

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.

JANUARY 2025

January Worship Schedule

Sun., Jan 5	8:30 a.m.
Sun., Jan 12	8:30 a.m.
Sun., Jan 19	8:30 a.m.
Sun., Jan 26	8:30 a.m.



Staff
Interim Pastor
Rev. Michael Rahlf
Secretary
Kellie Carrier-Richards
Custodian
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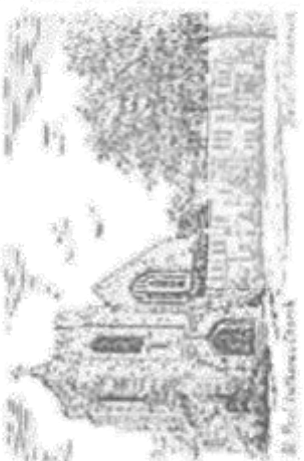
4pm:

Wednesdays & Fridays: 8am-

Tuesdays: 11 am-3 pm and

Church Office Hours


**St. Paul Lutheran Church
617 St. Lawrence Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511**



JANUARY 2025 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In-Person & Online Worship

Livestreaming worship with St. Paul available on Facebook & YouTube

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	2	3	4
5 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	6	7	8 NOON-SOUP LUNCH 5:30 p.m.- Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	13 1:00 p.m- Ruth Circle 6:30- Women's Bible Study	14	15 Noon- Soup Lunch LYDIA'S CLOSET	16 8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast (Beloit Family Restaurant)	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18
19 8:30a.m. Worship -In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	20	21	22 Noon- Soup Lunch	23 NOON- OWLS	24	25
26 8:30a.m. Worship -In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	27	28	29 Noon- Soup Lunch	30	31	

St. Paul Lutheran Church JANUARY Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1-Shirley Sandow
Jan 6- Adyn Fry
Jan 7-Dylan Kothe
Jan 9- Linda Cruse
Jan 11- Ryan Hughes
Jan 12- Alan Katterhenry
Jan 12- Alex Snook
Jan 22-Judelle Murphy
Jan 23- Kailyn Packard
Jan 25- Tim O'Grady
Jan 29-Andy Petersen
Jan 30- Carol Briscoe

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 23-JoAnn & Dennis Leppla



OWLS

January Meeting
Thursday, January 23 at NOON!

Potluck, Bingo with White Elephant for winners.
Bring a friend.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23,
AT 10:00 A.M. immediately following
worship service.

All annual reports are due to the church office no later than
Sunday, January 19, 2025, in preparation for our annual
meeting. Thank you and God Bless.



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

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025. Boy do we have a lot for the new year. We are preparing for the annual meeting. We will be celebrating the baptism of our Lord, and we are moving through the season of Christmas, to the beginning of Epiphany.

That is the time where God is revealed to us, and we actually get it! It's that lightbulb over our heads lighting up moment. It's where we are taught what it means to be a disciple of the One who came to offer Himself up for us. To BE Christian, not just claim it.

This year, I would love to hear your stories of Epiphany. What moments have guided you to be Christian in your own lives? Where has it guided you to ministry? How are you following Jesus every day? And where do you hear Jesus calling you toward next?

In Luke 4, beginning at verse 16, we hear of Jesus being rejected in Nazareth. A text I will be preaching on this month. And it is Jesus reading from Isaiah. We hear, "He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." "To bring good news to the poor."

And then He proclaims that the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. Yet they rejected Him. In fact, they became enraged and tried to throw Him off a cliff. In other words, they didn't get it. The lightbulb didn't go off. They did not have that Epiphany moment.

And it isn't easy for us sometimes either. The idea of releasing captives, probably won't be supported by many of us. Yet, that is what Jesus called for. The thought that Jesus speaks of Good News for the poor, and advocating for the oppressed, can leave us thinking, "what about me?"

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Continued Pastor Mike...

Well, here is your Epiphany message for today; That is not just Jesus saying those things, it is an example for us as to who we should be. Reaching out to those on the margins of society. Offering forgiveness, and God's love. AND being willing to speak truth, even in situations that might not be friendly in receiving it.

That verse in Isaiah should be guidance for us as to what being a disciple should look like. It's not about us. It's about God's Kingdom. It's about going out, and proclaiming that this, is the year of the Lord's favor. Already given to you, so that you might share it.

So to answer the question; "what about me?" Well, you have already received. God has found you worthy to be saved. God loves you. And Jesus was born in order that you might die to sin and live in Him. And that Good News, is worth sharing. Because many out there, have never heard. Now that, my brothers and sisters, is an Epiphany. You are called, saved, and sent.

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

Pastor Mike



2025 Giving Envelopes

New envelopes for 2025 are available in the Narthex. Numbers will be the same as in 2024. If you did not use envelopes this year but wish to use them next year let Kellie know.

If you are unable to find your envelopes, again let Kellie know. Members not using envelopes are all assigned a recording number.

We thank you for your support of St. Paul's many programs.

St. Paul Luther Church 150th Anniversary

What a wonderful year it has been in celebrating 150 years! I just want to take a moment and thank so many of you for all your hard work this past year! We were able to celebrate in so many different ways and we are truly grateful for your service in planning and executing all the wonderful festivities that were enjoyed by all! We look forward to the next 150 years!

God's Blessings to all our members at St. Paul.

Your secretary,

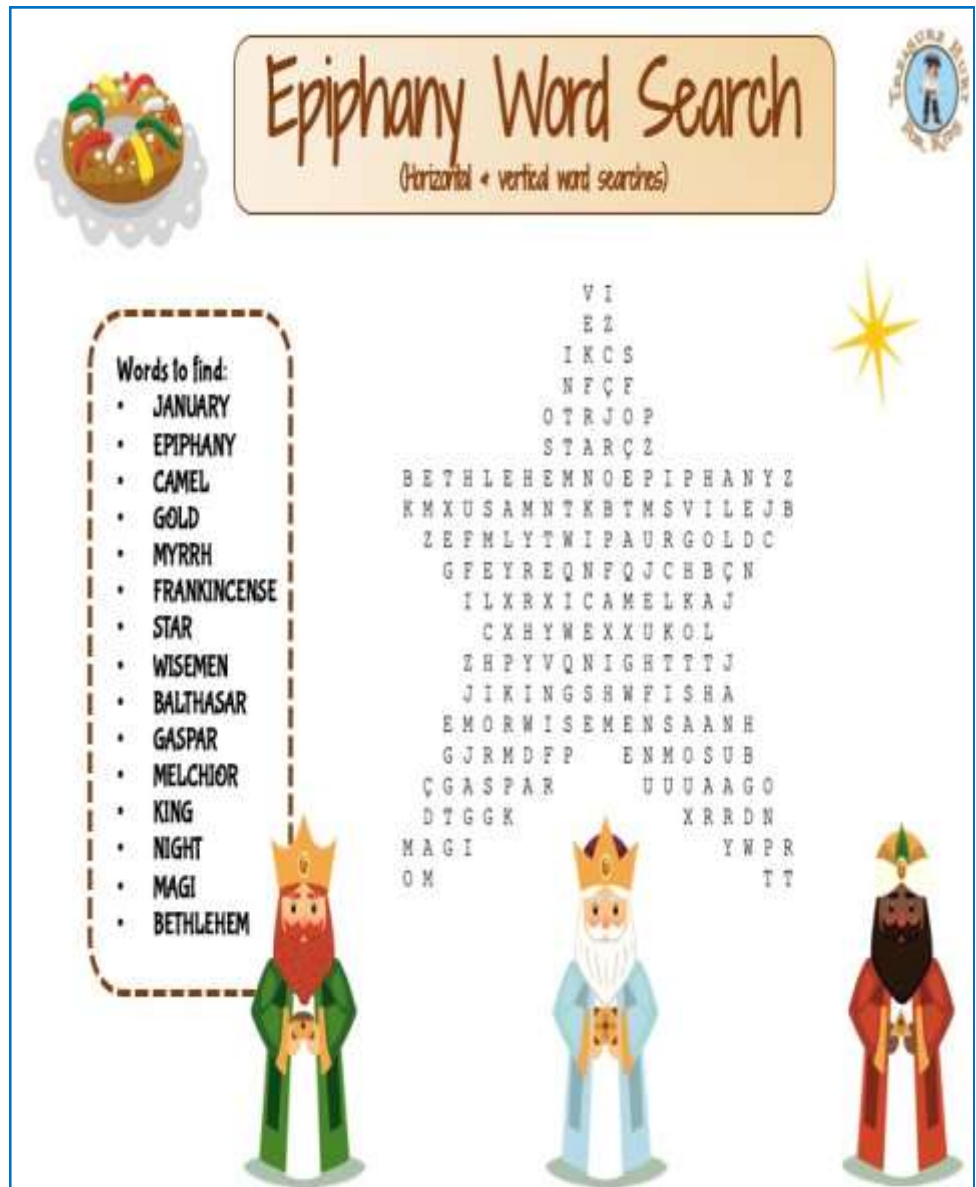
Kellie

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.





Epiphany Word Search

(Horizontal + vertical word searches)

Words to find:

- JANUARY
- EPIPHANY
- CAMEL
- GOLD
- MYRRH
- FRANKINCENSE
- STAR
- WISEMEN
- BALTHASAR
- GASPAR
- MELCHIOR
- KING
- NIGHT
- MAGI
- BETHLEHEM

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January

DESIGNATED MISSION OUTREACH

JANUARY 2025
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LWR provides emergency aid and helps families restore their lives. They partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.
<https://lwr.org/>



MINISTERS OF WORSHIP - JANUARY

Date	Time	Council	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Assistant	Tech / Livestream	PowerPoint
5	8:30 a.m.	Martha Stolze	Sharyn Pann	Martha Stolze	Glenda Liptow	Hughes-Murry Team	Chuck Hughes
COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KATHY POHL/DONNA BLUM							
12	8:30 a.m.	Melanie Schneider	Jean Neitzel	Melanie Schneider	Karen Moe	Murry Hughes-Murry	Jan Knutson
COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR BY: RUTH CIRCLE; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: DAVE KNUTSON/JACKIE UELAND							
19	8:30 a.m.	Jane Carr	Martha Stolze	Sharyn Pann	Carol Josh	Hughes-Murry Team	Ken Harris
COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY SOUP LUNCH; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: ROGER NEITZEL/CAROLE SPREITZER							
26	8:30 a.m.	Tori Carr	Marilyn Harris	Jane Carr	Jean Neitzel	Hughes-Murry Team	Chuck Hughes
COFFEE HOUR SPONSORED BY OWLS; WELCOMING COMMITTEE: KAREN MOE/CAROL JOSH							

JANUARY SOUP LUNCH MENU

- 8-Chef's Choice
- 15-Chicken Noodle Soup
- 22-Potato Soup
- 29-Lasagna Soup



Newsletter

Just a note to remind everyone that the deadline to submit items for the February newsletter is Friday, January 17th.
Thank you and God's Blessings.

OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE!!!

St. Paul's new and improved website is up and running. After an autumn of designing, building, and updating, it is now available for you to explore!

<https://stpaulbeloit.org>

Check it out! And our many thank you's go out to Martin Campbell for all of his hard work and expertise.



Denise Organ will be handling all future updates. Please send any to her email address at missnise@yahoo.com. The newsletter and calendar will be updated by the church office, secretary@stpaulbeloit.org.

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.;** **Ken H.;**
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);

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 DECEMBER was 178.

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>



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
WE WERE BLESSED WITH MANY AREA
PARISHES ATTENDING.
WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL TO SHARE
THE LOVE OF CHRIST (& PIE) WITH
EACH OTHER!

Glory TO THE NEWBORN KING



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Members

President	Jean Neitzel	608-362-8324
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	Martha Stolze	

