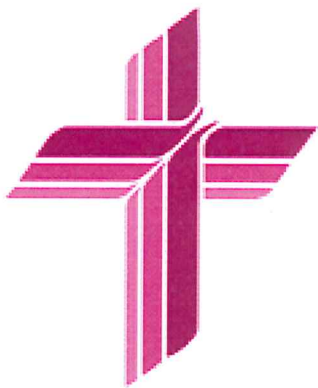




St. Paul News

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of
St. Paul Lutheran Church
is to promote the
worship of the Triune God
as revealed in Holy Scriptures,
by teaching the Gospel of
Jesus Christ and administering
the Sacraments, in order to
equip people for Christian
life and service.

Pastor's Message

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever." – Psalm 136:1

November is often called the month of thanksgiving. The fields are cut and tilled after the harvest. The trees stand bare. Families gather around tables, and we pause to reflect on the many ways God has blessed us. It's a season of gratitude.

And yet, giving thanks is not always easy. Life doesn't always feel "good." There are worries that keep us awake at night, empty places at the table, and health troubles that remind us how fragile we are. Some days are filled with more questions than answers. In those moments, "give thanks" can sound like a command we're too tired to follow.

That's why the psalmist's words are so important: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever." Notice what it says—and what it doesn't. We're not told to give thanks because everything in our lives is good, but because the Lord is good. His mercy doesn't come and go with the seasons. It doesn't depend on how we feel or how well things are going. His goodness stands firm even when everything else around us shifts and changes.

We see that goodness most clearly in Jesus Christ. When we were lost in sin, He came to save us. When we were unworthy, He covered us with His righteousness. When we were powerless, He laid down His life on the cross and rose again to give us eternal life. The mercy that endures forever has a name and a face—Jesus, our Savior.

That is the foundation of real thanksgiving. The world gives thanks when things go well. Christians give thanks because we know that in Christ, God is for us, even when life is hard. His forgiveness still stands. His promises still hold. His love does not fade. So we can give thanks in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, knowing that our God is faithful in all things.

Every breath we take, every meal on the table, every act of kindness, every moment of forgiveness—these are gifts from our Father's gracious hand. But above them all stands His greatest gift: His Son, who has secured for us eternal life and peace with God. That is gratitude that lasts—thanksgiving that no circumstance can take away.

So as the days grow shorter and the year draws to its close, take time to pause and remember the Giver behind every gift. Give thanks for daily bread, for family and friends, for the fellowship of Christ's Church, and above all, for the steadfast mercy of your Savior.

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“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26th

at 5:30 pm

We invite you, your friends and neighbors to join in thanking our God for all the blessings He gives to us.

Upcoming Events

- * A Special Voter's meeting is November 9th directly following the worship service. The call committee would like to discuss the different option we have for calling a pastor since Pastor Ferch declined our call.
- * Midweek Advent Services have been cancelled for this year.
- * Congregational Christmas potluck dinner is December 7th.
- * The Quarterly Voters' Assembly will meet Sunday, December 14th before the service at 10 am. The 2026 budget will be presented. All confirmed members who are 18 years of age and older are encouraged to this meeting and to share in the decision making of the congregation.
- * Christmas Eve and Day times are pending. The council will finalize the times at their November 11th meeting.

Shoebox Dates:

Packing Day
Sunday, November 9th after church

All Boxes Due
Sunday, November 23rd



LWML News

Mites can do mighty things. The noisy offering along with the mites for October was \$34.04. Thanks for your continued support. These funds will go to LWML missions! There are mite boxes available to use at home for adults and children on the bulletin table.

On Monday, October 20th the ladies met for their quarterly meeting. Highlights from the meeting were:

- Membership dues for 2026 are \$15.50 and must sign up by November 12th. A sheet is in the narthex.
- Re-elected as secretary was Nancy Cuklanz and LuAnn Olson as treasurer. Both positions are a 2-year terms.
- We are looking for a volunteer to help with the kids activity bags that are available for the children to use during church services. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Mary Hammer.
- We will be serving at the January, Tuesday 20th Bloodmobile. Volunteers are needed to provide a meal for the workers. See Sue or Judy if you can help.
- Bake sale will be held December 7th. Please see page 3 for information.

Sunday, October 26th, Kathy Enninga, Nancy Guertin, Judy Rode, Mary Hammer, Sue Erickson, and Barb and Verlyn Kling attended the Regional LWML Rally in Montevideo at the Veteran's Home. Convention reports were given by delegates from the Appleton, Montevideo, and Wheaton Zones. Mary Scott, a Parish Nurse addressed the topic of Life Directives.

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When gratitude feels difficult, return to this promise that never grows old: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever."

Prayer: Gracious Father, You are good, and Your mercy truly endures forever. Teach us to see Your hand in all things and to give You thanks in every circumstance. When our hearts grow weary, lift our eyes again to Jesus, who gave Himself for us and fills our lives with blessings that never fade. Keep us content and thankful through every season until we see You face to face. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Rev. David Tilney
Vacancy Pastor

Bake Sale

A LWML bake sale is planned for December 7th before at 10 am and after the service. If you would like to donate an item or two, please have it at church before 9:45 am. We also ask that you mark a price on the items. Please see Sue Erickson or Judy Rode if you need any special ingredients. They have a Thrivent card that is available for those purchases.



Financials as of 10-28-25

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$123,021.24
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$141,688.30</u>
Difference	(\$18,667.06)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$96,578.33
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$141,688.30</u>
Difference	\$45,109.97

November Birthdays

Nov 2	Melissa Soukup
Nov 3	Adeline Ebel Carrie Kvam
Nov 4	Kathy Brunner
Nov 6	Saul Lee
Nov 9	Chad Luepke
Nov 14	Amanda DeJong
Nov 15	Olivia Hinz
Nov 16	Wes Erickson Kelly Winters
Nov 17	Makaylee Roberts Jill Schmidt
Nov 18	Brielle Redepenning
Nov 21	Karla Meyer
Nov 22	Jacob Guertin
Nov 23	Loretta Hewitt
Nov 24	Brian Beyer Michelle Miller Deven Schmidt
Nov 25	Brett Hammer Judy Rode
Nov 26	Gordon Kvam
Nov 28	Kari Twedt
Nov 30	Janine Banken Trevor Read

Birthday Blessing to you all!

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.

Vital Statistics

October Attendance and Finances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Oct 5	42	\$4,295.00
Sun, Oct 12	36	\$2,215.00
Sun, Oct 19	51	\$1,875.00
Sun, Oct 26	47	\$1,435.00

(2025 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,270.00)

SAC Groups will be our greeters and ushers. If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

Group 4

Serving for November

Banken, Janine
Berends, Alan and Linda
Bruss, Margie
Canatsey, Kristin
Donner, Jenelle
Donner, Jessica
Ebel, Colton and Emily
Edman, Tom and Tammy
Gabbert, Don and Jeanne
Hildahl, Dan and Valerie
Holtan, Marie
Hoyer, Lanny
Jeseritz, Tanya
Johnson, Mark
Keller, Katie
Kling, Verlyn and Barb
Kvam, Carrie
Kvam, Gordon
Kvam, LeRoy and Debra
Luepke, Mike and Pam
Meyer, Greg and Jackie
Meyer, Larry and Karla
Reese, Tom
Schultz, Dennis and Phyllis
Skjefte, Dave and Val
Steffen, Kerry and Julie
Timm, Craig and Susan
Timm, Daphne
Timm, Lee
Twedt, Charles and Kari
Wilking, Larry
Yeager, Dave and Darlene

Daily Bible Readings for November

Nov 1	Isaiah 36-37	Psalms 119:97-120	1 Timothy 3
Nov 2	Isaiah 38-39	Psalms 119:121-144	1 Timothy 4
Nov 3	Jeremiah 1-2	Psalms 119:145-176	1 Timothy 5:1-22
Nov 4	Jeremiah 3-4	Psalms 120	1 Timothy 5:23-6:21
Nov 5	Jeremiah 5-6	Psalms 121	2 Timothy 1
Nov 6	Jeremiah 7-8	Psalms 122	2 Timothy 2
Nov 7	Jeremiah 9-10	Psalms 123	2 Timothy 3
Nov 8	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalms 124	2 Timothy 4
Nov 9	Jeremiah 13-14	Psalms 125	Titus 1
Nov 10	Jeremiah 15-16	Psalms 126	Titus 2
Nov 11	Jeremiah 17-18	Psalms 127	Titus 3
Nov 12	Jeremiah 19-20	Psalms 128	Philemon
Nov 13	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalms 129	James 1
Nov 14	Jeremiah 23-24	Psalms 130	James 2
Nov 15	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalms 131	James 3
Nov 16	Jeremiah 27-28	Psalms 132	James 4
Nov 17	Jeremiah 29-30	Psalms 133	James 5
Nov 18	Jeremiah 31-32	Psalms 134	1 Peter 1
Nov 19	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalms 135	1 Peter 2
Nov 20	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 136	1 Peter 3
Nov 21	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 137	1 Peter 4
Nov 22	Jeremiah 39-40	Psalms 138	1 Peter 5
Nov 23	Jeremiah 41-42	Psalms 139	2 Peter 1
Nov 24	Jeremiah 43-44	Psalms 140	2 Peter 2
Nov 25	Jeremiah 45-46	Psalms 141	2 Peter 3
Nov 26	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalms 142	Galatians 1
Nov 27	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalms 143	Galatians 2
Nov 28	Jeremiah 51-52	Psalms 144	Galatians 3:1-18
Nov 29	Lamentations 1-2	Psalms 145	Galatians 3:19-4:20
Nov 30	Lamentations 3-4	Psalms 146	Galatians 4:21-31



We have the opportunity to purchase red poinsettias for our Christmas Services. The cost will be \$18.50 each. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex, or you may return this form to the church office. All orders along with payment are due by December 1st.

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA

IN MEMORY OF:

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service 12:45 pm Confirmation Class	3	4 8 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Quilting	5 6 pm Handbell Practice 6:45 pm Mixed Choir Practice	6 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	7	1 
9 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service 12 pm Special Voter's Meeting	10	11 8 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Quilting 6:30 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	12 6 pm Handbell Practice 6:45 pm Mixed Choir Practice	13 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	14	15
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23 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service 12:45 pm Confirmation Class	24	25 8 am Men's Bible Study	26 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers "Dinner at Your Door"	27 Happy Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	31	Elders Brian Beyer Larry Cuklanz Dave Guertin Jim Rigge	Acolytes Sun 2 James Luepke Sun 9 Lucas Canatsey Sun 16 Nathan Canatsey Sun 23 Brielle Redepenning Wed 26 James Luepke Sun 30 Lucas Canatsey	Altar Guild Nancy Guertin and Mary Hammer		