

# 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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## **FEBRUARY 2025**



## February Worship Schedule

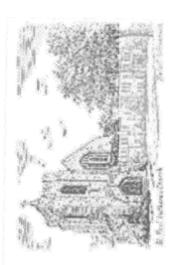
10:00 a.m.	Sun., Feb 23
8:30 a.m.	Sun., Feb 16
8:30 a.m.	Sun., Feb 9
8:30 a.m.	Sun., Feb 2

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

Tuesdays: 11am-3 pm and Wednesdays & Fridays: 8am-4pm: (608) 365-7064 www.stpaulbeloit.org

Church Office Hours

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



#### FEBRUARY 2025 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### In-Person & Online Worship

Livestreaming worship with St. Paul available on Facebook & YouTube

SUN	Mon	Tue	WED	Тни	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour Immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	3	4 5:30 p.m Worship and music meeting	<b>5</b> Noon-Soup Lunch	6	7	
9 8:30 a.m. Worship - In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	10 1:00 p.m- Ruth Circle 6:30-Women's Bible Study	11	12 Noon– Soup Lunch 5:30 p.m Council Meeting	13	14	15
8:30a.m. Worship -In Person & Online Coffee Hour immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	9:00 a.m. Basket Guild	18	Noon- Soup Lunch LYDIA'S CLOSET	8:00 a.mMen's Breakfast (Beloit Family Restaurant	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 10:00 a.m. Worship -In Person & Online ANNUAL MEETING immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship at San José	24	25	26 Noon- Soup Lunch	27 NOON- OWLS	28	

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church FEBRUARY Celebrations!

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

none

2/1– Jan Knutson

2/7- Mitchell Fillbach

2/9– Carole Spreitzer

2/10– Shirley Hallmark

2/10- Anne Schilling

2/15– Rick Hallmark

2/15 – Hayden Murry

2/15 – Lizzy Scoville

2/23 – Ed Scoville

2/24 – Kelsie Packard









## OWLS Meeting February 27 Noon Potluck

Program: Renee Johnson presents
"The Underground Railroad" Quilt.
Symbolizes the communication
between slaves for safe places to go
during their journey to freedom.

Thank you to all who support Piecemakers by purchasing the items we make. Due to your generosity we were able to give \$400.00 to the organ fund.

Thanks again. St. Paul Piecemakers

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, immediately following worship service.

Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m that day.

See you all there!

There will be a light lunch available featuring Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup.

Donations will be accepted and will go to the St. Paul Care Closet.



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

We, are entering the month of February! It's when we wait to see if the groundhog saw his shadow, and it's also the month of love. (Valentine's Day.) The hope of warmer weather mixed with time to celebrate our sweethearts.

And we are smack dab in the middle of Epiphany. God revealing Godself to us, and we receive that news with understanding! And this understanding leads us right into Lent. (Ash Wednesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup>.)

So this is also a time in the church for hope, and love. The love and hope given to us by our Lord and Savior. We have celebrated His birth, learned from God's revealing to us, and soon, we look to His death and resurrection.

This is the time, it all comes together and we are blessed with God's saving grace. Because we cannot save ourselves. In Luke 5, (one of our scriptures this month), we witness Jesus calling His first disciples.

It's the story about Jesus coming upon fishermen. And they were not having a very successful day. Their nets were empty even after working all night. Yet Jesus sends them out again. And sure enough, they were abundantly successful.

Yes, it's a wonderful miracle story. But I believe the message, isn't about the big haul at the end. The message, is that Jesus continues to send us out. It's about continuing to try. Without getting discouraged or giving up.

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Continued Pastor Mike...

It's about believing that our Lord is with us, in good times and bad. Encouraging us, loving us, and believing....in us. And through Him all things are possible.

So even when you feel that your nets are empty. Even when you are exhausted, overworked, and seeing little results, don't get discouraged. Because Jesus still sends us out.

And who knows? Maybe the next cast will return with an abundance! That is what faith is. Receiving the love and saving grace of God, believing in the hope of the resurrected Christ, and placing our trust in wherever Jesus is sending us next.

That is what February brings. Love, hope, promise, encouragement, and grace.

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

#### **From the Kitchen Crew**

We are excited to report that we have received a grant from the Foundation to have a professional deep cleaning of the St. Paul Church kitchen. The cleaning company will work on Thursday & Friday- February 13 & 14.

So, on Wed, Feb. 12 after Soup Lunch is finished, we need to move things out of the kitchen...and then on Saturday, Feb. 15 starting at 10:00am we will need to move everything back into our sparkling clean kitchen.

We need help on both Wednesday and Saturday....please sign up so we know who we can count on. In February the sign-up sheet will be available in the back of church. Thank you.

#### Newsletter

Just a note to remind everyone that the deadline to submit items for the March newsletter is Friday, February 21st.

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.;
Michelle C.; Carole S.; Marge K.; Marilyn F.; Patricia E.;
Colin C.; Mark S.; Ken H.; Kellie R.; Kevin R.;
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 <u>January</u> was 244.

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: <a href="https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526">https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526</a>





Name Date:	

#### Christianity

Word Search

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#### DESIGNATED MISSION OUTREACH

FEBRUARY MISSION PARTNER

CARITAS

CARITAS IN BELOIT PROVIDES A FOOD PANTRY AND A DIAPER BANK

https://caritasbeloit.org/



BASKET GUILD MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m



#### MINISTERS OF WORSHIP - FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Council	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Assistant	Tech / Livestream	PowerPoint
2	8:30 a.m	Jean Neitzel	Jane Carr	Greg Stolze	Sharyn Pann	Hughes- Murry Team	Jan Knutson
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9	8:30 a.m.	Martha Stolze	Sharyn Pann	Carol Josh	Jane Carr	Murry Hughes- Murry	Ken Harris
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16	8:30 a.m.	Ken Harris	Jean Neitzel	Carole Spreitzer	Jackie Ueland	Hughes- Murry Team	Chuck Hughes
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23	10:00 a.m.	Melanie Schneider	Marilyn Harris	Jean Neitzel	Glenda Liptow	Hughes- Murry Team	Jan Knutson
Coffee Hour Sponsored by NONE; Welcoming Committee: Roger Neitzel/Carole Spreitzer							



#### FEBRUARY SOUP LUNCH MENU

5-Bar-B-Q's

12- Broc. Cheese Soup

19- Chicken Noodle Soup

26- Chili







#### 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	



Remember Caritas when you are out and about shopping.

God's Blessings to all!

