

February 2025

# St. Paul Lutheran Church



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## Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming  
the saving  
grace of Jesus  
Christ to all."*



## From the Heart of Your Shepherd

**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11**

It was in the spring of 2022 that the "Building a Future in Christ" stewardship campaign was undertaken here at St. Paul. This campaign was undertaken as a result of the congregation's decision to undertake a substantial renovation of the church building and a substantial addition to the school. The campaign sought to visit every family in the congregation if possible. Volunteers stepped forward to make the visits. The purpose of the campaign was to ask the members of the congregation to reflect on how God had blessed them and consider how they might support the building project that was being undertaken.

It was on June 12, 2022, that members were asked to turn in their commitment forms for this campaign. Some members chose to give one lump sum to support the campaign. Others chose to make a weekly contribution or a monthly contribution. The total cost of the project was \$747,373.07. That included the renovations to the church, including substantial repairs to the steeple, as well as the school addition. You might say that it was an ambitious undertaking for our congregation.

At the time of this writing, the total amount spent on the project has very nearly been raised, and it is expected that the entire amount will have been raised by the time of print. That is an extraordinary achievement for which we give thanks to God. We are reminded that God does indeed have a plan and a future for our congregation.

I want to express my deep appreciation to all of those who so generously supported this campaign. I know that many pledged to give a substantial amount to this project. I also know that there were those who gave well beyond what they had even pledged. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This is a milestone in the congregation's history that is worth celebrating. We will celebrate this important event during the Sunday service on February 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a "mortgage burning" during the service, and President Lueck, from the North Wisconsin District, will be the guest preacher that day. It is certainly appropriate that we should give thanks to God for blessing our congregation throughout this campaign.

In His service,  
Pastor Olson

## Sermon Texts and Titles

**February 2:** The sermon text for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany will be the Gospel reading from Luke 4:31-44. The title of the sermon will be "What is This Word?" Our Gospel reading for this day focuses on the issue of authority. We see that Jesus speaks to people with authority. Jesus continues to speak to us with authority. He not only tells us the difference between right and wrong, but He tells us of sins forgiven. Jesus' Word has authority.

**February 6:** The sermon text for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany will be the Gospel reading from Luke 5:1-11. The title of the sermon will be "Fishing with Jesus." The Gospel reading is the familiar text of the miraculous catch of fish. Jesus comes to us in this text and teaches us two things. First, He teaches us of His concern for our physical needs. Second, He teaches us of His concern for our spiritual needs. The disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus provides for their physical need while showing them that He also provides for their spiritual needs. It should be noted that President Lueck will be our guest preacher on Sunday as we celebrate the retirement of the congregation's debt. There will be a reception in the gym following the Sunday service.

**February 13 & 16:** The sermon text for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is the Gospel reading from Luke 6:17-26. The title of the sermon is "Get Real!" This text is what is called Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain." Jesus comes to us and gives us a description of reality that is very different from what our world tells us. He tells us who is blessed and who is cursed. The description of blessings and curses contradicts what our world tells us. Jesus tells us who is really blessed and who is really cursed.

**February 20 & 23:** The sermon text for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany will be our Gospel reading from Luke 6:27-38. The title of the sermon will be "Judge Not?" The words of our text are the very familiar words of Jesus where He says, "Judge not lest you be judged." But what does Jesus mean when He tells us that we are not to judge? Does this mean that we can never say that anything that someone does is right or wrong? We will consider what Jesus means when He says, "Judge not lest you be judged." We give thanks that Jesus took the judgment that our sins deserve to the cross and suffered for us. We have the assurance that we will not face the judgment before God that we deserve.

**St. Paul Lutheran School News**  
***Excellence in Christ-Centered Education***

**Registration for the 2025-2026 school year:** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. We are very excited that the enrollment at St. Paul has continued to grow. Total enrollment currently stands at 94

**4k Registration:** We still have openings in the 4k program for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Budnik if you have any questions.

**Voucher Enrollment:** Enrollment for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) opens February 3. St. Paul Lutheran School participates in this program. If a family qualifies, the voucher program would cover the cost of all education related expenses, including tuition and registration. There is a link on our website that will take you to the Department of Public Instruction website for the online application. It is important for families to complete the information accurately. Please contact the school office with any questions that you might have on this program. If you are unsure of how to fill out the application, it is best to contact the school office for help before submitting. Also, please remember that current voucher students must go onto the website and fill out the application for next year as well.

**Special Needs Scholarship Program:** St. Paul Lutheran School participates in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). This program allows students with certain special needs to be able to attend St. Paul. There are no income limits on this program as it is based on special needs. If a student qualifies, the program covers all costs of education including tuition and registration. Please contact the school office with any questions that you might have on this program.

**Annual Auction:** The auction will be held in person this year on February 22 at Beverly Gardens. The auction provides support for St. Paul Lutheran School.

**Roller Skating:** The students will have roller skating during recess and P.E. from February 21-27. There was another school in the area that was working with the company that rents the skates and delivers them to the school. This made the price affordable for our school.

**Midnight Madness:** Midnight madness will be held on February 21 from 6:30pm-12:00am. This event is for youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. There will be roller skating, food, and possibly nerf gun wars. Students who are interested can pick up a permission slip in the school office.

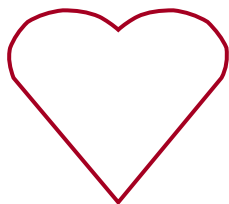
**Spring Fundraiser:** Our spring fundraiser will kick off on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with Aim Fundraising this year, which is a change from previous years. Please watch for the information that will be sent home with each student on February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the second of the two fundraisers that St. Paul does each year.

**St. Paul Lutheran School News:**

Welcome 2025!! We enjoyed a nice Christmas break after celebrating the birth of Christ. Our first day back we presented our two Christmas services due to the bad weather in December. Our second quarter ended which meant that report cards were prepared and sent home. We got to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. We are so blessed that St. Paul congregation supports our school and has provided a Lutheran education in the Luxemburg area for 140 years. Sunday was the kickoff date with singing in church, an open house, Learning Fair boards were displayed, and lunch served by the School Board. Many fun events occurred during the week: we wore pajamas to school and had a movie, we wore Hawaiian clothes, we had grandparents/special person breakfast on a Wednesday so we could go to chapel together. We were very patriotic in our red, white, and blue on Thursday. We ended our week with school spirit day and our Charger clothes and went bowling at Rendezvous. The girl's and boys' basketball seasons came to an end this month. Thank you again St. Paul for all the support that you give our school!

St. Paul School and Sunday School have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter offering project to Camp Luther. The children collected \$650 to send to Camp Luther. We are very fortunate to have this great camp in our North Wisconsin District and we also have our very own youth- Evan Peters working at the camp this year. We pray for many blessings for Camp Luther. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter offerings are going to finish paying toward the building campaign of our school addition and church remodel.

The St. Paul Auction Committee continues to prepare for the 23rd Annual Auction so please **MARK YOU CALENDARS**



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN  
23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT

## **AUCTION**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2025** at  
Beverly Gardens in Denmark

**4:00 PM** - DOORS OPEN, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES BEGIN

**5:30 PM** - FAMILY-STYLE CHICKEN DINNER. Meal tickets are available for sale in the narthex after all church services, by stopping by the school office, or by calling (920) 845-2095. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 per person, Children 3 and under free.

**7:00 PM** - LIVE AUCTION

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or Check

FREE Admission to Auction

We are continuing to accept donations for both the live and silent auctions. These can be turned into the school office or given to any of the Auction Committee member:

Jeremy Belter	Kim Kroll
Nicole Belter	Chase Pagel
Jennifer DeBauche	Bonnie Salzsieder
Chris Janda	Rani Stangel
Paul Janda	Ashley Weidner

If you have any questions, please contact  
Jeremy Belter at 920-850-0675 Hope to see everyone there!

## Lakeshore Lutherans for Life Updates-

-Thank You to all for your Sanctity of Life Sunday support of Pennies for Life and the Baby clothing collection.

The flowers on the altar for Life Sunday were gifted to the youngest and oldest member of St Paul's in Honor of our Lord and Creator.  
Congratulations to Abel Vanderbloemen and his parents and Mildred Drab.

-40Days for Life begins March 5th in Green Bay. If interested in walking for the prayer vigil contact Dianne Zeitler or Nola Duescher

-The next Lakeshore LFL meeting will be held Mon. March 10th 6 pm at St Paul Church meeting room, Please consider joining us as we continue to speak up for Life.

Celebrating the Sanctity of Life Sunday with refreshments following the Church Service. Thank you to those who were able to attend despite the cold-weather.



## STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS

### *"Christ's Life, and Love, and Light"*

Open our eyes Lord to see Your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height  
May thankfulness be days in service spent  
Reflection of Christ's life, and love, and light. (LSB 788)

As stewards enter the month of February, it is fitting that we look at the last stanza of the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788). It is in these words that we see that the heart of stewardship is indeed love. Love has flowed from our Lord to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

This love is then to flow from us to others. Being a conduit of love is really the central task of what it means to be a steward. The Lord entrusts us with His love that reconciles us to Himself, so that we might be stewards of the Gospel reconciliation that is freely given through us to those around us.

If we don't see this love from God to us, then through us, to others, our eyes will be closed not just to the needs of those around us. They will also be closed to the very heart of the Gospel itself. This is why the hymnist prays that the Lord would "Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height."

Only when we are immersed in God's Holy Word, washed in Holy Baptism's life-giving water and fed on the holy, precious, body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper, will the Spirit be able to open our eyes to see the Lord's loving intent for us, and those we know and love. Sin blinds us. It makes us think that we are the center of our world, and our pleasure is the key.

In the Word, the Lord shows us the depth and height of His love. The depth of that love is what moved Him from His throne in heaven into our world. There He would don our human flesh, walk the dusty roads of Palestine, and set His face toward Jerusalem. Once there we get to see the height of His love, as He is elevated on a Roman cross to die a death that we deserve. But that would not be the end. He would be lowered into a tomb for three days. On that third day we then see the heights of love ascended to in His resurrection. This resurrection is already ours too!

The depth and height of this love poured out on us by the Holy Spirit then is distributed through us to others. Christ's servant love is shown in our servant love. The hymn utters the prayer of every Christian steward:

May thankfulness be days in service spent  
Reflection of Christ's life, and love, and light.

This is the task for which stewards were originally created. Bearing the image of creation and redemption, we reflect Christ's love to those around us. The light of Christ shining through us to others is the true stewardship to which we are called. It takes place in our homes. It is lived out in our workplaces and classrooms. As we bear the life, love and light received in Word and Sacrament, we carry it out in service to our neighbor and for the glory of God!

Forgive us, Lord, when our stewardship of thankfulness is shallow or lacking! Fill us with Your life, love and light! Not just for us, but through us to those we know and love, that they may know Your life, love and light for them!

In Christ, Lori Prah, Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn



A big thank you to everyone that helped take down the Christmas decorations inside of church.

Thank you to:

Andy Bosdeck, Nate Budnik, Rob Byrne, Debbie Delebreau, Beverly Graunke, Chris Janda,  
Paul & Karen Janda, Dianne Kilgore, Kaye Kratz, Sue Kratz, and Brian Prah.

Thank you to all who helped! It was very much appreciated!

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1. Youth Group
2. Christian Service Guild/LWML
3. St. Paul Church Renovation Fund
4. General Scrip Fund
5. Tuition Reimbursement



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**DVD's** are available of the church service. Call the church office at 920-845-2095 and one of our volunteers will deliver it to you.

**Need a ride to church?** Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

**Newsletter Deadline:** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Flower Guild: Darlene Kudick</div>						1
2 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30 am	3	4 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	5 <b>Chapel 8:15 am</b> Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Board of Christian Education Mtg 6:45pm Choir 7:00 pm	6 <b>Divine Service</b> 7:30 pm	7	8
9 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30 am	10	11 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	12 <b>Chapel 8:15 am</b> Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	13 Able Light Volunteer Day 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <b>Worship</b> <b>Service 7:30</b>	14	15
16 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30 am	17	18 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	19 <b>Chapel 8:15 am</b> Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	20 <b>Divine Service</b> 7:30 pm	21 Youth Midnight Madness 6:30 pm - Midnight	22 Auction Doors Open 4:00 pm Dinner 5:30 pm Live Auction 7:00 pm
23 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am <b>Divine Service</b> 9:30 am	24	25 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	26 <b>Chapel 8:15 am</b> Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	27 <b>Worship</b> <b>Service 7:30</b> pm	28	

**Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes**