

The Messenger

January 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

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SINCERE THANKS to our St. Paul
Congregation for the kind and generous
Christmas gift given on Sunday, December 22.
Ruth and I appreciate your love and friendship.
I also thank many who dropped off a gift or
sent a Christmas card to us. We pray for you
all to have a blessed Christmas and joy and
peace in 2025. — Pastor & Ruth Steele

FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
11/24 & 11/27	Worship Services	55 + 88 + 63 = 206	\$5,598.00
12/1 & 12/4	Worship Services	86 + 71 + 28 = 185	\$6,665.77
12/8 & 12/11	Worship Services	66 + 78 + 33 = 177	\$9,120.00
12/15 & 12/18	Worship Services	46 + 50 + 40 = 136	\$4,563.81
12/22, 12/24, & 12/25	Worship Services	65 + 148 + 256 + 43 = 512	\$7,994.00
Needed each week			\$8,508.39

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February 2025 issue of *The Messenger* is:
Monday, January 20 at 12:00 (noon)

Articles may be emailed to
lynn@stpaulcaro.org
 or put in Secretary mailbox.

To ensure that I get all information correct, please only submit by email or in my mailbox.

No phone calls please.

Thank you!

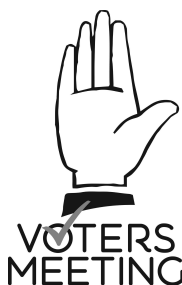
IT'S NOODLE MAKING TIME:

Back by popular demand, we have scheduled a noodle-making extravaganza for January 20! We will start at 9 am. Please plan to come and bring friends, relatives, and neighbors! There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex.

We need donations of eggs and GOLD MEDAL flour (Gold Medal works best). If you bring eggs, please leave them on the counter - they must be at room temperature. If you have any questions, call Suzanne at 989-673-4588 or 989-670-4589.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for November are - **Cora, Stella, and Nolan!** If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winner for Dec. will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in Jan. and in the Feb. newsletter.



Our next Voter's Assembly is January 19 at 7:00 PM. Please join us if you are a voter or if you wish to become a voter.

REMEMBER TO FORGET

Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, was reminded one day of a vicious deed that someone had done to her years before. But she acted as if she had never heard of the incident.

“Don’t you remember it?” her friend asked.

“No,” came Barton’s reply. “I distinctly remember forgetting it.”
—Luis Palau



**American
Red Cross**



Our next blood drive will be held on Monday, January 13 from 12 - 5:45 PM. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.

Scripture Readings: January

5	OT: 1 Kings 3:4-15 PS: Psalm 119:97-104 EP: Ephesians 1:3-14 GO: Luke 2:40-52
12	OT: Isaiah 43:1-7 PS: Psalm 29 EP: Romans 6:1-11 GO: Luke 3:15-22
19	OT: Isaiah 62:1-5 PS: Psalm 128 EP: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 GO: John 2:1-11
26	OT: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 PS: Psalm 19:(1-6) 7-14 EP: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a GO: Luke 4:16-30

LENTEN MEALS

There are 6 dates for Lenten Meals this year:

March 5
March 12
March 19
March 26
April 2
April 9

Let me know which date your group or family would like. (LWML, Choirs, Council, Elders, Quilters, Altar Guild, Youth, families, etc.) The sooner you let me know, the better chance you have of getting your preferred date.

J.O.Y. EVENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

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Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **Noon on Thursday, January 23th, 2025**, for a potluck lunch, after which we will tell about a hobby or craft we enjoy. If you made something, bring it to show us. We will play games afterward if there is time.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, indicating what food you plan to bring.

Operation Christmas Child - 2024 Final Update

WOW!! God has again blessed your efforts for Operation Christmas Child in a mighty way. After the Packing Party on October 27th, Diana was able to pack a few more shoe boxes. After all was said and done, St. Paul Lutheran Church packed and took 208 shoe boxes to the Drop Off Center. Praise and Glory to God for giving us the means to bring the gospel of Christ to children around the world.

On Wednesday, November 20th, Tim and Becki Bates, Ed and Karen Mozden, and Eric Bitzer helped us load and transport all 28 egg cartons of shoe boxes from the church to the Drop Off Center at St. Michaels in Richville for processing. A special thank you to Ed Mozden for procuring a covered trailer to transport the cartons to the Drop Off Center in Richville.

We thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve Him in this vital and rewarding ministry. We thank Pastor Steele for his support, and the members of St. Paul for your donations, participation, help, and prayers this year. We look forward to next year when we will once again "Pack a Shoe Box." To God Be the Glory!

In Christ, In service with you,
Dave & Diana Mattlin
St. Paul Project Leaders

THIS JUST IN:

We got word that our shoeboxes went to Trinidad and Tobago.

January 2025

New Beginnings

This year, let's write out some Bible verses. If you dislike writing, you can type them (or at least read them). Each month will have a theme. As you can see, the theme for January is "New Beginnings." Each of the verses for this month will have something to do with new beginnings. I looked the first one up for you - look at the bottom of the page.

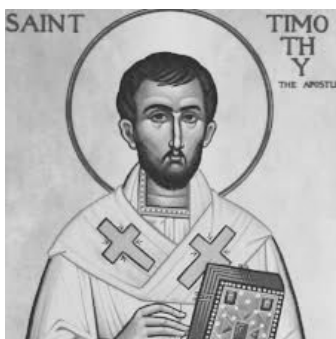
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| 1 - Isaiah 43:19 | 17 - John 13:34 |
| 2 - Lamentations 3:22-23 | 18 - Psalm 98:1 |
| 3 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 | 19 - Isaiah 48:6 |
| 4 - Revelation 21:5 | 20 - Galatians 6:15 |
| 5 - Ezekiel 36:26 | 21 - Isaiah 62:2 |
| 6 - Philippians 3:13-14 | 22 - Matthew 9:16-17 |
| 7 - Romans 6:4 | 23 - Hebrews 12:24 |
| 8 - Psalm 40:3 | 24 - Revelation 2:17 |
| 9 - Jeremiah 31:31 | 25 - Mark 2:21-22 |
| 10 - Titus 3:5 | 26 - Revelation 3:12 |
| 11 - Psalm 96:1 | 27 - Job 42:10 |
| 12 - Ephesians 4:23-24 | 28 - Psalm 147:3 |
| 13 - Colossians 3:10 | 29 - 1 Samuel 10:6 |
| 14 - Isaiah 65:17 | 30 - 2 Samuel 12:20 |
| 15 - 2 Peter 3:13 | 31 - Ruth 1:16-17 |
| 16 - Isaiah 42:9 | |



Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

24 January - Today, the Church delights to celebrate the companion of St. Paul, **St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor.**



The Festivals of St. Timothy and St. Titus cluster around that of St. Paul's conversion. This is most fitting, since both were close companions of the great apostle to the Gentiles. They labored with him to preach the saving Gospel.

St. Paul first encountered Timothy on his second missionary journey. He soon took the young man under his wing as a pastor and missionary in training (see Acts 16:1-3). St. Timothy had a Jewish mother, but his father was a Greek. In order to use him most efficiently for the ministry that St. Paul envisioned among the Jewish communities, he circumcised him.

Despite his previous lack of circumcision, his faithful mother, Lois, and grandmother, Eunice, raised Timothy in a faith-filled home. They loved the Word of God and had carefully nurtured the lad in the faith. They had taught him the promises and songs of the Holy Scriptures. He knew the story of God's people. Paul would later praise this godly heritage that shaped Timothy: "From

childhood, you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

St. Paul's great love for Timothy, whom he called his son in the faith, resulted in the two letters in the New Testament that bear Timothy's name. These crucial writings provide us with invaluable information about the shape of church life during the later apostolic age. In them, we see that each local community had a pastor who worked with others to oversee the life of the congregation. These men, above all, labored in teaching and preaching, but they also administered a lively ministry of mercy together with deacons. They were, like St. Timothy, to devote themselves to the reading of the Word of God so that they could rebuke and comfort with full assurance.

The early tradition of the Church suggests that St. Timothy was with St. Paul in Rome when the great apostle was at last beheaded for his unwavering confession of Christ. Afterward, St. Timothy is said to have returned to Ephesus in Asia Minor, there serving as bishop until he also was granted a martyr's death toward the very end of the first century AD.

Readings

Acts 16:1-5 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 /
Matthew 24:42-47

Weedon, W. (2016). *Celebrating the Saints*.
Concordia Publishing House.

History of National Sanctity of Human Life Day

In the historic case of Roe vs. Wade (1973), in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on January 22 that it is the pregnant woman's right to determine whether she wants an abortion. The outcome of this case was that the woman was legally allowed to go for an abortion if she wanted. Since this outcome, many movements came into existence that openly opposed the ruling. The movement became stronger when U.S. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed January 22 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

Since Reagan's proclamation, [most of] the successive presidents have maintained the importance of this day, as the day was continuously celebrated for this purpose, so much so that the day is traditionally observed as a holy day by the Lutheran Church.

taken from nationaltoday.com

*"Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of
them, the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there were none of them."*

Psalm 139:16

What is Family Ministry?

The term "Family Ministry" can be a little confusing. Family Ministry is an intergenerational, birth-to-death ministry. Family Ministry is *not* just for young parents with children. A family minister's role is to help strengthen and resource family units of all types (including those who are single). This goal can be reached both through age-specific ministries and through our whole church gathering as one family together in Christ. So, join us for things like Family Sunday! Let us all come together around God's word to build one another up as The Body of Christ. –Zane

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Tuscola County Right to Life will hold its annual Sanctity of Human Life memorial service on **January 19** on the front steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse **beginning at 3 pm.** The 20-minute service will include a short message from Dorothea Wilson, founder of the Lighthouse Neurological Rehabilitation Center, and a prayer led by Pastor Steele. A follow-up gathering will be held here at St. Paul, with food and beverages. If you have any questions, please ask Vicki Reinbold.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5	2 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: THE 1ST COMMANDMENT	3 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ JOHN 1	4 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
5 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 119:97-104	6 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	7 PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ JOHN 2	8 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE PSALM 103:1	9 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: THE 2ND COMMANDMENT	10 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ JOHN 3	11 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
12 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 29	13 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	14 PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ JOHN 4	15 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE HEBREWS 10:24-25	16 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: THE 3RD COMMANDMENT	17 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ JOHN 5	18 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
19 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 128	20 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	21 PRAY FOR THE UNBORN READ JOHN 6	22 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE TITUS 3:1	23 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: THE 4TH COMMANDMENT	24 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ JOHN 7	25 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
26 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 19:1-14	27 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	28 PRAY FOR TEACHERS READ JOHN 8	29 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE PSALM 139:13-14	30 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: THE 5TH COMMANDMENT	31 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ JOHN 9	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

January 1

Izzie Simon

January 2

Julie McCreedy

January 3

Marjorie Becker
Tammy Sattelberg
Miranda Spry

January 4

Ava Eremia
Holly Russell

January 5

Sarah DePelsMaeker

January 6

Jackie Garcia
Kaye Pearsall

January 7

Norma Bates
Valorie Beckrow
Charlotte Szczygiel
Claire Szczygiel
Terry Richardson

January 8

Frank Waskiewicz

January 9

Ed Mozden

January 11

Adam Peasley
Liz Zuercher
Nolan Sattelberg

January 12

Glennis Kirkey
Penelope Lynch
Jennifer Isley
Quinn DePelsMaeker
Wyatt Owen
Victor Owen

January 13

Saylar Cuthrell
Connie Witkovsky

January 14

Karen Elmy
Zeke Rickwalt

January 15

Donna Hiser
Carolyn Parker
Laura Strzelewicz
Terry Ewald
Candi Wark

January 16

Lynn Hayward
Doug Kline
Brittany Ewald
Joan Spry

January 17

Teri Kopasz

January 19

Sally Martin

January 23

Grant Ewald
EJ Fisch
Owen Olson

January 24

Canton Tetil
Betty Hiner

January 25

Kyle Cybulski
Mabel Hollender
Stephen Sprague

January 26

Jody Barrigar

January 27

Marcy Campbell
Diane Huenemoeder

January 28

Morgan Eremia
Dean Ewald
Jackie Greenfield
Marci LaValley
Jensen Koehler

January 30

Ashley Ziemba
David Lester

January 31

Laura Andrews
Ryleigh Ewald
Jocelyn Tetil



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Ushers: Randy TerBush Doug DeRocco Chris Gaudett Tim Bates Lucas Gaudett Larry Neuman Scott Cuthrell Ray Stec	Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	Flower Chair: Margaret LaValley 673-6392	1 Office Closed No Worship Service	2	3	4		
5 Second Sunday After Christmas 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Comm. 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	6 Epiphany 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	7 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	8 7:00 Worship Service	9	Elders: Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Bob Eremia 810-691-1302 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Bill McQueen 598-0444 Bob Smith 325-1038 John Weidman 550-4764 Gary Zick 673-7449			
12 The Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Comm. 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	13 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	14 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 Endowment 6:30 Church Council	15 7:00 Worship Service	16				
19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Family Sunday 11:00 Traditional with Holy Comm. 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation 7:00 Voters' Assembly	20 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	21 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML	22 Sanctity of Human Life Day 7:00 Worship Service	23 12:00 JOY Event	24	25		
26 Third Sunday After The Epiphany 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Comm. 11:00 SS kids sing Song of the Month 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	27 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	28 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	29 7:00 Worship Service	30	31			