

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- f* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f* We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- f* Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f* If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- f* For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
THE SAVIOR’S SERMON: TRUST IN GOD’S STRENGTH!

Worship Participants

- Liturgist and Preacher** Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Organist** Mrs. Sharon Larsen
- Junior Choir Director** Mrs. Marie Becker
- Accompanist** Miss Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM
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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: (spoken) Amen.

Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
 I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your
 Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
 sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)
M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)
C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



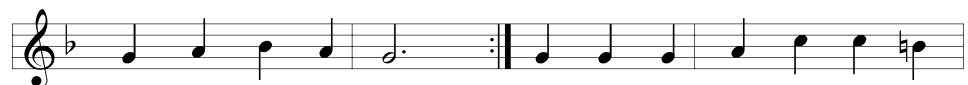
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 AM ONLY)

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Savanha to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Vanessa, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you: Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

A: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that this Triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

A: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

A: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

A: Yes, I do.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water in the name of our Triune God

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made dear children of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please stand

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

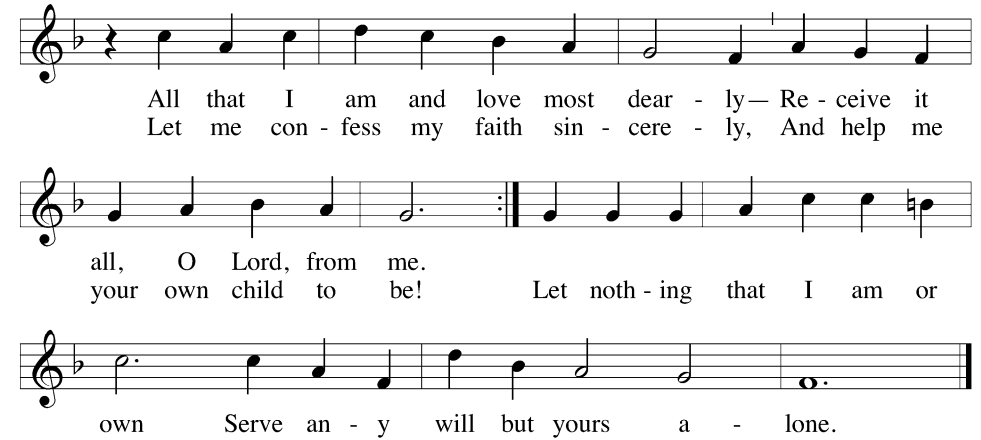
Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Vanessa and Savanha may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Vanessa and Savanha and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.



All that I am and love most dear - ly - Re - ceive it
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me
 all, O Lord, from me.
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be seated

JUNIOR CHOIR (8:00 AM ONLY) “Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert”

*Christ, your footprints through the desert
 Led to Jordan’s flowing stream.
 There you heard the herald crying
 Israel’s old prophetic dream:
 “He is coming! He is coming!
 He will cleanse the earth with flame!
 Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
 Wash away your guilt and shame!”*

*Christ, you heard the stirring summons
As by Jordan's bank you stood;
Bathed, though sinless, with your people
In the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heavens opened;
Came the Spirit as a dove;
Spoke a voice beyond all hearing:
"See my Son, the one I love!"*

*Son of God, the road from Jordan
Led at last to Calv'ry's hill.
There upon the cross forsaken,
You fulfilled the Father's will.
Lamb of God, we see you dying,
Sinless, yet for sinners slain.
But where death rose up to triumph,
You began your glorious reign!*

*God, in Baptism you have made us
One with Christ, our risen Lord;
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven
Through the water and the Word.
Help us hear your urgent summons,
Calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
With the cross upon our brow.*

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSONDaniel 3:13-27

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king,¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall

down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire,²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

The Congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain at the beginning and repeat it as indicated.

Refrain



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.
Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

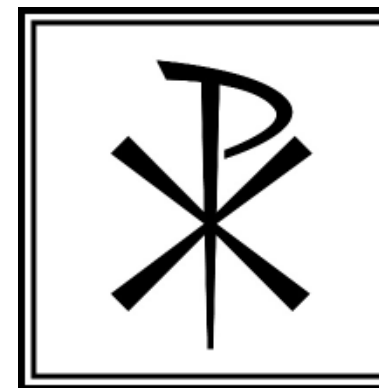
For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Refrain

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”¹

VERSE OF THE DAY (SUNG BY JUNIOR CHOIR AT 8:00 AM)

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news.
Alleluia! (*Luke 4:18*)



¹ Paul quotes from Jeremiah 9:24

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Jesus Sat With His Disciples”

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1 Je - sus sat with his dis - ci - ples On a
 2 “Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
 3 “Bless-ed are God’s sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing
 moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
 earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
 peace where there is strife. Bless-ed are the per - se -
 gath - ered He be - gan to teach and say: “Bless-ed
 ho - ly, They are bless’d and will be filled. Yes, the
 cu - ted, Who for right-eous-ness lose life; Their re -
 are the poor in spir - it, Heav-en’s king - dom they will
 mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy will to them be
 ward is great in heav - en, In the king - dom up a -
 share. Bless - ed are the sad and mourn - ing,
 shown. And the pure in heart are bless - ed,
 bove— So be glad to share my suf - f’ring,
 Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
 They have eyes for God a - lone.
 And re - joice to know my love.”

THE SERMONMatthew 5:1-12

Success Redefined

Please stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

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THE RITE OF ADULT CONFIRMATION 10:30 AM

Confirmands will come forward

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation? If so, answer: "I do."

R: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer: "I do."

R: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? If so, answer: "I do."

R: I do.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: "I do."

R: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: "I do."

CLOSING HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”
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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in And in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres-sive pow'r That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word,

your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From you true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we May be Tru - ly liv - ing, To you giv - ing
 Hear us, Cheer us By your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace And peace On us show - er; By your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION: In our 10:30 AM worship today we welcome Ross Fassbinder, Andrea Kitzerow, and Larry & Vanessa McKee into our family here at St. Paul's. God bless these families today and always! When you see our new confirmands around please stop by and introduce yourself.

BAPTISM: Today in the 10:30 AM service Vanessa & Savanha McKee will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

NEW BIBLE STUDY! Clean Out Those Itching Ears: Christian Apologetic Witnessing: As Christians it is our duty to share Jesus. In our world today, sharing Jesus often means responding to sometimes aggressive unbelievers and skeptics in a loving yet intelligent way. This class aims to equip you to tackle some very explosive issues head on and examine how you can defend Biblical teaching in a logical way, but also turn the focus onto what matters most – Jesus. This six week bible study will include topics such as sex and marriage, abortion, and evolution.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2016 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes. If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes in the west hallway of church.

2017 GREETER SCHEDULES: Thanks to those that greet us each week! The 2017 Greeter Schedules are in your mailboxes.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: St. Paul's Lutheran School has been an educational tradition in Franklin for 150 years, and we are showing off our school on Sunday, February 12 from 11:30am until 2:00pm. Come see why our families love being a part of our school, grab a snack, meet teachers, see classrooms, and learn about the great education available to students from 3K up through 8th Grade. If that doesn't work for your schedule, call and set up a time to visit. We look forward to seeing you!

ALTAR FLOWER ORDERING: The 2017 altar flower sign up sheet is on the narthex counter. If you'd like to order altar flowers, the cost is \$25.00. Please place your payments in Sharon Kiesow's mailbox.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2017 SUBSCRIPTIONS: It's time to renew! The current Meditations and Forward in Christ subscriptions expire on March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to renew, or become a new subscriber. Please place your payment in the basket next to the sign up sheet. Please sign up and make your payments by **JANUARY 30th**.

MEN'S OPEN GYM: Looking for an excuse to get a little exercise or need to stretch your legs and work on your hook shot? Well, dust off your old Chuck Taylor's (the most popular selling basketball shoes in history) and join us for some friendly basketball at St. Paul's Men's Open Gym on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The gym will be open on Wednesday night every week starting January 25th. All college age and older men of St. Paul's are invited as well as their guests. If you have any questions, please contact Caleb Manske at clmanske@hotmail.com or [262-442-4286](tel:262-442-4286).

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2017. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2017.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, February 11^h. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Kingdoms' Fall".

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 10th – 14th. More details will come later!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 29 & 30)

8:00 AM – Randy & Nancy Willms
10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (February 5 & 6)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenske
10:30 AM – Mark & Rosie Derouin
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Cooper Goede, Nolan Romeis, Zach Matthew, Austin Hennen-Petricsek, Dawson Ziegler
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

ALTAR GUILD

Jan 25-31 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade
 Feb 1-7 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 29: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen
 Feb 5: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29

Worship Service 8:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
 Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, January 30

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 31

Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 1

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Board of Education 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 2

NO SCHOOL – MID-WINTER BREAK

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Friday, February 3

NO SCHOOL – MID-WINTER BREAK

Sunday, February 5

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 110, 10:30 AM – 176, 6:30 PM – 57

Total Attendance – 343

Sunday Bible Class – 25, Sunday School – 7