St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin

November 22, 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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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

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is the day we take comfort in how Christ's work comes to fulfillment for us. Rather than an end, it serves as the beginning of our eternal future—a future safe and secure for all believers (Ezekiel 34:22) through faith in the eternal victory won for us by Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:26). Our time is short. We don't know when Christ will return or when he will call us home. Thus, we stay vigilant in our Christian lives by availing ourselves of Word and Sacrament, which give us the assurance that Christ's eternal victory is ours by faith (Matthew 25:31).

The Lutheran Hour - Our Weekly Message Of Hope

November 22, 2026
"Trees in Winter"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Christ's followers are like trees in winter–seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things.
Revelation 22:2

This weekend's Lutheran Hour and St. Paul Broadcast are sponsored by Paul and Linda Meyer and family.

Encouraging Stewardship

November 22 – Last Sunday in the Church Year
Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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 22:
7:45 am - Adult choir practice in the church basement
9:00 am – Worship
10:30 am - Bible Study -
President Richard Snow, Nebraska District
Monday, November 23:
10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11
Tuesday, November 24:
Wednesday, November 25:
No school
7:00 pm - No Youth **(Guys and Gals)** Devotions
Thursday, November 26:
9:00 am - **(Thanksgiving Day)** Worship and communion
Friday, November 27:
Saturday, November 28:
6:00 pm – Worship
Sunday, November 29:
7:45 am - Adult choir practice in the church basement
Sunday, November 29 cont.:
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

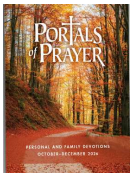
To have an announcement displayed on the slides before and after church or sent as a beacon, the information must be sent to the church office by noon on Thursdays.

Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm and will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday.
If you are traveling from out of town, please call ahead at 402-372-2111 to make sure someone is available to greet you.

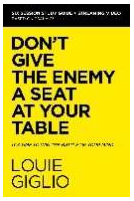
Portals Of Prayers

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



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 next Sunday.



Sunday Service

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

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.
Offerings this quarter will go to Orphan Grain Train.

Youth Devotions

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no, (guys and gals) devotions on Wednesday, November 25th. Instead, the group will meet on December 2nd, at 7:00 pm at Bill and Peg McAllister's home. All high school students are welcome!

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.

District Pastor Visiting Sunday

Today, Rev. Richard Snow, our District President is visiting with us during Bible study after fellowship. Will have devotions, conversations and a brief presentation about the district in the church basement. All are encouraged to attend.

Baptism

Weston Ray Gibson and his daughter, Jordan Lee Gibson (mom Ashley Garret) were baptized on Saturday, November 14th. May God bless them both every day that follows.

Living Nativity

The West Point Ministerial Association is again having the Living Nativity and Horn T Zoo at the West Point Family Christmas Festival downtown, Tuesday, December 1, in the F & M bank parking lot. We have made some changes that we hope everyone will enjoy.
Instead of characters in costume the whole time, at 4:45 pm, 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm we will be having folks come out to create the scene as the Nativity Gospel is read. We will begin with a carol, read the story and then sing Silent Night. Pr. Hukki will read at 4:45 pm, Pr. Gierke at 5:45 pm and Fr. Weeder at 6:45 pm. In-between presentations, the 'stained glass window' painted on plywood by Don Maack will be in place of the much simpler and smaller

stable. **Teala will keep the master signup sheet in the office at Grace, so please call (402) 372-2050 or stop in during office hours. All ages are welcome to participate.** Plan to be there on the half hour to get in costume and be ready by the time the first carol is sung at the ¾ hour.

Opportunities to participate: Set-up: 3:30-ish, 3-4 people to help.

Presentation times: 2 people to help with costumes each time; and between 7-10 silent actors (sign up for whatever time works best for you, not by congregation time slots as in the past).

Clean-up: 7:15-7:45-ish, 2-3 people to clean up and/or 3-4 people with leaf blowers to do final 'sweep' of the parking lot.

Christmas Program Schedule

We are excited for your child(ren) to be a part of sharing the Christmas story this year with our church families, school families, and the community.

Important Information/Dates:

The schoolchildren will be practicing the program during school hours. We will be holding practice for both School and Church families from 10:15 - 11:00 am on Sunday, November 22nd and Sunday, December 6th in the Music Room at St. Paul School. There will be NO practice, Sunday, November 29th.

Dress Rehearsal During School Hours:

Wednesday, December 9th at the Nielsen Center from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Weather permitting, students will walk to the Nielsen Center to practice.

Joint Dress Rehearsal For Both School And Church Families:

Thursday, December 10th at the Nielsen Center from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided.

Day of the Christmas Program: Sunday, December 13th

K-6th Grade students arrive at the Nielsen Center at 1:30 pm

Pre-K students arrive at the Nielsen Center at 1:45 pm

Cookie walk to follow.

Attire:

Wear your Christmas best!

Thank you,

St. Paul Lutheran School Staff

Spread Some Joy

It's that time of year to spread some joy to our church shut ins. Ladies Aid would love your help. We pack approximately 20 bags with goodies and deliver them to homes, and nursing homes. Ideas for items needed - cookies (individually wrapped), candy, small tissue packs, lotion, word puzzles, coloring books, ChapStick. If you'd love to help that day, we start on the morning of December 7th at 9:00 am in the church basement then delivers them. There will be a container in the back of church marked for items. If you have freshly baked items, please bring them to the church kitchen the Sunday before and mark for shut ins. Spreading God's love to all.

Christmas Cards

The holiday season is fast approaching, and Ladies Aid is once again offering boxed Christmas cards for sale. A variety of designs are on display on the table in the narthex, for $10.00 each box. Stop by before or after service to pick up yours while supplies last.



Offering Envelopes

Your 2027 offering envelopes are now ready! Please stop by the table in the narthex to pick yours up. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact the church office.

Discover St. Paul

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

Reflection Of This Past Year

With Thanksgiving approaching, we pause to reflect on the many blessings of this past year. Even through life's challenges, we have seen an abundance of kindness, health and small joys to appreciate each day. Let this holiday be a reminder to count our gifts and share our gratitude with everyone around us.

LETTER FROM THE TRUSTEES

Dear Members of St. Paul,
We are so blessed to have each one of you as a member of our St. Paul Lutheran Church community. Thank you for your support and continued participation.
Our church building has stood strong for many years, but we currently have several maintenance needs that require our attention. As you know, our stained-glass windows need to be repaired. In addition, we are facing a few major challenges: there are multiple leaks in the roof, the foundation requires structural attention, and the parsonage needs new windows and doors.
During this season of giving, we humbly ask if you would consider making an additional donation to help address these critical updates. With your help, we can preserve and repair our beautiful church home and properties.
Thank you in advance for your support and for helping us care for our church home.
Warmly,
St. Paul Board of Trustees.



Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day, November 26:
9:00 am – Worship and Communion
Wednesday (Midweek) -
December 2 (Elders)
December 9 (Need volunteers for meals)
December 16 (Ladies Aid)
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:
6:00 pm - Worship and Communion
January 3:
9:00 am - Worship and Communion



Generous Donation

We are deeply moved to share that a member of our church family has generously and anonymously donated $20,000 toward replacing the windows in the parsonage. This extraordinary gift brings us much closer to securing and beautifying our sacred space and properties for generations to come. While the donor wishes to remain unknown, we give thanks to God for their incredible faithfulness, sacrifice and love for our church community. Please join us in prayerful thanksgiving for this blessing.

