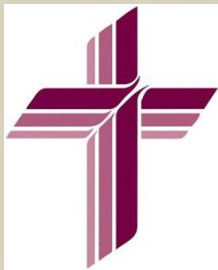


December 2025

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

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" John 1:1;14

When we think of Christmas, we think of the story of shepherds on the hills outside of Bethlehem. We think of angels delivering a message of good news and great joy. All of those images come from the 2nd chapter of Luke's Gospel account. They shape our image of the Christmas events.

However, it is John's Gospel account that greatly adds to our understanding of what was happening in Bethlehem. John tells us that in the beginning was the Word. He tells us that the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He goes on to tell us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus is referred to as the Word in John's Gospel. This tells us some very important things about Jesus and tells us what Christmas is all about. It tells us first of all that Jesus is God. He is the second person of the Trinity. This tells us that God Himself came down into the world at Christmas and took on human flesh and blood. He did this that He might accomplish our salvation.

But what does it mean that Jesus is referred to as the Word? In John's Gospel, Jesus is referred to as the Light of the Word, the Way, the Good Shepherd, and other things. All of those things tell us something about Jesus and what He does for us. But what does it mean to say that Jesus is the Word? That can seem a bit strange to us. What it is referring to is the fact that when God speaks His words have power. We think of God speaking at creation and calling into being the creation itself. Jesus is that powerful Word of God. Jesus is God speaking to us.

What happens when God speaks to us? That Word of God is just as powerful today as ever. God comes to us and speaks words of joy and peace to us at Christmas. He comes to us and tells us that our sins are forgiven. He tells us the good news of all that Jesus has done for us. God comes to us through His powerful Word and creates faith in our hearts that we must trust in Jesus and be filled with true Christmas joy. We will receive that eternal Word once again this Christmas Season. That is the true gift of Christmas. I hope you have a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate that eternal Word coming into our world and accomplishing our salvation.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

December 4 & 7: The sermon text for the Second Sunday in Advent will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 3:1-12. The title of the sermon will be "Christmas Preparations." Our world started getting ready for Christmas even before Thanksgiving. John talks about true Christmas preparations. He talks about preparing our hearts for the coming of the Savior.

December 11 & 14: The sermon text for the Third Sunday in Advent will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 11:2-15. The title of the sermon will be "Great Expectations." Advent is a time of great expectations. What are you expecting from Christmas? Will your expectations be met? That will depend on whether or not you have the right expectations. We are told in our Gospel reading what it is that we can expect from Christmas.

December 18 & 21: The school Christmas program will take place on Thursday evening. The Sunday School Christmas program will take place on Sunday morning.

December 24: The text for Christmas Eve will be the epistle reading from Titus 2:11-14. The title of the sermon will be "Grace has Appeared." Our epistle reading tells us the meaning of all of the events that took place in Bethlehem with the birth of Jesus. We are told that grace has appeared. That is the gift that we receive at Christmas, and that is the gift that we truly need. Jesus was God's undeserved love coming into the world in order to pay for our sins and overcome death for us.

December 25: The sermon text for Christmas Day will be the Gospel reading from John 1:1-18. The Christmas account from Luke tells us about the human side of Jesus. We see how Jesus was born as a child into this world roughly two thousand years ago. The Gospel from John tells us that Jesus has existed forever. We see Jesus' divine nature in the Gospel of John. We see that Jesus was true God coming into the world to do that which we could not do. Jesus is described as the Word. Jesus is God speaking to us and telling us of our salvation.

December 28: The First Sunday of Christmas tells us of Mary and Joseph having to take Jesus and flee to Egypt. We also see the slaughter of the innocents in Bethlehem. We see that not everyone is excited to hear about this newborn king-especially King Herod. It is no different today. We receive the good news of a Savior, but we know that there are those in our world today who do not receive this gift of the Savior.

Thank you: Thank you for all of the cards and words of encouragement during October, pastor appreciation month. I greatly appreciate it. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Phil. 1:3 Pastor Olson

St. Paul Lutheran School News

December 2025

Christmas Program:

The St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas program will be on December 18 at 6:30pm. The service will be held in the church. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Christmas Bingo:

Christmas Bingo will be held on December 17 at 9:15 am. The students always love having grandparents and other special people join them for this fun event.

Christmas Break: December 24-January 2. Merry Christmas!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Christmas Schedule: Christmas Eve worship will be at 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm (candlelight service). Christmas Day worship will be at 9:30 am. You are welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

HONOR ROLL

High Honors: Aeva Dahlke, Brielle Dahlke, Jack Porath, Landon Schmoll, Bennett Spude, Melody Enderby, Skye Enderby, Lily Kilgore, Ariana Pamperin, Wyatt Raduenz, Mason Budnik, Madelyn Duescher, Calleigh Engebose, Kaylin Gerlikowski, Chloe Kilgore, Adam Schantz, Bryn Vaughn

Honors: Aubree Engebose, Fletcher Ledvina, Owen Pamperin, Trevor Raduenz, Eden VandenBush, Lily Budnik, Ruby Duescher, Carter Kilgore, Greyson Larscheid, Anna Schantz, Cora Simonar-Wochos, Libbie Engelking, Miles Fager, Jolee Ledvina, Ella Siegmund, Zoey VandenBush, Addie Veaser, Grant Veaser

4K Registration:

4k registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. We offer a five day a week all day program with morning and afternoon busing. St. Paul offers an outstanding Christian education. If you have any questions, you can get more information by contacting the school office.

Merry Christmas: All of the staff at St. Paul want to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas. We hope that during this busy season that you and your family will be able to take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. As you give and receive gifts, we hope that you will pause and look into the manger and see the greatest gift that anyone has ever received: the gift of Jesus. This child was God coming down into a world that is filled with so much darkness that we might have light and life through Him. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING:

We will be decorating church on Sunday, December 14th immediately following the worship service. We are looking for people to help beautify the church for the celebration of Christ's birth. **We are in need of volunteers!** Please come and help if you can! Please bring a lunch as we will start immediately following the service.

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

As we enter the holy season of Advent, St. Paul Lutheran School extends warm greetings to our St. Paul Lutheran Church family. Advent invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. In these weeks of waiting, we remember that God's promises are sure, and His light shines even in the darkest places.

Throughout December, our students will be learning what it means to prepare for Jesus' birth—not only through songs and Scripture, but through daily acts of kindness, prayer, and reflection. Advent teaches all of us, young and old, to ready our hearts, to watch with expectation, and to rejoice in the hope we have in Christ.

We are grateful for the faithful support of our congregation, whose prayers and encouragement strengthen our ministry to children and families. It is a blessing to partner together in sharing the love of Jesus with the next generation.

As Christmas approaches, may the light of Christ fill your homes, your worship, and your celebrations. May this season draw us closer to the Savior who comes to bring hope, peace, joy, and love.

A blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas to you and your families!

Mrs. Shellie Kosmerchock, Teacher



Children's Christmas Service "**Light a Candle**" will be Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. This unique children's service involves the lighting of candles to represent the good news of God's love, shown for us in the gift of His son on that first Christmas. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

Stewardship News and Views

"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves" (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Do you have a person or two on your list that you just don't know what to give them? While I know you are running short of ideas...dad doesn't really want another tie, and your kid's teacher doesn't need another coffee mug. It can be nothing short of maddening to try to figure things out in the middle of this busy season!

As stewards of all of life and life's resources, we know that life is more than giving gifts. We stewards never want to take anything the Lord provides for granted. During this season of Advent and Christmas, it is a great idea to do whatever you can to be a faithful steward of your pastor. Even more so than the rest of the year, the demands on their time, their presence and their stewardship of the Gospel in the congregation become heightened.

The demands on pastors can wear them down and wear them out. How does the steward in the congregation serve as a faithful steward of the treasure that is their pastor? Here are a few ideas:

- Put them at the top of your prayer list. - Pray that the Lord guards them against the weariness that makes them susceptible to the work of the devil.
- Make worship a priority - St. Paul admonishes the Thessalonians and us to respect those who labor among us. There is no greater way to steward your pastor than to respect him enough to show up and receive what he has been sent to offer in the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the Holy Sacraments.
- Be receptive to his work - If your pastor is tasked with calling you to repentance or encouraging you to be in worship, know that he is only caring for your soul.
- Esteem him highly - Take the time to thank him for his faithful service to Christ, the congregation and your family.
- Be at peace - This is an easy time for even minor annoyances to get blown out of proportion and become full-blown conflict. This not only spoils the season of Advent and Christmas, but it also spoils our stewardship of the Gospel and those who serve us in that Gospel. Remember that Jesus came into the world to be the Prince of Peace. This is an act of grace and mercy. The steward seeks to reflect this toward their pastor and their brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christ,

Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin



Joy to the World

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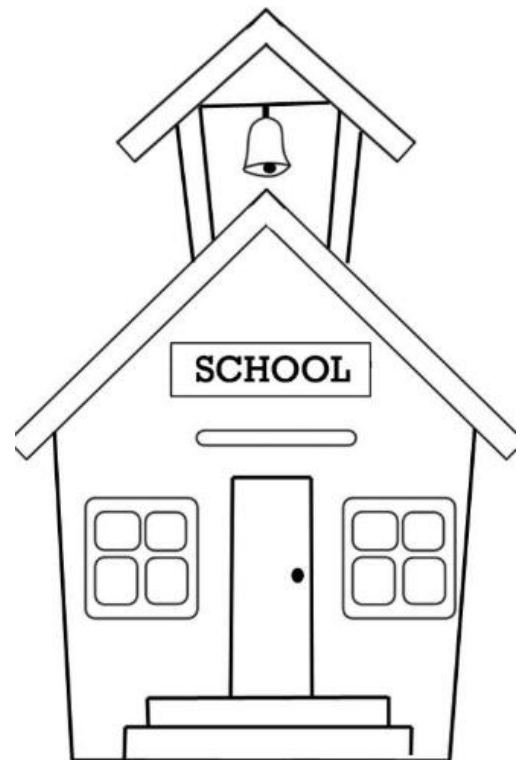
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BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	REJOICE
BIRTH	MAGI	STABLE
BLESSINGS	MANGER	STAR
CAMELS	MARY	THREE KINGS
FRANKINCENSE	MIRACLE	WISE MEN

Fruit Baskets will be available for pickup in the school gym on Sunday, December 7th.



Fruit baskets are a gift to our church members who are 70 years young and older. The youth and Sunday School children will be assembling the fruit baskets in the school kitchen on Saturday, December 6th around 9:30am following our Christmas practice. The fruit baskets are possible with a Thrivent card and an apple donation from They's Apple Orchard. If there are any questions, please contact Sherry Byrne @ 920-606-2000. Please consider saving and returning the basket for use next year. There will be a tub in the back of church to collect the baskets.

St. Paul Scholarship Fund was established in 1977 to encourage our young people to attend Lutheran High, Synodical Colleges, and Synodical Seminaries. The scholarship fund is funded through Advent and Lenten Scholarship envelopes. The Advent envelope has been placed in your pigeon hole. At the present time we have Micah Gray at N.E.W. Lutheran High School and Kiley Gaedtke who is a student at Concordia University Mequon pursuing a parochial education degree. We would like to help these students as much as possible. We anticipate more students at these schools in the future. Therefore, we would like to build up the Scholarship Fund. Please prayerfully consider giving a generous donation. The harvest is plenty; the workers are few.



Lakeshore Lutherans for Life:

Lutherans for Life has available a new memorial/honor card for monetary gifts. They could be used for a memorial or to honor a special event in your life such as an Anniversary, Birthday or Marriage. The cards are available in the Narthex. The next LFL meeting is Monday, December 1st at 6 PM at St Paul Lutheran Church meeting room. Please join us as we speak up for life issues.

Stamps for Missions

The stamp ministry for missions continues and a thank you to all who have contributed.

Since 1993, Lutheran Women in Mission across the Northern Wisconsin District have been clipping and sending in canceled postage stamps. You can, too.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League NWD invites you to save postage stamps. Please ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and those with large volumes of mail to save for you.

Please purchase commemorative stamps when you purchase stamps instead of common stamps. The commemorative stamp costs the same as regular stamps. We would get more money per pound for the commemorative stamps because they are larger than common stamps.

Here are some questions you may have:

- Can we collect and send **flag stamps**? Yes, our dealer accepts flag stamps.
- Can we collect and send **postcards**? Yes, but postcards that are dated 1950 or earlier; please send the whole card. Do not cut the postcard.
- Can we collect and send **nonprofit stamps**? Yes, our dealer accepts nonprofit stamps.
- Can we send **post office metered stamps**? No, our dealer will not accept metered stamps from the Post Office.
- Can I collect and send **new (unused) stamps**? Yes, our dealer accepts new (unused) stamps.
- Can I send in my **old stamps**? Yes, if you think you may have some old stamps that may be of value, please place them in a separate envelope or box and mark the packaging "special stamps." This way our dealer may look at them and determine the value of the stamps.

When mailing a card to a loved one remember to place your stamp in the upper right-hand corner, allowing space around the edges. The perforation on the stamps is the most important aspect of the stamp.

Also, remember when you are trimming stamps, please leave 1/4" edge around the stamp. This is important in encouraging proper handling of the stamps by our buyer.

Just send your trimmed canceled postage stamps with your zone president and she can bring them to our LWML Board meeting.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow—the current amount raised so far from the stamp sales is: **\$15,231.51!**

What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those we love, care about, and share Jesus with. Please continue in the Lord's mission as we serve the Lord with gladness!

In Christ,

*Shirley Hein
Mary Scharenbrock*



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*Reloadable Gift cards

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You will be contacted at a later date as to where you would like the profit to go towards:

1. Youth Group
2. Tuition Reimbursement
3. St. Paul Building Fund
4. General Scrip Fund

The holidays are upon us. **Please consider using the SCRIP Raise Right App and purchase Scrip gift cards in church for your holiday purchases.** Scrip will be ordered in November and as needed in December; depending on the amount of orders. The last SCRIP order will take place the weekend of **December 14**. Here is a list of special orders of 5.00, 10.00, and 25.00 gift cards. Please mark these orders on the BACK of your green Scrip ordering form. These are considered special orders.

Ace Hardware Luxemburg - 25.00

Applebee's - 15.00

Arby's - 10.00

Bath & Body Works, 10.00

Chipotles - 10.00

Crumbl Cookie 10.00

Dicks Sporting Goods 10.00

Noodles & Company 10.00

Panera Bread 5.00, 10.00

Roblox 10.00

Starbucks 5.00

Target 10.00

Visa Gift Card 25.00 (No activation fee)

Amazon - 10.00

AutoZone \$25.00

Barnes & Noble -5.00, 10.00

Buffalo Wild Wings 10.00

Cousins, - 10.00

Dairy Queen 10.00

Home Depot \$10.00

Old Navy 10.00

Papa Murphy's 10.00

Sam's Club 10.00, 25.00

TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Homegoods/Sierra 10.00, 25.00

Walmart - 10.00

NO SCRIP SOLD ON DECEMBER 18TH, 21ST, 24TH, 25TH, 28TH, & JANUARY 1ST

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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 21st of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flower Guild: Darlene Kudick	1 LFL 6 PM Church meeting room	2	3 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Band 8:00 pm	4 Divine Service 7:30 pm	5	6 Sunday School Practice in Church 8:30 – 9:30 am Fruit Basket Assembly in Gym 9:30 – 10:00 am
7 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Fruit Basket Pick- Up 8:30 – 10:30 am Divine Svc 9:30 am Dinner & A Show Dinner – 4:00 pm Show – 5:00 pm	8	9	10 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Band 8:00 pm	11 Able Light Volunteer Day Worship Service 7:30 pm	12	13
14 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	15	16	17 Chapel 8:15 am Christmas Bingo to follow in the gym Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Band w/ choir 8:00 pm	18 9:30 am & 6:30 pm Day School Christmas Service	19	20 Sunday School Practice in Church 8:30 – 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Party in Gym 9:45 – 10:00 am Band Rehearsal 10:00 am
21 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service – Sunday School Christmas Program 9:30 am	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL 3 & 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 <u>Christmas</u> 9:30 am Divine Service – Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28 NO Bible Study or Sunday School Divine Service 9:30 am	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL Gaedtke/Walechka Wedding			

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