

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY JANUARY 4

9:00am – Worship & Communion  
10:15am – Sunday School, Adult Bible Study  
10:15am – Confirmation Class

### SUNDAY JANUARY 11

9:00am – Worship  
10:15am – Sunday School, Adult Bible Study  
10:15am – Confirmation Class

### SUNDAY JANUARY 14

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

### SUNDAY JANUARY 18

9:00am – Worship & Communion  
10:15am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
10:15am - Confirmation Class

### SUNDAY JANUARY 25

9:00am – Worship  
10:15am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
10:15am - Confirmation Class  
11:30am - Potluck  
12:30am - Voter's Assembly

### SUNDAY JANUARY 28

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm – Youth Bible Study

### REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Healing:** Tony Barbian, Elaine Schur, Kenneth Sjogren, Lorraine Schott, Cliff Herring

**Guidance:** Missionaries as they work to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ & the Lutheran Student Campus Ministries at Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M

**Protection:** For the armed forces of our country, especially Garrett Bye (Fort Cavasos, Texas), Jerrico Enriquez (Norfolk)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING & POTLUCK

There will be a Potluck on Sunday January 25th, at 11:30.

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will follow the Potluck at 12:30.

Everyone is invited to attend.

If you wish to be more active in the running of the Church, you can get information on becoming a Voting Member at the meeting.



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Little Church,  
Big Heart.*



## **News & Notes January 2026**

### PARTS OF THE LITURGY: THE SERMON

As we have been making our way through the liturgy of worship, the readings lead to the sermon. The sermon is not a place for the pastor to simply share quips, jokes, stories, or off-the-cuff thoughts on events of the world. While the pastor may certainly make use of stories, funny quips, or other tools to help everyone in worship that day enter into the life of the sermon, the sermon is a serious affair where the word of God is brought to bear on the hearts and minds of the people there.

It is in the sermon that several things take place: the Word of God is applied to people. However, it is more than instruction alone. The sermon is about God and it is about people and how God comes to people through that same Word. The double-edge sword of the Spirit works on our hearts through the hearing and explanation of the Word of God. This brings us, in a sense, face-to-face with our sin; it also confronts us with God's free offer of forgiveness and then finally with God's mercy and grace as revealed in Jesus.

### Nursery/Mothers' Area

A quiet area for nursing mothers or if your infant needs rocking, is found to the side of the church entrance. Ask an usher if assistance is needed.

We are, in some sense, brought to the feet of Jesus every time we enter into the life of the sermon. This makes it a serious affair for the pastor in his preparation and also the people in their hearing and applying. But it also makes it a happy thing because as we hear from the Word we hear from Jesus.

