

# JANUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2: Amari Phatame
- 4: Kurt Irving
- 5: Myra Choate, Rick George, Kasie Doering, Julie Miller, Haylee Faulkner, Renate Venegas
- 6: Marlene Jackson
- 7: Dean Graves
- 8: Beth Brandt
- 9: Emily Kannuan
- 11: Justin Seiser
- 14: Cael Nixon
- 15: Raymond Schutt
- 16: Aimee Mae Ziegenbein
- 17: Lily Sheridan
- 18: Jacob Clabaugh
- 19: Kayla Saenthongkham
- 20: Makenah Timm
- 21: Paeng Chankhueng
- 24: Jammie Venegas
- 25: Sharon Lorenzen
- 26: Luke Royster, Kathy Hollander, Ryan Branning, Trysten Eide
- 27: Lori Bromm
- 29: Jennifer Wagner
- 31: Aaron Royster, Nikolas Khaleck-Bunpan

## THOSE SERVING IN

# JANUARY

### Elders/Ushers:

- 4: Bill Breitenkamp, John Vulgamott, Harrison Hayes
- 11: Rick Rasmussen, Ryan Irvin, Darryl Pagel
- 18: Dale Blue, Ryan Branning, John Vulgamott
- 25: Richard Rieck, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Irvin

### Greeters:

- 4: Wayne & Roberta Johnson
- 11: LeRoy Draeger & Jo Reaman
- 18: Dale & Arlene Blue
- 25: Shirley Bowman & Jan Reinhardt

### Audio/Visual:

- 4: Jasmine/Lila Venegas
- 11: Will Breitenkamp
- 18: Renate Venegas
- 25: Linda George

### Altar:

Janet Seiser

### Screens:

- 4: Emily Bochmann
- 11: Arlene Blue
- 18: Beth Brandt
- 25: Lorilee Seiser

### Organists:

Lavonne Breitenkamp

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### PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Baptized: 460

Confirmed: 297

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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
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### Worship Times

Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 am  
 Divine Service @ 10:00 am  
 Lao Sunday School & Bible Class @ 12  
 Lao Divine Service @ 1:00 pm

### Pastor Joseph Pierson

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### Office Hours

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 832-3043 Office number  
**Khan Chankhueng**  
 Administrative Assistant



## From the Pastor's Desk

January 2026

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This time of year is chock full of “year in review” lists; best movies, most popular songs, trends and news, the list goes on. Businesses are finalizing their fourth quarter reports, your bank and other financial institutions are sending out summaries of your finances to assist in your tax preparation (you should be receiving your contribution statement from church soon enough), and perhaps you’re taking stock of the year that’s drawn to a close. As we turn the calendar to 2026, we are offered an opportunity to reflect, to see what the Lord has done for us in the past year.

Of course, our Congregation’s reports are a sort of year in review. The parochial report gives the status of the membership, the treasurer’s report indicates the financial situation of the church, and the various board reports lay out what we’ve been up to as a congregation. They give us a snapshot of the health of our congregation on paper. And I’m glad to say that on paper, things are good. A metric a lot of people use is whether a church has more baptisms than funerals, and this marks the second year in a row the Lord has increased His kingdom by adding more souls to our church through baptism than He has taken from our midst to join the church triumphant. Another metric is the percentage of the weekly attendance that attends Bible study. 15% is said to be a good foundation, and while we would always love to have more members in Bible study, we’re above that figure between our Sunday morning Bible study, Sunday noon Lao Bible study, and our midweek Bible study. Additionally, this congregation is home to many faithful stewards, generous hearts, and willing volunteers. We are blessed to have stable finances, faithful lay leaders, and well-supported mercy work ministries.

While congregational health on paper is one thing, what makes me really proud of our church is the condition of the flock according to God’s expectations laid out in Scripture. You could say that’s congregational health according to The Book.

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## January Events

Tuesdays: **Christians in Action** @ 9:00 am  
**Food Pantry:** Jan. 6, 13, 16 and 27  
 @ 4-6:00 pm  
**Mobile Food Pantry** Jan.20 at St. Paul's @  
 4:00-6:00 pm

### MEETINGS:

**Board of Trustees:** Jan.6 @ 6:30pm  
**Board of Ed:** Jan.7 @ 4:30pm  
**Board of Stewardship & Finance :** Jan.7 @ 5:00pm  
**Board of Evangelism & Fellowship:** Jan.7 @ 5:30pm  
**Board of Elders:** Jan.12 @ 7:00pm  
**Council Meeting:** Jan.14 @ 7:00pm  
**LWML** Jan.19 @ 1:30pm  
**Voters Meeting:** Jan.25 @ 11:00am



## December Report

as of 12/19

**Food Pantry: 113 Families 393 Individuals**

For January, we would like donations of  
**Pasta, Pasta Sauce and Cereal**  
 Thank you to everyone who helped with the  
 food pantry or mobile food bank!

**Contact Phyllis Bisbee if you can help with the Food Pantry**



### 2026 Bible Reading

#### January

- 1 - Genesis 1-3
- 2 - Joshua 1-5
- 3 - Psalms 1-2
- 4 - Job 1-2
- 5 - Isaiah 1-6
- 6 - Matthew 1-2
- 7 - Romans 1-2
- 8 - Genesis 4-7
- 9 - Joshua 6-10
- 10 - Psalms 3-5
- 11 - Job 3-4
- 12 - Isaiah 7-11
- 13 - Matthew 3-4
- 14 - Romans 3-4
- 15 - Genesis 8-11
- 16 - Joshua 11-15
- 17 - Psalms 6-8
- 18 - Job 5-6
- 19 - Isaiah 12-17
- 20 - Matthew 5-7
- 21 - Romans 5-6
- 22 - Genesis 12-15
- 23 - Joshua 16-20
- 24 - Psalms 9-11
- 25 - Job 7-8
- 26 - Isaiah 18-22
- 27 - Matthew 8-10
- 28 - Romans 7-8
- 29 - Genesis 16-19
- 30 - Joshua 21-24
- 31 - Psalms 12-14

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As we have been looking at the pastoral epistles in our midweek Bible study, I've had some time to reflect on what Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, lays out as the tests for a healthy congregation. In 2 Timothy chapters 3 and 4, Paul emphasizes the pure teaching of God's Word as the foundation of a healthy church. Likewise in Titus chapters 2 and 3, Paul exhorts Titus to preach sound doctrine, to exhort to holy living, and to rebuke sin so that the people of God would live holy lives.

This purity of doctrine and holiness of life is what we ask for when we pray:

"Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (LSB p. 305)

I am so blessed to be able to report that God's people gathered in this place love His Word, receive His grace and mercy, and live lives that glorify our Lord. May we continue to grow in faith and love, and may God continue to bless us with pure doctrine and holy lives in the New Year and until He comes again.

Pastor Joe Pierson

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Lao Congregation

