

The St. Paul Lutheran News

St. Paul Lutheran Church is called to be an Inviting, Christ Centered Spiritually Growing and Community Serving Church where we are led by love to implement Jesus' teachings.

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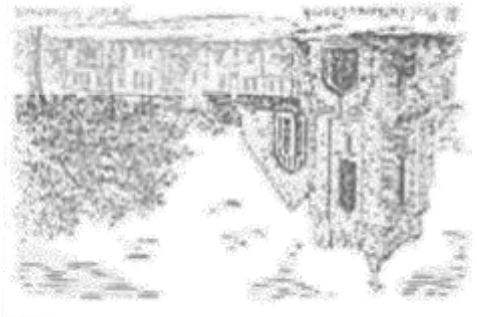
November Worship Schedule

Sun., Nov. 3	8:300 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 10	8:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 17	8:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 24	8:30a.m.
Wed, Nov. 27	7:00 p.m.

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays: 11am-3 pm and
Wednesdays & Fridays: 8am-4pm
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617 St. Lawrence Avenue
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NOVEMBER 2024 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In-Person & Online Worship

Livestreaming worship with St. Paul available on Facebook & YouTube

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK! ALL SAINTS DAY	4	5 5:00 p.m.- Worship and Music Meeting ELECTION DAY	6 Noon- Soup Lunch	7	8	9
10 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	11 1:00 p.m- Ruth Circle 	12	13 Noon- Soup Lunch 5:30 p.m.—Council Meeting	14 Noon- OWLS THANKSGIVING DINNER	15	16
17 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	18 9:30 a.m.-Basket Guild 6:30 p.m- Women's Bible Study (Michael Chapel)	19	20 Noon– Soup Lunch LYDIA'S CLOSET	21 8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast (Beloit Family Restaurant)	22	23
24 8:30a.m. Worship -In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	25	26	27 NO SOUP LUNCH 7:-00 p.m. Pie & Prayer Service	28 	29 Church Office Closed	30

St. Paul Lutheran Church November Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Lyn Cruse	11/2
Tyler Kothe	11/3
Jane Ashpes	11/5
Katie Hassenfelt	11/6
Zach Fillbach	11/12
Dan Hughes	11/14
Carol Josh	11/17
Jamie Gurholt	11/19
Greg Stolze	11/19
Joanne Rosenow	11/22
Melanie Schneider	11/24
Karen Roecker	11/27
Roger Neitzel	11/29

None



OWLS NOVEMBER MEETING

OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Will be held on November 14 at Noon and catered by Knutes of Orfordville.

Signup sheet will be available at October's Meeting. and the deadline will be Nov. 10. Cost will be \$20.



WISCONSIN WEAVE BASKET GUILD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

November 18th @ 9:30 a.m.-Noon





Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

Wow! What a month October was. We had an incredible celebration of 150 years of ministry and mission, a wedding, and it all was topped off with Reformation Day! This is wonderful momentum!

What do I mean by momentum? You might ask. Well, in the sports world, it is a defining moment that changes the direction of the game. In politics, momentum shifts can define who wins and election. And in the church world, we can use these moments to propel us into the years ahead.

We also see it in scripture. Throughout the gospels we see Jesus giving us momentous occasions. The feeding of the 5000. Turning water into wine. Mass healings. And confronting the Jewish and Roman leadership to name a few.

Moments that filled people with God's hope and grace. Moments, that called them, and then sent them to go and tell! And ponder that for a bit. As the momentum built, Jesus' followers went from just a few, to dozens, to hundreds, and to thousands.

This month let's build on that momentum! Let's carry that excitement and use it to go out and share the Good News! Let's face it, the world around us could use some good news right now. In fact, they are desperately longing for it.

And here at St. Paul, we have been blessed with this momentum. Called, filled, and sent. Let these moments propel us, propel you. So that God's mission and ministry may continue for the next 150 years.

And may God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike.



Newsletter

Just a note to remind everyone that the deadline to submit items for the July Newsletter is Friday, November 15th
Thank you and God's Blessings.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Members

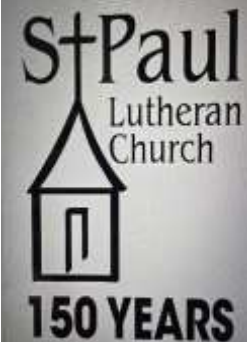
President	Jean Neitzel	608-362-8324
Vice-President	Chet Organ	608-751-8020
Secretary	Jane Carr	608-436-0868
Treasurer	Ken Harris	608-365-6871
Worship	Melanie Schneider	608-436-6336
FAITH Formation	Tori Carr	608-436-9397
	Martha Stolze	

St Paul Lutheran Church 150 Years Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow

We have lots of things planned, as we continue to celebrate 150 years.

However, there is **1 MORE BIG event**— we would like everyone to put on their calendars:

Advent Potluck Celebration - Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 4:00p.m.
Christmas decorating of the Sanctuary , with food and fellowship to follow in the fellowship hall.
Please bring a dish to pass!



St. Paul Lutheran Church Foundation

26 years ago, 5 members from St. Paul Church signed the Articles of Incorporation to create The St. Paul Lutheran Church Foundation. Ivan Eckholm, Alan Katterhenry, Jean Zanton, Dan Bertelsen, and Howard Rasmussen had an idea to focus on legacy giving and grow a foundation for St. Paul.

We now have a long-term, stable endowment fund that provides distributions to grow St. Paul ministry today and well into the future. This year St. Paul Foundation contributed to the elevator fund, CARITAS, the pastoral care fund, and the 150th celebration.

With generous giving to the Foundation, we can continue to provide for God's work in the years to come.

Did you know individuals aged 72 (or 70 ½ prior to January 2020) may donate to charity annually through their traditional Individual Retirement Accounts? The donation must be made directly from the IRA plan administrator to the qualified charity, such as St. Paul Lutheran Church Foundation! These distributions can count toward your "required minimum distribution" (RMD), which would normally be taxable when distributed to you.

We invite you to partner with us by supporting and funding new initiatives in our church by making an investment in St. Paul Foundation.

LYDIA'S CLOSET...

The weather is cooling and we are in need of men's flannel shirts, long sleeved t-shirts, and (as usual) men's jeans. We do not need men's dress pants or shirts. Thank you for your donations.

God Bless



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 3, 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

A special meeting is being called by the council to discuss and provide information to the call committee in selecting the next pastoral leader of St. Paul. Your input is necessary to help determine the direction of St. Paul during the coming years. A letter is being sent to all St. Paul members. Please read the letter and attend the meeting. Thank you.

St Paul Lutheran Foundation Committee in accordance with the Foundation by-laws is accepting requests for grants in the amount of \$500.00-\$1,000.00 for the purpose of using toward community outreach, ministry partners and/or toward one general budget item. All members of the congregation are welcome to apply for a grant. A written proposal explaining what the funds will be used for and accounted for is due November 30, 2024. The Foundation committee will notify grantees on December 15, 2024. Grant awards will be disbursed January 2, 2025. Grantees have 1 year to use the funds as proposed. Accounting of funds must be reported.

The by-laws of the Foundation state that 10% of assets at the beginning of the current year (2024) plus earnings from the past year (2023) may be distributed by the Foundation Committee each year. If there are any questions, please contact committee members: Jan Knutson, Denise Organ, Jane Carr, Karen Moe or Marilyn Harris.

DESIGNATED MISSION OUTREACH

NOVEMBER MISSION PARTNER

SPARROW'S NEST

Sparrow's Nest in Beloit provides up to 30 days of emergency shelter for single men and women, free of charge. They are an overnight emergency shelter, with people coming in for the night and leaving in the morning. There is a 30-day limit on stays.

For vacancies or to volunteer or donate, please call (608) 362-8215.

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP - NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Council	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Assistant	Tech / Livestream	PowerPoint
3	8:30 a.m..	Martha Stolze	Sharyn Pann	Martha Stolze	Glenda Liptow	Hughes-Murry Team	Ken Harris
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY SOUP LUNCH; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: ROGER NEITZEL & CAROLE SPREITZER</i>							
10	8:30 a.m.	Ken Harris	Jean Neitzel	Carole Spreitzer	Jackie Ueland	Hughes-Murry Team	Chuck Hughes
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR BY: OWLS; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KAREN MOE & CAROL JOSH</i>							
17	8:30 a.m.	Jane Carr	Martha Stolze	Carol Josh	Sharyn Pann	Hughes-Murry Team	Jan Knutson
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY CHET & DENISE ORGAN; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KATHY POHL & DONNA BLUM</i>							
24	8:30 a.m.	Tori Carr	Sharyn Pann	Jane Carr	Karen Moe	Hughes-Murry Team	Ken Harris
<i>COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY MARILYN & KEN HARRIS; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: CHET ORGAN & SHARYN PANN</i>							
27	7:00 p.m	Jean Neitzel	Marilyn Harris	None	None	None	None
<i>WEDNESDAY, THANKSGIVING EVE, PIE AND PRAYER WELCOMING COMMITTEE: ROGER NEITZEL, SHARYN PANN</i>							

LYDIA'S CLOSET



NOVEMBER SOUP LUNCH MENU

- 6- Chili
- 13- Chicken Noodle Soup
- 20- Broc. Cheese Soup
- 27- Closed for Thanksgiving



SOUP LUNCH/CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Will be held Wednesday, December 18th.
To make any donations, please contact Judelle or Ray Murphy.

St. Paul Care Closet

The Care Closet was established in 2023 with the support of Pastor Lucy Wynard so that St. Paul would be a resource for our neighbors and community members in their time of need.

The Care Closet provides things such as blankets, sleeping bags, tents, socks (and other clothing items), laundry packets, personal care items, McDonalds food cards, gas cards and bus passes. Some of the items are donated by our congregational members. We are, also, truly fortunate to be able to partner with the "Youth2Youth 4 Change" organization that routinely donates sleeping bags, tents, laundry packets and personal care items. St Paul provides the bus passes, McDonalds food cards and gas cards. Many of the people in our community have fallen on hard times and many of the things in our care closet are given out in large numbers, including the bus passes, food cards and gas cards.

So far in **2024** we have provided **81** \$15.00 gas cards, **49** \$12.00 bus passes, and **31** \$15.00 McDonald's food cards....totaling **\$2,268.00**. The funds to buy these cards have come from congregational donations, Stateline Community Foundation Grants, a St. Paul Lutheran Church Foundation Grant, and the Pastoral Care account. We anticipate that the need will increase as cold weather approaches.

We record all the items that we give out by name of the person, and we limit the number that each person can receive. For example, with the gas cards, food cards and bus passes, each person is limited to 3 of each card in one calendar year. We are creating an ongoing Sunday Loose Change Jar to help support this program. Congregation members may still make larger donations through their giving envelopes. Just be sure to mark them for "cards" or the "Care Closet."

We are starting the **Sunday Loose Change Jar** program on October 13, 2024. Look for the jar in the back of church. We are happy to help you recycle your loose change each week.



Jan Knutson, Kathy Pohl, and Donna Blum.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Terry (Billie Kenitzer's brother); **Amy B.** (Shirley Hallmark's niece);
Charles H. (Shirley Hallmark's friend); **Anne S.;**
Donna G.; **Michelle C.;** **Carole S.;** **Marge K.;** **Marilyn F.;** **Patricia E.;**
Colin C.; **Mark S.;**
Amber V. (Judelle & Ray Murphy's daughter); **Linda M.;**
Kristina (Pat Baker's granddaughter); **Ray O.** (Chet Organ's brother);
Will S.; **Kathy P.;** **Juelane** (Mark Mueller's sister);
Kyle & Kim R. (Marge Kline's grandson & his wife); **Sue** (Charlie Hallmark's Mother); **Bonnie P.;** **Chuck F.;** **Axel A.;** **Carol M.;**
Ciara L. (Glenda & Russ Liptow's granddaughter); **Ken H.;**

all those who have been affected by COVID-19 and other illnesses;
all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world.
all those who seek shelter; and friends and family in the military.

*Please let us know if you have any additions to
or removals from the prayer list.*



SOUP LUNCH

Soup Lunch attendance for the month of OCTOBER was 337.

Please mark any financial donations for "Soup Lunch."
We are also in need of gas station and food gift cards (Subway, McDonald's, etc.).

You can **help support our Soup Lunch ministry** by mailing your donations to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church,
617 St. Lawrence Ave., Beloit, WI 53511
or by going to: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>

Celebrate

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. PAUL

