



**The Last Sunday/Monday
of the Church Year
November 21st and November 22nd, 2021
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us
. . . Opening doors and changing lives!**

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place, klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room)

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| Sunday | | LWML SUNDAY/MONDAY |
| | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:20 AM | Bible Study – It's a Wonderful Life (ufh) |
| | 9:30 AM | KREW/High school Bible Class (leb) |
| | 10:45 AM | Worship |
| | After worship – Youth Fall Clean Up Service Project | |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Worship |
| | 8:00 PM | Bible Study – It's a Wonderful Life (ueb) |
| | 7:00 PM | Girl Scouts (lfh) |

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thanksgiving Holiday **Preschool closed through Friday, 11/26**
11:00 AM Bible Study – It's a Wonderful Life (ufh)
7:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Thursday

THANKSGIVING
Office closed
NO 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Class
NO Choir Rehearsal
NO Boy scouts

Friday

Office Closed
NO Bible Study of Jonah

Saturday

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc. that used to be listed on our Newsletter calendar, please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above "Activities This Week" calendar. Thank you!

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than **TUESDAY at noon** to be included in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com
Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643
Office Hours Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - Nursery Care is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

HEALING: Karen Cowell, Melissa Gattie, Greg Grawe, Anne Gross, Marlyn Gross, MaryBeth Lee, Donna Manth, Eunice Manth, Ron Moll, Mike Mueller, Joanne Rowles, Hal and Jane Ruppert, Joe Sarzyniak, Dottie Staggers, Kathy Warriner, Charlotte Wingert and Al Zuch.

AT HOME:

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Mary Jo Bishop, Joanne Heller and Marilyn Rumbold.

MILITARY: Christopher Carey, Matthew Daugherty, Eric Davis, Zachary Kijowski, Joe Kloc, Joshua Lindsley, Brian Mennes and Kyle Rae.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at 716-694-6998 or herrdreier@gmail.com or call the church office.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED, please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST - Covid has limited our ability to visit our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. A list has been compiled with all of their names, addresses and birthdates. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated too.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - we continue our study based on the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" with lesson 2. Each week we will view 4 or 5 clips from the movie and discover valuable lessons about our faith and relationships with God and people. If you miss a week, no worries as each lesson is independent of the other lessons. Bible studies (same all week) are Sunday at 9:20am, Monday at 8:00pm and Wednesday at 11:00am.

GIFT CARDS - orders for Christmas must be in by **Sunday, December 12**. Stop at the gift card table and pick up a WHITE FORM to place your order. Yes, we have some gift cards on hand, but to be sure you are able to receive the cards you want, it is best to place an order on a white form. If you want digital gift card or have any questions contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE - Due to the (**tentative**) Fall Clean-Up service project, the Middle School and High School Youth Groups will not meet here at St. Paul tonight (Sunday, November 21st). We will meet next on Sunday, December 5th here at St. Paul from 6:00-8:00pm. Come and join us! Friends are always welcome too!

LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SALE!! "Come on down" to the church library located in the downstairs KREW wing and shop for books for all ages priced at \$.50 each! Pick out your books, place your money in the money box located on the desk and enjoy some Winter reading! Just a note: The library will be unavailable on Sunday mornings between 9:30-10:30 for KREW classes. The proceeds from this sale will benefit our new Playground! Thank you and happy reading!! Maryann Magil.

TUESDAY EVENING WOMENS' BIBLE CLASS will meet next on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00pm in the Conference room, continuing our study by Patsy Clairmont "I second that emotion". We have our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14 at 5:00pm. Contact Linda Gerlach with any questions. If you haven't been back to class for a while, we miss you! All women welcome!

ST. PAUL ANGEL TREE - Our Angel tree is being prepared with love and care for all to see. It will be up starting next week (Sunday, Nov. 28) in the sanctuary, just in time for Advent. We hope that you'll prayerfully consider donating a gift card during this Advent season for families in need. All gift cards will be given to Pastor's discretionary fund, and these can be conveniently purchased through our very own Scrip program. Thank you very much for your support for this special ministry!

AFTER HOLIDAY WOMEN OF ST. PAUL LUNCHEON: Save the date for January 23, 2022 at the Wurlitzer Events Center (908 Niagara Falls Blvd. N. T.) Watch for a sign up sheet and more information on the bulletin board at the top of stairs to The Gathering Place. Open to all women, mothers, grandmothers, daughters & friends of the congregation. Please join us for great food and fellowship!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) information is available at the Information Desk, near the TV. A new copy of the LWML Quarterly is there containing inspiring articles and news.

NEW LWML Mission Project: We will be collecting gently used or new winter wear for the Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission during the months of Oct, and Nov. Only the following items are needed: Men's and women's coats, boots, water resistant gloves, hats, scarfs and blankets. We will accept your donations **ONLY** before and after Sunday and Monday church services. A bin will be located inside the parking lot entrance to The Gathering Place. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, The Planet Green Recycle Fundraiser Program only accepts inkjet cartridges from Hewlett, Canon, and Collins.

THE PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE are selling vouchers from Donut Kraze, Main St., Tonawanda, for \$15 each. Makes perfect stocking stuffers! Vouchers are available after each service, or contact Brenda Stutz (716) 990-2033. All proceeds go to playground fund. Thank you for your support!!

USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs if you can help usher at one of our wonderful Christmas Eve or Christmas day services. Your help at these very well attended services is greatly appreciated!

DECEMBER GREETERS: Your help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary is much appreciated! If you are able to help during the month of December for regular services and also for Advent, Christmas eve and Christmas day services, please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

ST. PAUL FAMILY CHRISTMAS will take place on Saturday, December 4 at 5:00pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. ****Please see the back of the bulletin and the inside front cover "From the Desk of....." page for mor information.**

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS - Advent devotions are now available! Please feel free to stop by the Family Ministry table in The Gathering Place to grab any that may interest you and your family. We hope that you have a very blessed Advent season!

SANCTUARY BANNERS: The Altar Guild and Elders are looking for someone who would organize and choose the banner(s) for each season and would be dedicated to this position. The volunteer could make new banner(s), if they choose to do so. Please call Carol Carney at 716-631-1553 (home & text cell) or Nancy Witkop at 716-731-4223 (home) or text cell (716-531-8262).

COMMITMENT CARDS: Last weekend was Commitment weekend, but if you forgot your card, or did not have an opportunity to place it in the gold box, you may place it in the gold box that is located in the middle of the Sanctuary. Thank you again for ALL you give and ALL you do for St. Paul Lutheran Church!

+ SERVING our Lord week of November 21 & November 22+

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: November: Carol Carney
Beth Manth

FLOWER COMMITTEE: November: Heather Kijowski – 912-8986
Georgia Kijowski - 783-1906

WEEKLY:

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Brian Hapeman
10:45 AM – Marc Manth
Monday 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM – Maryann Magil
10:45 AM – Marc Manth
Monday 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Norm Jansen, Jim Daugherty,
Steve Keller, Carl Gross
10:45 AM - TBD

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Dennis Gurnett
10:45 AM – Bea Hapeman
Monday 7:00 PM – Marge Stoelting

WEEK OF 11/14/2021 -Income given for Weekly Operating Expenses – **\$16,219.00– Thank you!**
Average needed weekly- **\$12,042.00**

AT WORSHIP 11/14 & 11/15/2021:
8:00am - 100 10:45 - 89 Monday – 52

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH FINANCIAL UPDATE as of

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| 11/7/2021: | Donations and Memorials: | \$432,765 |
| | Received against Pledges: | \$481,182 |
| | Received Unpledged: | \$ 72,279 |
| | Outstanding Pledges: | \$ 65,555 |
| | TOTAL | \$1,051,781 |
| | Repairs/Campaign Costs: | \$1,180,495 |
| | Still Needed: | \$128,714 |

Thank you for your prayers as we Move Forward in Faith!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING

PASTOR GREEN'S DAILY ENCOURAGEMENT messages and songs continue to be available on our website under the "News and Events" tab. **WEEKLY SERMONS** continue to be available on our website or via St Paul Enews.

ST. PAUL ONLINE DIRECTORY - there is a flyer at the Information Center with information on how to access the online church directory.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR The 2021-2022: We still have several places in the PK-4 class. Please call the church office if you would like more information or to make an appointment to visit the classroom and meet our teachers.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin under the middle section that says: Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know of answered prayers.

YOUTH FALL SERVICE PROJECT - Ok, Attempt #3! We are praying for good weather for TODAY (Sunday, Nov. 21st) so the Middle School and High School Youth Groups can finally hold their Fall Clean-Up service project. We thank you for your patience and understanding with all of the postponements. It's not too late to sign up to have the Youth and their families come to your home and it's not too late to volunteer to help with the clean-up! Please just add your name to the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. A lunch will be provided after the late service in the Upper Fellowship Hall for all of the workers. Don't forget your yard tools, change of clothes, and other needed supplies!

UPDATE: ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING - We are looking for individuals, couples, and families of all sizes to sign up to light the special Advent Wreath during the Advent season at the Sunday, Monday, and at the Wednesday night Advent services. **There are many, many services to still choose from!!** The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs in the Gathering Place. Thank you very much!

PLAYGROUND DONATIONS may now be made via our website. Click on DONATE NOW and go down to playground. Thank you!

ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS DECORATING – We will be decorating the St. Paul Church Complex on Saturday, December 4 at 9:00am. A breakfast will be served for volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*:** **GIRLFRIEND'S GATHER AT THE MANGER** Christmas dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 10, 2021 at 5:30PM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet is located on the kiosk in The Gathering Place. Payment envelopes are available at the Kiosk. Cost is \$22.00 per person. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. If paying in cash, please also write your name on the envelope, include your payment, and place in the wooden "For Office" box in The Gathering Place. If you would like to participate in the Gift Card Gift Exchange game, please bring a \$10 gift card (mini Christmas stockings will be provided for you to put them in prior to the game). No other gift is needed. Please join us for a delicious dinner, fun and fellowship!

USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches' parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have "first dibs" on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.