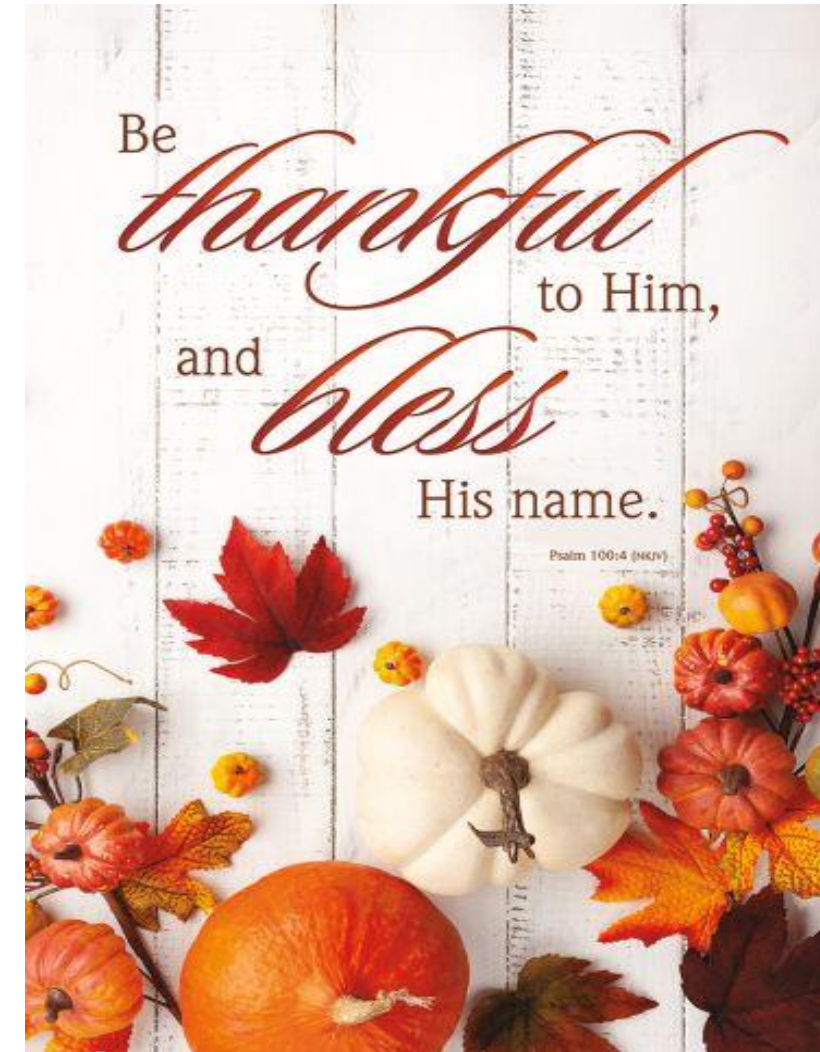


## The Season of ADVENT begins Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

***"His Gospel is Peace"*** is our theme for each Sunday in December as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth. All December we will grow in the **peace** Christ brings to our lives. How we need peace!

### Devotional Booklets

Free devotions for you to read and discuss at home are available in the Narthex beginning today. Use them every day from the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>, until Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>.



## St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## **Welcome to St. Paul!**

**We're glad you're here!** Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, right here. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

**Ushers are standing by to assist you** in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

**Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under.** An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

**Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion** are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

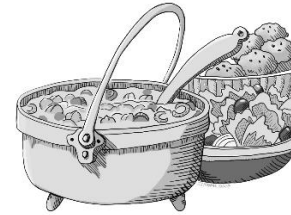


## **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Today, Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> there is ONE worship service at St. Paul at 9:30 am. After worship we have important matters as God's family here to discuss in an annual Voters' Assembly meeting. Then, stay for lunch together in the Fellowship Hall to meet new friends and renew old friendships.

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:** All over our nation young and old are stopping to thank God. We will gather with people who mean much to us around tables overflowing with food and drink. Many see all we have as the rewards of our labors. The truth is that whether we acknowledge it or not, these things come from Christ and His love. Faith teaches us to honor Christ as the true source of all we call our own. On this day, stop, close your eyes, take a deep breath and remember Christ. Remember all that He has given and respond in the very depth of your being with tears of joy and thanksgiving.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Dear Lord, open my heart to the touch of Your Word and the joy of living in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Help me to worship You now with my voice, my heart, and my whole being. Amen.



**GOOD FOOD & GOOD FELLOWSHIP**

## **Fellowship Lunch TODAY**

What's a Thanksgiving celebration and Fellowship Sunday without **good food and friendship**? Worship together at 9:30am, Voter's meeting, then **fellowship lunch together**.

Cili, Soups, Salads, & Desserts (yum!)

**Everyone is Welcome and Encouraged to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.**

## **Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting TODAY following our worship service.**

As a family of God we will elect leaders, consider the annual 2025 budget, and get updates on St. Paul's ministries.

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>11/17</b> Holy Communion 9:30 AM Voter's Meeting 10:30 AM Fellowship Lunch <b>11/19</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>11/20</b> Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM <b>11/21</b> Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Handbells 6 PM Men's BBB @ Brew Kettle 7 PM	<b>11/24</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM <b>11/25</b> Preschool Board Meeting 4 PM <b>11/26</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>11/28-29 Church Office Closed</b>

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Organist</b>	Owen Reyda
<b>Flute</b>	Aurelia Lawson
<b>Elder</b>	Jeff Krupp
<b>Reader</b>	Christine Krupp
<b>Greeters</b>	Lucy & Mike McHugh
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karie Coffman
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock, Virginia Warnock, Cyndi Kemery
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell

### Altar flowers given to the glory of God by:

- Jack & Joyce Trottier celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Ron & Tina Muska celebrating their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Get Refreshed mid-week with Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - You are invited this week Tuesday @ 10AM. You'll meet some friends, find encouragement, enjoy home-baked cookies, and grow in faith. Try it out this Tuesday. We meet in the upper level. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

### Women's Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM

Women are always invited to the women's group that meets in the church parsonage every Tuesday night. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman. We are just beginning a new discussion, "Meant for Good."

**Thursday Night Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew"** Hey guys, join us to talk over a challenge men face following Christ, while sipping on "Lutheran Pop." We now meet at The Brew Kettle, 300 Church Street in Amherst. Join us on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM.

**Harvest Gift Basket ~** November's Thanksgiving themed gift basket for a new neighbor was won by Anita Labella. She will have a wonderful time getting to meet someone new and bless that home with a beautiful gift. You can do the same! Just fill out a form by the gift basket in the lobby, put it in the box, and you could be blessing your new neighbor next month. It's a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church.

**Got Bubble Wrap?** We are looking for donations of large bubble, bubble wrap for a kids New Years Eve Event here at St. Paul. Place bubble wrap in the narthex.

### Prayer Requests this Week: *"The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM."* Psalms 148:18

- Pray for Shirely Brumfield and her family who are heartbroken that baby Gabriel did not live, but died on Wednesday last week. Pray for God to comfort Sarah, mother, and all their family.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Terri Gerber who is home from the hospital recovering from heart surgery.
- Pray for Brad Draga who is having severe back issues.
- Pray for Tom who has kidney stones and his wife, Ruth, who had a stroke.

- Pray for Judy Starbuck's close friend, Barb, who is hospitalized for a blood clot.
- Pray for Edna Klenz who is home now and healing a fracture in her neck.
- Pray for Javier who has stage 4 kidney failure, that he can be cured and live.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is home now, and for Diane who is managing his care.
- Pray for Deb and Andy Lasko's friend, Rob, who is fighting for his life after a serious emergency surgery.
- Pray for John Schick to continue his recovery at home.
- Pray for Ron Klein's to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron Muska to get over COVID so that surgery can be rescheduled to relieve his back pain and allow him to live an active, pain-free life.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long, so that he restores his strength.
- Pray for Anita Labella & Karen Saegert's sister, Nancy Dau, as her cancer has returned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and she is starting treatment.
- Continued prayers for Aubrey, 12 yrs. old who has been going through treatment for cancer in her eye.
- Pray for Devin Jarvis, a young wife and mother who has a type of cancer that has been very hard to treat.
- Pray for Linda Little who has cancer.
- Pray for Beth, friend of Judy Bloom, breast cancer diagnosis with upcoming surgery.
- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for Floyd who has cancer in his back and started chemotherapy.
- Pray for Brian Harcula as he has cancer.
- Pray for Lorie, Cyndi Kemery's cousin, who has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with cancer.
- Pray for Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for Randy who has bladder and prostate cancer and is starting chemotherapy.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, John Harden, Andy Lasko, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Reese Hignett, Nick Kemmerle, Kelly Funderburg, Courtney Schneider, John Harden, Tori Schneider.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East and in Ukraine. Pray that tensions lessen and that both wars do not spread.
- Pray for St. Paul's congregation as we gather in a Voters' Assembly to make plans for sharing Jesus' love with our world. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that He gives us all zeal to serve Him.

St. Paul Preschool



Wednesday evening,  
December 11<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:00 pm

### One Advent Midweek Worship Service

This December we have ONE Wednesday evening Advent service to help you prepare your heart for Jesus' birth. After the service we will have light refreshments in the narthex.

**Wednesday Evening, December 18th @ 7 PM**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

*Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM & 7PM*

There will be NO worship services Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

There will be NO New Year's Day service on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.