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DECEMBER 2021

From Pastor's Desk

I Can Only Imagine



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DECEMBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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 Dec 3 Advent by Candlelight
 Dec 10 School Christmas Shoppe
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 Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship



Have you ever taken a moment to think of what questions you want to ask God? I don't mean how we ask him for things here, in this life, but there... in heaven. When you see him face to face. I, for one, have millions of questions to ask him. Most of it is trivial... useless. Rising out of pure curiosity. Contributing nothing to the benefits of salvation. Apparently, I'm not the only one. Here are some of the world's most intriguing questions born from the pits of pure imagination...

- What was it like watching him pray?
- How did he respond when he saw other kids giggling during the service at the synagogue?
- Did you ever feel awkward teaching him how he created the world?
- How did he act at funerals?
- To Mary: Did the thought ever occur to you that the God to whom you were praying was asleep under your own roof?
- Did he ever come home with a black eye?
- Did he do well in school?
- Was he ever scolded?
- Did he ever wake up afraid?
- Who was his best friend?
- What did he and his cousin John talk about as kids?
- Did his other brothers and sisters understand what was happening?
- Did you ever think, *That's God eating my soup?*

Imagination. It can only take us so far. A month and season like today calls for such a task- imagining the intriguing. However, let me remind you- the Lord is beyond our imagination. Yes, he was born in a stable. Yes, the shepherds visited. Yes, the choirs of angels sang in the sky. But, that's just the beginning. Ephesians 3:20 says, *"²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think..."* Another translation says "immeasurably more...". That's right. This same baby in the manger, this God incarnate, this Lord of hosts is the one who not only does the imaginable but "immeasurably more" than that. Unimaginably more. It's intriguing to imagine... but one day, you won't have to imagine anymore. One day and one day soon (Rev. 22:12), all your questions will be answered. All your imaginations come to life. All curiosity satisfied. Hmm. Imagine that.

Jakob Andrzejewski
 Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski

MINISTRY

COME WORSHIP WITH US



December 1 **Midweek Advent 1 Worship 7:00 p.m.**
Lessons & Carols, Lutheran High Northwest Choir

December 8 **Midweek Advent 2 Worship 7:00 p.m.**
Preschool Christmas Program

December 15 **Midweek Advent 3 Worship 7:00 p.m.**
School Children's Program, grades K-5th



December 24 **Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 p.m. (Family Song Service)**
Christmas Eve Worship 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)

December 25 **Christmas Day Worship 10:00 a.m.**

*The church office holiday hours: Dec 23-Closed at 1:00 p.m., Dec 24—Dec 31 Closed

Merry Christmas From the Staff of St. Paul Lutheran

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING - Volunteers Needed

Let's "Step Into Christmas" and "Deck St. Paul with Boughs of Holly" for "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year". "We All Need A Little Christmas"- "Please come, to your *St. Paul*, Home for Christmas" and help us decorate! "This Christmas" we need you! November 28th following the 11:00 a.m. service, here in the sanctuary. Lunch provided. We need all the helping hands we can get!



GIVING TREE will be planted in the narthex this Christmas season again. Help a child that is less fortunate. All donations welcome!

*Hats, gloves, mittens, and a scarf; help to shape the GIVING TREE bark,
A tree that may in winter wear; clothing so the skin not bare.*

Donate to WLCFSA, a child you will truly bless!

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE will be located in the lobby for you to place your Christmas cards on that you would normally send to fellow friends of St. Paul. Why not save a stamp and wish them Merry Christmas by placing your card on the tree.

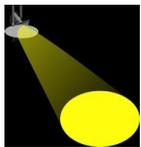
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BIBLE VERSE'S OF THE MONTH CHURCH YEAR — SERIES 'C' BEGINS



SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
ADVENT	Nov. 28 2021	First S. in Advent	Jer. 33:14–16	Psalms 25:1–10	1 Thess. 3:9–13	Luke 19:28–40 or Luke 21:25–36
	Dec. 5	Second S. in Advent	Mal. 3:1–7b	Psalms 66:1–12	Phil. 1:2–11	Luke 3:1–14 (15–20)
	Dec. 12	Third S. in Advent	Zeph. 3:14–20	Psalms 85	Phil. 4:4–7	Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)
	Dec. 19	Fourth S. in Advent	Micah 5:2–5a	Psalms 80:1–7	Heb. 10:5–10	Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)
CHRISTMAS	Dec. 24 Eve	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)	Is. 7:10–14	Psalms 110:1–4	1 John 4:7–16	Matt. 1:18–25
	Dec. 25 Day	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)	Is. 52:7–10	Psalms 2	Heb. 1:1–6 (7–12)	John 1:1–14 (15–18)
	Dec. 26	First S. a. Christmas	Ex. 13:1–3a, 11–15	Psalms 111	Col. 3:12–17	Luke 2:22–40
	Dec. 31	Eve of the Circ. and Name of Jesus (New Year's Eve)	Is. 30:(8–14) 15–17	Psalms 90:1–12	Rom. 8:31b–39	Luke 12:35–40



SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting the many years of faithful service of Clara and Will Lichtenberg. They exemplify the teaching of St. Paul in Ephesians 2:10: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

It all began when Clara and her late husband John joined St. Paul in 1967. Clara has always enjoyed spending time with people which is reflected by her many volunteer activities over the years. She and John were involved with the youth, including arranging many offsite retreats. Clara tells that they began this activity even before any of their three children were old enough to participate. School volunteering was important to them, and Clara was room mother for each child’s class at least once. Clara has also been very involved in serving and coordinating many funeral luncheons and the quilting group. Both of these activities provided many opportunities for Christian fellowship and service. She also has helped as an occasional assistant in the church office, and organizes the Food Pantry. Many of us also think of wonderful coffeecakes when we think of Clara! Will relates that both of his parents actively encouraged people to become members or to be more active at St. Paul.

When asked why he has been so involved at St. Paul, Will says that it is his home. The Genesis 32 story of Jacob wrestling with God has had a significant impact on his life, both when he was younger and through the years. His love for children is evident in that he has taught Sunday School since 1998, and in the many Children’s Messages that he has delivered. His careful and thoughtful teaching of the faith to the acolytes shows his concern for their spiritual growth. The family was involved in the family choir for Christmas Eve, and later Will was in the Chancel Choir. After his father’s death, Will began leading the Men’s Bible Fellowship Breakfast. He has been an elder for many years, and currently is the chairman. Will says that the things that hold him back in service are a lack of manpower and his stroke.

We thank God for the continuing service of both Clara and Will!

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Young Adults is a group of post-college age to 30 something who gather together to fellowship in Bible study and events. This past season we were meeting with Historic Trinity of Detroit's group of Young Adults at the Atwater Brewery for our study and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday December 14 as we will meet at Joe Paladino's, at 7:00PM, 120 Seward #211, Detroit, MI, after that we will be on hiatus until January. Watch for further info as to start date. For more information about the group or if you are interested in being part of this group, you may get in touch Craig Rinкус at craigrinkus@gmail.com.

KIDS KORNER



CHRISTMAS BLESSING'S

Christmas Angel Maze

Help the Angel find her Angel friend by following through the maze!



School's Christmas Shoppe



On December 10, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping for mom, dad,

sister, brother, grandma and grandpa and friends, to buy handmade gifts for \$1-5. This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. Please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or email her at annesagan@yahoo.com for any questions.

Christmas Card Campaign



Christmas gatherings & celebrations may be smaller this year, but the angel's good news that God sent His only Son to redeem us will still be as big as ever. While many of us will be attending

Christmas services at St. Paul, due to the pandemic, many of our family members will have to listen online. Let's show them we care! Consider sending them a card. The welcome center has a list of these members. Please choose one (or ten) and send a card to them.

Ideas for Christmas card notes

- Though we may not be able to worship with you this Christmas, please know that you are in the hearts and prayers of your St. Paul family.
- At this time of uncertainty, know that your St. Paul family is here for you.
- Your St. Paul family wishes you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.
- Our (St. Paul) wish for you is that your heart is filled with joy at the birth Jesus, Our Savior.



MINISTRY

ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID, WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE WEEKLY NEWS

Advent Devotion Books

Child of Promise



The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in *Child of Promise*, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled. Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us—God's Son, our Savior—Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His *Child of Promise*. Lutheran Hour Ministries seasonal devotions for Advent (beginning November 28) is available for you and your family to use during the Advent season or give one to a neighbor or friend. Invite them to worship with us this holiday season. Available for pick up in the church lobby today (holiday worship schedule inside cover).

The Annual Advent Dinner for Midweek will now be presented by the Women's Guild as a German dinner cooked by them instead of a potluck. Be sure to bring the whole family. This is held on **Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Sign up is at the Welcome Center, this is helpful to determine on how much to prepare for. Thank you.

Advent by Candlelight of December 3 will be held at 7:00 p.m. A sign up for this will be out in the lobby for hostesses and patrons.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox—We've finished collecting and packaging up all the wonderful shoeboxes with gifts to be given to help celebrate Christmas for those in need around the world. We delivered 41 boxes. Thank you to everyone who donated and wrapped boxes which helped a lot for this project throughout the past year. This was greatly appreciated. Watch the news & notes beginning in January for our next year's monthly collections. Blessings, Cheryl Dirkse

LUTHERAN WITNESS

A Lutheran Christian monthly subscription magazine which runs from March 2022 to February 2023. Each issue will include the *Michigan In Touch* supplement. This magazine provides LCMS lay-peoples stories, info on congregational life, foster personal growth in faith and help interpret the contemporary world from a Christian perspective **Annual cost \$11.60** **Deadline** to order, **December 15**, after the 15th you are responsible to order your own at a cost of \$13.60 and you'll have to order online at the CPH. Contact the church office to continue or order a new subscription. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write in the memo line *Lutheran Witness* or leave in the office. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated food stuff from the ingathering on Thanksgiving eve for the food pantry and to those who came and helped put food items away on Friday. Blessings. Clara Lichtenberg



CHRISMONS EXPLAINED

During Advent, our sanctuary is adorned in anticipation of Christ's birthday celebration during the season of Advent - that is, the four Sundays preceding Christmas and three Wednesday midweek Advents. Did you know the white & gold ornaments on our Christmas tree in the sanctuary have a special meaning?

These ornaments, called Chrismons point to our LORD and SAVIOR by their colors, by their shapes & most importantly, by their Scripture references. Many St. Paul members have participated in the making of these Chrismons. Gerry Breyfogle originally brought this ministry of hand-crafted sacred designs to St. Paul in the 1970s, when St. Paul began having a *Chrismon* tree.

Please take time to stop by the tree this Christmas season and check out the beautifully hand-made designs of these ornaments. If you are ever interested in learning to make a Chrismon for our tree, feel free to contact Martha Smyth, at smythfam4@aol.com. See back of calendar insert for list of some of the symbols used and their meaning.

SCHOOL MINISTRY



Mr. Eric G. Pittman
Co-Principal

St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

Our Mission

"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!"

Our Statement of Purpose

St. Paul Lutheran School equips children for a life of service with a foundation of academic, physical, spiritual, and social maturity centered around Christ Jesus.



EDU COMMENTS- "In All Things. . . Truth"

The TV program "To Tell the Truth" ran from the mid-1950s all the way up to the early 1990s. There are usually three contestants who claim to tell the truth about who they are, what they have done or what they do. A panel of judges asks questions, with the hope of discerning which one is the truthful individual.

As parents, one of the most important values we want to see our children put into practice is to tell the truth – not just occasionally, not just when it benefits themselves, but all the time.

In our current culture, we often seem to experience people who deny the truth, just won't tell the truth or have their own spin on what is the truth. There are also those who tell false truths – claiming to be truth. None of these behaviors are helpful.

Back in the early 1500s, Martin Luther was having trouble finding truth within the church, as there were several leaders teaching what he found to be contrary to the truth written in the Bible. Luther had been doing a great deal

of study in Scripture and began to recognize the many errors of these church leaders. He shared his concerns in 95 sentences or theses, which he posted on the door of the local church in Wittenberg, Germany, initiating the start of the Reformation.

The Reformation was a quest to find the truth of God's Word in proclamation and practice in the church. This quest still continues to this day in the church and in society. Truth can be elusive and difficult to discover among fallen people who can't always recognize and speak truth, but we press forward, knowing that it is the right path to follow as it is truth which sets us free.

As people who want to put faith into practice in our communities, and as parents who want truth in our homes, it is our goal to raise up our children to be faithful to God's truth. Even more that 500 years later, we can continue to follow the example of Luther to seek the truth, speak the truth and put the truth into practice.

May your home be filled with words of truth centered on Jesus, who is the way and the truth and the life.

Source: *Family Matters/Vol. 26, NO.2*

SCHOOL NOTES-

The first quarter of the school year has ended, and we are proud to announce the students who have earned a spot on our honor rolls. They are:

Principal's Honor Roll

Andrew Keeble, Molly Newell, Eleanor Workman, Lilian Szerdi, Celeste Sanislo, Britain Pierce, Eben Woelmer & Logan Hansen

Teacher's Honor Roll

Colin Pierce, Elizabeth Rose, Quiyarah Showers, Makai Hurst, & Kylie Schaffer

Many important things have happened since my last article. We are thrilled to welcome the Mickens family and the Pierce children into God's family through Holy Baptism this past month!

Our faculty assisted with the highly successful Trunk N' Treat and Reformation Rally events. We appreciate the support the congregation gives our school and want to support the efforts of the church to the community and within the congregation itself. Thank you!

It's been a busy month with Parent/Teacher Conferences and choir activities. Of special note, was our school's participation at the Royal Oak Veterans Day Ceremony at City Hall on November 11. Our school choir provided the music. Adding to our curriculum was the Cooperative Clinical Educational Program with Oakland University Nurses. Their nurses visited our school on November 16 and 30 and spoke to our children about Healthy Habits such as nutrition, exercise, and sleep.

As we enter the month of December, we look forward to the **Christmas Shoppe** on December 10, our **Preschool leading worship** at the second Advent Service on December 8, and **K-8 leading worship** at the final Advent Service on December 15.

Lastly, don't forget the **Event of the Year**, the **PTL Spring Auction**, on April 30, 2022, at the Emagine Theater in Royal Oak. We need donations for the auction! Help is always needed. Check the church bulletin for further details.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec 10	Kids Christmas Shoppe
Dec 1, 8, 15	Midweek Advent Worship (8th Preschool, 15th Children's Christmas Program (K-5th))
Dec 17-31	Half Day of School (Christmas break begins through to Dec 31)
Jan 3	School Resumes



Faculty and Staff Wish You
a very Merry Christmas!

DIRECTORY & NOTES

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(Please contact Steven Carpenter at scarpenter@stpaulroyaloak.org to request a communication, print publication or new web project for the website. Submit your news, story, recap, event, or photo and it'll be considered for publication.)

Prayers

Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
Ralph & Charlette
Schroeder
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

Military

Eric Banker
Mark Bowdich
Paul Bowdich
Matthew Canfield
Sam Eskew
Brandon Newton
Brendan Sharp
Hayden Sharp
Joe VanDamme
Tirzah VanDamme
Jason Zuniga
Gabrielle Zuniga



Boards/Committees

Board of Education
Board of Elders
Board of Evangelism
Board of Finance
Communications &
Technology
Fund Operating
Music Ministry
Board of Stewardship
Board of Trustees
Women's Guild
Board of Youth

Gifts Given

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Dr. Ken Ranney* by Mr. & Mrs. Rutledge

GIFTS—Donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located in the lobby. This is a two part card, one to go with the gift to the church and the other to be mailed to the family. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

Official Acts

Baptisms	Date	Parents
Kenna Lou Moelich	11/14/2021	Robert & Jaclyn

Members In-Confirmed

Kathy Kast, Torie Lynn, Matthew Schleusener,
Bo & Jackie Wiggins

Members In-Transferred

Steven & Jessica Ebmeyer, Ryan Kiekbusch, Amber
Martini, Beth Rognlie, Darren & Christie Sipila

Members Out-Transferred

Amy Dietrich, James & Josiah Kelley

MERRY



CHRISTMAS

PRAYER CARE – If you are in need of a prayer spoken or meditated on by St. Paul's prayer warriors, there is a group of individuals who are ready to pray for you. At any time, please feel welcomed to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email christinemsteiber@gmail.com.

All prayer requests will be kept confidential. Please note: for public prayer in worship services led by Pastor Andrzejewski on behalf of the church, you must contact the church office. Additionally, if you would like to serve as a prayer warrior who will pray for these specific prayer requests, contact Chris Steiber. Prayer requests will be sent to prayer warriors via email.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613



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| 01 | Steven Snell | 17 | Brynn Cunningham
Lacey Lefere |
| 02 | Lyra Bowdich | 20 | Kurt Ulrich |
| 04 | Elli Harris
Tiffany Jackson
Sally Wright | 21 | Patrick Petersen |
| 06 | Bryan Harris
Stanley Harris, III
Pamela Rodway
Megan Schultz
Nigel Smith | 22 | Daniel Pyykkonen |
| 07 | Mariah Olsen
Belle Sawyers | 23 | Ross Pierce
Jack Wendland |
| 10 | Eli Mitchell | 24 | Taylor Fixler |
| 13 | Tony Valdes | 27 | Ronald Thies |
| 15 | Jessica Ebmeyer
Scott Manteuffel
Brittany Patterson | 28 | Kyle Lefere
Maureen Walsh |
| | | 30 | Ella Guilmette |
| | | 31 | Rose Pomroy |

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CHRISMONS

*A Christogram; Latin: Christ Monogram
(Handmade Christian symbols of the Church used as ornaments
to decorate our Christmas tree.)*

Symbols have played a very important part in the proclamation of the Christian faith. Christian art throughout the centuries has created hundreds of distinctive symbols to represent in visible form men's conception of the Christian religion. The Christmas trees used to decorate the Church at St. Paul in Royal Oak, Michigan are decorated with "Chrismons"—symbols from Christian history. To help you in the interpretation of some of the symbols on our tree, a brief description follows.

Nearly all Chrismons have been made in white and gold: White represents light, peace, joy, purity and Heaven. Gold symbolizes the majesty and glory of the Son of God.

If you are interested in making or repairing the "Chrismons" throughout the year, you can contact the Church Office for further information.

Star enumerates the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit. Eight-pointed Star—symbol of men's regeneration.

prophesy; often used as a symbol of Advent.

symbol of the Holy Spirit. The dove in a descending position recalls the Day of Pentecost.

 **Serpent**—As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

 **An Open Bible**, often shown with a lamp, is the symbol for the Word of God. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet" (Psalm 119:105).

 **The Hand of God** suggests the word of the psalmist; "His right hand and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory" (Psalm 98:1).

 **Butterfly**—symbol of resurrection of Christ and man's hope of eternal life through grace and faith.

 **A Shell** depicts the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

 **The Fish** is a symbol of Christ.

 **The Tongues of Flame**, usually seven in number, symbolize the advent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The number seven represents the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.

 **The Lamb of God**, Agnus Dei, shown sometimes with a banner and other times reclining, is a symbol inspired by passages of Scripture such as... "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world'" (John 1:29).

 **The Rose** is a symbol of the nativity of Christ. Other flowers also symbolize other truths—the lily of the valley symbolizes the humility of Jesus, and the daisy the innocence of Christ-Child. The lily usually is shown in pictures of the mother of our Lord; a symbol of the virgin birth

 **Scroll** signifies written word of

 **The Dove** is the

 **The Crown** signifies the Kingship of our Lord through His victory over sin and death.

THE CROSS 
The Latin Cross, with the upper arm and two sides of equal length and the lower are twice as long, is form most commonly used.


St. Andrews Cross—St. Andrew was reputed to have died on a cross of this shape.


The Cross of Constantine is the Chi Ro (XP) with the Chi (X) turned to form a cross. It signifies Christ, the conquering King.

end of the arms symbolize the Trinity.

MONOGRAMS OF OUR LORD


The Greek Cross has all four arms of equal length.


The Celtic Cross is a Latin cross with a circle representing eternity placed at the junction of the arms.


The Tau Cross is "T" shaped.


The Passion Cross has pointed ends to remind us of points of nails, thorns and spear.

X
Chi, or as we would write it X, is the 1st letter of the word of Christ in Greek.

XP
Chi Rho, the 1st two letters for Christ in the Greek alphabet. Sometimes the X is turned to form a cross. A 2nd interpretation is the Latin Christus Rex, Christ the King.


The Crosslet is formed with 4 Latin crosses meeting in center and signifies the spread of Christianity to the 4 corners of the world.


The Anchor Cross—the cross rises out of an anchor. An anchor symbolizes Christian hope.

XC
XC are the 1st and last letter of Christ in Greek.


The Jerusalem Cross is formed with four Tau crosses meeting in the center.


The Cross Treflee—Three circles on the

IHS
The 1st three letters of JESUS in Greek.

IX
Monogram of 1st letters of Jesus and Christ.

22:13). Omega can be written in more than one way.

M
The 1st letter of the name Mary, our Lord's Mother.

AMΩ
M, or in Greek MU, is middle letter of the Greek alphabet. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb. 13:8)

NIKA
The Greek word for conquer.

SYMBOLS OF OUR LORD AND GOD

INRI
1st letter of words in Latin inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of Jews." Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (John 19:19).


The Circle, being a figure without beginning and ending, represents God who is both eternal and one. It symbolizes eternity.

ΑΩ AW
Alpha and Omega, 1st and last letters of Greek alphabet. "I am the Alpha and Omega, the 1st and last. The beginning and end" (Rev.


The Triangle, all sides and angles equal, carries the idea of God's unity in showing that God is three person, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all of whom are equal.


Jesus Christ, the chief Cornerstone. "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20).


The Chalice symbolizes Sacrament of the Altar. Wheat and Grapes symbolize the same truth and often are shown surrounding the chalice and host.


Five-Pointed Star—symbol of Epiphany of our Lord, recalls sign given the Wise Men. Six-pointed Star, is the Creator's Star. Seven-pointed