 1 vacancy Witness and Mission – 1 vacancy Pastoral Relations – 1 vacancy Finance – 2 vacancies Let any council member know if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

The 2022 offering envelopes are in your mailbox in the friendship room. The 2021 giving statements will be available after January 10th in your mailbox in the friendship room also.



Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with this year's Sunday School Christmas Pageant which was held on Sunday, December 19th.

The Symbols of Christmas was written and directed by Cherie Mattson, Arlene Busse played the role of teacher, Sven Mattson was Santa, music was directed by Irene Doerr and Sharon Marshall and Sharon Ban and Gwen Schultz along with the

parents of the children provided much appreciated help and of course all the Sunday School children who participated in the play.

Thank you also to everyone who donated goodies for the Christmas bags for the children.

Thank You

The family of Anita Tiegs would like to thank everyone for their support and help at the memorial service for Anita. Anita passed away on Monday, November 29, her memorial service was on Saturday, December 11th at St.Paul's. Anita will be remembered for all the beautiful quilts she made and donated to various fundraisers over the years at St.Paul's.

Wall/Step Update as of Dec 20, 2021

Total Project Cost:\$143,067.85Total Money Raised:\$126,360.00

Remaining Balance: \$ 16,707.85

An immense THANKYOU to all of you who have contributed time, talent and money to the Project. We have raised 88% of the cost of this project. You are truly a blessing.



Pastor's Monthly Report - October 2021

Baptism Meeting	2		
Emily Lawrence for Wyatt Poquette & Taryn Rice for Alexandra Rice			
Bible Study with Dylan	3		
Church Council	1		
Clergy Meeting	1		
Confirmation	2		
Confirmation/Parent Meeting	1		
Food Distribution-Henderson	1		
Food Shelf – Le Sueur	1		
Guild	1		
HAFS meeting	1		
Hymnal/Video Tech	1		
Premarital Counseling	2		
Pastoral Visits	10		
Wedding	1		
Dana Ehlers and John Tuerk, 10/23/2021			
Worship Services	5		

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Bible Study with Dylan	3
Confirmation	3
Food Distribution – Henderson	1
Food Shelf – LeSueur	1
Guild	1
Pastoral Visits	9
Worship Services	4

SCRIP ORDERS

Thank you to everyone who placed a scrip order in November. Our profit was \$148.01.

This is an easy way for our church to raise some extra money while benefitting our members.

Mitten Tree

This year we donated 12 pairs of gloves and 31 hats from the mitten tree to Santa's Helpers. Thank you to everyone who donated to help keep someone warm in the cold Minnesota winter.

HENDERSON AREA FOOD SHARE Drive-by FOOD DISTRIBUTION Sponsored by community members and churches

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET? MINNESOTA NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL 210 Main Street, Henderson

Thursday, January 20th 4:00 pm—till food lasts

Thursday, February 17th 4:00 pm—till food lasts



The Mission and Witness team has made a donation to Oak Terrace Health Care Center, Oak Terrace Assisted Living and Ridgeview Nursing home to be used for activities for the residences. We have church members at all of these facilities to enjoy these activities.

Those who Serve: Flower Committee:

January Carol Reiter

February & March

Irene Doerr Lorraine Just

Sympathy Committee: <u>December, January, February</u> Carol Reiter Linda Duzan Beverly Stueber

<u>March, April May</u> Glenna Fries, Lois Dvorak Ruth Ann Buck, Margaret Ceminsky



Sunday School resumes on January 9th at 9 a.m. for ages preschool to grade 6.

Minutes from the Church Council meetings and financial reports will be available in the back of the church.

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers:	Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler,		
	Marlene Nye, Larry Teschendorf, Larry		
	McConnell		

Homebound	d: Gaylord	Jaı
	Pauline Woehler – Oak Terrace Nursing Home	
	Le Sueur	Jaı
	Ed Nye – Ridgeview Le Sueur Nursing	Jai
	Home	
	Sharon Nagel—Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing	Jaı
	Home	
	Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace	
	Arline Karels—Oak Terrace	Fe

At Home: Larry McConnell

January 2	Irene Doerr
January 9	Ruth Ann Buck Mike Reinhardt
January 16	Sharon Ban Anyssa & Emma Christ
January 23	Mark Stueber Lauren & Colin Stueber
January 30	Deb Boettcher Cherie & Sven Mattson
February 6	Irene Doerr Marvin Petzel
February 13	David & MaryAnn Tesch
February 20	Roger & Lorraine Just
February 27	Larry & Beve Stueber

Usher Schedule



Roger Maus	01/01
Ellie Fabel	01/06
Sharon Marshall	01/06
Curt Petzel	01/07
Cody Wetzel	01/09
Barb Haefs	01/12
Erik Rice	01/12
Dan Nytes	01/13
Emersyn Graff	01/20
Sandi Braun-Ziemer	01/21
Aubrey Schultz	01/21
Jake Creighten	01/24



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Katie Meierbachtol	02/01
Ashlynn Dhaene	02/02
Colin Stueber	02/02
Brad Fries	02/03
Greg Petzel	02/04
James Schultz	02/04
Tammy Meyer	02/05
Stephanie Winter	02/07
Rita Schultz	02/09
Silas Wick	02/09
Daniel Dyb	02/10
LaVerne Almquist	02/12
Lisa Tesch	02/12
Maizy Ehlers	02/13
Laurie Steinborn	02/14
Ellie Petzel	02/15
Cheyenne Nelson	02/18
Coleton Nelson	02/18
Michelle Buck	02/20
Karen Haefs	02/20
Lauren Stueber	02/20
Robert Haefs	02/21
Kyle Schultz	02/22
Paige McConnell-Underhill	02/24
August Schultz	02/26
Dawn Winter	02/26
Shay Wetzel	02/27
Pam Dhaene	02/28

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 a.m. Worship Craig Hink leads worship	3	4	5 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Confirmation	6 11:00 a.m. Women's Guild	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	10	11	12 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Confirmation	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Soup Lunch	17 MLK Jr. Day	18 6:30 p.m. Church Council	19 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Confirmation	20 4:00 p.m. Food Distribution MNCS	21	22
16 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting	24	25	26 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Confirmation	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	31					

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		1	2	3 11:00 a.m. Women's Guild	4	5
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20 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	21 President's Day	22	23 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Confirmation	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	28					

2021 Church Council

President:	
Vice President:	Larry Wigand
Secretary:	Sandi Braun Ziemer
Building & Grounds	Marvin Petzel, Daniel Dyb, Jake Creighton
Worship	Cherie Mattson, Ruth Ann Buck, JoAnne Martens
Membership	Carol Reiter, Tammy Meyer, Sharon Ban
Christian Education	Lynnsay McCormick, Sydnie Graff, Crystal Creighton
Witness & Mission	Glenna Fries, Brianna Petzel, Mary Ann Tesch
Budget & Finance	Irene Doerr, John Meierbachtol, Larry Wigand, Deb Boettcher
Pastor Relations	Arden Kroehler, Arlene Busse, Mary Ann Marquardt

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