



St. Paul's Epistle

January 1, 2023

Note From The Pastor



2023! It seems incredible to me that another year has flown by. We have escaped the nightmare covid years (sort of) but like the flu we might get reminders in our arms that bad stuff is still out there.

Christmas and the excitement it brings is past, or is it?

Jesus' birth didn't change the world or our lives for just one day. The shepherds and wisemen (a term used loosely even then) would never be the same.

Evil in the form of Herod would try to eliminate the gift from God by killing as many baby boys in the region as he could. Evil today in the form of Putin and others filled with hate for life still want to murder the innocent of the world.

The gift of Christmas in the form of Jesus is with us every day of our lives. It doesn't leave us when we are being naughty or breaking Jesus' simple breakdown of the commandments. Love God with all your heart and soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself.

We enter a time that the song title often fits.... "In the bleak mid-winter". More people become depressed during the time after the Christmas season has passed than any other time in the year. (Con't)

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Pastor con't,

Why is that? We live in the south so the weather though cold at times will still give us more sunny warm days than frigid cold ones.

Perhaps the joy and excitement of family and friends together and then just as uickly apart is more than we can handle.

The gift of Jesus doesn't take away all the hurts we experience in this life on earth.

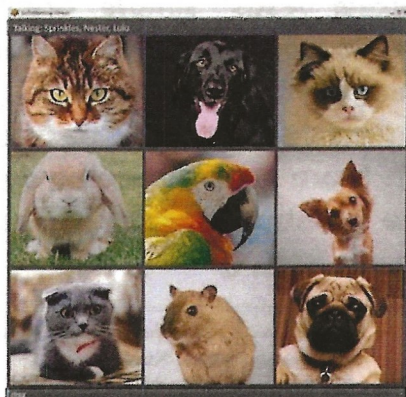
Jesus' gift is not controlled by the dates on the calendar and is not controlled by anything on this planet.

It is a gift that lives in our hearts, so that wherever we are emotionally and physically Jesus is there.


What will 2023 bring for any of us?

The most important thing we already have....God's son! ...pjh

Upcoming events:



Pet Blessing 11am on Saturday 14 January 2023



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT
ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR
WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE
WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS
STRAIGHT.
PROVERBS 3:5-6

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 10:00 A Lessons & Carols	2	3	4 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle #19	5 9:00A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group	6	7
8 Epiphany 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	9	10	11 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	12 9:00 A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group	13 12:00 Etc./Wayfarers	14 11:00 A Pet Blessing
15 Epiphany 2 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	16 Office Closed	17	18 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	19 9:00A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Exec Committee 6:00 P Church Council	20 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	21
22 Epiphany 3 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	23	24	25 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	26 9:00A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group	27	28
29 Epiphany 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	30	31	* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday	HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Jean Camp 1/5 Al Schunemann 1/9 Ronald Brown 1/14 Alice Ann Dugger 1/17 Nancy Flood 1/25 Lynda Beam 1/28 Joan Martin 1/29		

January Altar Guild

8:30 Patty Cannady

11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickey Waldhauer

Communion Assistants

8:30

John Martin
Sherill Martin

11:00

Gene Henry
Lisa Neville

Lectors

8:30

Kim Screen
Charlie Schafer
Dianne Fennell
Lisa Gnann

11:00

Mary Gail Wolf
Scott Leary
Chuck McCallar
Becky Truluck

Jan. 8
Jan. 15
Jan. 22
Jan. 29

Prayer Requests

Our Prayers are requested for: Brett Allen, Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Corey, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Al Schunemann, Charlie Screen, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.



*May yours be filled with love, joy
and peace!*

STATISTICS**ATTENDANCE**

11/27/2022	8:30 A	26
	11:00 A	41
12/04/2022	8:30 A	33
	11:00 A	57
12/11/2022	8:30 A	45
	11:00 A	55
12/18/2022	10:00 A	.
12/24 & 25/2022	6:30 P	232
	10:00 P	70
	10:00 A	37

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERING**

11/27/2022	Current	\$ 1,942.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
12/04/2022	Current	\$ 4,096.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	250.00
12/11/2022	Current	\$ 4,517.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	355.00
12/18/2022	Current	\$ 7,370.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
12/24 & 25/2022	Current	\$ 12,453.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00

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