

~NOTES AND NEWS~ St. Paul Lutheran Church, December 14, 2025

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all worshipers on this Third 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>	12/14 8:30 am	12/14 11:00 am	12/17 7:00 pm
Elder/Greeter	Jamie LeBlanc	Jamie LeBlanc	Jamie LeBlanc
Ushers	Gary Z & Jay H	Matt B & Brian&Zeke	Darlene G & Tim B

Attendance: 59 + 54 + canceled = 113

Offering: \$11,248.00 **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 are in the Fellowship Hall on the counter. Please pick them up from there. *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 have kept your weekly envelopes here in the office, and left the special envelopes in the envelope box. (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.
- **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.
- **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!
- **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.
- **KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES...** Will my dead pets be in heaven? Does everyone have a guardian angel? What does God think about suicide? Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to the ongoing "Kids Have Questions" series with Pastor Jonathan Conner at issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions.

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Sunday, December 14 Numbers 24:17	Third Sunday in Advent 8:30 am – Traditional Worship with Communion 9:45 am – Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 am – Contemporary Worship with Communion 12:15 pm – Confirmation Class 12:15 pm – JOY Group
Monday, December 15 Luke 1:26-28	5:30 pm – Choir 6:30 pm – Handbells
Tuesday, December 16 Luke 1:29-31	8:30 am – Quilters 5:30 pm – Contemporary Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 17 Luke 1:32-33	5:30 pm - Advent Dinner - Soup & Sandwiches - LaValleys 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent 3 Worship Service – no communion
Thursday, December 18 Luke 1:34-35	
Friday, December 19 Luke 1:36-37	7:00 pm – 7:00 am – Christmas Lock-In
Saturday, December 20 Luke 1:46-48	5:00 – 7:00 pm – Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 21 Luke 1:49-50	Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:30 am – Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:45 am – Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 am – Children’s Christmas Service – no comm. 12:00 pm – Meal - Spaghetti 12:15 pm – Confirmation Class

NEXT WEEK...

<u>Servant Role</u>	12/21 8:30 am	12/21 11:00 am	12/24 7:00 pm	12/25 9:30 am
Elder/Greeter	Kent Graf	Kent Graf	Anthony Del Real	Bob Smith
Ushers	Gary Z & Jay H	Matt B & Brian&Zeke R	Tim B, Larry N, Doug D, Larry M, John & Andrew W	Bob & Kathy S

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