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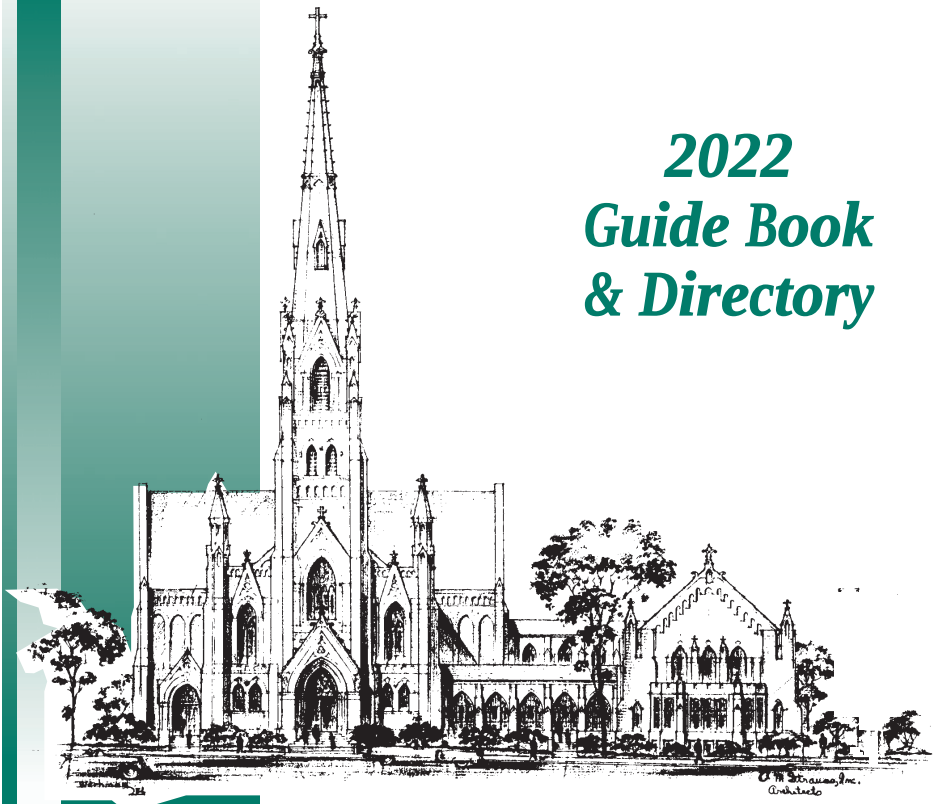

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The fellowship that we have with one another here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is based upon the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 2, St. Paul writes: "*You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself the chief cornerstone.*" Thanks be to God for all that He has done to make us His own!

This Guidebook for 2022 will serve us well in providing phone numbers and addresses of our fellow members. In addition, you will also find a listing of those who serve as full time workers in our church as well as those who are officers, elders, and board and committee members. We give thanks for the generous business owners and benefactors who enable this Guidebook to be published at no cost to our church. Let this book be a guide for your prayers. Ponder these names and these families and pray for them. Pray that together we might be faithful disciples and that as disciples, we may have the strength and courage by the Holy Spirit to make other disciples. All so that on the last day there might be countless names and faces rejoicing with us in the community of believers that will have no end.

We look forward to what God has in store for the coming year. We pray for the Lord's richest blessings upon our church and school and also for you-the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you as we serve Him who has made us His own.

Sincerely in Christ,

Peter C. Cage
Pastor

Rev. Joe Hoem

Josemon Hoem
Associate Pastor

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Staff

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The Rev. Peter C. Cage ..... Senior Pastor
The Rev. Josemon Hoem ..... Associate Pastor
Mr. Kevin J. Hildebrand ..... Kantor
Mrs. Ann Fritz ..... Associate Kantor
Mr. Matthew Machemer ..... Adult Choir Director
Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill ..... Visitation Pastor
The Rev. Richard G. Maassel ..... Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Richard S. Radtke ..... Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. John H. Hamer ..... Pastor Emeritus

Church Staff

Mrs. Leslie Vandre ..... Church Administrative Assistant

Church & School Staff

Mrs. Margo Ernst ..... Church & School Business Administrator
Mr. Kevan Davis ..... Maintenance/Plant Custodian

School Staff

Mr. Douglas Schwartz ..... Principal
Mr. Andy Whirrett ..... Eighth Grade Teacher & Athletic Director
Mr. Barry Mezger ..... Seventh Grade Teacher & Asst. Athletic Director
Mrs. Michelle Kuehnert ..... Sixth Grade Teacher
Mrs. Jovita Nack ..... Fifth Grade Teacher
Mrs. Ann Fritz ..... Fourth Grade Teacher
Mrs. Kristin Hoem ..... Third Grade Teacher
Mrs. Megan Koenemann ..... Second Grade Teacher
Mrs. Abbey Hinojosa ..... First Grade Teacher
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Mr. Elan Williams .....Financial Counselor
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Mrs. Ann Fritz.....Chorister Choir Director
Mr. Matthew Machemer.....Choir Accompanist
Mrs. Amy Schueler .....Strings Instructor
Miss Jennifer Porath .....Band Instructor
Mrs. Stephanie Royer .....Bear Tracks Director/Cafeteria Assistant

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Congregational Officers & Boards

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Activities and Groups

Altar Guild ..... Barbara Doerffler & Bonnie Doerffler
Dartball.....Steve Dietel & Dave Geller
St. Paul's Adult Choir ..... Kantor Matthew Machemer
St. Paul's Youth Choir.....Kantor Kevin J. Hildebrand
St. Paul's Chorister Choir ..... Kantor Ann Fritz
Sunday School Superintendent..... Andrea Machemer
Senior Youth .....Board of Youth Ministry
Ladies' Aid and LWML..... Marilyn Schultz, Judy Helmchen
S.W.A.T. Team .....Dan Wietfeldt & Don Selking
CD Ministry.....John Huitt
Ushers..... Dan Wietfeldt

Mission Statement

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our congregation, our community, and our world.

Vision Statement

St. Paul's will be a sanctuary in our community where the Gospel is faithfully preached and taught, believers are strengthened and equipped through Word and Sacrament, and Christ's love is shared by word and deed to serve and further God's kingdom.

Worship and Sunday School Schedule

Our Divine Service is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion is also celebrated on each feast day

Children's Sunday School classes are available for 2 year olds through high school. They meet from 10:45-11:30 p.m. in the lower level of Heritage Hall and in the youth loft.

Adult Instruction/Catechism Class is usually held in the church library each fall at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, and each spring as arranged by the class. This class is open to those wanting to know more about the faith confessed at St. Paul's, to become a communicant member of the congregation, or review the basics of the faith. Other times may be scheduled with the Pastors.

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Adult Bible study classes are usually held in the Nerger Assembly Room (upper level of Heritage Hall), on Sunday mornings after the service and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. A third class, "Bacon, Eggs, and the Bread of Life" meets at the Indiana District Office at 7:00 a.m. each Wednesday. The class follows breakfast with great fellowship and has met faithfully for over 30 years! Please check the weekly bulletin for more information about specific classes.

Details of the Church Year

Advent consists of the four Sundays which precede Christmas. This is a time of recalling the incarnation of our Lord and remembering that we are awaiting His final triumphal return. These Sundays are marked by the lighting of the Advent wreath. Advent services are held on Wednesdays in December, proceeding Christmas Eve, at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion available following each service.

Christmas Eve is celebrated with two services. The first at 6:00 p.m. features choral music presented by the children's choirs, including The *Ungemach*, a historical piece written by a St. Paul school teacher, and sung every year since 1875. The 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service features St. Paul's Adult Choir and is broadcast on 1190AM (WOWO).

Christmas Day worship on December 25 at 10:00 a.m., with Holy Communion.

New Year's Eve worship on December 31 at 7:00 p.m., we celebrate the Eve of the Name of Jesus and the Circumcision of Our Lord.

In the Epiphany season, beginning January 6 we rejoice in the manifestation of the Savior in our midst. Epiphany season may last from one to six weeks, depending on when Ash Wednesday falls.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this time we offer weekly Lenten services with Holy Communion on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. During Holy Week, services are held on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday the service is at 7:00 p.m., with Holy Communion. On Good Friday there is a *Tre Ore* (three hour) service from 12:00-3:00 p.m., featuring choirs and pastors from Fort Wayne area Lutheran churches. At 7:00 p.m. there is a *Tenebrae* (Darkness) service.

Easter begins with the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday services are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion at both. In this season, we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection and victory over sin, death, and the devil. We recall the many times He appeared to His people after He rose. On the Thursday following the sixth Sunday of Easter (the 40th day of Easter), we commemorate our Lord's Ascension with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated with Holy Communion during the service. The following week, Trinity Sunday services feature the recitation of the Athanasian Creed as we confess the Triune nature of God. Toward the end of the Pentecost season, on the Sunday on or preceding October 31, we celebrate the Reformation, where the Gospel was again brought to the forefront of Christian confession and teaching through the efforts of Martin Luther and his colleagues. The following Sunday we commemorate All Saints' Day and give thanks for all the saints in Christ, both in heaven and on earth. Communion is celebrated on these feast days.

Arranging for Special Ecclesiastical Services

Baptisms

People should contact the pastor to make arrangements for baptisms, which will occur during Sunday morning worship.

Confession & Absolution

Individual confession and absolution, pastoral care, and spiritual counsel are available by request to the pastors.

Weddings

Weddings are planned for members of St. Paul's Parish. Couples may contact the pastors at the church office to arrange for church usage and pre-marital pastoral care and counseling. Information regarding marriage policy, church fees, etc., is also made available at these times.

Funerals

Pastors meet with the family of the deceased at the church or at the funeral home to make arrangements for an appropriate Christian service of burial. For information about luncheons following the service, please call the church office.

Pastoral Calls

Shut-in calls are available to those members who are unable to attend weekly worship services because of physical infirmities. The visitation pastor celebrates Holy Communion with each homebound member approximately once a month. To arrange for a shut-in call, please contact the church office.

Hospital

Calls are made to hospitalized members of St. Paul's. Hospitals no longer provide information to the churches, so to assist us in getting your information, members are encouraged to call the church before or after being admitted (a family member or friend may do this if necessary), or to identify St. Paul's as their home congregation when they are admitted.

For counseling needs, please see a pastor for a referral to Cross Connections. For more information on Cross Connections go to www.CrossConnectionsCounseling.com or call 744-3228, ext. 327.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Mission Statement

St. Paul's Lutheran School exists to educate each child in a Christ-centered environment for a life of service to God and man.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

St. Paul's Lutheran School is the oldest, continuously operated school in the state of Indiana, public or parochial. Established in 1837, it has been blessed with a great faculty, staff and a congregation that willingly supports our Christ-centered, quality education. The school has pre-kindergarten through eighth grade classes. Our kindergarten offers both half day and full day options.

The music opportunities include choirs, recorder ensembles, band, and string programs. Extra-curricular athletics for boys in grades 5-8 include soccer, basketball, football, and track. Extra-curricular athletics for girls in grades 5-8 include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and track. St. Paul's holds both State Accreditation and National Lutheran Schools Accreditation.

Boards and Committees

Voters' Assembly

The Voters' Assembly is responsible for the approval and oversight of the administrative and ecclesiastical affairs within the congregation. These include, but are not limited to, the calling of pastors and teachers, approving the budget, creating boards and committees, and the election of officers. The Voters' Assembly consists of all baptized and confirmed members of the congregation who are 18 years old and older. Communicant members are welcome to join the Voters' Assembly. Those who have been voting members for at least one (1) year are eligible to hold office in this congregation. They may not be members of a secret society, and must submit to church discipline and sign the constitution. Voters' meetings are held four times a year in February, May, September, and December, unless a special meeting is required for unexpected and urgent church business. See the Constitution for further information.

Board of Elementary Education

This board is responsible for the congregational oversight of St. Paul Lutheran School. It consists of lay members, one nonmember representative, pastors and the principal of the school. They usually meet the third Thursday of the month.

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Board of Finance

The board oversees the budgeting and financial condition of the congregation while the chairman of the Finance Board also serves as the Financial Secretary of the congregation. The board meets regularly.

Board of Stewardship

This board seeks to encourage the sacrificial giving of our members' time, talent and treasure to serve the Church's mission. This board consists of lay people and a pastor, who serves ex officio.

Board of Parish Education

This group exists to plan and administer the educational programs of the congregation such as Sunday School, adult education, Vacation Bible School and other related programs. It appoints all supervisors, superintendents and coordinators under its jurisdiction.

Church Council

The Church Council makes and submits recommendations to the Voters' Assembly for approval. They also preview the proposed annual budget before presenting it to the Voters' Assembly. The Church Council consists of the pastors, chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, financial secretary, three property trustees, one fund trustee, almoner, 12 district elders and the following chairmen of the Boards of Parish Education, Evangelism, Youth Board, and School Board. The meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. after the Elders' Meeting.

Elders

The Elders are responsible for the spiritual welfare of the congregation, assist the pastors as needed to carry out spiritual duties, and serve as voting members of the church council, as well as the Voters' Assembly. The congregation is divided up geographically into twelve districts. For each district there is an Elder. Elders are males who have been voting members of the congregation for at least one year. They are elected to the office for three years. The Elders meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Evangelism

The purpose of this group is to reach out to the unchurched with the gospel of Jesus Christ, to those churched who are looking for a church home, and to inactive members of St. Paul's. This includes helping assimilate new members and transfers by acquainting them with the Bible studies, groups, committees, and activities of St. Paul's church and school, and encouraging unchurched referrals and visitors to join and complete the Pastor's Adult Instruction/Catechesis Class. If interested in participating, the church office can put you in contact with the chairman.

Kramer Park Board

The Kramer Park board is responsible for maintaining the physical property and overseeing its upkeep, as well as scheduling its use. Members wishing to use Kramer Park may contact Don Selking for more information. The board meets annually in May, or as needed.

Property Trustees

They are basically in charge of all property of the church. The purpose of the Property Trustees is many fold. They are mainly involved with maintaining and updating as needed, the physical facilities of both church and school either directly or indirectly with all purchases and contracts involving church property. Their main goal is to see that the facilities are properly maintained so that the work of the Lord can continue at St. Paul as it has for the past 183 years.

Ushers

As hosts for God, the purpose of the ushers is to assist in, and to promote orderly worship. St. Paul's has four ushering teams. Each of the four usher teams has a designated head usher who controls the lights, hymn board, and in general oversees his team. Others wishing to join this honorable way of serving the Lord may call the church office. High school-aged young men who are interested in being an Usher may inquire at the church office. Ushers for the most part only usher one Sunday per month, with an occasional fifth Sunday assignment. Also, ushering teams are assigned Lenten services, Christmas Day, and other special services.

Youth

The Youth Group of St. Paul's is for junior high and high school youth, with activities including study, fellowship, worship, and service in the congregation. The Youth Board serves along with the pastors in directing these activities.

Activities and Groups

Altar Guild

The mission of the Altar Guild is to prepare the altar of the Lord. Each week two members of the guild arrive at church to clean the altar and areas including the chapel for services. The paraments are changed to the appropriate color for the season, linens are placed, wine trays and flagons are made ready, and, if needed, pastors' clerical robes are pressed. The florist delivers the altar flowers which workers set in the gold vases and are then placed on the altar. On Sunday these same members remove the wine trays from the altar after communion and remove unneeded linens for storage. The communion cups and flagons are washed and stored. Linens and communion ware are prepared for the next service. Sunday altar/chancel flowers are distributed per given instructions. Membership meetings are held in March and October. The March meeting provides new member training, the election of officers, and a business meeting. October is a business meeting.

Choirs and Music

St. Paul's is blessed with many resources and volunteers to sing the Church's song in a variety of ways in the Divine Service, including choirs and ensembles for adults, youth, instrumentalists, and handbells. St. Paul's Lutheran School includes classes for Choristers (grades 3 & 4), Youth Choir (grades 5-8), band (grades 4-8), and strings (grades 3-8).

Christian Fellowship

St. Paul's Christian Fellowship sponsors many activities for families-church picnic, City of Churches Tour, work in our East Central neighborhood, Lenten & Advent Suppers, Christmas caroling, skating parties and more.

Dartball

St. Paul's has two dartball teams that participate in the Fort Wayne Lutheran Dartball League. The league has been in existence since 1951. Dartball is played like baseball. There are three 9 inning games played on Wednesday nights from late September through the middle of March. The St. Paul's teams play in the school at other Lutheran churches in the area. This also includes the Lutheran Home. Each team at St. Paul's is always looking for new recruits.

Golden Heirs

The Golden Heirs is a group for members in their 50's and above, who are married, single, or widowed. This group was reorganized in October 2012, using the same name that described a similar group that had disbanded several years ago, after serving our senior members for many years. Pastor and Carole Radtke (483-0650) serve as coordinators. The group plans activities, events, travel, spiritual growth, and service projects. There are opportunities to join together with other seniors groups of LCMS congregations in the Fort Wayne area for activities, travel, etc. Scheduled events are posted in the Sunday bulletin.

Ladies Aid and LWML (Lutheran's Women's Missionary League)

Ladies Aid Mission Statement: To render Christian service within the church; to assist from time to time in the special projects of the church; to assist the Church in its program of missions and charities; and to create a closer bond of Christian fellowship among the women of the congregation through Christian service, educational programs and social functions.

The St. Paul's Ladies Aid has been in existence for 169 years. It is the oldest organization of its kind in the city of Fort Wayne. Originally, the women mended clothing for the young men at Concordia Junior College. Today, the organization supports the Concordia Theological Seminary field workers and deaconess students assigned to our church with tuition assistance.

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Women, 21 years and older, are members of the Ladies Aid. Membership meetings are held the second Thursday of October, February and April, 1:00 p.m., with invited guest speakers. Traditionally, a Ladies Aid December Meeting-Luncheon is the second Thursday of the month. In 2021, the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild held a joint Christmas Luncheon, *"Have a Holly Jolly Christmas,"* followed with musical entertainment. The February 10 meeting will be highlighted with the program *"Getting to Know You."* Election of officers will be held in April followed with the June 9 meeting-social, installation of officers, and financial distribution to Lutheran, national, and local charitable organizations. All meetings are held in the Nerger Assembly Room.

The President's letter and donation envelope are mailed in early fall for support of the Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Donations received fund the supplies and equipment for the Nerger Room kitchen, guest speakers' stipends, organization's operating costs, Seminary financial aid, and approximately $2,000 in charitable donations to our church and school, state, and national Lutheran affiliations, and local community. Shut-in members are remembered at Christmas and Valentine's Day with cards of cheer, care, and concern.

Fund-raising plays a key role in the organizations financial picture. For 16 years the first Sunday in December the *Gingerbread Lane Cookie Walk* was conducted. Due to COVID, a *Bakeless Bake Sale* has been held for the past two years. Unbudgeted church projects, public address system, entranceway benches/cabinets, restoration/ replacement of the Reverend Friedrich Wyneken historic stained-glass window in the Founders Rooms, and more have been financed with the profit of these fund-raisers.

LWML Mission Statement: *"Our mission is to assist each woman of the LWML Indiana District in strengthening her relationship with the Triune God so she is enabled to use her gifts in mission and service to the people of the world."* Donations and Mite Boxes provide funds for missions internationally and throughout the United States. St. Paul's is one of ten churches in the Indiana District North Zone. Saturday, April 23, 2022, Three Zone Spring Rally, Christ Woodburn, IN; June 17-19, 2022, Indiana District Convention, Fort Wayne. Our church is represented with a voting member at the state and/or national LWML Convention.

S.W.A.T. Team

Definition: Sweep, Weed, And Trim better known as the Grounds Crew and generally report to the Board of Trustees. Anyone (men, women and youth) interested in flower gardening, trimming and other yardwork, are welcome. They meet every Thursday morning, weather permitting. Contact Dan Wietfeld or Don Selking if interested.

CD Ministry

In 2005, the CD Ministry, started duplicating compact discs of the church services and deliver them weekly to shut-ins. If they have no CD player, the CD Ministry furnishes one. More volunteers are always welcome and appreciated!

Youth

The Youth Group of St. Paul's is for high school aged youth. Activities are geared toward study, fellowship, worship and service in the congregation. The leaders of the Youth Group are the Youth Directors. Please check the bulletin for information about scheduled activities.

Happenings

Annual Church Picnic - Each fall (date to be determined) there is a congregation sponsored worship service and picnic at Kramer Park (owned by St. Paul's), north of Churubusco off of State Highway 33 at 2340 S 300 E Albion, IN 46701. The Matins Service is at 11:00 a.m. with the picnic following. This is a well attended barbecue which also features games and other various activities. Our members spend many hours preparing the delicious food. Various groups arrange the games. All members are welcome to attend.

New Member Receptions - All new members of St. Paul's are officially welcomed to the congregation during the worship service. After the service, at the beginning of the Sunday School hour, there is a reception sponsored by the Outreach Group. All members are encouraged to meet the new ones, and enjoy refreshments.