



**Second Sunday/Monday after Christmas  
January 4 and January 5, 2026**  
**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, lfth=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)

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Breakfast (ufh) <b>NO</b> KREW and HSBC
	10:45 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Youth night
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 AM	Bible Study brunch (ueb)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation (leb)
	6:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (leb)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	8:45 AM	Bible study (ueb)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	Christmas Decorations Take Down

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays & Fridays, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn working remotely from home. 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](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com). If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

**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 window sill, 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](mailto: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!**

**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](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com).

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will not meet this week but please join us for breakfast on Sunday between worship services or brunch on Wed. Jan. 7, 2026, at 11:00am in the Bible study room.

Adult Bible classes will resume the week of January 11/14 with a study "The Star of Bethlehem and the Magi". We will look at the true story of the Magi found in the Gospel of Matthew. The Magi followed the Star of Bethlehem which led them to the child Jesus. This is what we celebrate on Epiphany. We will begin our study of THE CHOSEN, Season 5 during the week of January 18, 2026.

**GIFT CARDS** - thank you for your support of Christian Education through your purchases of gift cards. Gift cards are always available for you to purchase as gifts or for you to do your own shopping. Thank you to Sue Eckstein for coordinating this program and Vicki Doucette, Nancy Peters and Ellen DeLong who sell gift cards each week.

**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](http://worshipanew.org), any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

**COMMON THREADS** Christmas tree is in The Gathering Place filled with homemade hats, scarves and mittens for all to enjoy. If you see something you like, please take it or give it to a friend to enjoy the warmth!

**LOVE PACKAGES** - so far we have shipped 39 boxes of devotional materials to be shared with people around the world. Don't forget to donate your used Portals of Prayers and other devotional materials when you are done with them.

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

**FAMILY MINISTRY TABLE:** There are always new items being added to our Family Ministry table...please check it out!!!

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree will be up one more week for you to donate gift cards. Thank you all for participating in this wonderful event! ~Maryann~

**SISTERS IN CHRIST** will have our next meeting on Saturday, January 24 (Note date change) at 9:30am in the Upper Education Building, Bible Study room. Watch the bulletin for more information!

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST** - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birth dates 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.

**FLYERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS** - we have moved some of the flyers that do not have specific dates (such as Rainbow Rink Christian Skating, Pioneer on the Lake, Hospice and more). These flyers are now on the bulletin board on the brick wall in The Gathering Place. We will continue to have flyers with specific dates for events such as dinners and basket raffles on the small bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Please stop and take a look at both bulletin boards! You might find something that you want to do!

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE** is looking for new members! You can volunteer as individuals, couples, friends. You will usually be asked to serve just one month a year. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Witkop or call the church office.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE** - we will announce another date in 2026 when you can have your photo taken at church by a photographer. You can still submit your own photo. There is a flyer on The Information Center with more information on how to do this.

**ST. PAUL 150th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS** - in 2011, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of our congregation. We have an abundance of 150th anniversary ornaments that have been in storage and need a home. They are in a basket on the same table as the 2026 Offering Envelopes. Please help yourself and share with a friend too!

**ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE-DOWN:** Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9:00am. Lite breakfast served. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs to help! Thank you!! ~Maryann~

**GLENN COLTON LIVE IN CONCERT:** Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 12:00noon. Pizza lunch served at noon, followed by concert from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Glenn is a K-8 Music Teacher at Immaculate Conception School , Music Director at Saint Mary of the Lake Church and a Buffalo Music Hall of Fame 2-time inductee. You won't want to miss the show! Bring your friends and family!! Sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs by January 26, 2026. ~Maryann~

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on a table in The Gathering Place near the stairs leading to the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up today.

**2026 BIBLE READING GUIDES** - in The Gathering Place, on the wooden table the glass-encased carving of Jesus healing of a woman (Luke 13:11,12), are copies of different Bible reading guides for the year 2026. These reading guides will give you a path to follow and receive the blessings found in God's word each day.

**+ SERVING our Lord week of January 4 & 5 +**  
**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: January:** Nancy Witkop  
& Desirea Mojica

**FLOWER COMMITTEE: January:** Ellyn Broeker – 716-912-4345  
Lynelle Dobmeier – 716-625-5633

WEEKLY	
ELDERS:	8:00 AM – Dave Demmin 10:45 AM – Brian Hapeman Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne
LAY READERS:	8:00 AM - Mary Hirner 10:45 AM – Carole Painter Monday, 7:00 PM – Holly Dawson
USHERS:	8:00 AM – Norm Jansen, Jim Daugherty Carl Gross, Rosanne Shapiro 10:45 AM – Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank
GREETERS:	8:00 AM – 10:45 AM – Desirea & Luis Mojica Monday, 7:00 PM –
ACOLYTES:	8:00 AM – 10:45 AM – William Oakes Monday 7:00 PM –

**WEEK OF 12/28/2025 AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:  
**\$21,255.00~Thank you!!**  
Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING as we.....**  
**CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!**

**ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
**2:00 – 272, 5:00 – 281, 7:30 – 135, 10:00 – 52**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY – 82**

**ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 12/28/25:**  
8:00am – 92 10:45am – 81 Monday – 16

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY** : If you or if you know of someone in need, please help yourself. There is a bin under the table that is under the TV in The Gathering Place for your donations. Please also feel free to place your donations inside the pantry. Thank you.

**COUNT ME IN!** booklets are on the table under the TV in TGP. You can pick up a booklet and see how you can be involved in ministries here at St. Paul.

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY SERVICES:** 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:** Storm hopes to see you all at our upcoming Youth Events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two! We meet in the Youth Room. **Upcoming Youth Dates: TONIGHT** - Youth Group Night-January 4, 6-8pm.  
Youth Group Night - January 18, 2026, 6-8pm  
Youth Group Night-February 1 and February 15, 2026, 6-8pm

**ST. PAUL 2026 CALENDARS** - Please stop at The Information Center for your 2026 St. Paul calendar, courtesy of Wattengel Funeral Home. We also have magnetic St. Paul 2026 calendars there too.

**ATTN: K.R.E.W. FAMILY AND FRIENDS: FILL THE PANTRY!**  
KREW kids have been asked to bring in canned goods and boxed goods to be shared in our new Little Free Pantry box located in front of the church. We will be using a reward system for their generosity. We hope to instill a sense of helping their community. We thank you for your support of this outreach event.

**DEFENSIVE/SAFE DRIVER CLASS** led by our own Greg Grawe will be held here at St. Paul on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:30pm, in The Upper Fellowship Hall. Please arrive on time. Late arrivals will not be allowed in class. The cost of the class is \$30.00 per person and is payable on the day of the class either by cash or checks made out to Gregory Grawe. We will be taking a half hour lunch break. You are welcome to have your own snacks during the class. You must bring your driver's license. Upon completion, you will receive a 10% discount on your Auto insurance for 3 years. Registration must be made in advance by calling Greg Grawe at 716-692-0202 (phone calls only, no texts please.) Space is limited to 40 participants. Any questions, please call Greg at the above number.

**SISTERS IN CHRIST EVENT COMING IN 2026!** Spa Day will be on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>!! Save the Date! Watch the bulletin for more details to follow!

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

***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!!

***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.

***UPDATE: THE BOOK CLUB*** *will be discontinued for the time being. Prayerfully we can continue in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Thank you. Please call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions.*