

ST. PAUL VISITOR FEBRUARY 2025

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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 



Fill the bucket...feed a child Beginning February 2

We will continue to collect a “noisy offering” the first Sunday of each month beginning in February. This time we will collect change for our Backpack program. Keep collecting your change!



Communion cards will be available in the pews in the same section as the offering envelopes. Please fill out a card each week and place it in the offering plate.

COMMUNION RECORD (a note from the pastor)

One of the challenges of the church being “in the world” but not “of the world” is that we are organized in a particular way. This way is through the larger church of which we are a part – Evangelical Lutheran Church. To help in organizing we have a constitution. In this constitution it is stated that the **minimum** for being a voting member is: make regular means of the use of grace – Word and Sacrament (baptism, holy communion) and support the work of the congregation/synod/ churchwide ... through contributions of time, abilities and financial support as Biblical stewards.

This basically means that the **minimum** for being a voting member of this congregation is to give an offering of record AND/ OR receive communion during a calendar year. The keeping of financial records is taken care of by our financial secretary and assistant. We have not taken a regular record of communion participation in my ministry with you. This will once again begin on February 9.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

Pastor Mackey <>>

Pastor's Reflections

This past Sunday (January 26) one of the texts was from the book of Luke, chapter 4 verses 14 to 21. In the text Jesus is “filled with the Holy Spirit” (text is directly after Jesus’s temptations). He then ends up going to his hometown, Nazareth. Questions come up for me. Why did he go home? Was it the need once again to connect with his family and friends, the place that raised him? Maybe he needed some downtime?

The big question for me is what it means to have a home. What is home to you? Is it where all your family are located? Is it a place or is it an attitude that one keeps with you? Is home the place you were raised and brought up? The place where you went to school and graduated from high school.

I believe all of us have a “home” story. Part of my story is living in so many places throughout the world – Sierra Leone, Nebraska, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia. Those are just the places where I have lived. I could talk about so many other places in my life where I have felt “at home”.

As we move into the waning days of Epiphany in the church year we are encouraged to see home wherever Jesus beckons us. Wherever the star of Bethlehem is shining or needs to shine. This is the gift the faith communities have to share in a world of division and haves and have nots. This is the gift we bring to the homeless and those in need of mercy. I would venture to say many of you see St Paul as place of home. A place where you know you are loved and forgiven. A place where the Word and Sacrament are highlighted and keep us.

I would like to suggest to you that home is not just a place with four walls where we sleep and eat. Home is a place where friends gather in a college dorm and play a board game and laugh. Home is where you work. The people you interact with every day. Home is the place where we show Christ’s light.

My prayer for you this February is that you would know the deep love and compassion of the God who gifts you a home eternal.

Peace,

Pastor KLM <><

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

Vice President: Dan Beals

Secretary: Jenny Murray

Treasurer: Andrew Wellman

Financial Secretary: Linda Schneider

Assisting Financial Secretary: Annette DuVall

Christian Education: Barbara Garnett

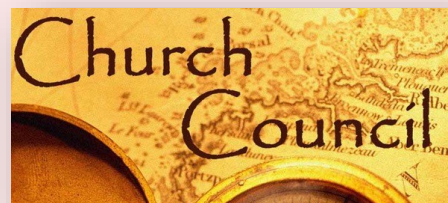
Fellowship: Jenny Murray and Anne Graybeal

Property: Kenny Kirby and Ron Pease

Personnel: Dan Beals

Stewardship: Julie Huron

Worship and Music: Dan Beals



Dear St. Paul Congregation:

Happy New Year! Spending almost two weeks in Germany with my family was wonderful, though the trip back proved to be quite an adventure, especially the drive from Washington, DC to Huntington through ice and a snowstorm on I-79... As always, thank you so much to Keith Wellman for playing the Lessons and Carols Service and to my student Dylan Morgan for filling in on the first Sunday in January.

I celebrated New Year's Eve with friends from middle/high school who now live in the northern German city of Lüneburg. On New Year's Day, we took a walk and visited the Lutheran St. Michael's Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach sang in the church choir as a young student from 1700-1702!

Our own choir started rehearsing again on the first Wednesday after my return, but we had to skip singing on January 19 because of the weather. The anthem planned for the 19th fit well this past Sunday, too. It is one of our favorites, called "Offertory" by John Ness Back. On the first Sunday in February, we will sing "O Taste and See" by Douglas Wagner, featuring Dr. Dan Beals on French horn. Dan will also play the prelude for horn and organ on this day.

On Sunday, January 19, I included "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (also known as the Black Anthem) as postlude, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day on the following Monday.

The next few Sundays, you will occasionally hear a work by French composer Maurice Ravel as prelude and/or postlude. He was born in 1875, so 2025 is celebrated by many classical musicians as his 150th birthyear. His orchestral music is recognized for its colorful instrumentation (you may know the "Bolero"), and even on the piano alone you can hear many different timbres. I will present a lecture recital on this topic at a conference in Texas later in March.

Normally, I use the Indexes to Evangelical Lutheran Worship to choose hymns and anthems that are related to the lessons for each Sunday. Pastor has pointed out several times that often we are moved in the same direction and the music affirms his sermon. For January 26, I chose one hymn that was not suggested in the ELW Indexes, but that I felt still worked well with the readings, at this particular time, and with the spirit I have always sensed among our congregation: "All Are Welcome" by Marty Haugen. It resonated well with Pastor's words.

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Our wonderful New Year came in like a lion and I have hopes the winter cold will go away quickly and spring will come in like a lamb. I hope everyone fared well through the winter snow and ice storms and the freezing temperatures. We got to stay inside and spend a little more time with our families or do things at home. The kids got a few extra days off of school. Many were out playing in the snow, building snowmen and making snow angels. We have literally been in a winter wonderland. Most of us are ready for a thaw and warmer temperatures in the weeks ahead. Thank you God for the beauty in every snowflake. We have been able to be still and listen.

We have kicked off our New Year of CCC, a little later than expected, due to sickness and the weather. We had a pizza party and game night and discussed plans for the months ahead. We will have another swim party at the YMCA. We will prepare a new song to perform for the congregation in the Spring. We plan to have our annual Camp Luther fundraiser on May 4th- "May the Force be with you as we TACO bout Jesus".

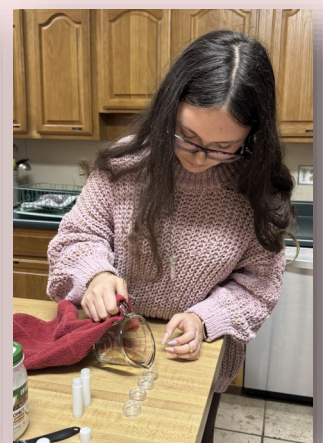
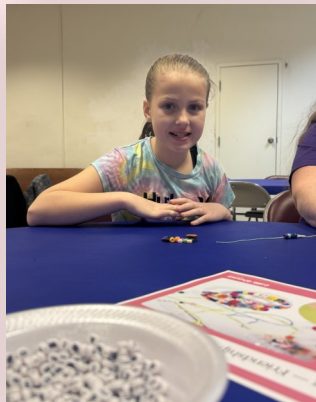
The youth are excited to be back together after the holidays. They are ready to jump into new learning experiences and share the Good News with others. We will look for ways to serve and to help those in need around us.

The LYO group made chapstick in Sunday school on our first day back. This was a way to prepare our lips for the cold. We spoke about preparing ourselves to serve God and what we must do: be still, listen and take action. We discussed future plans of bowling and lunch after church one Sunday soon. We also discussed Winterjam, a Concert featuring many genres of Christian music. Winterjam is on Friday, March 7th in Charleston, WV. We plan to carpool. If anyone else has interest in this event, please let me know. We plan on ordering tickets soon. The LYO group will help plan and prepare for the Camp Luther fundraiser in May.

Sunday school is back in session. The youth continue to study passages each Sunday and apply it to their own lives. Let us be the servants and disciples we are called to be. We have been praying for those who are sick, hungry, homeless, and cold. We have a new Crucifer serving during worship. Daniel Kist has been able to fill this position. We have several acolytes in rotation too: Jalyn Garnett, Willow May, Kennady Kist, and Jackson Wellman. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Let us shine our lights into the world to serve our Lord and Savior and answer His call this day and always!

Blessings to all of you!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Tyler Tucker; Debra Perkins
 3 Susan Korstanje
 4 Pastor Kevin Mackey; Al Tillers
 9 Olivia Bell, Helen Stuart
 10 Linda Schneider
 11 Rex Hale
 18 Sarah Mariani; Willow May
 19 Cindy Bakley; Shannon Walker
 20 Tiffany Williams
 22 Dale Kelz; Jerome Yancey
 23 Kennady Kist
 24 Dennis Andrus
 25 Alice Fricke
 26 Linda Hay
 28 William Grimes; Jacki Humphreys



Our sympathy to the family of Brian Knowles who passed away in January. Brian was the brother of Kevin Knowles.

Our sympathy to the family of David Porterfield who passed away January 9. David was a longtime member of St. Paul.



The next Book Club meeting will be February 5 at 10:00am in the parlor. We will be discussing "All the Colors of the Dark" by Chris Whitaker. Please join us!



We pray for:

LaDonna, Helen, Cindy, Judi, Judy, Nancy, Opal, and Julie.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JANUARY

February 2

Reader: Steve Golder

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman

Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett

Acolyte: Willow May

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson

Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

February 16

Reader: Annette DuVall

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman

Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett

Acolyte: Jackson Wellman

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers: Tom McGill and Poppy Cartee

Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson

Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

Altar Guild

Bonnie Conger and

Debbie Perkins

February 9

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder

Communion Deacon: Jan Kirby

Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers: Shannon Walker and Jaylyn Garnett

Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson

Children's Sermon: Jill May

February 23

Reader: Mary Lou Fricke

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson

Communion Deacon: Steve Golder

Acolyte: Kennady Kist

Crucifer: Daniel Kist

Ushers: KV Chin

Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson

Children's Sermon: Emma Kist





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.



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of February we will be collecting cans of diced tomatoes for Cridlin.

Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.

RUTH CIRCLE



Attention ladies....high school and up!

The St. Paul Lutheran Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the parlor after a loooong hiatus! there will be a scripture-based program as well as dessert. Bring a drink. All ladies who are in high school and older are welcome for the fun and fellowship.



We are greatly in need of supplies for our Backpack Program. If you donate any of the following items it would be very helpful:

pop tarts
single serving ravioli
ramen noodles
single serving soup
single serving mac and cheese

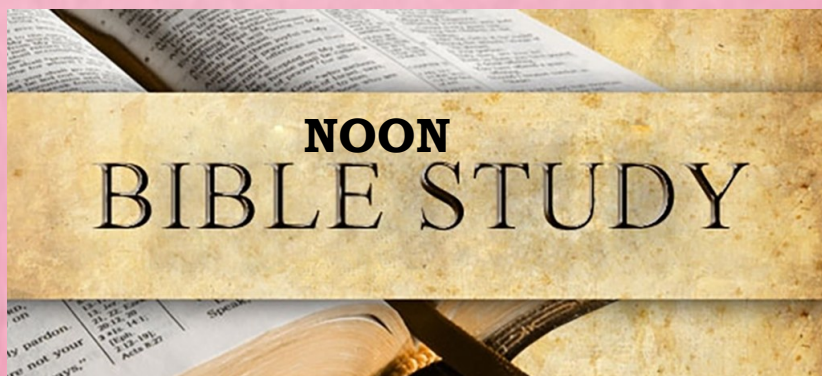
fruit cups
individually wrapped beef sticks
single serving applesauce
single serving beef-a-roni
individual shelf stable milk
drink boxes

Adult Forum

Sunday mornings at 11:15am.

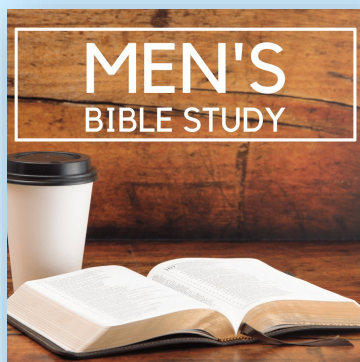


by heart



Join us for Bible study on Thursdays at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Please check the calendar for schedule.



NEW BIBLE STUDY

A men's Bible study has started.

Please join us!

Monday evenings at 6:00pm

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.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX



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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

January 27-31: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

February 3-7: Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

February 10-14: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, I Corinthians 15:12-10, Luke 6:17-26

February 17-21: Genesis 43:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 Worship 11:15 Adult Forum/Sunday School	1:00pm Woman's Club 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	5:30pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 Worship 11:15 Annual Meeting	6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Scouts	Valentine's Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 Worship 11:15 Adult Forum/Sunday School	6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	5:30pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	No Noon Bible Study Pastor at Conference 6:30pm Ruth Circle		9:00-10:30am Council Meeting Girl Scouts World Thinking Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	
10:00 Worship 11:15 Adult Forum/Sunday School	6:00pm Men's Bible Study	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	NO Noon Bible Study		
<div>Pastor away February 24-27</div>						



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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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