



Purpose Statement

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

News for Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Join us for at 9:00 a.m. for the Children's Christmas Program
Coffee Fellowship Christmas Cookies will follow worship**

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

We Remember in Prayer; those hospitalized this week: Ron Billings; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lori Dewey, 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.

DATE CHANGE!

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 21, 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. Dress warmly, wear your boots, (and bring a hot drink if you wish).

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.

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! To date, we have had 33 giving cards turned in with at total amount of \$97,068.00.

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!**

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. 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 22

Pastor Mark will be in the office – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
BBT potluck at Immanuel – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, December 25 & 26

Merry Christmas!

Church office closed

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants

8:00 p.m.

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – David Carrillo

Acolytes – Altar Guild

Greeters – Bob & Judy Bartel

Ushers – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Advent Readers – Gale family

Reader – Bill Duncan

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Communion Assistant – Greg Zeigler

Altar Guild – Debbie O'Brien, Diane Yoeckel

Next Sunday, December 28

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

Coffee fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

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Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Mary Ordean

Acolytes – Ordean family

Greeters/Ushers – Dan Dir, Gary Fields, Keith Peugh

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – Braydn Arians

Communion Assistant – Janie Billings

Altar Guild – Debbie O'Brien, Diane Yoeckel

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer needed*