

St. Paul Epistle



November 2025

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
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER 2025

Nov 1	Turkey Day & Bake Sale 10am - 1pm
Nov 4	GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
Nov 6	Ruth Circle 10am
Nov 8	Boy Scout Chili Feed 11am - 6pm
Nov 10	Mission Circle Meeting 6pm
Nov 11	GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
Nov 15	GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" 9:30am - 12pm
Nov 18	GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
Nov 22	Intergenerational Advent Event 9:30am - 11am
Nov 25	GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
Nov 24	Golden Age Euchre Club 1pm
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service 5:30pm
Nov 27/28	OFFICES CLOSED

10 Things to Be Thankful For: 2025 Edition

*"Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name". -Psalm 30:4*

November in the church is marked by several occasions and celebrations. Overall, the church year is wrapping up and our attention is drawn once again to the return of Christ as risen and glorious King. It's also the month when Americans observe a day of Thanksgiving.

I did one of these lists last year and it was fun to look back, so I'm doing another one this year. Here are a few blessings I'm counting this year at St. Paul (in no particular order):

1. **LCEF Ministry Clarity.** The Clarity team has been doing great work examining our current ministry and assessing future needs and goals. This will continue into 2026 with a congregational event, and other phases including campus planning, financial planning, and communication.
2. **Holy Week Festivities.** This year saw the use of our large chancel cross, expanded use of chant and choral music, a hand-crafted coffin, and best of all a baptism and several first communions.
3. **Serving Our Community through the Good Neighbor Fund.** With your support, St. Paul has been able to help many individuals in desperate need to pay bills and get transportation to medical appointments. Thank you!
4. **Rededication of the Pipe Organ.** An awesome day celebrating God's gifts of music, musicians, and a remarkable instrument that swells our songs of praise. If you missed it in-person, you can find a recording of it on YouTube.
5. **Vacation Bible School.** This was a record for recent years with 32 kids participating! Our fundraiser this year contributed to support for the Gospel outreach of Zach Barz and his team in Costa Rica. Kids also assembled kits to be distributed to the homeless.
6. **Our leaders.** God has blessed St. Paul with many dedicated and hard-working leaders. I'm thankful for Sunday school and confirmation teachers, board chairs, officers, our faithful secretary, and many others and all that they do to make this place "home."
7. **The St. Paul Fair Booth.** We thank God for all the fun, fellowship (and funds) that came from this endeavor that had an impressive run from 1968-2024! A special thank you to Rod and Nancy Henry for all the time and effort they put into the booth over the years.

8. **GriefShare.** This ministry was started last year and God has continued to bring peace and healing and do amazing things through it. Erin Huebschman, Diana Hattula, and their leadership team are doing an amazing job.
9. **Our College Student Community.** While we continue in an official partnership with The University of Dubuque, God has also blessed us with new friends from UW Platteville and Loras College.
10. **JESUS.** What ultimately makes St. Paul a home for those who wander the weary road is the gracious presence of the Savior who constantly comes into our midst under the humble means of Word and Sacrament and blesses the broken. THANKS BE TO GOD!

See you in Church,



Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

The Women of St. Paul sponsored the Fall District Rally on Oct.18th at church. Due to the morning fog and other events going on, we had a small attendance of only 20. We had a very nice bible study of prominent women of the bible that Pastor Crawford led. Beth, from the Red Basket Project came and talked about period packs for the girls at the schools and we assembled 186 packs to be distributed. We had a cash collection of over \$200 that was donated to the Red Basket Collection. We had a very nice lunch and were done by 12:20. The mites collected for October was \$87.82. Saturday, November 1st is our Turkey Day. We will have new times 10am to 1pm and will be serving upstairs. We will also have baked goods. There will be **NO RUMMAGE** sale this year. Everything will be upstairs---dine in or carry out. Our next meeting will be Mon. November 10th at 6pm. Hope to see you then.
President Nancy Henry



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **November** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Ramen Noodles
Evaporated Milk

Stuffing Mix
Dish Soap

Pumpkin
Facial Tissue

Bar Soap



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - Will be offered again January - March 2026
- **Sunday Adult Class:** Immigrants Among Us: A Lutheran Framework for addressing Immigration issues.
- **NO BROWN BAG IN NOVEMBER**

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-663-4304 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Days off - November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

(And the two weeks following the arrival of the newest Crawford)

OFFICIAL ACTS - OCTOBER 2025

Baptisms: None

Junior Confirmation: None

Adult Confirmation: *Sydney Fox*

Weddings: None

Transfer In: None

Transferred Out: None

Funeral/Memorial: None



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: The new flower chart will be out soon for 2026. The 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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST**
ALL articles need to be in by this date due to the office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after.

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, November 6th at 10:00am.

BOARD OF MISSION & MINISTRY

***GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND:** Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge. There is currently a higher volume of help request due to the suspension of SNAP benefits. Your contributions are all the more appreciated!

Meals for the Lafrenz Family

We're organizing a Meal Train for Kendra and Colby Lafrenz as they adjust to life as new parents. Meals can be delivered hot, or with instructions for serving/heating and have portions for two adults (no allergies or restrictions). To sign up, please visit mealtrain.com/em108o.



Also, if you are aware of someone who could benefit from a Meal Train (post-surgery, family emergency, new baby, etc.), please let the church office know. We'd like to make this a regular part of the way we care for our church family.

Boy Scout Troop 48 - Annual Chili Feed, Bake Sale & Crafts.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
20th & Jackson Street - Dubuque, IA
In the church basement

Saturday, November 8th - 12pm - 6pm

Cost is \$6.00 (children 5 and under free)

2 bowls of chili or 2 hot dogs or 1 of each
milk, coffee and dessert.

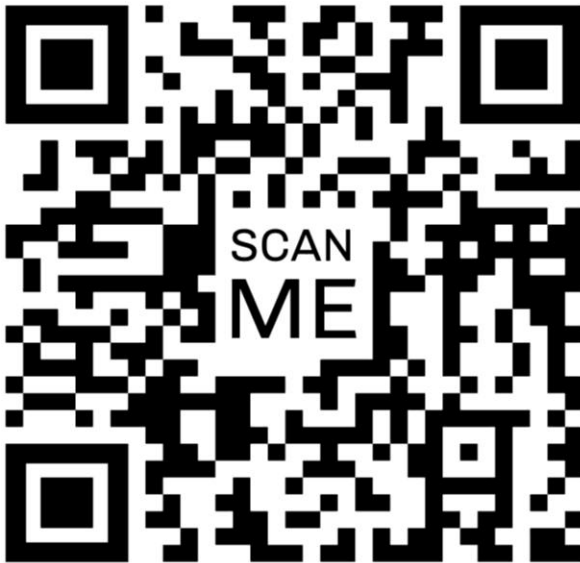
St. Paul will be hosting a **GriefShare** - Surviving the Holidays event on Saturday, November 15th from 9:30-12:00. The event is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly about:

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

The event will include brunch and a keepsake.

Registration can be completed at:
<https://find.griefshare.org/events/278800>



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

St. Paul Family Christmas Service



This year's Family Christmas Celebration will be held on **Sunday, December 14 at the 9 am worship service**, with a hot cocoa bar and fellowship to follow!

As an intergenerational event, there are opportunities for all ages to participate: speaking parts, non-speaking costumed roles, and special music.

Rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am.

Sunday Evening Youth Crew

We've started something new this fall! Confirmation students are meeting every third Sunday evening for a rotation of service projects, Bible study, and fellowship. This month they're making and delivering lap blankets to homebound members.

Sunday School

Sundays | 10:30-11:30 am | age 3-8th grade

Meet for opening in the sanctuary!

DATES TO NOTE:

- **NO NOVEMBER MEETING**
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration Rehearsal** | Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration** | Sunday, December 14 at 9 am (hot chocolate bar + cookies to follow)
- **NEXT MEETING** | December 2, 7 pm at church

Questions? Connect with Brianna Fry (frybrianna@gmail.com) or Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426)!

Intergenerational Advent Event

November 22, 2025 from 9:30 to 11 am

Join the St. Paul church family as we explore how **rituals and traditions can focus us on Jesus and build family identity and belonging, both at church and home!** Participants will also receive an heirloom quality faith resource for their household (Cross to Cradle Wreath from The Keeping Company), to use throughout Advent and beyond.



This year we'll be led by **guest speaker Jeannie Newton**, mother of five, grandma of 17, and family life coordinator at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Rockford, IL. Jeannie holds degrees in education and family life, along with a myriad of experience in both areas.

Register by Sunday, November 2 at tinyurl.com/stpadvent25, by scanning the QR code, or using the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Questions? Ask Katy Crawford or Brianna Fry!





NOVEMBER anniversaries

11-Pastor Jon & Katy Crawford 16-Larry, Sr. & Judy Marcue
23-Richard & Eunice Kokemiller 24-Alan & Jennifer Calonder



1-Marion Crowe	1-Ken Ranson	1-Will Wehrspann
5-Daniel Adams, Jr.	6-Jon Lutz	8-Kayla Budewitz
9-Ethan Kelley	10-Jon Barz	10-Austin Tuomi-Litka
10-Nate Tuomi-Litka	10-Lydia Weland	14-Sebastian Fox
18-Myles Worden	20-Damaris Eichman	20-Annette Purnhage
21-Jacob Unsen	28-Nancy Clark, Sr.	28-Barrett Zasada



NOVEMBER birthdays

2-Andi Kittle	3-Charlie Wehrspann	4-Carroll Weinhold
5-Jim Ayers	9-Nate Tuomi-Litka	12-Austin Tuomi-Litka
14-Dick Kokemiller	15-Nancy Henry	19-Andrew Bain
21-Lydia Wehrspann	22-Nancy Clark, Sr.	24-Bill Heller
26-Dave Krause	30-Zeke Key	

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN NOVEMBER

William (Bill) Eichman Leonard (Len) Diederichs
Lorraine Tegeler Georgia Knuth

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 2025

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)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
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)
Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams, Jim LuGrain

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Damaris Eichman, Jan Anderson, Dick Kokemiller (Luther Manor)

Additional Prayer Request

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- Marlene Weber
- Sue Hass
- Trudy Clark
- Charlotte Tigges
- Nancy Prine

**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 NOVEMBER 2025

	Sat, Nov 1, 5:30pm	Sun, Nov 2, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 8, 5:30pm	Sun Nov 9, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill, Jr.
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 15, 5:30pm	Sun Nov 16, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 22, 5:30pm	Sun Nov 23, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	Matthew Walsh	Matthew Walsh
	Wed, Nov 26, 5:30pm Thanksgiving Eve	
Guest Preacher:	Pastor Douglas Francik	
Head Usher:	TBD	
Organist:	David Pitt	
	Sat, Nov 29, 5:30pm	Sun Nov 30, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organists:	David Pitt	David Pitt