

*The St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and Bethany Ministry  
Lifting High the Cross on Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island*



# THE MESSENGER 2022

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Happy New Year!



The New year is here! According to the Eastern zodiac sign, this year will be the year of a tiger. It is the third (3rd) from the total twelve (12) zodiac signs, and usually, it represents braveness, power and lordliness which usually refers to kingliness. For many Asians, people born in this year will be influenced by these characteristics to be brave and fearless to lead.

Of course, as a Christian, the image of the king in a tiger represents our king, Jesus Christ. Perhaps some people will say, “well, pastor? I thought the lamb of God is the right image?”. And my answer is yes. Yes, we are so used to the image of the lamb as Jesus. Yes, there is the year of lamb or sheep in the zodiac sign. Yes, so maybe we should wait until that year to talk about Jesus. However, the image (*of a king, the tiger in Jesus*), is what I would like to emphasize—the brave leader to lead who has passions for lowly.

So as people of Christ who follow the lead of our head, our new year resolution will be like one of a tiger: To be brave and lead the people who are lost in the world. Perhaps, it is about raising our voice for those who lost their voices due to discrimination. Perhaps, it is about the willingness to be with people the rest of the world is ignoring.

In this new year, in our new resolution in Christ as people of God, the Outreach Ministry Team is reorganized and is sharing many good ideas to be the leaders for Christ. So please look forward to what the team will bring and join us to be brave leaders to care for the people of God.

So, please stay tuned...

In Christ,

*Pr. Hayley Bang*



Linda and Ron Strunz are pleased to announce the *birth of their first grandson, Carter Brooks Pearson on December 7, 2021.*

Proud parents are Alex Pearson and Hillary Strunz.

**FREE LUNCH!**

**at St. Paul**

**11:30 AM SUNDAYS!!!**

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!!**

**COME JOIN US!!!**



**The deadline for the February 2022 issue of**

***The Messenger* will be Thursday, January 20th.**



***Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.***

***Next meeting is Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.***

Sunday School Classroom  
2nd Floor of Fellowship Hall

***Any questions, please see Karen Hill.***



**Altar Flowers**

***Suggested donation  
Sunday Flowers \$35***

***Suggested  
donation***

***Eternal Candle of  
\$10***





## Class Schedule 2022

1/4/22 Class	3/15/22 Planning- NO STUDENTS Leaders only
1/11/22 Planning- NO STUDENTS Leaders only	3/22/22 Class
1/18/22 Class	3/29/22 Service/Fellowship
1/25/22 Service and Fellowship	4/5/22 Class
2/1/22 Class	4/12/22 Planning- NO STUDENTS Leaders only
2/8/22 Planning- NO STUDENTS Leaders only	4/19/22 Vacation- No Class
2/15/22 Vacation- No Class	4/26/22 Class
3/1/22 Service- Pancake Supper	5/3/22 Service and Fellowship
3/8/22 Class	5/10/22 Class
	5/17/22 Last Class/End of year Event



**St. Paul Cemetery Corporation  
& St. Paul Housing Corporation  
Combined Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
after Service.**



**St. Paul Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 23, 2022**  
Immediately following Worship.  
Annual Meeting Reports due to  
Pam in the Office by Sunday,  
January 16th. Thank you!  
**There will be a vote on our  
Constitution at this meeting.**  
**We will offer an online/call  
opportunity to participate in the  
meeting as well.**



It's that time of year again when we start thinking about our pledges...pledge cards for 2022 will be available soon. More information to follow...

A benefit of pledging is your "intentional" commitment to supporting the financial needs of this church and supporting one another in this church family. Our budget for 2022 is "back to normal" with the addition of a full-time pastor.

It is a wonderful privilege to be able to make a commitment to our budget or help with things that need attention.

Thank you!



**Thrivent Choice Program**  
*We are pleased to announce that our congregants continue to choose to direct Choice Dollars to St. Paul.*  
*Thank you for thinking of and supporting St. Paul.*



**JANUARY 2022**

**Donald Culton, Jr.—3rd**

**Louis Ferrazzano—3rd**

**Aubrey Castore—5th**

**Justyn Martinez—7th**

**Gene Brown—11th**

**Glenn Carlson—14th**

**Karen Rowan—14th**

**Amy Nelson—16th**

**Lora Zurawski—16th**

**Carolyn Lenihan—17th**

**Sonja Jacobson—19th**

**Tammy Brown—21st**

**Kerry Fleming—21st**

**Michael Charnley, Jr—22nd**

**Allison Merrill—24th**

**Craig Stevens—25th**

**Susan Mahoney—30th**

**Bill Roberts—31st**



*A special thanks to all of our church musicians...*

*Thank you to our Choir for the wonderful Christmas music!*

*You are all such a blessing!*

**THE MESSENGER**

**St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Reverend Hayley Bang, Pastor

Sunday — Saturday

Pamela Wilsey, Parish Administrator

Monday — Friday

9a – 12p

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St Paul Bethany Congregation,

The ELCA publishes a new Model Constitution for Congregations every three years, and the current model is 2019. Our current constitution conforms with the ELCA model of 2016, so we're one edition behind. We are required to amend our constitution to conform with the current model, and as long as the only changes made in such an amendment are those of conformance, we use an abbreviated approval process requiring only one simple majority vote at any full congregation meeting. We will conduct this vote at our upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd.

The St Paul Bethany office has forwarded electronic copies of the proposed changes via email. For those who are unable to access this electronic format, paper copies are available in the church office for review during normal office hours; 9:00 - 12:00 each weekday.

Please voice any questions to Alan Abramson.  
([ajabramson@aol.com](mailto:ajabramson@aol.com)) (802) 885-9660)

Your Congregation Council



### WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

*Are your coat closets over-crowded with winter coats you no longer wear? Are your dresser drawers bulging with sweaters that you don't wear anymore? Often we buy new winter clothes, but hold on to our old clothes even though they don't fit or we just don't wear them anymore. Yet there is an entire population right here in Rhode Island who do not own a coat, sweater, or gloves at all. Can you help?*



*Through January we will be collecting gently used winter clothing for Camp Street Community Ministries to distribute to those in need. (Camp Street Community Ministries was started in 1985 and is located in the Mount Hope/Rochambeau section of Providence. It provides food and clothing to those in need.)*

*The items may be left in the back of the church and will be collected weekly.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

***"Whenever you do this for the least of these, our brothers and sisters, you do it for me." Matthew 25:40***





**We pray for the following people:**

Cheryl Bailey, Sister Alice Fontaine,  
Celestina Cabral, Austin Jacobson, Larissa Toth, John Whitcomb, Glenn Carlson, Verna Perrott, Kevin Corriveau, Bob Webb, Tom Thibodeau, Tina Van Warner, Paulette Carter, Emily Burgess, Dennis DeLoach, William Schenck, Sarah Comella, Leslie Hill, Lucy Campbell, Claire Connors, Alice, Gene Brown, Fran Young, Dennis DeLoach, Ellen O'Grady, Lisa Blair, John Curzio, Charles Russell, Kevin Nelson, Michele Wintle, Evaline Richmond, Shirley Frazier, Jennifer Ellis, Kurt Johnson, Jean Johnson, Karen Johnson, Janice Woodbine, Carolyn Lenihan, Eliza DeAngelis, Gordon Sundberg, Gloria, John Hopf, Jenny Patalano, Dorothy St. Onge, Peggy Moore, Nancy Lavoie, Douglas, Steve Whitney, Bob Jacob, Nathan, Marion Lucier, Pastor Dana Reardon, Alden Lenihan and Carmen

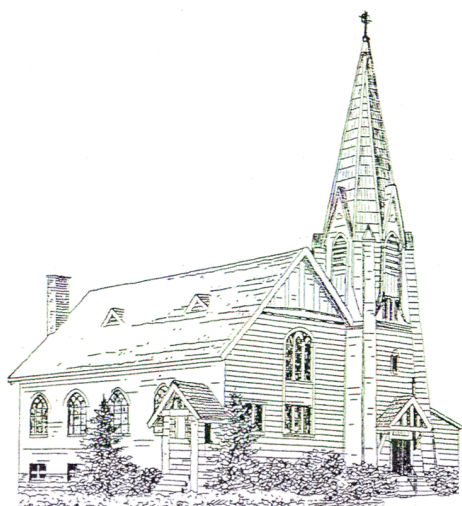
**We pray for our homebound:**

Ruth McCombs

**We pray for those who serve in the military:**

Chad Corrigan, Jimmy Lampman, John O'Brien, Matthew Wyatt, John Westervelt, Walter Anderson, John Crowley, Nathaniel MacIntosh, Sean Rounds, Jennifer Fleming, Stephen Thomas, Fransheska Gauthier, Zach Shatek, Garrett Knight and Joseph Accetta

**If you would like to add someone to the prayer list,  
please call the church office at 737-6758.**



JANUARY 2022

**LOG IN for Zoom meetings is as follows:**

**Log in Online**

**<https://zoom.us/j/3172973098>**

**Meeting ID: 3172973098**

**Passcode: – Warwick**

**Dial In By Phone**

**Phone 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099**

**Meeting ID: 317 297 3098**

**Passcode: 6887533**

**[FOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SERVICE...on ZOOM](#)**

**Reminder to please MUTE your device while listening to the service.**

*A recording of the video available by noontime Sundays on the Facebook page and a link on the church web home page.*