

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - December 28th & 29th

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. They will be collected during the offering. If you are visiting, please feel free to include your address and phone number. You may also include any prayer requests on the attendance card.

The family of Ron Lemenager would like to invite the congregation to his funeral on Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00 am at the downtown church.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART for 2025

The new flower chart will be posted at the downtown church through December and then will be moved to the school site. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. If you would like both vases for a weekend, please put your name on both lines for that weekend. Please be sure to include your phone number. The cost is \$25.00 per vase. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Payment may be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please contact Lynda Koeppen at lykoeppen@comcast.net or 815-592-5701 with questions.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

On December 1st, Pastor Drinnon started a new Bible study entitled "Living Faith: A Journey Through James" during coffee hour. Out of all the authors of the New Testament, no other author knew Jesus as long as his half-brother James. The epistle of James reflects his familiarity with his half-brother's teachings. James is addressing Christians throughout the early church giving them encouragement to endure trials and to challenge Christians to live as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Please come and receive the encouragement James gives to Christians now who are under trial.

NOTE: There will be no Bible study on Sunday, December 29th.

Lynda and I want to extend our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for the many cards, notes, and gifts over the Christmas season. We are truly humbled by your encouragement and thoughtful generosity. We are so very thankful for the blessing of our church family here at St. Paul's! May the joy of the Prince of Peace be yours in this New Year.

In Christ, Pastor & Lynda Koeppen



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

January 7th marks the first day of re-enrollment for students currently attending St. Paul's. On January 13th, enrollment will open up to church members and siblings of current students. Enrollment will open to the public on January 21st. We have been blessed with increasing enrollment over the years so don't delay.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on **Thursday, January 9th from 5 to 7 pm.** We have a great school, excellent staff and a strong commitment to provide academic excellence in a safe, Christian environment. Please let your friends and neighbors know about St. Paul's and invite them to tour our facility and meet our teachers. St. Paul's has been blessed with increasing enrollment and we are looking to reach more families to join our school and church community. ***Enrollment opens to the public on January 21st!***



Tuesday, December 31st
6:00 p.m. - Communion
@ Downtown Church

2025 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2025 envelopes are now available for pick-up. If you typically attend church on Saturday evening, your envelopes will be in Fellowship Hall. If you attend on Sundays, your envelopes will be in the hallway outside of the church & school office. If you have been giving online, you may not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 932-0312. We thank you for your generous spirit. God bless you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES
& EVENTS**

- * Be the Church Movie & Service Night: On **Friday, Jan. 3rd, 6-8:30pm**, the Board of Youth Ministry will be hosting a Movie and Service Night at the school campus. As we celebrate the gift we received in Christ's birth this Christmas and remember the gifts of the Magi, we thank God for opportunities to give unto others. We will be working on Phil's Friend's projects to help prepare for future pack parties. Youth in grades 7th -12th grade may be dropped off, but this is a great event for the whole family. Bring a snack to share and \$5 if you would like to join in ordering pizza. We hope to see you there.
- * No Youth Bible Study on 12/29.
- * Be the Church on Epiphany **Sunday, January 5th** during Coffee Hour! God gave gifts to the Magi to serve the Lord. He has given us gifts to serve others. Join youth bible study in the Cafeteria during coffee hour on Jan 5th for an Epiphany devotion and services projects.

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:4-7)

I want to express my deepest thanks for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts that you have given me this season. Your kindness is a beautiful reminder of the love and support that surrounds me and my family. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and I am deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and thoughtful gifts.

This Christmas season, Katrina and I give thanks for each of you and for the privilege of ministering to such a wonderful congregation. May God bless you abundantly with His love, peace, and joy in the coming year.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Pastor and Katrina*

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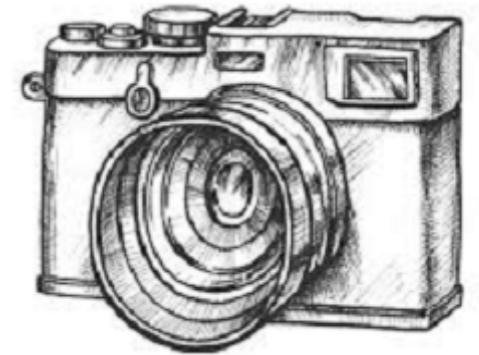
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on **Sunday, January 19th at 12:30 pm** at the school. The Church Council will be announcing its selection of qualified voting members who, together with the pastor(s), shall serve as the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, the voters may submit to the committee the names of possible candidates for the various boards. Please contact the church office if you would like more information about the different boards.

Members of the congregation who are age 18 or older are eligible to become voting members and to participate in the decision making of the congregation. After attending at least two Voters' Assembly meetings in a one-year time period, a member is accepted into voting membership. Voting membership privileges then continue as long as you remain a member of the congregation.

**THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES
HAVE ARRIVED!!**

Our new pictorial directories are here and we are beginning distribution this weekend! Before and after the Saturday services, we will be down in the atrium. On Sunday, we will be in the hallway in front of the library before and after both services. If you were photographed for the directory, you automatically receive a complimentary directory. If you were not photographed for the directory, we have a small number of directories available for \$10 each.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

December 21st & 22nd

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 pm	82
Sunday, 8:30 am	118
Sunday, 11:05 am	57
WEEKEND TOTAL	257

Youth Bible Class	5
Children's Sunday School	16

SPECIAL SERVICES

Advent, Dec. 18 th	90
Christmas Eve, 5 pm	240
Christmas Eve, 7 pm	227
Christmas Eve, 10 pm	77
Christmas Day	82

Offerings Given:

General	\$12,260.50
Building	\$20,509.23
School Ops	\$420.00
Anniversary	\$280.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Karl Koeppen	
Organist:	5:00: Nadine Engel	8:30: Nadine Engel
A/V:	8:30: Todd Engel	11:05: Josh Cherry
Live Streaming/Recording:	Matt Callan, Todd Engel, Layna Rahn	
Lay Ministers:	5:00: Bob Carruthers	
	8:30: Bruce Clark, Brent Eden, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz	
	11:05: Ken Capps	
Lay Readers:	5:00: Ken Ebert	
	8:30: Bill Balgeman	
	11:05: Karen Beatty	
Acolytes:	8:30: Mason Raloff, Trevor Smith	
	11:05: Ty Luhman, Audrey Nordmeyer	
Trustees:	5:00: Rob Wood	
	8:30: Tom Stirnaman	
	11:05: Jim Trudeau	
Ushers:	5:00: Pat Hatch, Fred Langelett, Terry Treece	
	8:30: Bill Balgeman, Jim Baron, Judy Browning, Steve Weith	
	11:05: Kirk Anderson, Aric Turrell, Sean Turrell, Kim Williams	

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Mellody McDonald, Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Dec. 29	8:30 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)
Mon, Dec. 30		CHRISTMAS BREAK (All Week)
Tue, Dec. 31	6:00 pm	New Years Eve Worship - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
Wed, Jan. 1		
Thur, Jan. 2		
Fri, Jan. 3	6:00 pm	<i>Be The Church</i> / Youth Movie Night (Bourb)
Sat, Jan. 4	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Downtown)
Sun, Jan. 5	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb) Adult Bible Study (Bourb) Youth Bible Study (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary - <i>Communion</i> (Bourb)

