



**The Last Sunday/Monday
Of the Church Year
November 24th & November 25th, 2024**
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, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion/Commitment Sun.
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - The Chosen (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (leb/lfh)
	10:45 AM	Worship/Communion/Commitment Sun.
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion/Commitment Mon.
Tuesday	3:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Elders meeting (cr) *note day change
Wednesday		Preschool closed - Thanksgiving recess
	11:00 AM	Bible Study – The Chosen (ueb)
	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
		After Worship – Choir Rehearsal (dchr)
Thursday		Office & Preschool closed - Thanksgiving
	NO	1 st Year Confirmation class (leb)
	NO	2 nd Year Confirmation class (leb)
	NO	Boy Scouts
Friday		Office & Preschool closed - Thanksgiving
	NO	Bible Class
Saturday		

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above "ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK" calendar. Thank you!

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 – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday & Friday, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn remote.

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

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 +

The names of our St. Paul family that are in need of prayers, are now listed on the back inside cover of the Bulletin. Please keep this handy during our Worship prayer time so these people can be lifted up in prayer in our hearts during that time. Thank you.

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

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 - Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, now located on the back inside cover of the bulletin, 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.

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.

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

CHILDRENS' MESSAGES - if you would be interested in giving Childrens' messages, please talk with Pastor Green.

CHURCH BULLETINS - please remember to take your bulletin home each week to read about what is going on at St. Paul and find something which you can be involved in or to bring to a friend.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we will view and study the first half of episode 6 of Season 3 of THE CHOSEN, "Intensity in Tent City". Join us Sunday at 9:30am or Wednesday at 11:00am in the Bible study room.

GIFT CARDS - December is approaching! Orders for Christmas need to be placed by **Mon. Dec. 9.** They will be available for pick-up beginning **Sun. Dec. 15.** Please get your orders in by Dec. 9 if you plan to use them for Christmas shopping or give them as Christmas gifts. Please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions or to place an order for a digital card.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays and Fridays: office is open 8:00am to 12:00noon and Carolyn working remotely from home noon to 4:00pm. If you need to reach Carolyn during the times she is working remotely, please leave a message on the church voicemail or send an email to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

WORSHIP ANEW is a weekly Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) worship service that is broadcast on WNYB every Sunday at 11:30am (local channel 26, Spectrum Channel 12 or DirectTV channel 377 (TCT)). You can also view the worship service on their phone app or website worshipanew.org, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

GIRLFRIEND HOSTED CHRISTMAS PARTY: Save the Date for Saturday, December 14 for a Holly Jolly Christmas! Please see the back of today's bulletin and the brick wall in The Gathering Place for more details and to sign up!

ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS DECORATING will be on Sat. Dec. 7 beginning at 9:00am. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs if you are able to help. Breakfast is included.

ELDERS' MEETING will be THIS Tuesday (note day change), November 26, at 6:30 PM in the Conference room.

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

THE BOOK CLUB: Maybe you would like to know some facts about the Great Depression of the early 1930's. Join us on Thursday, Dec.12, at 11:00am in the Conference Room off The Gathering Place when we we'll review THE SECRET GIFT by Ted Gup. How one man's kindness and collection of letters revealed the hidden history of the Great Depression. We meet the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy a light snack while we discuss the book. Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Meat Sticks are still available and will be sold on the honor system for \$2.00 each. They are located on the Information Desk. Please place your money in the wooden For Office Box. Thank you for your support for our youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025.

ST. PAUL FAMILY CHRISTMAS will be on Sat. December 7 at 5:00pm. Please see the back of today's bulletin and the brick wall in The Gathering Place for more information and to sign up.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & WREATHS: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in celebration of Christ's birth, order forms are in the Gathering Place on the credenza. The price is \$8.00 each. If you would like to donate a 12" Door Wreath, the price is \$18.00 each, please contact Ruth (694-4958) or Bonnie (622-9040). ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY DECEMBER 15th, 2024.

ST. PAUL COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 21st at 9:00 AM until cookies are gone. We need donations of cookies! As many as you can bake will be appreciated! Cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen December 20th, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, or December 21st before 8:30 AM. We will be plating cookies starting at 1 PM on December 20th. We have a lot of fun, so join us if you can! **Please label containers with cookie type and if they contain nuts.** Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for more details. If you have any questions, please call Sue Eckstein at 471-2301 or Darlene Felbinger at 691-8930.

COUNT ME IN! In the bulletin there is a booklet with the title "Count Me In" along with a "Count Me In Survey" on green paper. Please take both of them home to read. Please fill out the "Count me in" survey with ways you would like to serve here at St. Paul. You can place your completed survey in the "gold box" (which will be in The Gathering Place) anytime through December 31. More information is on the staff page.

+ SERVING our Lord week of November 24 & 25+

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: November: Kathy Keller,
Marge Stoelting, Nancy Witkop

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

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – David Demmin
10:45 AM – John Chimino
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne
Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM – Dennis Witkop

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Dave Deberny
10:45 AM – Maryann Magil
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

USHERS: 8:00 AM – David Manth, Michael Manth
Justin Manth, Brian Manth
10:45 AM -

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Darlene Felbinger
10:45 AM – Jim & Eunice Manth
Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – Kayla Kitson
10:45 AM – Erin Oakes
Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 11/17/2024

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$8,415.00 ~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 11/17/24:

8:00am – 123 10:45am – 96 Monday – 47

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

The LCEF loan has been paid in Full! Thank you to all for your continued support and donations. Working together we accomplished this in 4.5 years!

Thank you for your support as we.....

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

LAY READERS NEEDED for both the First and Second Readings during the Sunday church services. For more information, please contact Dennis Gurnett.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER, ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY: Your help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary for services is appreciated! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

YOUTH: Marc and Storm hope to see you all at our upcoming Youth events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two!
UPCOMING DATES: December 1, 6-8pm – Upper Fellowship Hall
December 8, 6-8pm – Upper Fellowship Hall
December 15, 6-8pm – Upper Fellowship Hall
December 29, 2-4pm Kid's Fun Afternoon! – Upper Fellowship Hall All kids in 1st – 4th grade are welcome!! Bring a friend, or two!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Advent begins on Sunday, December 1 (right after Thanksgiving). Families and/or individuals are needed to light the candles on the Advent wreath during each worship service. Please stop at the bulletin board at the top of the stairs to sign up. Thank you for signing up early too!

FAMILY MINISTRY TABLE - Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Advent devotional materials for all ages are available at this table.

TABLES FOR SALE - we are selling our 8 foot formica-topped metal leg tables for \$20 each. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one or more.

COMMON THREADS - We have decorated a Christmas tree in The Gathering Place with hand made hats, mittens and scarves. If in need, please take one for your family or to share with someone else in need this holiday season. We want to share the warmth of God's love to all in need. Please drop the clothespin in the basket by the tree.

USHERS ARE NEEDED for all four Christmas Eve services and the Christmas morning service. If you can help, please sign up on the Bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Men and women are both welcome to help. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE - every year we collect gift cards that can be given to people in need. On the side aisle of the church sanctuary we have the Angel Tree with a box beside it where you can place your donated gift cards. When you donate a gift card, place an angel from the basket on the tree. NOTE: gift cards are especially useful from places like Walmart, Tops, Target and other large stores. Please be sure that you indicate the value of your donated gift cards, if it is not apparent on the card. Thank you for sharing!

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Some items to consider donating are: personal care products, cleaning supplies, canned fruit and meats, condiments, quick meals/side dishes (such as hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice a roni), pancake mix, syrup, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and "fixins" for turkey dinner. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ("Ministry Meals") to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you enjoy cooking or baking for others? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone that would be interested in making a meal or dessert for a family at St. Paul that might be experiencing a serious injury, a death, sickness, caring for a loved one in Hospice, or a recent surgery. When the office receives word of a church family who is currently experiencing one of the above and would like to receive help with meals, our coordinator will then contact one or more of you who have signed up to schedule the making and delivering of meals. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and help us serve others at St. Paul. Thank you!

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.