

The Messenger

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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.

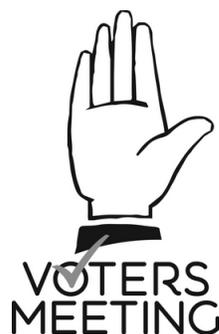
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

January 2026

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Our next Voters' Assembly is
January 18 at 12:15 PM. Please
join us if you are a voting
member or if you wish to
become a voting member.

Facts & Figures

Date	Service	Attendance	Offering
11/23 & 11/26	Worship Services	72 + 74 + 54 = 200	\$6,475.00
11/30 & 12/03	Worship Services	36 + 30 + 37 = 103	\$4,765.00
12/07 & 12/10	Worship Services	59 + 54 + canceled = 113	\$11,248.00
12/14 & 12/17	Worship Services	78 + 82 + 34 = 194	\$5,554.00
12/21	Worship Services	49 + 149 = 198	\$5,060.00

Needed each week: \$8,642.37

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February 2026 issue of The Messenger is:
**Monday, January 19
 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!**

**For after church office hours
 communications, PLEASE use my EMAIL,
lynn@stpaulcaro.org, rather than my
 personal number.**

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for November are - **Addison, Stella, & Cora**. 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 winners for December will be announced in the February newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.



Our next blood drive will be held on Monday, January 12, from 12:00 PM - 6:00 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.

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 20**. Our special guest will be **Zane with a Bible Study**.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of **William (Bill) Gage**. Bill was born on February 22, 1941 to Floyd William and Irene Helen (Smith) Gage. He died on December 7, 2025 at age 84.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Lorraine Hergenreder**. Lorraine was born on October 13, 1936 to Stanley and Mary (Warda) Stoss. She died on December 17, 2025 at age 89.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

White as Snow

Join women from 70+ churches, 8 different states, each with one goal: start 2026 centered on Christ.

- Keynote Speaker: Lee Nienhuis
- Saturday, January 24, 2026
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center - 850 W. Genesee St., Frankenmuth
- \$45 - boxed lunch included

See bulletin board for more info.

53 Facts about Heaven

1 - Heaven is being prepared by Christ Himself.

John 14:3

2 - It is only for those who have been born again.

John 3:3

3 - It is described as a glorious city, likened to pure gold and clear glass. Rev. 21:11, 18

4 - The name of this city is the New Jerusalem.

Rev. 21:2

5 - It is in the shape of a cube, with the length, width, and height being equal. Rev. 21:16

6 - Its size is 12,000 furlongs, roughly 1,400 miles long, wide, and high. Rev. 21:16

7 - The city rests upon 12 layers of foundational stones, with each layer being inlaid with a different precious gem. Rev. 21:19-20

8 - Each foundation has one of the names of the 12 apostles on it. Rev. 21:14

9 - The wall around the city is made of pure jasper. Rev. 21:18

10 - The height of the wall is approximately 216 feet. Rev. 21:17

11 - The wall has 12 gates, three on each of the four sides. Rev. 21:12

12 - Each gate is made of solid pearl. Rev. 21:21

13 - Each gate has on it the name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel. Rev. 21:12

14 - An angel stands guard at each gate. Rev. 21:12

15 - The gates will never be shut. Rev. 21:25

16 - The palaces may possibly be made of ivory. Ps. 45:8

17 - The River of Life is there, to insure everlasting life. Rev. 22:1

18 - The Tree of Life is there to insure abundant life. Rev. 2:7, 22:19

19 - It will bear its fruit each month. Rev. 22:2

20 - The throne of God will occupy the central palace. Rev. 4:2; 22:1

21 - It is likened to wheels of burning fire with an emerald rainbow canopy. Dan. 7:9; Rev. 4:3

22 - It is surrounded by 24 small thrones. Rev. 4:4

23 - Near it stands the brazen layer, described as "a sea of glass, like crystal." Rev. 4:6

24 - Beside the throne are four special angels who worship God continually. Rev. 4:8

25 - The golden altar is there, with bowls of incense. Rev. 5:8; 8:3; 9:13

26 - The menorah, or seven-branched lampstand fixture, is there. Rev. 1:12; 4:5

27 - The holy Ark of God may be there. Rev. 11:19

28 - The main street of the city is composed of transparent gold. Rev. 21:21

29 - The city will shine with and be enlightened by God's glory. John 17:24; Rom. 8:18; Rev. 21:11, 23; 22:5

30 - It is a place of holiness. Rev. 21:27

31 - It is a place of beauty. Ps. 50:2

32 - It is a place of unity. Eph. 1:10

33 - It is a place of perfection. 1 Cor. 13:10

34 - It is a place of joy. Ps. 16:11

35 - It is a place for all eternity. John 3:15; Ps. 23:6

36 - There may be a tabernacle. Rev. 15:5; 21:3

37 - There will be no temple. Rev. 21:22

38 - There will be no sea. Rev. 21:1

39 - There will be no tears. Rev. 7:17; 21:4

40 - There will be no sickness. Rev. 22:2

41 - There will be no pain. Rev. 21:4

42 - There will be no death. Isa. 25:8; 1 Cor. 15:26; Rev. 21:4

43 - There will be no thirst or hunger. Rev. 7:16

44 - There will be no more sin. Rev. 21:27

45 - There will be no more judgment upon sin. Rev. 22:3

46 - There will be no need for the sun or moon. Rev. 21:23

47 - There will be no night. Rev. 21:25; 22:5

48 - The city will be the Bridegroom's gift to the bride, Christ's Church. Rev. 21:2, 10

49 - It will be shared by saved Israel. Heb. 11:10, 16

50 - It will be shared by the holy angels. Dan. 7:10; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11

51 - The Father will be there. Dan. 7:9; Rev. 4:2-3

52 - The Son will be there. Rev. 5:6, 7:17

53 - The Holy Spirit will be there. Rev. 14:13; 22:17

Scripture Readings: January

Thank You!

4	OT: 1 Kings 3:4-15 PS: Psalm 119:97-104 EP: Ephesians 1:3-14 GO: Luke 2:40-52
11	OT: Isaiah 42:1-9 PS: Psalm 29 EP: Romans 6:1-11 GO: Matthew 3:13-17
18	OT: Isaiah 49:1-7 PS: Psalm 40:1-11 EP: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 GO: John 1:29-42a
25	OT: Isaiah 9:1-4 PS: Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14) EP: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 GO: Matthew 4:12-25

Dennis Ewald would like to thank some people for their kindness over the past year. Thank you to LWML for the flowers. Thank you to Cindy Morley and the Evangelism Team for the gift bag. Thank you to Pastor Steele and Pastor Boshoven for the visits and communion. He enjoys watching the service from home and would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us in the kitchen for the Children's Christmas Meal - Tammy & Chris

## Operation Christmas Child ~ 2025 Final Update

Wow! God has again blessed your efforts for Operation Christmas Child in a mighty way. After the Packing Party on October 26th, a few more shoeboxes were brought into church. After it was all said and done, St. Paul Lutheran Church packed and took to the Drop Off Center 166 shoeboxes. Praise and Glory to God for giving us the means to bring the Gospel of Christ to children around the world.

On Thursday, November 20th, Tim Bates, Karen Mozden and her sister-in-law Jeri, Doug DeRocco, and Zane Simon helped us load and transport all of our egg cartons of shoeboxes from the church to the Drop Off Center at St. Michael's in Richville for processing.

We did find out our shoeboxes went to the country of Malawi this year. We pray for the children there, that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior because of the simple gift of a shoebox.

We thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve Him in this vital and rewarding ministry. We thank Pastor Boshoven and Zane for their support, and all of the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church 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



**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  
Kay Pearsall

**January 7**

Terry Richardson  
Valorie Beckrow  
Charlotte Szczygiel  
Claire Szczygiel

**January 8**

Frank Waskiewicz

**January 9**

Ed Mozden

**January 11**

Adam Peasley  
Nolan Sattelberg  
Liz Zuercher

**January 12**

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

**January 13**

Saylar Cuthrell  
Connie Witkovsky

**January 14**

Karen Elmy  
Zeke Rickwall

**January 15**

Donna Hiser  
Laura Strzelewicz  
Carolyn Parker  
Terry Ewald  
Candi Wark

**January 16**

Doug Kline  
Brittany Ewald  
Joan Spry

**January 17**

Teri Kopasz

**January 19**

Sally Martin

**January 23**

EJ Fisch  
Grant Ewald  
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**

Marci LaValley  
Jensen Koehler  
Morgan Eremia  
Dean Ewald  
Jackie Greenfield

**January 30**

David Lester  
Ashley Ziemba

**January 31**

Jocelyn Tetil  
Ryleigh Ewald  
Laura Andrews

*God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!*

# January 2026

## New Life In Jesus

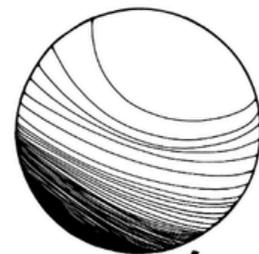
The Bible Writing Plan last year was a hit, so I am excited to do it again this year. I have found twelve more monthly topics. I hope you enjoy writing out 1 or 2 verses every day again this year.

- 1 - 2 Corinthians 2:17
- 2 - Ephesians 2:10
- 3 - Ezekiel 11:19-20
- 4 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 5 - Titus 3:5
- 6 - Ezekiel 36:26-27
- 7 - Isaiah 54:8
- 8 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 9 - Romans 6:4
- 10 - Ephesians 4:24
- 11 - Romans 12:1-2
- 12 - Philippians 2:5-8
- 13 - John 3:3
- 14 - Hosea 14:4
- 15 - Romans 8:1
- 16 - Philippians 4:13

- 17 - 1 Peter 1:3
- 18 - Romans 6:6
- 19 - 1 Peter 2:9
- 20 - Lamentations 3:22-23
- 21 - Ephesians 1:3-4
- 22 - Galatians 3:26
- 23 - John 1:12
- 24 - Jeremiah 29:11
- 25 - Colossians 3:1
- 26 - Philippians 4:8
- 27 - Ephesians 5:8
- 28 - Acts 17:28
- 29 - Philippians 2:3
- 30 - Ephesians 5:19
- 31 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

*Ephesians 1:3-4*



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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                         | Thursday                                                                  | Friday    | Saturday  |
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| <b>Ushers:</b><br>Randy TerBush<br>Chris Gaudett<br>Lucas Gaudett<br>Scott Cuthrell<br><br>Doug DeRocco<br>Tim Bates<br>Larry Neuman<br>Ray Stec                                                                                | <b>Prayer Chain:</b><br>Church Office:<br>673-4214<br>lynn@stpaulcaro.org | <b>Flower Chair:</b><br>Margaret LaValley                                                          |                                   | <b>1 Office Closed</b>                                                    | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4 Second Sunday After Christmas</b><br>8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School<br>11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>12:15 Confirmation Class                                        | <b>5</b><br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Handbells                                  | <b>6 Epiphany</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal<br>6:30 Board of Elders          | <b>7</b><br>7:00 Worship Service  | <b>8</b><br>10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study                             | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11 The Baptism of Our Lord</b><br>8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School<br>11:00 Contemporary with Holy Comm.<br>12:15 Confirmation Class                                                 | <b>12</b><br>12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive<br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Handbells  | <b>13</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal<br>6:00 Endowment<br>6:30 Church Council | <b>14</b><br>7:00 Worship Service | <b>15</b>                                                                 | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b><br>8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School<br>11:00 Traditional with Holy Comm.<br>12:15 Voters' Assembly / Potluck                                   | <b>19</b><br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Handbells                                 | <b>20</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal<br>6:00 LWML                             | <b>21</b><br>7:00 Worship Service | <b>22 Sanctity of Human Life Day</b><br>10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25 Third Sunday After The Epiphany</b><br>8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion<br>9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School<br>11:00 Contemporary with Holy Comm.<br>11:00 SS kids sing Song of the Month<br>12:15 Confirmation Class | <b>26</b><br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Handbells                                 | <b>27</b><br>8:30 Quilters<br>5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal                                          | <b>28</b><br>7:00 Worship Service | <b>29</b>                                                                 | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b> |