



**Second Sunday/Monday after Epiphany
January 19th & January 20th, 2025**
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
	9:30 AM	Bible Study (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (ldgr,lfh)
	10:45 AM	Worship
		NO Youth Night – GO BILLS!
Monday		Preschool and Office closed for Martin Lutheran King Jr. Day
	7:00 PM	Worship
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
Thursday	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	6:00 PM	1 st Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	2 nd Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	8:45 AM	Bible class (ueb)
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 windows II, 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 conclude Episode 8 "Sustenance" of Season 3 of THE CHOSEN. Next week (Jan. 26) we begin Season 4 of THE CHOSEN. Study guides for Season 4 are available at The Information Center. Study Guides for Seasons 1 - 3 are available in a plastic frame, on the table under the TV in The Gathering Place. More information is on the "From the desk of...." page in the bulletin.

GIFT CARDS - If you shop at Amazon, Walmart, Target, etc., you can purchase gift cards and use them for your purchases while you support Christian Education here at St. Paul. Contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 if you have any questions.

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.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND DONATED GIFT CARDS - thanks to the generosity of many, we have resources to help people in need. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Pastor Green.

2025 MAGNETIC CALENDARS - we have 2025 magnetic calendars with St. Paul's contact information on them, available at the Family Ministry table. Please take one for you and one to give to a friend!

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY GIFT BAGS - there are still gift bags for those who have been baptized here at St. Paul in 2024, at the Family Ministry Table in The Gathering Place. If you or a family member was baptized in 2024, and did not get one last week, please stop and pick one up.

WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS on Aria Grace Barke as she was baptized on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Aria is the daughter of Katelyn (Bevilacqua) and Travis Barke. Her godparents are Amy Clarke and Jeffrey Barke. We welcome Aria into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

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: Please join us on Thursday, February 13th, at 11:00am in the Conference Room off The Gathering Place. The February selection is SILENT SISTER by Diana Chamberlain. 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.

COUNT ME IN! booklets and surveys are now available at The Information Center. If you have not returned a survey, please put it in "For Office" mailbox that is near The Information Center.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on a table at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the Upper Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Items most needed are: personal care products such as shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, feminine care, deodorant, toilet paper, canned fruit, veggies, chicken, tuna, corned beef, spam, quick meals such as Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Rice a Roni, Pasta roni, white or flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast & granola bars, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and empty deposit bottles and cans to return for cash. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

PRESCHOOL CANDLE FUNDRAISER ORDER: If you ordered from our recent Preschool candle fundraiser and have not picked up your order yet, please call the church office or stop by during office hours. Thank you!

2024 YEAR END STATEMENTS are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs that leads to the Upper Fellowship Hall – the same table as your 2025 offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

+ SERVING our Lord week of January 19 & 20 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: January: Nancy Witkop

FLOWER COMMITTEE: January: Ellyn Broeker – 912-4345
Lynelle Dobmeier – 625-5633

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Dennis Gurnett
10:45 AM – John Chimino
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Laurie Daugherty
10:45 AM – Carole Painter
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Lucia & Lyman Wilson
Kim & Bill Szelazkiewicz
10:45 AM –
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Ruth Stolzenburg
10:45 AM – Patti Harvey
Monday, 7:00 PM –

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

WEEK OF 1/12/2025

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$12,597.00 ~Thank you!!

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 1/12/25:

8:00am – 108 10:45am – 74 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!

GREETERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY: 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 NIGHT UPDATE: The Youth Group will **NOT** be meeting this Sunday evening (Jan. 19th). We will be cancelling to allow our members time to root on the Buffalo Bills with their families. Youth nights will resume on February 2nd at 6PM in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Please take note of this change and of course GO BILLS!

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 FEBRUARY DATES ARE:

February 9th, 6-8pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

February 16th, 6-8pm in The Upper Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you then!

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

BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR MARCH 15, 2025 CRAFT SHOW –

We are looking for people to put together a basket (or two) for the raffle During our Spring Craft show on March 15, 2025. Some suggestions are: baking, movie, craft, coffee, gardening.....anything you can think of! Finished baskets can be dropped off at the church office beginning March 1st. Gift certificates and gift cards are also appreciated. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Ellyn Broeker at 716-912-4245.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL AFTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON will be Sunday, April 6, 2025 at Lodge on the Green. This is the same location as last year. Menu and prices will be posted soon. Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at top of stairs to The Gathering Place. SAVE THE DATE! Hope to see you there!

WE ASK GOD TO BLESS Owen Richard Meyer as he was baptized Saturday, January 18, 2025. Owen is the son of Lisa (Schibilia) and Nicholas Meyer. We welcome Owen into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year will begin next week. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word! Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th from 5:30-7pm. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

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.