



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those hospitalized this week: Lori Dewey; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Maggie N., John Renner, the Woodworth family. Michelle Klinger, Pastor Bree, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, Dylan Wescott, Phyllis Jacobson, and Betty Steinke

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

St. John's and St. Paul CAROLING

Please join Maureen and Dawn for caroling again this year! There is no better way to gather and share the Christmas spirit! Sunday, December 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We will start and finish in St. Paul's west parking lot (carpooling as you wish). To try to keep us to two hours, we will carol to shut-ins. Please talk to Dawn by Tuesday, 12/9 if you want to talk about our stops. Dress warmly, wear your boots, (and bring a hot drink if you wish).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We will perform the Christmas Program twice. First at St. John's on December 14th, then at St. Paul on December 21st. The practices have begun.

Christmas Cookies needed

A sign-up sheet is posted by the Coffee Fellowship to bring cookies to share following the Christmas program on December 21. Thank you in advance for signing up.

Gratitude Sunday

Sunday, November 16, was Gratitude Sunday. If you did not have a chance to turn in your 2026 Planned giving card and Time & Talent Sheet, you may do so by putting it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. There are planned giving cards and T&T sheets on the back table in the sanctuary. Thank you! Please prayerfully consider how you can help support life-giving ministries at St. Paul with your planned giving and volunteering your time and talents. Thank YOU!

It's that time of year

Church Council meets monthly, serving the church through leadership. People of God, the nominating committee will soon be seeking nominees for council. You have two options: Option #1 – Prayerfully consider serving on Church Council in 2026; Option #2 – Pray that God will raise up leaders in our congregation willing to serve on Church Council. NOW is the time to be choosing and enacting option 1 or option 2. **Thank you for your diligence in this!**

Musicians! Please share your gifts with us Christmas our Christmas Eve. service! The Christmas Eve. candle light service is at 8:00 pm. Please contact Dawn Zeigler.

Contributions for 2025 must be turned in to the church office by the morning of December 29th, to be counted for 2025. Thank you!

Offering envelopes for 2026 will be available for pick-up **December 14**. Please dispose of 2025 envelopes at the end of the year as your number for 2026 may be different. If you cannot find your envelopes or you would like some, please contact the church office.

Money is being collected for a Christmas Love Gift for Pastor Mark. If you would like to donate, please do so by bringing or mailing your cash or check made out to St. Paul to the church office designating "for Pastor's gift" by Sunday, December 21.

Children's Offering

The December children's offering will be for the God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 15

January 2026 newsletter articles due

Tuesday, December 16

Pastor Mark will be in the office – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

LWR Quilting – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Church office closed

Next Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Program/Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas cookies fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – December 21

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Stacey Avelar

Acolytes – Avelar family

Advent Reader – Shore family

Greeters – Janie Billing, Nancy Eilers

Ushers – Nancy Beck, *Volunteer needed*

Readers – Stacey Avelar, Greg Zeigler

Sound – David Carrillo

Communion Assistant – Nancy Eilers

Altar Guild – Debbie O'Brien, Diane Yoeckel

Coffee Fellowship – Carolyn & Bill Duncan

Christmas cookies