St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin

November 1, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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It is the Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church to reach the lost with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to equip the saved for a life of Christian service.

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Elders: Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, David Hughes, Mark Johnson, Bill McAllister and Terry Mohl

Worship Services

Regular worship services are Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday mornings at 9am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third weekends of the month.
The worship service program can be viewed on our website, and the video services are streamed on YouTube, aired Mondays at 10am on cable channel 11, and radio broadcasted Sundays at 11:30am on KTIC FM 107.9 and AM 840.
Cost to sponsor a Lutheran Hour or St. Paul broadcast is $60.

Daily Chapel

Each morning at approximately 9:45 am on AM 840 and 11:50 am on FM 107.9. Donations of any amount are welcome for this program. **The cost is $121.00 a week. Please make checks to "Daily Chapel".**

As We Gather

All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

The Lutheran Hour - Our Weekly Message Of Hope

November 1, 2026
"What We Will Be"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ.
1 John 3:2

This weekend's Lutheran Hour and St. Paul Broadcast are sponsored by St. Paul Ladies Aid.

Encouraging Stewardship

November 1 – All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

As of August 1, the new rates to sponsor either the Lutheran Hour or the St. Paul Broadcast will be **$60.00 apiece.**

This Week At St Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 1:
7:45 am - Adult choir practice in the church basement
9:00 am – Worship and communion
10:30 am - Bible Study
"Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table"
Monday, November 2:
10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11
Tuesday, November 3:
Election Day - Pray & vote your conscience
Wednesday, November 4:
8:20 am - School Chapel in the church sanctuary
6:00 pm - Confirmation classes for 7th & 8th grade public students
7:00 pm - Youth **(Guys and Gals)** Devotions at Bill & Peg McAllister's
7:00 pm - School Board Meeting - School
Thursday, November 5:
2:00 pm - Ladies Aid In the church basement
Friday, November 6:
Saturday, November 7:
6:00 pm – Worship and communion
Sunday, November 8:
7:45 am - Adult choir practice in the church basement
9:00 am – Worship
10:30 am - Bible Study
"Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table"

Email News Bulletin

Emails with this news bulletin are available. Call or email the office to sign up.

Beacon Messages

Beacon messages are texts or emails sent out to alert changes to the services and important information. To sign up, please call or email the church office, with a cellphone number or email to receive the alerts. If your contact info has changed, please inform the church office.

Announcements

To have an announcement displayed on the slides before and after church or sent as a beacon, the information must be sent to the church office by noon on Thursdays.

Church Office Hours

Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
If you are out of town, please call 402-372-2111 before coming to make sure someone will be in the church office.

St. Paul "On-a-Mission" Bags

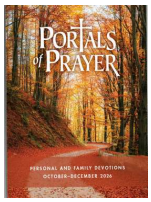
Make every trip a mission trip! Wherever you go, you'll have the opportunity to tell anyone who asks you about Jesus and that's the reason for the hope that we have. Then invite them to come to St. Paul if they don't already have a church home.



Today, a member family has donated 50 bags, with the proceeds going to Mission Central. **Pick up a bag today!**

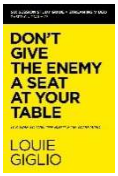
Portals Of Prayers

New copies of Portals of Prayer are now available for you to pick up. They are on the table in the Narthex, please help yourself.



New Sunday Bible Study

New Bible class will be "Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table" by Louie Giglio.
Join us in the basement after fellowship.



Sunday Service

Our Sunday worship service airs Mondays on Cable Channel 11 at 10:00 am.

Board Positions

We are in need of filling several board positions.
Board of Parochial School Education (1)
Board of Stewardship (2)
Board of Parish Education (4)

Please contact Dennis Mueller, President, for more information about these positions if you have someone in mind or might be interested yourself.

Lectors Needed

We are in need of more people to read the Bible readings for our Saturday and Sunday worship services. If you are interested or know of someone, please call the church office at 402-372-2111.

School Chapel

School Chapel will be on Wednesday mornings at 8:20 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Last quarter Chapel offering of $115.00 went to "Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach in Winnebago.

Youth Devotions

Wednesday, November 4th, youth (guys and gals) devotions will meet at 7:00 pm at Bill and Peg McAllister's. All high school students are welcome.

Prayers

Please keep Donavon and Ann Wascher in your prayers. Donavon's sister Delva Prokupek passed away this past week.

All Saints Day

Today, we pause to lovingly remember those from our congregation who entered the Church Triumphant this past year. **Mary (Mae) Lund, LaVonne Woodka, Larry Wegner, Norma**

Linscott, Ryan Reppert, Terry Saner and Joan Hasenkamp. Other members loved ones include **Curtis Feyerherm, Lois Johnson, Ken Wuestewald, Carol Schulz-Stevens, Suzanne Wehling, Marjorie Batenhorst, Mike Schrad, Richard Beutler, Delva Prokupel and Elizabeth Reimers.** May their memory be a blessing, and may we follow their example in love and service.

A Prayer For All Saints Day

Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised. Sustain your saints in ministry, until at last they see their reward: the joy of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Matthew 5:1-12

Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers to help take some of our members to and from appointments. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church.

St. Joseph's Open House

Please join us at St. Joseph's Treasures Thrift Shoppe in West Point for a "Treasure Filled Christmas", our Christmas Open House, on November 7th and November 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come discover Christmas treasures and enjoy some holiday cheer while supporting the Mission of St. Joseph's Elder Services.

Grief Share - Surviving The Holidays

Monday, November 9th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Tuesday, November 10th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at St. Joseph's Retirement Community, The Stevens Room. Facing this season while grieving can sometimes feel like taking one step forward and two steps back. But like a trusted guide, a two-hour **Surviving the Holidays** event will prepare you to navigate the season's changes.
Reserve a spot by contacting Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708 or email tmanhart@franhealth.org.

Your Help Is Needed

Help restore St. Paul's stained glass & its story. Proclaim the gospel on the inside and outside to all who pass by.
Keep telling the story. The stained-glass windows have been telling God's story of grace through St. Paul and Jesus' people since the current sanctuary was built in 1956. They are in need of re-leading and refurbishment, in order to aid us in telling the story for many more years to come. Please help as you are able, and as God guides you, over and above your regular tithes & offering.
In addition to the Sanctuary's stained glass windows, the stained glass window of the cross on the south side, the bell tower's glass panels and the stained glass windows in the offices will need restorative attention as well. These will involve additional quotes. Sponsor a panel, a pane, or portion of a pane. With 8 panels to choose from, you (your family, or a group of people) can sponsor: an entire panel of three panes; a pane (1/3 of a panel); or any portion of a pane. Lambrecht Glass (who restored the Narthex windows) had given us a quote of $109,000 to restore these 8 panels and protect them with exterior tempered glass. The quote may go up as time progresses.
For more info, please pick up a pamphlet from the table in the Narthex.



Newsworthy

If you have a St. Paul Church or school event or activity that you would like included in our weekly newsletter/ bulletin you can contact the church office. We would love to also include some pictures.

Learn More About St. Paul

Scan the QR code to visit our website and learn more about our Church.

Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day, November 26:
9:00 am – Worship and Communion

Wednesday (Midweek) - December 2 (Elders),
December 9 (Need Volunteers)
December 16 (Need Volunteers)
5:30 pm - Meals
7:00 pm - Worship

Christmas Eve, December 24:
4:30 pm - Worship and Communion
7:00 pm - Worship and Communion

Christmas Day, December 25:
9:00 am - Worship and Communion

December 26:
6:00 pm - Worship
December 27:
9:00 am - Worship

New Year's Eve, December 31:
6:00 pm - Worship and Communion

New Year's Day, January 1, 2027
No Service

January 2:
9:00 am - Worship and Communion
January 3:
9:00 am - Worship and Communion



On The Lighter Side
God Will Provide

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner her mother told her father to find out about the young man.
The father invited the fiancé to his study for a talk.
“So, what are your plans?” the father asked the young man.
I am a biblical scholar, he replied.
“A biblical scholar. Hmmm,” the father said. “Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?”
“I will study,” the young man replied, “and God will provide for us.”
“And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?” asked the father.
“I will concentrate on my studies,” the young man replied. “God will provide for us.”
“And children?” asked the father. “How will you support children?”
“Don’t worry sir. God will provide,” replied the fiancé.
The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide
Later, the mother asked, “How did it go, honey?”
The father answered, “He has no job and no plans and he thinks he is God!”

