



Third Sunday/Monday in Advent
December 14 and December 15, 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, 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)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	9:30 AM	Bible Study (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW and HSBC (leb)
	10:45 AM	Worship/Communion
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible class party
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women of St. Paul meeting (cr)
	11:00 AM	Bible Study (ueb)
	5:30 PM	Advent dinner, Pasta and salad hosted by Mojica family
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
Thursday	8:00 AM to Noon Office open, Noon – 4pm Remote	
	6:00 PM	1 st Year Confirmation (leb)
	6:30 PM	2 nd year Confirmation (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (leb)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AM to Noon Office open, Noon to 4PM Remote	
	8:45 AM	Bible study (ueb)
	1:00 PM	Cookie Walk plating and set up
Saturday	9:00 AM	Cookie Walk
	9:30 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	KREW rehearsal and Happy Birthday Jesus Party

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

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 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.

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. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we have a Lutheran Hour Ministries study "The Real St. Nick". We will learn more about St. Nicholas and his life of generosity. There will be no classes during the weeks of December 21 and 28, with a breakfast for everyone on January 4, 2026 between services. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs to bring some food to share. The Wednesday Bible class will also have a brunch on Wednesday, January 7 at 11:00am.

GIFT CARDS - if you still need gift cards to give as Christmas gifts or to use to shop, please stop at the table in The Gathering Place. Please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions or to order digital gift cards

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.

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!

ST. PAUL COOKIE WALK, Saturday, December 20th, 9:00 AM to kick off fundraising for repairs needed to our MIGHTY WURLITZER ORGAN (see flyer in today's bulletin). **We need donations of cookies!** As many as you can bake will be appreciated! Cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen on December 19th, 9:00am to 4:00 PM, or December 20th before 8:30am. We will be plating cookies starting at 1pm on December 19th. We have a lot of fun, so join us if you can! **Please label containers with cookie type and if they contain nuts.** If you have any questions, please call Sue Eckstein at 471-2301 or Darlene Felbinger at 691-8930.

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.

GIFT BOXES FOR SHUT-INS can be picked up before and after services today in The Gathering Place. Please help us out and take a box to one of our special members.

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

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!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: There are only two slots open for you to light the Advent Wreath....December 15 at 7pm and December 24 at 2:00pm...Please sign up! Thank you to all who are filling up the list! ~Maryann~

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 - You can have your photo taken this weekend on Sun. Dec. 14 - 9:00am -10:45am or Mon. Dec. 15 - 6:15-7:00pm. We will be adding another date for the photographer to be here in early 2026.
You may continue to submit your own family photos for the directory. Please stop at The Information Center to pick up a flyer with specific instructions. If you do not give us a new photo or have one taken here at church, your previous photo will stay in the directory.

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. 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! ~Maryann~

KREW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is Sunday, December 21st during the 10:45am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
Practice and Happy Birthday Jesus party is Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 till 12:00.

THE CHOSEN, SEASON 5 - We will begin a study of the next season of THE CHOSEN, Season 5, during the week of January 11. Copies of study guides for the previous Seasons 1 - 4 are available in The Gathering Place on the table under the TV.

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 a small table near the Family Ministry table. Please help yourself and share with a friend too!

+ SERVING our Lord week of December 14 & 15 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: December: Various Volunteers

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
December: Ruth Stolzenburg 716-694-4958
Bonnie Urban 716-622-9040
Nancy Klepp 716-523-0656

WEEKLY
ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Carmen Bandinelli
10:45 AM – Brian Hapeman
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Carmen Bandinelli
10:45 AM – Eunice Manth
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Maryann Magil, Mary Hirner
Cindy & Dieter Zahn
10:45 AM –
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM –
10:45 AM – Ken & Jan Hughes
Monday, 7:00 PM –

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

WEEK OF 12/7/2025
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:
\$11,120.00~Thank you!!
Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING as we.....
CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 12/7/25:
8:00am – 123 10:45am – 95 Monday – 39

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.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS FLYERS are available at The Information Center. Family Life is a local Christian radio station located at 88.3FM or 106.1FM. The flyer lists their special Christmas programming.

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 DECEMBER, ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, AND CHRISTMAS DAY 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.

USHERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES. If you can help with this, please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

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:**
Youth group Christmas party- December 21, 2025 6-8pm
Please RSVP to Storm at 716-727-1423 with how many kids are coming
Youth Group Night-January 4 and January 18, 2026 6-8pm
Youth Group Night-February 1 and February 15, 2026 6-8pm

ST. PAUL CALENDARS for 2026 - Please stop at The Information Center for your 2026 St. Paul calendar, courtesy of Wattengel Funeral Home.

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.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS - during Advent especially, you are encouraged to bless or thank someone personally with a card and maybe a small gift. Please pick up a card at The Information Center and send it to someone anonymously.

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.

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.*