

St. Paul Epistle



*Happy
New
Year!*

January 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR VISION:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:

Saturday Worship: 5:30pm – Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Sunday School 10:30am – Bible Class 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY 2024

Jan 1	OFFICES CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 3	Confirmation Classes 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Jan 8	Mission Circle Meeting 6:00pm
Jan 9	Board of Elders Meeting 5:00pm
Jan 10	Confirmation Classes 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Jan 11	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Jan 14	Voters Meeting 10:30am
Jan 16	Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm at the Crawford's
Jan 17	Confirmation Classes 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Jan 25	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Jan 24	Confirmation Classes 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Jan 29	Golden Age Euchre Club 1:00pm
Jan 31	Confirmation Classes 4:00pm - 5:30pm



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Christ is Born Hallelujah. We had a busy December with Advent and the soup suppers, decorating church for the season (it is beautiful if I might say), our angel giving tree in the Fellowship Hall, the women's night out at the Moracco supper club, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day services and the board of education with their Advent workshop. It's a wonderful time of the year with all the different activities and parties but--Jesus is the reason for the season!! He was born to later die for our sins. *"For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation" Isaiah 61:10*

Thank you so much to everyone that purchased items for the Dubuque Community Schools Open Closet. Chelsea was so so grateful for all the bags and packages for the school kids. They filled her vehicle. It's such a great cause. Our ladies night out ended up at the Moracco supper club instead of Catfish Charlie's--they are closed on Mondays. The food was excellent, the service was speedy and the fellowship was wonderful.

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 8th at 6pm--looking forward to a New Year and maybe some new faces. *Thank you, Nancy*



MERCY



FOOD PANTRY - For the month of **January** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Hot Chocolate
Ramen Noodles

Peanut Butter
Canned Meats

Shampoo
Jelly

Laundry Soap



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - For those interested in membership or anyone interested in reviewing the basic teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith please contact Pastor Crawford. Classes meet on an as - needed basis.
- **Sunday Adult Class** - Exploring Lutheran Worship
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be January 11th & 25th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Days off - January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Our new office hours are Monday - Friday 9:15am - 1:15pm

OFFICIAL ACTS – December 2023

Baptisms: None
Junior Confirmation: None
Adult Confirmation: None
Weddings: *Taylor Kelly & Bryn Kittle*
Transfer In: None
Transferred Out: None
Funeral/Memorial: None



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: The 2024 Flower chart is now on the table in the fellowship hall. This is the time to sign up for altar flowers to celebrate special events or memories, etc. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges 563 599 2745



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 4th at 10:00am.

THANK YOU: Thanks to a Thrivent action card of \$250, we were able to buy 18 four-pound hams for the Christmas food baskets this year. Thank you to our congregation for your continued donations of canned goods and paper products along with the donations from the Tops weight watcher group that meets here weekly. With a little glitch in our giving, The Salvation Army were the recipients of all the items this year instead of the Food Pantry. They were so so thankful. Thank you all for caring.

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**



Preparing for Lent

On Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 to 11 am we'll gather together (all ages) to explore tools and spiritual practices for reflection, prayer and contemplation this Lenten season and beyond. Keep an eye out for more information!

Thank you!

A great big thank you to all who shared in our St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration! From working behind the scenes in a variety of ways, reading, being part of the nativity scene and sharing musical gifts, to bringing cookies and treats, to singing with great gusto during the service, and everything in between -- it was a joy to celebrate our Savior's birth together!

Vacation Bible School 2024

Dreaming of warmer days? Mark your calendar for our evening Holyland adventure vacation Bible school, June 9-13, 2024!



NEXT MEETING: January 16 | 7 pm at the Crawford home

If you have any questions or would like to be involved with the board of Christian education, connect with Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426)!

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN JANUARY

Selma Massey Jeannette Rusch
Patricia Schmitt Dennis Paar

We have cleaned up the "memorial" list. We are only going back 10 years for the people who have died.

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY 2024

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Care Initiatives)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Kristine Patterson

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2024

	Sat, Jan 6, 5:30pm	Sun, Jan 7, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	Kristie Fry	N/A
Organist:	Dr. Charles Barland	Matthew Walsh
	Sat, Jan 13, 5:30pm	Sun, Jan 14, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill
Altar Guild:	N/A	Janet Smith
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Jan 20, 5:30pm	Sun, Jan 21, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Jan 26, 5:00pm	Sun, Jan 27, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:		A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt



JANUARY

Anniversaries

11-Ken & Jean O'Meara
23-Bob & Jane Kalvelage

BAPTISM



BIRTHDAYS

1-Ron Cathey
10-Roger Driscoll
17-Carol Rusch
22-Vicky Schap
26-Josie Thibadeau

1-Kristie Fry
11-Andi Kittle
21-Mary Ann McGeough
24-Kim Weed
29-Misty Lutz

7-Bill Heller
13-Josh Henry
22-Merlin Bartels
25-Kalyssa Worden



JANUARY

Birthdays

1-Darron Smith
5-Mary Ann McGeough
9-Jack Thibadeau
14-Lizzy Capacchione
20-Angie Kelley

4-Brianna Fry
6-Doris Pergande
10-Kim Weed
14-Kalyssa Worden
23-Kip Weland

4-Sandy Hiris
8-Jordan Pergande
12-Natalie Adams
16-Diane Unsen