

ST. PAUL VISITOR JANUARY 2024

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY
AT 10:00AM FOR
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The Mission Of St. Paul
Evangelical Lutheran
Church Is To Celebrate
And Proclaim To All The
Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
Deed.

ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE 

WELCOME

We have two new members at St. Paul. Please
welcome Ryan Trumbauer and Susan Korstanje to
the family!

CHURCH COUNCIL 2024

Pastor Kevin Mackey
Jenny Murray
Kevin Knowles
Emma Kist
Bernadette Wellman
Barb Garnett
Julie Huron
Ron Pease
Kenny Kirby
Anne Graybeal



A Step-by-step
Guide



OUR SYMPATHY TO:

*The Family Of
Al Schneider. Al
Passed Away
December 18. Our
Prayers Are With
The Family.*



A memorial service for Ernie
Golder will be held at St.
Paul on January 13 at
1100am.



A memorial service will be
held for Al Schneider at St.
Paul on January 27 at
11:00am.

Pastor's reflections

So some time ago now I was a part of a seven member parish. I was one of five pastors who helped to shepherd the parishes. In fact I was the pastor on the staff who rotated around to the different parishes on Sunday morning. Each pastor had two primary parishes and the biggest parish in town had two people – myself and another pastor as their primary pastor. The way we set this up was that when I came to lead worship at a specific church, the “primary pastor” at the two preaching points had a Sunday off. We also had a Saturday service that I took a turn doing.

I mention this parish for a couple of reasons. First, they decided to get together for mission to the larger community. Secondly, the parish was able to have the expertise of five pastors who were gifted in different ways. One pastor enjoyed teaching, including confirmation. I focused on my gifts of spirituality and prayer.

So, in the founding document of the parish that all seven churches agreed to were these words found in their Core Values: As Christian congregations, we exist for the sake of those who are not here. I have always found those words to be interesting. We exist for those who are not here. What did that mean for those in the seven-member parish in that context in rural Iowa? It meant that they EXPECTED visitors. It meant that all that we/ they still try to do is meant to invite and welcome others to the love, forgiveness and mercy of Jesus Christ.

So, as you and I begin a new calendar year. What do those words mean for us at St Paul? Is our ministry primarily focused on taking care of ourselves or is it reaching out? Those are pretty important questions it seems to me as we think about ministry and the places where we do ministry here in the tristate area.

Your Council will be meeting in January to do some planning. To think about what ministry looks like when we EXPECT visitors into our midst. To think about some exciting ideas still in their infancy – possibility of having a contemporary service, the upgrade to our video capabilities at worship. Do you have any other ideas? Please let your Council know and think about how you might help in the endeavor. Also please remember to consistently pray for your leaders.

Looking forward to new year filled with possibilities and ministry.

Pastor KLM <><

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Greetings from my mother in Germany! She fondly remembers her visit in Huntington and the interactions she had with you. I arrived safely in northern Germany two days ago and celebrated my older niece's birthday yesterday. She is eight years now and just started taking piano lessons.

On the picture you can see a so-called "Christmas Pyramid" a tradition originating from the Ore Mountains in former Eastern Germany. This particular one was passed on to my mother from my grandparents. I am very grateful to Keith Wellman for filling in for me this Sunday so I can spend time with my family. Thank you!

I'd also like to thank everyone for the music at our beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and for the Children's Service on Advent 3, especially Jill May for working with the kids and Barbara Garnett for leading the bell choir, Alex Mackey and Katie Dowis for singing a duet at both services, Cameron May for playing the trumpet, Dr. Dan Beals for playing horn and guitar, Kristine Becker Boike for a beautiful violin solo as special guest, and, last but not least, our St. Paul Choir. What a wonderful group of people... As always, if you are interested in joining the choir, please don't be shy! Everyone is invited.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Henning



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

In the month of December, the weather changes and the winter season begins. It is a time of preparation for many things: the birth of Jesus, the celebrations with family and friends, and the moments of giving presents but also being in the present. The times we share and the memories we make with our loved ones last a lifetime. Sometimes, I like to just breathe in these moments and enjoy them a little longer. "A little bit of love goes a pretty long way!"

Our youth at St. Paul have spent weeks in preparation as well. So many gifts were brought together in preparation of our Nativity play, "The Savior Has Come" on Sunday, December 17, 2023. We had our bell choir, a lovely duet, a trumpet solo and other accompaniments, along with new music and signing. We had gifts in song, voice, instrument and motion. Together, we shared the story of the shepherds, angels, wisemen, Mary and Joseph and the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

These children know they are a child of God and they love Jesus and love sharing the Good News and the love and light of God. They sang from their hearts, they braved new waters, new music, new songs and delivered a profound message of faith, grace and love. In all of these preparational moments, I learned to cherish the new successes or the smiles of achievement or the look of satisfaction when fears were overcome. All of these actions were little sparks of spiritual growth of self and growth with others.

I am very proud of all of our youth. Let God continue to use our hands to do His work.

Help us all to come together to serve our Lord in Amazing and Glorious ways.

We concluded the Christmas Program with a Birthday celebration for Jesus and all of God's Children. We had 12 different types of cupcakes representing each month of the year. We shared our birthday's in fellowship, helped pack Christmas Baskets and also prepared and delivered cupcakes to Hospice House, Ronald McDonald House, and a few families. Together, we served so many as we celebrated Jesus' birth and our own! So many hands came together to do God's Work. May we continue to serve our Lord and others in need in our community and elsewhere. In the New year to come- Let all things Praise the Lord!

- Psalm 150-

Let all things praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Praise God and His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts. Praise Him, according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the loot and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with string, instruments, and flutes! Praise Him with loud symbols; Praise Him with clashing symbols! Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

God's Blessings Always. May you have the Happiest New Year!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.



Check out the bulletin board just inside the glass doors for a couple of Christmas letters to the congregation: one is from Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry and the other is from Denae Kuenzel who was part of our St. Paul family a few years ago before she moved to Minnesota with her family.



CRIDLIN NEEDS



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry is in need of gently used towels, blankets, and sheets. Please leave your donations in the narthex.

CAN YOU HELP?



What is the Backpack Food Program?

Each week during the school year we put together bags of food for children at Southside Elementary who may not have enough food for the weekend.



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How many children do we help?

Each week we provide food for 25 children.

How can I help?

You can purchase items for the backpacks! See the list of suggested items below. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the container in the narthex.

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What can I donate?

- Pop Tarts
- single serving ravioli
- ramen noodles
- single serving soup
- single serving mac and cheese
- tuna and cracker packs
- fruit cups
- individually packaged beef sticks
- single serving applesauce
- single serving beef-a-roni
- individual shelf stable milk drink boxes



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For January we will be collecting canned pasta. Please leave your donations in the container in the narthex.





BOOK CLUB

January 10 at 10:00am
in the parlor



We will be discussing
"Orphan Train" by
Christina Baker Kline

Please join us!



- 2 Paula Simpson
- 3 Cindy Jones
- 4 Steven Brown
- 5 Ryan Vickers
- 7 Kathie Cunningham
- 10 Emma Arneson
- 11 Wyatt Utley
- 16 Mary Lou Fricke; Steve Nord
- 17 Emma Kist
- 18 Nellie Kirby
- 23 Matthew Conzett
- 27 Cheryl Conzett
- 28 Kathy Mackey

WE PRAY FOR:



LaDonna, Helen,
Stephen, Barbara, Mike,
Mandy, Becky, Dan,
Gloria, Frank, Marty,
Cheryl, Tom, Anne, and
John

If you would like to add
someone to the prayer
list please call the church
office.



January Anniversaries

- 23 Rex and Cam Hale
- 29 Brad and Jeanna Bell



DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX

The readings listed below are
emailed to the congregation
Monday-Friday along with a
suggestion for contemplating
the scripture. If you are not
currently receiving the daily
devotional and would like to
please contact the church
office.

- January 1-5: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
- January 8-12: I Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
- January 15-19: Jonah 3:1-5; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
- January 22-26: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28





ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Our ELCA Good Gifts tree is up in the narthex! By choosing a tag from the tree and donating the specified amount to ELCA Good Gifts you are helping those in need throughout the world. Gifts can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones.

It's simple:

1. Choose a tag from the tree.
2. Place a check with specified amount in the offering plate (or turn in to the office)
3. Give the tag to someone as a gift given in their honor.



The church office will send the money in to ELCA gifts for you.

Please make sure you indicate on your check that the money is for ELCA Good Gifts.



NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

We are in the beginning stages of planning a Wednesday night contemporary service to begin in early 2024. Our hope is to attract a different audience who cannot (or maybe doesn't want to) attend on Sunday mornings. If you have any thoughts on how best to accomplish this or would like to take part in making this happen feel free to reach out to Pastor Mackey or Barbara Garnett.



My love and thanks to the St. Paul Lutheran Quilters for the beautiful quilt they gave to me after I had my robotic hip surgery, providing me with comfort and peace. Blessings to each of the quilters who gave their time in making all the quilts shown in our sanctuary several Sundays ago.
My sincere thanks,
Carolyn Becker



WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JANUARY

January 7

Reader: Owen Murray
Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers:
Bread:
Ushers:

January 21

Reader: Linda Schneider
Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Flowers: Lisa Kelley
Bread:
Ushers:

January 14

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler
Acolyte:
Flowers: Helen Golder
Bread:
Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn
Garnett

January 28

Reader: David Stuart
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte:
Bread:
Ushers:

Sanctuary Lamp

Pastor Kevin and Kathy
Mackey

ALTAR GUILD

Creigh Pemberton

We need ushers and bread providers. Please sign up if you can help!



Adult Forum

JANUARY 7


We will be discussing "What I Wish My Christian Friends Knew about Judaism" by Robert Schoen. Please read the first 28 pages before January 7.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on December 6 beginning at 10:00am. If you have time please stop by and help out.



IT'S TIME TO
DE-DECORATE!

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 Office closed					10:00am De-Decorating the Church 1:00-4:00pm Cookie Kickoff for Scouts
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	10:00am Book Club 7:00pm Choir	6:00pm Scouts		11:00am Memorial Service for Ernie Golder
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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