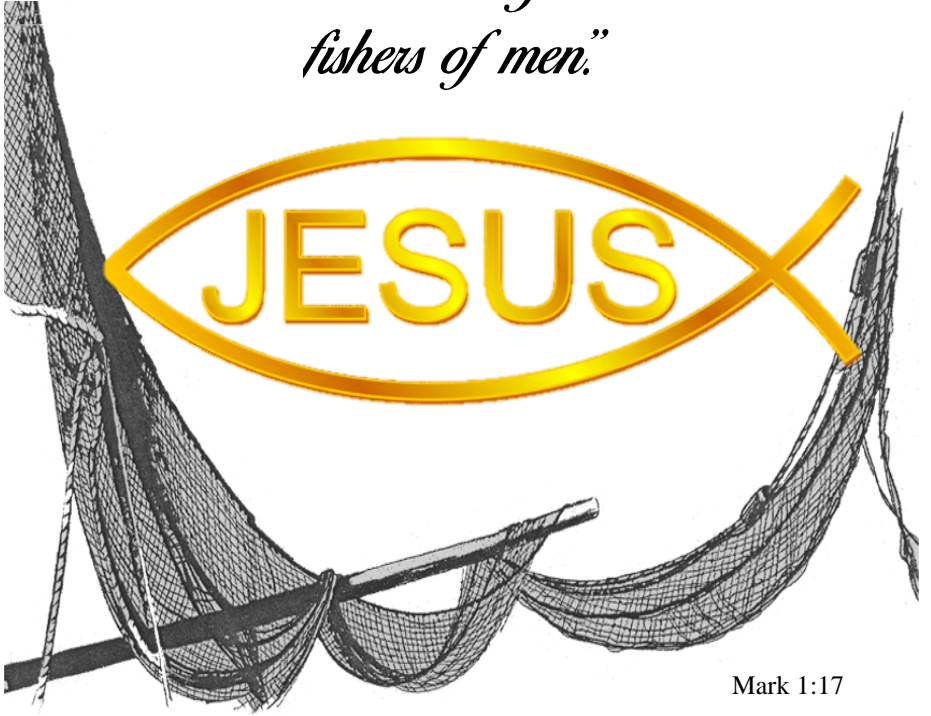


*Then Jesus said to them,  
"Follow Me,  
and I will make you become  
fishers of men."*



Mark 1:17

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Epiphany 4 continues the Epiphany theme of the Light shining on all the world. The *Gospel* for the day (Mk 1:14–20) relates the call of more disciples who would, after Pentecost, evangelize the world, though at the cost of their own lives. As Jesus calls these disciples from boats on the sea to become fishers of men, Jonah failed to escape his call to preach in Nineveh by fleeing on a boat to Tarshish. He could not escape from the Lord’s call and was given a second chance to become a “fisher of men” even in Nineveh.

**We welcome everyone to the Lord’s House today.**

**The Lord’s Supper** is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.** Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church.

**In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”** We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

**Service of the Sacrament Part 2**

***Agnus Dei:*** Latin for “Lamb of God”. Jesus is called the Lamb of God who takes sins away. He is present in His body and blood to have mercy and grant peace.

***Nunc Dimittis:*** Latin for “now [let Your servant] depart”. A departing song in worship that also anticipates a return to the House of the Lord.

***Benediction:*** A blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

## Opening Hymn 825 "Rise, Shine, You People"

### ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:31)*
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit** *Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10*

- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C** **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**
- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- C** **whose sin is covered.**

- P** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**C** **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"**  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time  
when You may be found;  
**C** **surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach**  
**him.**
- P** You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;  
**C** **You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy**  
**Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be**  
**forever. Amen.**
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**C** **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the**  
**LORD.**

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*LSB 204*

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
- C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 7:29–31*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*(John 20:31)*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 1:14–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 842** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

## Sermon Text

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

### Sermon “Your Ninevehs: The Lord Will Not Fail”

1. Nineveh is a frightening \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Yet our Lord will work His purpose \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The grace of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for all “Ninevehs.”

### Hymn 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

## Prayers

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

#### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossians 3:1)*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*(Psalm 136)*

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

(*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

**Pax Domini** ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei** ~ *Lamb of God* (John 1:29)

LSB 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

**Hymn 627** "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

**Hymn 617** "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

**Hymn 637** "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

**Hymn 618** "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**Nunc Dimittis** ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

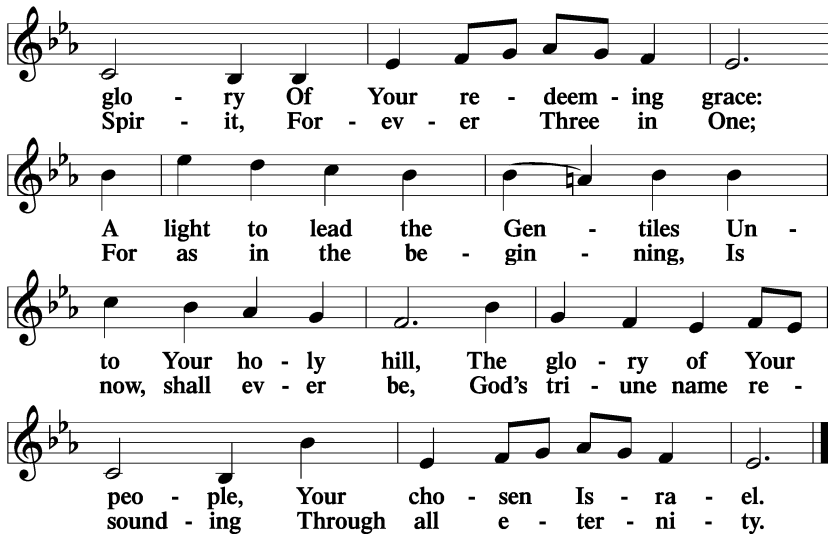
LSB 211



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus ~ Let Us Bless** (Psalm 103:1)

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 528** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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**Altar guild will meet** Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 pm, at Elaine's house.

### **Calendar of Events**

**TODAY** ..... **January 28th, 2024**

Breakfast Potluck ..... 8:00 am  
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am  
Bell Choir Practice ..... 5:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice ..... 6:00 pm

**MON:**

**TUES:**

**WED:**

Preschool/Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am

**THURS:**

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study ..... 9:30 am  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation ..... 5:00 pm  
New Member Class 2.0..... 7:00 pm

**FRI:**

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... **February 4th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:30 am  
Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm  
Bell Choir Practice ..... 5:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice ..... 6:00 pm

**It's Time to Spruce Up the Sanctuary!** All men, women, and children (supervised, please) are invited to dust and polish church pews, windowsills, and the sanctuary doors **in preparation for Easter**. This is an independent project; come when you can and leave when you must. (You can ring the doorbell to gain access during regular church or school office hours.) Hymnals and Bibles also need to be cleaned and checked for issues. There is a record-keeping chart and instructions for both projects as well as supplies in a large tote in the cry room. This project starts on February 1st and the goal is to be finished by Saturday, March 23. Any questions? Please call or text Linda Tinkey, 574-551-5627. Thank you for your gift of time and energy for this project.

**From the Hospitality Group:** We will be packing a roast pork with noodles or rice and roasted veggie meal on Wed., February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We are in need of pork gravy (jars or cans), and vegetables to roast. You can bring sweet potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, potatoes, onions, zucchini or any other vegetable for roasting. Thank you so much!

**Special Concerns:**

**That we will be assured** that no matter where we go and no matter the circumstances, the Lord will act for us and through us.

**For Pastor Rafael & Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer** and their work in foreign missions.

**For the Lord's guidance** in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

**That the Lord would bless** our offerings that we give today.

**For our country** and her leaders.

**We pray for all Christians** suffering from trials and persecutions in this world. That their light would so shine before men to glorify Jesus.

**LWML will be packing "Goodie Boxes"** for St Paul's college students, who have their addresses turned into the church office, on Monday, February 5, after our meeting. The program is a Bible Study on the hymn, "Salvation Unto Us Has Come." Anyone wishing to contribute to the boxes should bring 1 dozen individually-wrapped items to the Church kitchen on Sunday, Feb. 4, or to the meeting. All ladies are invited, and guests are welcome.

**Voters' Assembly Minutes** – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, January 21 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a paper or electronic copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger.

***From your missionaries Pastor Rafael, Deaconess Jamielynn and Elena:*** Please place our prayer card included in the bulletin today somewhere where it will remind you to pray for us and all missionaries around the world! We're home again in Santiago! We arrived January 5<sup>th</sup> and are adjusting to life back in the Dominican Republic. We wanted to thank you all for your open-arm welcome last fall that you showed to us, especially Jamielynn and Elena, as we were stateside for several months. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support we serve God and His people. We request prayers as we travel to Chile in February to activate Jamielynn's visa and visit our future congregation and home in Constitución. We will keep you updated through our newsletters this year! Stay in touch, we would love to hear from you, too. Write us at [Jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org](mailto:Jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org). *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."* Isaiah 12:2  
Thank you, God's blessings!!

## SCHOOL CORNER

### **Despite the weather, we had a great time during National Lutheran Schools Week!**

The students went bowling last Wednesday, not only for fun, but also to raise money for the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Program. **Students will be collecting donations and pledges the next couple weeks; or donations can be given at the school office, if you would like to donate to this worthy cause.** We also had breakfast with parents on Thursday morning, enjoyed extra activities with the preschool, and had pancakes for lunch.

**Thank you, for all you do, to support the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Schools (and Church; thereby, providing the opportunity to educate our students in a Biblically-based setting, and in knowledge of the Scripture and of Christ's sacrifice for us. Thank you, Teachers, for your dedication and continual hard work to make that happen!**

Speaking of thanking the teachers: **Please notice the Teacher Wish List Tree in the narthex.** If you would like to gift the teachers with an item for their classrooms or volunteer time, take an ornament from the tree and sign your name beside the corresponding item on the list. Items can be brought to the school office or placed under the tree. Thank you for your donations!

We will be kicking-off Reading Month next week. Students will read for points, to accomplish personal goals and whole school goals. Students will get weekly awards and, if the school reaches 1200 points, they will get to go on a special field trip (TBD). **If you have a child or grandchild in the school, please make sure they are reading or read with them!** Reading helps your child with comprehension, critical thinking, vocabulary, language skills, benefits mental health, and helps with every single core subject.

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### **Thank you for all the end-of-the-year donations to the Lutheran SGO and Tuition Assistance!**

Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate). Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW**

**electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

**We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.**

### YOUTH NEWS

**Ice Skating (Sunday, January 28th):** For Youth in Grades 4 through High School planning to attend our Ice Skating outing today, we meet at church at 1 pm and return by approximately 4 pm. Cost remains \$5/attendee. If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer.

**Parent Meeting (Sunday, February 4th):** We will be holding a meeting for parents of Youth currently in Grades 7 through High School following the church service on February 4th to discuss plans for the 2025 National Youth Gathering, possible mission opportunities, and more. Please plan to attend as we make preparations for the next year. Youth are welcome to attend as well.

**Super Bowl Subs are back (February 11th):** Once again the Youth Group will be making Super Bowl Subs for anyone interested. Orders can be placed through February 4th (forms available in the narthex) - sandwiches will be available for pick up following the church service on Sunday, February 11th. There is no cost for the subs. Free will offerings will be accepted in support of future Youth Gatherings and mission opportunities.

#### Servants for Today's Worship January 28, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Austin Nielsen & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Abby Wildauer

Elder: Bill Rogers

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

#### Servants for Next Sunday's Worship February 4, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Larry Britt

Acolyte: Gavin Hundt

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt