

~NOTES AND NEWS~ St. Paul Lutheran Church, November 30, 2025

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all worshipers on this First Sunday in Advent.

Empowered by our Lord's Spirit, we continue to run the race of faith! This is an important "training stop" along the way as together we grow in faith and worship our loving Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for your presence with us today.

COMMUNION IN THE PEW: If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew, please notify the pastor or an Elder. We are pleased to assist you in receiving this great blessing on a regular basis.

<u>Servant Role</u>	11/30 8:30 am	11/30 11:00 am	12/03 7:00 pm
Elder/Greeter	Dave Hoard	Dave Hoard	Gary Zick
Ushers	Sattelbergs	Ewalds	Darlene G & Tim B

Attendance: 72 + 74 + 54 = 200

Offering: \$6475.00 **Needed** \$8,642.37

- **A NOTE FOR FAMILIES:** We love seeing children in our worship service! Their presence is a gift. To support our families, we offer a Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you won't miss the service. We also have reserved pews in the rear for families with young children, allowing for easy exits if needed. Our goal is for everyone—parents, children, and *all members*—to have a blessed worship experience.
- **FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Visitors & Members - please sign the Fellowship Pad. Visitors, please include your address and/or phone number. If you do not have a church home, are interested in joining our church family, or would like information about St. Paul, please speak with Pastor Boshoven, an Elder, or an usher, who will be happy to assist you.
- **OFFERING COLLECTION:** We have made changes to our Sunday offering collection process. The collection plates will be at both doors when you enter the sanctuary, and you can drop your offering in as you enter. The usher will bring the plates up to the Altar during the time that we used to do the collection.
- **2026 ENVELOPES:** Your contribution envelopes for 2026 will be in your church mailbox around mid-December or sooner. *After the new year, please discard your unused 2025 envelopes and use only those from your new box. Some of the envelope numbers do change from year to year.* **If you have your check automatically sent to the church from your bank, I will keep your weekly envelopes here in the office, and put the special envelopes in your mailbox. (Advent, Lent, Building Fund, etc.).** Thank you!
- **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PASTOR AND ZANE:** It is the custom to give a gift of money to our called staff. Please give your contribution to any usher, Elder, Lynn in the office, or put it in the **Secretary** mailbox (left side, 3rd down) before Monday, December 15. It will be given to Pastor and Zane on December 21, during the Children's Christmas Worship Service at 11:00. ***CASH IS EASIEST!!** *If you must write a check, please write it to Zane Simon or Richard Boshoven directly.*
- **BIBLE WRITING PLAN 2026:** I will continue doing the Bible Writing Plan in 2026 with one little change – I'm not going to continue to post it in the bulletin and eBulletin, just the monthly plan in The Messenger.

- **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE:** Have you heard of Sleep in Heavenly Peace? They are an organization that makes beds for anyone in need. Their mission is “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!” You can find out more at their website. **Would you like to volunteer to help at their next bed-building event? It is December 6, from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.** You can sign up here: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/mi-carol/> For more information, call 844-432-2337.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Please join us for Christmas Caroling for our shut-ins on Saturday, December 20th, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Pizza and fellowship to follow at the church. A goodwill offering will be gathered for family gifts. See you there!
- **THE EVANGELISM TEAM** for St. Paul met in November and brainstormed some fantastic ideas on how we can better serve our congregation and community. If you're interested in learning more, please join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, December 11th at 12:30 PM** in the church meeting room. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Morley, Evangelism Chair. We hope to see you there!
- **JOY:** The JOY Group will meet in the church at **12:15 PM on Sunday, Dec. 14**, and go to Nick's in Cass City for lunch and then to the Cass City United Methodist Church to see the **Tom Thumb Singers' concert** at 3:00. JOY Group includes everyone 50 and older. See the signup sheet in the Narthex for more details.
- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE:** St. Paul's Sunday School students, teachers, leaders, and friends will lead our worship on **December 21 in our 11:00 AM service.** The entire service will be dedicated to the message of Christmas brought to us by our youngest members. Please come and support our young ones and their teachers by hearing the message of Jesus from them. Note: *We will NOT offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this 11:00 AM service.* Our 8:30 worship *will* include Holy Communion. A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service.
- **FOOD TOTES:** To clear up any confusion – there are two totes under the table in the Narthex – with one common goal – to help people who are in need. One food tote helps to fill our own food pantry right here at St. Paul for the people who come here on any given day, looking for some food. The other tote supports the Good Samaritan Food Pantry at the Methodist Church.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for your non-perishable food donations for our food pantry. The food continues to be a blessing for many who are still in need.
- **SUPPORT THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY!** Purchase your Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Paper Ornament from Vicki or Bonnie between services from now until the end of December. Each ornament costs \$1 and provides six meals.
- **FROM THE QUILTERS:** At the present time, the quilters have an abundance of material. We would appreciate your holding your donations until February, 2026.

November 30 – December 7

Sunday, November 30 Psalm 103:2-5	5th Sunday Door Offering First Sunday in Advent 8:30 am – Traditional Worship with Communion 9:45 am – Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 am – Traditional Worship with Communion 12:15 pm – Confirmation Class
Monday, December 1 Isaiah 7:14	5:30 pm – Choir 6:30 pm – Handbells
Tuesday, December 2 Isaiah 9:6-7	8:30 am – Quilters 5:30 pm – Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 pm – Board of Elders
Wednesday, December 3 Isaiah 11:1-2	5:30 pm – Advent Dinner – Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes/Noodles – sponsored by LWML 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent 1 Worship Service
Thursday, December 4 Micah 5:2-5	
Friday, December 5 Psalm 72:9-14	
Saturday, December 6 Matthew 1:21	8:30 – 12:30 – Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Building
Sunday, December 7 Matthew 2:10	Second Sunday in Advent 8:30 am – Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:45 am – Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 am – Traditional Worship with Communion 12:15 pm – Confirmation Class

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Ushers	Gary Z & Jay H	Matt B & Brian & Zeke	Darlene G & Tim B



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