ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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364-2918 Website: www.stpaulig.org December 15, 2024

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.

OUR VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and* pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share* that faith with others.

NATIVITY DISPLAY This year the ladies would like to invite you, your friends or any groups to come and enjoy our many nativity sets, during the week from **9:00-4:00pm**, until December 22nd. We know everyone is busy to come for just a one-day open house so they decided to spread it out over the month – the lights will be on and enjoy Christmas music while you view the nativities.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
12/8/24	Fellowship	10:15AM
	Sunday School & High School	10:15-11:15AM
	Bible Class & High School	10:30-11:15AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	LWML Bible Study Leaders	1:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy's	7:00AM
-	Bible Study	9:30AM
	Cross Explorations – grades 3 rd – 5th	4:00-5:00PM
	Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 th – 8 th	4:00-5:15PM
	Advent Supper – Pulled Pork, beans, cole slaw	5:00-6:15PM
	ADVENT WORSHIP	6:30PM
Thursday	Willowdale	2:00PM
-	More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	6:00PM
Sunday	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
12/15/24	Fellowship	10:15AM
	No Sunday School, High School	
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	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM USHERS: Greg & Lorna Steenbock **ACOLYTE: Sun 9 AM: Sophia**

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **USHERS: ACOLYTE: Ushers**

DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES have started, please join us at 7:30AM (last about 20 minutes). Chapel is Tuesday-Friday (times /cancellations are subject to change) We will not meet Dec. 23-27

ADVENT MEALS serving at 5:00-6:15PM December 18 - Youth will serve- Pulled Pork, baked beans & cole slaw

BBO MEAL TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE for \$10.00 please use sign up sheet in narthex or call the church office, so they can plan your to go orders (how many and what time you want them ready)

THE YOUTH has packages of frozen pork chops (2 pork chops to a pack) for sale for \$10.00, they will have them for sale this week Advent Meal or you can contact the church office if you would like to purchase.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES will be at 6:30PM - Hymn sing will start at 6:15PM

GOLDEN ANGEL GIFT TREE GIFTS We would like to have the gift items back by December 15 **If you would like us to monetarily donate there is a box next to tree for us to the shopping for you, to buy gift cards or if you would like to donate towards gift wrap or gift bags

LWML has Christmas cards for sale, in the Narthex or contact Nancy Ford if you are interested in purchasing some Christmas cards.

THANK YOU to all who helped the ladies of Circle 2 put out nativities and help decorate this past Monday, including our extra volunteers of Nancy Ford, Judy Winterrowd, John Brinkman, Diane, Keith & Kelly Hoffman, we so appreciated your help!!

WE THANK all who generously donated baked goods and attend the bake sale on November 26 from Circle 3

SIGN UP SHEET FOR CHEER PLATES, a sign up sheet is available on the Welcome Center for cookies for the cheer plates that will be delivered to the nursing home and assisted living. Please have cookies to church by Wednesday, December 18 or by 9:30AM on December 19th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES will not meet on December 25, January 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on December 22, December 29 and January 5

MORE THAN BREAD BIBLE STUDY AT SUBWAY will not meet on December 26

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–11

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Dan Hoffman – home - recovery from heart surgery Ann Sears – healing from surgery for broken wrist Brandi Crawford – daughter of Ann Sears Declan Conover Marva Bennigsdorf

Keep the congregation at Trinity Lutheran, Odebolt, in your prayers after the sudden loss of Pastor David Viggers

Continued prayers and/or healing for:

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Victor Zobel Shirley Havener Jo Palmer Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Tiffany Lindberg Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund Bud Jepsen

December Birthdays this week:

Dec. 9 Norman Carstensen Dec. 10 Barb Knudsen Dec. 11 Autumn Schreiber Dec. 14 Sawyer Larsen Dec. 15 Brian Christiansen Dec. 15 Brian Christiansen Dec. 17 Carly Taggart Dec. 18 Gloria Feddersen Dec. 19 Jeff Gilbert Dec. 22 Dale Edsen Carol Korwes Dec. 23 Peggy Fick Matt Knudsen Dec. 25 Linda Ausborn Lori Boysen Bruce Godbersen Shirley Van Sickler Dec. 27 Claudia Swanger

December Anniversaries this week

Dec. 10 Kevin & Valerie Krager Dev. 15 Kris & Tina Krager Dec. 19 Kent & Karlie Krager Dec. 24 Duane & Ellen Ernst

NEW MEMBER CLASS January 12 at 3:30PM, if you are interested let the church office know 364-2918 or stpaulidagrove@gmail.com





"The Whole Story" Journey Begins

New Year's Eve Worship Tuesday, December 31st @6:00pm

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for DECEMBER: Breakfast items: baking/pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc., place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry: Holstein, Methodist Church, on Thursday, December 19 from 4:30-5:30PM

Worship Service for Sun., December 15, 2024		Poinsettias	
		In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family	
Song	Living Hope	In memory of Dean Fick from Peggy	
Opening Sentences		In memory of Lynn Dittmer from Darrell from Susan Miller In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke	
Introit		In memory of Darrell Wellendorf from Virginia and family	
		In memory of Bob Uhl father of Rob Uhl from Rob, Earleen Uhl &	
Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 v. 5, ref		family	
		In memory of Donald and Janet & Dave Riessen from Gailen &	
Salutation and Collect of the Day		Pam Wessel	
Old Testament	lsaiah 40:1-11	In memory of Lloyd and Lorraine, Wayne, & Gene Wessel, Cheryl Knudsen from Gailen & Pam Wessel	
Gradual		In memory of Roland & Virginia Jensen from Rod & Lin Jensen	
Epistle	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	In memory of Lyle & Roberta Clayton from Rod & Lin Jensen	
Alleluia		In memory of Emily Patrick from Rod & Lin Jensen	
Holy Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11	In memory of Ed Skaren from Marilyn and family	
		In memory of Carolyn Hilker from Jim and family	
Nicene Creed		In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family	
Offering (Song during Off	ering)	In memory of Colleen Knop from Gene Knop	
Song	Who Am I	In memory of Don Knop and Colleen Knop from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey & family	
50115		In memory of Harold Hinkeldey & Grandma Lois from Shayne &	
Sermon		Danika Hinkeldey	
		In memory of our grandparents from Ryan & Amy Godbersen	
Prayer of the Church		In memory of our parents from Greg & Lorna Steenbock	
-		In memory of Vern Zobel from Marlene and family	
Service of the Sacrament		In memory of Marilyn Lovett, Bob & Roma Lovett from Terry &	
Preface		family In memory of Burdette & Vi Witte, Tracy Ford & Charles Witte Jr	
Santus Drawan of Theoremaining	We Fall Down	from Nancy Ford	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		In memory of Paul Bargar and Art & Helen Billings from	
Lord's Prayer The Words of Our Lord		Cecile Bargar	
Pax Domini		In memory of Richard Hoaglund, Evora Hoaglund, Dewitt &	
Distribution		Norma Tuneberg from Emily Hoaglund	
Song	Mighty to Save	In memory of Emil & Evelyn Iversen, Allen Iversen, Steven & Vicki Iversen, Robert Iversen and Susan Iversen from Emily	
Song	You Are My King (Amazing Love)	Hoaglund	
Song	Death Was Arrested	In memory of brothers & sisters in Christ that have gone before	
-		us from Alvin & Mary Corbin	
Post Communion Collect		In memory of Richard & Leona and Bud & Bonnie parents of Tom	
Benedicamus / Benedicti	on	& Cheryl Andresen	
Announcements		In memory of Elnora & Victor Lunzman from Marsha & Marc Kjar	
		In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Val Krager	
Song	Our God	In memory of Van Corr from Jon & Robyn Devitt & family In memory of Burdelle Knudsen, Morrelle & Darlene	
		Christiansen, Helen & LeRoy Schagt, Marvin Knudsen from	
		Darnelle Knudsen and family	