GREETERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: 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.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS AND MINISTRY GROUPS be mindful of the cleanliness of our entire church complex. If you notice areas that need attention or have ideas that could help improve the care of our building, we encourage you to share your thoughts. Please fill out a suggestion form (located on The Information Center) and place it in the wooden "For Church Office" box located by the Family Ministry table, so we can review it and address concerns. Blessings, Marc

ARMED FORCES RECOGNITION **will be today, November 8, and tomorrow, November 9 at all three services.** As a thank you for your service, all former and current members of the military are invited to take a gift from the Family Ministry table in The Gathering Place. God Bless You!

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.

ADVENT DINNERS: We are trying to determine if we should continue holding the midweek Wednesday Advent dinners this year. They would be on Wednesdays at 5:30pm with set up usually on Tuesday evening or around 4pm on Wednesday. The dates this year are December 2nd, 9th and 16th. If you are involved in a group or have a family that would be willing to host a dinner this year, please contact the church office before Monday, November 9th.

THE NEXT SISTERS IN CHRIST MEETING will be THIS Saturday, November 14th at 10 am in the Upper Education Building Bible Study room. All women are welcome.

The Sisters in Christ Christmas party is Saturday, December 12th at Panes Restaurant in N. Tonawanda. Sign-up sheet and details coming soon.

ST. PAUL CEMETERY – FALL CLEAN UP: A reminder that all plants, wreaths and other decorative displays should be removed as soon as possible. Any decorations remaining after November 14, 2026, will be discarded. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS? DID YOU SAY CHRISTMAS?: The Family Ministry Team is currently planning our St. Paul Family Christmas events. Further information will be posted on the kiosk in The Gathering Place in the very near future. There will be a wonderful meal (fried chicken and potluck), a Christmas Trivia Game, Singing, Tree Lighting and a kid's craft activity area! Hope to see all of you there!!! ~Maryann~

GIFT CARDS: The current order form is available on the Gift Card table in The Gathering Place. Orders using this form must be in no later than December 7th to receive your cards by Christmas. We will have on hand for immediate purchase a limited quantity of cards and a limited number of vendors. These may be purchased for last-minute gifts, Christmas shopping or for our Angel Tree donations.

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!

THRIVENT CHOICE - if you are a Thrivent member you may have Thrivent Choice dollars that you are able to donate to our church. This is at no cost to you. These dollars have been available since April and need to be donated by Dec. 31, 2026. You can do this through the Thrivent website, or you can call the local office for help at 716-695-2200. You can also call Thrivent directly at 800-847-4836.

SOUP FOR SOULS - we have moved our soup preparation date to Tuesday, November 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - we continue our study of the "Self Guided Tour of the Bible" with chapter 6 "Getting to the Heart of the Bible: Jesus' Life and Teachings". We will meet on Sunday at 9:30am. The same lesson is taught on Wednesday at 11:00am. We WILL meet this Wednesday which is Veterans' Day.

SELF GUIDED TOUR OF THE BIBLE BOOKS - we have a few extra copies of this great resource. If you were unable to attend a class or would like a copy to give as a gift, there are copies available at The Information Center for $15.00 each. Please place your payment in an envelope in the "For Office" mailbox.

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.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Women of St. Paul will have an election for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer at the meeting on Wednesday, November 18. If you would like information regarding either of these positions please contact Bonnie Ryan, 716-930-8900.

ORGAN FUNDRAISER: **Vote for the first hymn to be played on our restored Wurlitzer Organ!** There are ballots on a table in The Gathering Place with four suggested hymns and a blank for any other hymn you would like to write in. Each vote is $5. Place a ballot in the provided envelope along with $5 cash or check - made out to St. Paul Lutheran, for each vote and place it in the gold box. You can vote for the same hymn multiple times or for different hymns on the same ballot. (If you put $50 in the envelope, your vote will be counted 10 times!) The hymn with the most votes wins! Voting closes Nov. 23rd. Let's have some fun!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: If you have to miss church, there is a video available of the sermon each week. The easiest way to access it is to go to stpaulnt.com and click on the video picture icon. It will play immediately. If you would like to see it bigger, just double click on the Youtube area and it will take you directly to Youtube. You can then adjust your setting to taste (the video is recorded 1080p, but you can view it at whatever your device will allow). It's no substitute for live church, but it provides usefulness when you have to miss church.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made the Woman of St Paul Fall Fest a success. We appreciate all the time that was given to help, the baskets that were donated, the bake goods that were made, those that joined us for lunch, and for the prayers that were given. We will have a final count soon as to how much was raised toward the restoration of our Mighty Wurlitzer Organ.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is underway. We have plenty of crayons, pencils, pens, etc. Thank you. Please check out the triangular kiosk in The Gathering Place and consider purchasing one or more items on the tags to help fill our boxes. Our goal this year is 90 boxes. Return your gifts no later than November 16 as the boxes will be packed on Wednesday November 18. Thank-you for helping to send the love of Christ around the world! In addition to your bulletin today, you should have received a bookmark with a week's worth of suggested prayers for all those involved with Samaritan's Purse. If you have questions, please call Barb Huber at 716 946-0752.

KEEPING OUR BUILDING SECURE: If you are responsible for locking up after a service or event, or if you are in the building for any reason and are the last one to leave, please make sure the doors are locked. Even if you disengage the crash bar to lock the door, please push on the door from the inside and/or pull on the door from the outside to make sure it latches and is locked. Everyone's help in keeping our building safe and secure is very much appreciated.

FAMILY MINISTRY MEETING: There will be a Family Ministry meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30pm in the Bible study room. We will be planning our Christmas events. Hope you will join us! NOTE: We will not have a December meeting due to the busyness of the season.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS always needed. They especially need soups, peanut butter and jelly, personal care items, cereal and much more. Please look at the complete list on the small bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Bring your donations to the bin near the church library, which is located to the right as you come up the stairs from the parking lot.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: November 29, thru Dec. 25, 2026: Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 29. Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please sign up on the schedule located at the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Your participation is very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Do you have a couple hours that you could spare to share some Christmas joy with some of our members who cannot get to church? We're trying to bring back our annual Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins but need your help. We will visit people in their homes or Healthcare facilities. It's a rewarding experience to bring a joyful smile to someone's face, one you will never forget. The date for this is Sunday, December 13th. beginning with a pizza lunch at noon and heading out at approximately 1pm. (And don't worry; I checked. The Bills play at 7:30 pm that day!) There is a signup sheet available at the top of the stairs on the bulletin board. Please consider sharing your time for a wonderful cause and sign-up by November 30. Our hope is to have enough people signed up to break into two groups, keeping the time for visiting down. Thank you and let's share some Christmas cheer!!

+ SERVING our Lord week of November 8 & 9 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: November: Ann & Steve Heuer

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
November: Heather Kijowski 716-912-8986
Georgia Kijowski 716-783-1906

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke
10:45 AM – Marc Manth
Monday, 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM – Mary Hirner
10:45 AM – Marc Manth
Monday, 7:00 PM – Holly Dawson

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke, Dieter Zahn
Lyman Wilson, Dan Schuler
10:45 AM –
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Darlene Felbinger
10:45 AM – Luis & Desirea Mojica
Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – Kayla Kitson
10:45 AM – Max Brothers
Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 11/1/2026
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:
$10,512.00. Thank you!
Average needed weekly- **$12,160.00**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 11/1/2026
8:00am – 110 10:45am – 105 Monday – 57

ORGAN RESTORATION/REPAIR FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our first and second payments have been made.
The balance is due upon completion – hopefully by Thanksgiving.
Below is a financial update as of November 1, 2026:
Total cost of Organ repairs/restoration: $145,752.00
1st. Downpayment made: -$48,584.00
Second payment made: -$48,584.00
Amount on hand as of November 1, 2026 $19,060.00
Additional amount needed by completion for final payment= $29,524.00

ORGAN FUND ENVELOPES can be found in the pew racks, the Information Center and at the Old Falls Blvd. entrance. You can also donate online to the organ restoration fund by going to our website, clicking on the yellow "Donate Now" tab, then the "Organ Fund" tile, then follow the instructions. Any questions, please call the church office.

Twenty-fourth Sunday & Monday after Pentecost/Armed Forces Day
November 8 and 9, 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, 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 Service/Communion
	9:30 AM	Bible Study, Self-guided tour of the Bible (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW (leb)
	10:45 AM	Worship Service/Communion
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship Service/Communion
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Soup making (ufh kitchen)
	3:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (ueb)
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Bible Study, Self-guided tour of the Bible (ueb)
Thursday	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	6:00 PM	First Year Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (leb)
Friday	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
Saturday	10:00 AM	Sisters in Christ meeting (ufh)

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.

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, 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.

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in by **TUESDAY at noon** to be included in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL PHOTO DIRECTORIES have been moved to the right-hand side of The Information Center. Place your $12.00 payment in the envelope provided and place it in the "For Office" mailbox.

ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY - we continue to keep the online version of the directory up to date with any address or other family changes. Please notify the office of any updates in your family listing. Also, when you look at the directory online or on your phone/tablet, take a look at the tab "Additional Pages" and you will see the pages for staff, music ministry, Bible studies and much more.

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

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.

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, toothbrushes 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!

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.

2026 BIBLE READING GUIDES - in The Gathering Place, on the wooden table by the glass-encased carving of Jesus healing of a woman (Luke 3:11,12), 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.

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

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 c*all Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions.

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!

LOVE PACKAGES - we continue to collect Bibles, devotional booklets such as Portals of Prayer, Advent devotions and many other Christian books and materials. Please bring these to the bin located near the church library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you for sharing the good news of the Gospel with people around the world.

JOSHUA- Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA. Join Jerry Waldkoetter and Way To Go Tours on September 29-30. Cost is $545 double occupancy. Call Jerry at 716-693-0693.

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.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in the church office. Please call the office or stop by to pick yours up.

WEBSITE UPDATES - we strive to keep our website up to date with information that is pertinent to members and those looking for information about our church. Scan the QR code on the front of this bulletin to access the website.

CRADLE ROLL HELP NEEDED - when anyone is baptized here at St. Paul, there is a team of people who each do different things to help this child or adult remember their baptism and connect them to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Corinn Soro has been part of this team for many years and is no longer able to serve in this ministry role. We thank Corinn for her many years of service to our Lord and his church! If you want to learn more about what Corinn did and what the current needs are for the Cradle Roll, please contact the church office for more information.