



# ***St. Paul News*** ***January 2025***

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*The Lutheran Church -  
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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**

I am looking forward to serving God's people at St. Paul once again. I will be coming to Granite Falls on Saturday, January 4th and leading worship beginning on January 5th and I will be starting Sunday Bible class at the regular time, starting with John's Gospel. Here is my contact information so that if anyone wants to visit with me or contact me for any reason, I am available: Rev. Donald R Polege, 28359 Lakeside Way, Lindstrom, MN 55045, cellphone: 651-238-4802, email address: dpolege1@gmail.com, or call the church office.

May God bless you always,  
Rev. Donald R. Polege

## **New**

At the last Quarterly Voters' Meeting held December 15th, it was voted that starting in January of 2025 communion will be held 2 times a month, the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 20th at 6 pm in the parish hall. Pastor Finner, Minnesota North President will be here to help with the start of calling a pastor and to answer any other questions you may have.



# As We Start the New Year

## Council Meeting

Members of the Board of Elders and Church Council will meet Tuesday evening, January 14th at 6 pm and 7 pm respectively. An item on the agenda will be to find candidates for open positions on the Church Council with election being held at the March's Quarterly Voter's Assembly.

## LWML News

The monthly "Noisy Offerings" are a success! Thanks to all of you who find pocket change again and again to fill our cans! December's offering was \$86.52. Thank you all for your help and support! This mite money goes to Missions.

The "Go, Set, Ready" coffee fundraiser conducted in November was a success. Our profit was \$186.00. Then a bake sale was held Sunday, December 8th. Thank you to all for the goodies donated and to everyone that purchased them. We made \$284.00 from this sale.

The Montevideo Zone Planning meeting for the Spring Rally will be at 2 pm Sunday, January 19th at St. Paul's in Montevideo. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 pm to carpool.

Our upcoming quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, January 20th at 2 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the congregations are encouraged to attend. If you need a ride just give Judy or Sue a call.

January 21st we will be serving the Bloodmobile. If you would be willing to help prepare food or help serve this event you may contact Sue Erickson or Judy Rode.

The next fund raiser will be the Chili and Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Watch the bulletin for details.

## Directories

An up-dated church directory will be available soon. Also included in this directory are the "Ministry Groups" (SAC) for each family and the LWML Booklet. If you added a cell phone or changed an e-mail address please let the office know. SAC serving guidelines are being updated and will be available at a later date.



## Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for the year 2024 will soon be in your bulletin boxes. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. In compliance with an IRS regulation, a separate sheet (cream colored) has been included for those who contributed \$250 or more on one single day. This is to be given to your tax preparer along with your contribution statement. REMEMBER to begin using your new beige offering envelopes in 2025.

## Annual Reports

We do not have the completed Income and Expense Report for December as the 2024 books have not yet been closed. Anyone having any financial reports or other information to be included in this report is asked to have it at the church office by January 15th.

## Snow Policy

If Sunday Worship Service is cancelled, all other events for the day are also cancelled. If YME School classes are cancelled due to the weather, all church events for that day are also cancelled. The closing can be heard on KMGM-FM (105.5), KKRC-FM (93.9), KDMA-AM (1460) and also will be posted on Facebook. In regards to worship services during the winter season, please remember to **use your best judgment** in terms of going out in wintry weather. If it is unsafe for you to be out (even in your own driveway), don't go out. Although Pastor is glad to visit you in the hospital, he would rather visit you in your home! So, be safe; missing church due to weather is not an offense to God; remember how much he cares for you too.

## Lutheran Witness

There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness at home. The yearly subscription cost for 2025 is \$27.65. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Church indicating that is it for The Lutheran Witness. Drop off at the church office or place in the offering plate by January 26th.

Portals of Prayer for January - March are available in the narthex.

New rotation of the groups starting in 2025.

## January Birthdays

Jan 1	Kiley Meyer
	Kindal Meyer
Jan 4	Brianna Christians
Jan 5	Thomas Reese
Jan 6	Carol Gabbert
	Staci Markgraf
Jan 7	Zachery Dawson
Jan 8	Willow Walls
Jan. 10	Mike Brunner
Jan. 12	Noah Lusti
Jan. 17	Marlene Moe
	Nicole Zempel
Jan. 18	Sammy Weckwerth
Jan. 21	Jenna Hempel
Jan. 22	Maximilian Enter
Jan. 26	Theresa Luepke
Jan. 27	Michael Rigge
	Brandon Schmidt
	Madison Schmidt
Jan. 28	Travis Berends
	Ryder Holwerda
Jan. 29	Karter Canatsey
	Cindy Rigge
Jan. 30	Jodi Trotter
Jan. 31	Shantel Syring

### Birthday Blessing to you all!

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.

## Group 2

### Serving for January

Anderson, Bryan and Renae  
 Berends, Randy and Tamra  
 Beyer, Brian, and Laura  
 Cobb, Kris and Holly  
 Enninga, Dan and Kathy  
 Enninga, Dustin and Krystle  
 Guertin, Sarah  
 Hammer, Brett  
 Hammer, Mary  
 Hempel, Terry and Rosemary  
 Hinz, Paul and Diane  
 Jeseritz, Randy  
 Johnson, Ted and Kathy  
 Kirschbaum, Janet  
 Korthuis, John and Kathy  
 Lindstrom, Nick and Hailey  
 Luepke, Otto and Theresa  
 Miller, Eugene  
 Myers, Troy and Jenna  
 Nokleby, Dorothy  
 Podratz, Ken and Carol  
 Redepenning, Tony and Amy  
 Rigge, Jim and Cindy  
 Rigge, Michael  
 Sherman, Leslie and Renee  
 Sietsema, Barb  
 Stengel, Allen and Pat  
 Streich, Chris  
 Streich, LouAnn  
 Wegner, James and Eileen  
 Zempel, Meredith  
 Zempel, Nicole  
 Zimmer, Kevin and Laura

## Group 3

### Serving for February

Baker, Lisa  
 Cuklanz, Larry and Nancy  
 Duenwald, Karley  
 Freitag, Avis  
 Gabbert, Carol  
 Galow, DuWayne and Karen  
 Hegna, Rolland and RaeAnn  
 Hewitt, Loretta  
 Hildahl, Linda  
 Hoff, Jason and Molly  
 Ims, Dorothy  
 Iverson, Pam  
 Johnson, Jennifer  
 Just, Wes and Norma  
 Kelly, Mary  
 Kvam, Curtis  
 Olson, LuAnn  
 Peterson, LeRoy and Jan  
 Quintal, Teresa  
 Reinke, Darlene  
 Rigge, Anita  
 Rush, Barb  
 Schmidt, Douglas Jr. and Darla  
 Steffen, Boyd  
 Streich, Eugene  
 Streich, Linda  
 Trotter, Donnie and Jodi  
 Ulven, Lorna  
 Van Sickle, Eric and Jane  
 Winters, Kelly

## Vital Statistics

### December Attendance and Finances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Dec 1	56	\$3,115.00
Sun, Dec 8	56	\$5,386.99
Sun, Dec 15	77	\$2,690.00
Sun, Dec 22	50	\$1,500.00
Tue, Dec 24	83	\$5,078.00
Wed, Dec 25	16	\$860.00
Sun, Dec 29	59	\$2,945.00

(2025 Offering needed per Sunday will be \$3,269.73)

### Financials as of 12-29-2024

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$167,257.44
Year to Date Contributions Needed	<u>\$181,205.00</u>
Difference	(\$13,947.56)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$171,928.81
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$181,205.00</u>
Difference	\$9,276.19



# Read Through the Bible in a Year

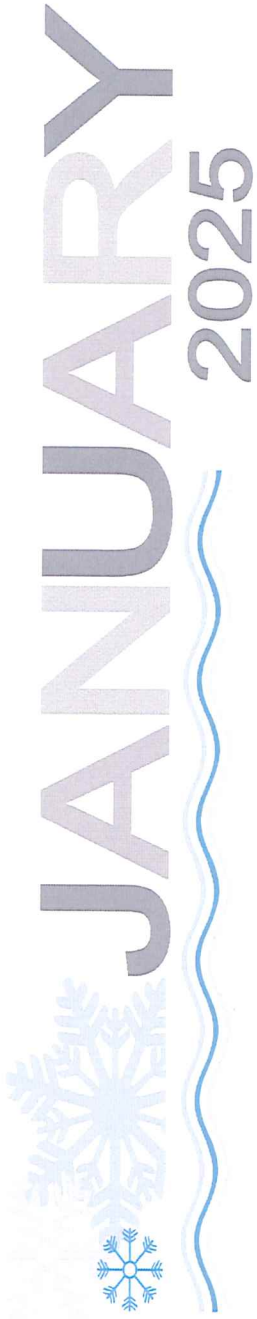
Jan 1	Genesis 1–2	Psalm 1	Luke 5:27–39
Jan 2	Genesis 3–5	Psalm 2	Luke 6:1–26
Jan 3	Genesis 6–7	Psalm 3	Luke 6:27–49
Jan 4	Genesis 8–10	Psalm 4	Luke 7:1–17
Jan 5	Genesis 11	Psalm 5	Luke 7:18–50
Jan 6	Genesis 12	Psalm 6	Luke 8:1–25
Jan 7	Genesis 13–14	Psalm 7	Luke 8:26–56
Jan 8	Genesis 15	Psalm 8	Luke 9:1–27
Jan 9	Genesis 16	Psalm 9	Luke 9:28–62
Jan 10	Genesis 17	Psalm 10	Luke 10:1–20
Jan 11	Genesis 18	Psalm 11	Luke 10:21–42
Jan 12	Genesis 19	Psalm 12	Luke 11:1–28
Jan 13	Genesis 20	Psalm 13	Luke 11:29–54
Jan 14	Genesis 21	Psalm 14	Luke 12:1–31
Jan 15	Genesis 22	Psalm 15	Luke 12:32–59
Jan 16	Genesis 23	Psalm 16	Luke 13:1–17
Jan 17	Genesis 24	Psalm 17	Luke 13:18–35
Jan 18	Genesis 25	Psalm 18	Luke 14:1–24
Jan 19	Genesis 26	Psalm 19	Luke 14:25–35
Jan 20	Genesis 27:1–45	Psalm 20	Luke 15
Jan 21	Genesis 27:46–28:22	Psalm 21	Luke 16
Jan 22	Genesis 29:1–30	Psalm 22	Luke 17
Jan 23	Genesis 29:31–30:43	Psalm 23	Luke 18:1–17
Jan 24	Genesis 31	Psalm 24	Luke 18:18–43
Jan 25	Genesis 32–33	Psalm 25	Luke 19:1–27
Jan 26	Genesis 34	Psalm 26	Luke 19:28–48
Jan 27	Genesis 35–36	Psalm 27	Luke 20:1–26
Jan 28	Genesis 37	Psalm 28	Luke 20:27–47 29 30 31
Jan 29	Genesis 38	Psalm 29	Luke 21
Jan 30	Genesis 39	Psalm 30	Luke 22:1–38
Jan 31	Genesis 40	Psalm 31	Luke 22:39–71



## Thanks to those who donated a Poinsettia for our Christmas Services.



Merlin and Sylvia Buchholz in memory of loved ones.  
 Larry and Nancy Cuklanz in memory of loved ones.  
 Wes and Sue Erickson in memory of loved ones.  
 Mary Hammer in memory of Merle.  
 Rolland and RaeAnn Hegna in memory of loved ones.  
 Mary Kelly in memory of loved ones.  
 Pastor and Phyllis Schultz in memory of our parents.  
 Tyler and Tara Staab and family in memory of loved ones.  
 Kerry and Julie Steffen in memory of loved ones.  
 Jim and Eileen Wegner in memory of loved ones.  
 Dave and Darlene Yeager in memory of our sons Brian and Scott.



# JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guild</b> RaeAnn Hegna and Rolland Hegna			1	2 1	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 am K-3rd gr Sunday School 11 am Adult Bible Class	6	7	8	9 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	10	11
12 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 am K-3rd gr Sunday School 11 am Adult Bible Class	13	14 6 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	15	16 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	17	18
19 8:50 Mixed Choir Practice 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 am K-3rd gr Sunday School 11 am Adult Bible Class	20 2 pm LWML Qtly Meeting 6 pm Congregational meeting	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 am K-3rd gr Sunday School 11 am Adult Bible Class	27	28 St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers	29	30 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	31	