



Life Line

Paul's Perspectives:



Happy New Year everyone!

If you are making some resolutions for this new year, I have a few suggestions. Loosing weight is not one of them, although it might be a good one for some of us. I am thinking in terms of the spiritual side of life, more so than that of the physical. Of course, as your pastor that is exactly what I am supposed to do, right? So, here goes, and this is for me as well as for others.

Join me, if you will in determining, and **resolving, that we will live our lives governed more by faith – than fear or doubt.** Faith will aid in the fulfillment of dreams, whereas fear and doubt will put a screeching halt to going forward to their realization. Fear equals failure – without a doubt! Pun intended!

Years ago I read a bumper sticker that said. “*Why Pray, When Your Can Worry?*” **Resolve with me to pray more, and worry less!** Prayer is an act of faith - that God can help, can put things right, can redeem, can restore, can save, can heal, forgive, and do whatever He choses to do for us that is in accordance with His will and purposes.

Another resolve that I would suggest for your and my benefitting – is that of cultivating an attitude of thankfulness. We are prone to take far too much for granted. Take little or nothing for granted, for all goodness is of God’s grace. Only when we are deprived of something, do we consider if we are deserving or not. An attitude of gratitude is something that every Christian should be prioritizing.

Thanksgiving will be truly realized in thanks-living! We are blessed for the purpose of being a blessing to others. That is thanks-living! **Resolve to be a blessing and you will be doubly blessed.**

God bless us all in this year of 2022.

Pastor Paul

(gleaned from 1/2/2022 sermon)





Zoom will no longer be available starting in January 2022

Starting in the month of January, church services will no longer be available on Zoom. Zoom served our church well during the peak of the pandemic, bringing us together virtually when we couldn't be together. But now, having only 1 or 2 viewers each week does not justify the cost when other options are available for free.

Worship Hour will continue to be broadcast live on the church's Facebook page and a recording of the latest service will continue to be posted weekly to the church's website www.fcrochesterwis.org. A third option is available for those who want to watch the service live, but prefer not to use Facebook; contact Mark Dahms for details.

Bible Study - *Evening Bible study meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 7:00 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation.*

Sunday, January 2 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Lora Gensler.

Sunday, January 9 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music TBD.

Sunday, January 16 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special music by Steve Dolphin.

Monday, January 17 - 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting.

Wednesday, January 19 - *Deadline for Annual Meeting Reports. Please leave reports on the Church office desk or via email your report to Karen Kaldor. Thank you.*

Sunday, January 23 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music TBD.
Sunday School after Children's time.

Sunday, January 30 - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music TBD.
The Annual Meeting and Coffee Hour will follow after the service.
Meeting will meet downstairs.



Lectionary Readings

1/2 *Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18*

1/9 *Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

1/16 *Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11*

1/23 *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21*

1/30 *Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4:21-30*





Prayers and Concerns

COVID19 Responders and Caregivers

Victims of Terrorism

Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide

Our Nation's Leaders

All military personnel and their families

Casa Bernabe Orphanage

Douglas Depatis

Kristy Novak Enger

Rachel Frashingbauer

Jim, Christine Gall's Father

Julie Gren

Oscar Jacobs

Tom and Lynn Koeper

Ed Manwing

Oliver, Bill and Joyce Gerard's grandson

Neely McNeal

Dan Medkalf

Stephanie Mutz

Matthew Olson

Julie Pagan

Torin Philips

Doris Schaefer

Reid Shamus

Jack and Jeanie Smith

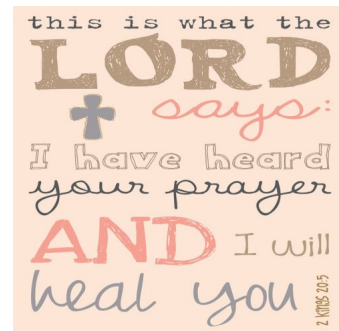
6 year old Clinton

Barbara

Lois

Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has a new address!
Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
Apt. 1118
Burlington, WI 53105
Phone Number 262-758-6718



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Pators Report

- Want to start choir in February.
- Annual meeting last Sunday in January. (January 30, 2022)

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of November: deposits (income) were \$3,406 and withdrawals (expenses) \$5,126.

Worship Commission

- We continue to fill Sundays with special music.
- Jubilee continues to play during the last service of each month.

Fellowship Commission

- Sunday, January 30th there will be a coffee hour during the Annual Meeting.
- Sunday, February 13th Potluck after church.

Mission Commission

- The Christmas shoe boxes we packed at the packing event were shipped to Malawi.
- Love Inc. was served on November 29th. We prepared 40 individual meals in the "to go" containers. Love Inc. plans to continue serving meals on Monday's and Wednesday's only, in the current format.
- All tags from the Adopt-a-Family Christmas tree were picked up and gifts brought to the church. Our church adopted 3 families.

Buildings and Grounds

- Steve Dolphin and Don Ketterhagen discussed coordinating things needed to be done with congregation. Some may be able to do various jobs.
- Contractors have been contacted for bids on painting church and parsonage.
- Sign on highway 36 needs to be refurbished.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, January 17th at 7:00 PM



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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January 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 10:15 am Church Special Music by Lora Gensler	3 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:15 am Church Special Music TBD	10 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:15 am Church Special Music by Steve Dolphin	17 Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:15 am Church Special Music TBD 30 10:15 am Church Annual Meeting/Coffee Hour after Church.	24 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29

Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

