

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Reflections

January, 2022

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Pastor Notes, January 2022

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.” These are my words to you today as well, as I give thanks for you, and for our time together.

I am thankful that God brought us together, to walk alongside each other this last year. I am truly grateful for our time together as Pastor and people. I give thanks for the different ways we have worshipped together, especially amidst this pandemic. I give thanks for the relationships built and the ways I have gotten to know you all and care for you. I am thankful for the time we spent together, the wondering we’ve done together, and I trust that God will continue to journey alongside you in the days and months to come.

St. Paul Lutheran, East Longmeadow has been in this place of transition for some time, and I know difficult conversations about the future will continue. I continue to pray for wisdom and guidance from God for the next steps for this congregation, the body of Christ gathered at this time in this place.

As we both take steps forward wondering what God has in store for us, I pray for your continued faithfulness and care for one another. I pray that you continue to be present for one another and keep each other in prayer. I pray that you live into the way Christ is calling you as a congregation and in your everyday lives. I hold you in my heart, and genuinely hope the best for you.

I will leave you with a prayer that has spoken to me in many parts of my life, and is fitting for us all now: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God is with you, and nothing can separate us from God’s love and God’s presence.

Blessings,

Pastor Jonathan



January 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Christian Hope (set up)
2 Adult Fellowship- 8:30 am In person and Online Worship Service-9:30 am Christian Hope 10:00 am (Hall)	3 Confirmation Class-7 pm	4	5	6	7	8 Christian Hope (set up) Event in Hall 2 PM
9 Adult Fellowship- 8:30 am In person and Online Worship Service/Sunday School-9:30 am Christian Hope 10:00 am (Hall)	10	11	12	13	14	15 Christian Hope (set up)
16 Adult Fellowship- 8:30 am In person and Online Worship Service-9:30 am Christian Hope 10:00 am (Hall)	17	18	19	20	21 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm	22 Christian Hope (set up)
23 Adult Fellowship- 8:30 am In person and Online Worship Service-9:30 am Christian Hope 10:00 am (Hall)	24 Confirmation Class-7 pm	25 Council meeting Zoom-7 pm	26	27	28	29 Christian Hope (set up)
30 Adult Fellowship- 8:30 am In person and Online Worship Service-9:30 am Christian Hope 10:00 am (Hall)	31					



St. Paul Book Club is taking the month of January off, but will resume our regular schedule in February with a new list of books. If you would like to join us, email Nancy Janes at nfjanes@gmail.com, and she will send you the zoom link for the meeting.



**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be
Sunday, January 23, 2022 after Worship Service.
Please plan on attending!**



Thank you to all who donated to the Mitten Tree.

Everything that was given has been delivered to the Children's Study Home.



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Ministry Volunteers January & February 2022

DATE	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	WORSHIP LEADER	TECH SUPPORT	COMMUNION
Sun 1/2	Joan McPartland	Pastor Voosen		Yes
Sun 1/9	Dave Melanson	Pastor Voosen	Dave Melanson	Yes
Sun 1/16	Sandy Porcelli	Louisa Klaven		Yes
Sun 1/23	Joyce Donovan	Pastor Wilco		Yes
Sun 1/30	Joan McPartland	Pastor Steph (TBD)		Yes
Sun 2/6	Sandy Porcelli	Pastor Schmidt	Dave Melanson	Yes
Sun 2/13		Louisa Klaven		Yes
Sun 2/20				
Sun 2/27	Joyce Donovan	Pastor Steph (TBD)		Yes

- ❖ Worship Service will be in person and livestreamed (via facebook) on Sunday at 9:30 am. Please use the link below:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulelong/>

- ❖ You may also watch the recorded service on YouTube using the link below:

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkegkaMRg9zh6CLwZL4JM-w/featured>

- ❖ Please contact the church office at stpaul@stpaulelong.org if you are able to volunteer for any openings in the Worship Schedule.



Diane Boucher ~ 1/1
Richard Clark ~ 1/27
Leslie DeVries ~ 1/26
Alan Dickinson ~ 1/10
Robert Donner ~ 1/27
Linda Lindwall ~ 1/25
James McKnight ~ 1/7
Ted Sarant ~ 1/27
Emily Stark ~ 1/25
John Webber ~ 1/25
Cheryl Williams ~ 1/26
Betty Woike ~ 1/27

Prayer List



Barbara Anderson
Don Cheetham
Johannes DeVries
Florence Fay
The family of John Hoagland
Ruth Hunter
Dorothy Kowaleski
Jim McKnight
Lorraine Stevens
Tom Sutherland
Eugene Walz

Wishing You
a New Year filled
with new Hope,
new Joy &
new Beginnings.

