

ST. PAUL VISITOR
DECEMBER 2025
JANUARY 2026

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Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
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ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE ♥

Please note that this is a combined newsletter for December and January. We will not be sending out a separate newsletter in January.

ADVENT MIDWEEK

"Magnificat: My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning December 3.

Light meal served at 6:00pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

7:00 pm

10:00pm



Pastor's Reflections

Happy New Year! You are probably thinking, "What? Happy New Year that doesn't start till after Christmas. Well, we in the church have always done life in a different way. One of those different ways is starting the church year differently than the calendar year. Our church year starts in Advent and the color for the four Sundays in Advent is blue. By the time you receive this newsletter the First Sunday of Advent will be upon us.

We here at St Paul have much going on in Advent. Every Sunday in Advent is filled with something special. See the calendar for the particulars. On top of that this year we will once again have two Christmas Eve services – 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. As planning is still ongoing, I hope to have two distinct services on Christmas Eve. I like to say each one will have its own "flavor".

Advent, like many of you has always been a special season for me. It all started with the family of origin as we always had an Advent wreath at home and did devotions together, usually in the afternoon or evening on the Sundays in Advent. I especially remember this time this year as the last of my parents, my father died this past March. He and my mom were the driving force of faith formation in our family. This is something I have tried to carry on with our daughter as she reaches her teenage years. This year we will have purchased three different Advent calendars with special treats inside of them on the days of Advent. In addition to this I plan to read the devotional that comes from Luther Seminary that is still available in the entryway to the sanctuary.

So Happy New Church Year to you all. As this season of Advent proceeds may you prepare for the Christ child to come once again.

Alleluia and Amen

Pastor KLM <><



We celebrated the lives of nine of our saints this year by lighting candles in their memory on All Saints Sunday

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

And just like that – another church year has gone by. I have only a few announcements for this newsletter article:

The organ tuners from Peebles-Herzog in Columbus touched up our organ last Tuesday and will return for more work and minor repairs in early 2026. The Council approved their proposal at its last meeting. I am very excited about this.

The children's service will be on Advent 3 (December 14). Jill and I started practicing with the kids mid-November. The music will be a mix of traditional Christmas carols and contemporary Christian songs. In addition, Barbara has been working with the Diehl bell choir for both, the children's service and Christmas Eve.

There will be two Christmas Eve services this year, both with special music: at 7 pm (special music 15 to 20 minutes before, performed mainly by children from our congregation) and at 10 pm (candlelight service, special music performed by professional guest musicians, the St. Paul Choir, soloists from our congregation, and me, to start 45-60 minutes before the service). Especially with the later service/special music we are hoping to reach out to the community. Please invite your friends!

Dr. Dan Beals has asked me to help with providing some musical expertise for Sunday School topics in Advent. See you there!

Last, but not least: as always, thank you to Keith Wellman for filling in for me during my travels!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Henning

Veteran Hayman Pemberton was presented with a quilt of valor on November 9. The quilt was made by his wife, Creigh Pemberton.



We blessed the quilts made by our St. Paul Quilters on November 16. Many thanks to them for all of their hard work. The quilts will be included in our Christmas baskets. Our quilters are: Jan Kirby, Edie Beals, Norma Gensler, Creigh Pemberton, Mary Lou Fricke and Alex Mackey (Not pictured).



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

We began November by honoring All Saints Day, remembering the faithful who have gone before us this past year. This day is especially meaningful for many of our youth and members as we reflect on their lives and legacies. The following Sunday, we commemorated our veterans with gratitude, presenting homemade cards and poppies, the poppy symbolizing HOPE. One of our beloved members and veterans, Hayman Pemberton, was honored with a beautiful flag quilt presented by Norma Gensler and crafted and sewn by his wife, Creigh. The quilt's vibrant red, white, and blue fabrics were a true tribute to his service. Our youth have been active in fellowship and service through CCC. They created cards for veterans and prepared a special dinner for Susan and Dale Kelz following Susan's hip replacement surgery. The meal included spaghetti and garlic bread and was delivered with love and care. They also made Thanksgiving bracelets to represent the first Thanksgiving and shared what they are most thankful for. These moments of prayer and praise remind us of God's abundant blessings.

Looking ahead, the youth are preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, titled "Make Room in Your Heart for an AWE-SOME God." Practices will continue during Sunday School and Wednesday evenings before Advent dinners. The program will take place on Sunday, December 14th during worship, followed by a light lunch with soup and sandwiches in the undercroft. The celebration will feature a pianist solo, a trio, trumpet accompaniment, and bell choir performance. The youth will share the story of Jesus' birth through scripture, sign language, and song. We invite you to join us for this special time of worship, fellowship, and joy. As we enter the Advent season, let us prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. May the love and light God has given us shine brightly for all to see. Let us share His grace and hope with everyone we meet. CCC will resume on January 7th after the New Year.

Gracious and Loving God,

We thank You for the blessings of fellowship, service, and the joy of preparing for this Advent season. As we remember the saints, honor our veterans, and share Your love through acts of kindness, may Your light shine through us in all we do. Help us to make room in our hearts for Your presence and to share Your grace with everyone we meet. Guide our youth as they grow in faith and lead us all to reflect Your hope and peace in this world.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill

Join us for the annual
Christmas program presented
by our youth.

"Make Room in your Heart for
an Awesome God"

December 14

10:00am



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Meredith Brumfield
3 Brice Dowis
5 Natalee Utley
8 Susie Wagner
9 Barbara Garnett
27 Brier Wagner; Aryah Freels

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Paula Simpson
3 Cindy Jones
4 Steven Brown
7 Kathie Cunningham
10 Emma Arneson
11 Wyatt Utley
16 Mary Lou Fricke; Steve Nord
17 Emma Kist
23 Matthew Konzett
27 Cheryl Konzett
28 Kathy Mackey



Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER

27 Neil and Ruthann Arneson
30 Carl and Creigh Pemberton
31 James and Jill May

JANUARY

23 Rex and Cam Hale
29 Brad and Jeanna Bell



The Book Club will meet again on January 14 at 10:00am. We will be discussing "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger. Please join us!



WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

DATE	READER	ASSISTING MIN.	COM. DEACON	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	USHERS
Dec. 7	Barb Garnett	Linda Schneider	Steve Golder	Daniel Kist	Kennady Kist	Steve Golder
Dec. 14	Children's Program	David Stuart	Creigh Pemberton	Daniel Kist	Jaylyn Garnett	Steve Golder
Dec. 21	Owen Murray	Keith Wellman	Martha Danelle	Daniel Kist	Willow May	Adriana Bakely
Dec. 24 (7:00)	Annette DuVall	Ruthann Arneson	Linda Schneider	Daniel Kist	Jackson Wellman	Steve Golder
Dec. 24(10:00)	Annette DuVall	Steve Golder	Ruthann Arneson	David Stuart		
Dec. 28	Barb Garnett	Emma Arneson	no communion	Daniel Kist	Jaylyn Garnett	Adriana Bakley

ALTAR GUILD: Tim and Cheryl Konzett

Bread provider for the month: Tim and Cheryl Konzett



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of December we will be collecting canned pasta for Cridlin. In January we will collect cans of fruit cocktail.

Please leave your donations in the containers in the narthex.



The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7 after worship. We will be voting on new Council members, passing the Mission Finance Plan budget) and discussing other business.



NEW SIGN UP SHEETS

Sign up sheets for flowers, candles, ushering, bread for 2026 are posted in the narthex. Please sign up if you can help in any way.

Hanging of the Greens

December 13

10:00am

Please join us to decorate the church for Christmas Eve.



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.

ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



Our mailbox, built by Bob Winterhoff, is back in the narthex and waiting for your cards. If you would like to give a Christmas Card to someone in the congregation please place your card(s) in the box. Be sure and check each week to see if there are cards waiting for you to pick up!!

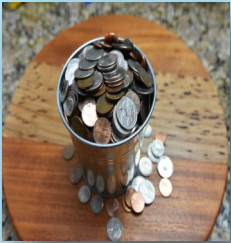


PRAYER LIST

We will be removing all names from our prayer list beginning January 4. If you would like to keep someone on the list please contact the church office.

We pray for:

LaDonna, Helen, Opal, Francesca, Stephen, Lauren, Helen, April, Elisha, Tessa, Nicholas, Xavier, Tyson, Farrell, and Bill.



NOISY OFFERING

On the first Sunday of each month we will be collecting change for the Backpack Program. Please leave your change (or paper money) in the bucket in the narthex. So far we have collected \$487.00.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are now packing 30 backpacks each week!

Your donations will help provide weekend meals for students at Southside Elementary School.

Backpack items are an ongoing need throughout the school year. We provide 25 backpacks each week! If you can help by donating any of the items below, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the church office.



fruit cups	applesauce
Mac and Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Beef sticks	Cereal
Pop Tarts	Fruit snacks
Drink boxes	Shelf stable milk
tuna salad/crackers	chicken salad/crackers

All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1:00pm Woman's Club		6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Wor- ship 7:30pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 5:00pm Confirmation at St. Paul		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
All Saints Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Annual Meeting 11:15am Fellowship 11:15am Sunday School			6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Wor- ship 7:30pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 5:00pm Confirmation at St. Paul	6:00- 8:00pm Youth program practice	10:00am Hanging of the Greens
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:15am Sunday School Christmas Basket Pickup			7:00pm Christmas Eve Service 10:00pm Christmas Eve Service	Office Closed	Office Closed	
28	29	30	31			
10:00am Worship with Lessons and Carols 11:15am Fellowship						
PASTOR ON VACATION						

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Office Closed		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:15am Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	5:30pm CCC 7:30pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 5:00pm Confirmation at CTK 6:00pm Scouts		
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ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



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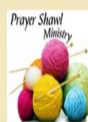
Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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