

◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### The Power of "Yes"

Advent is a season of waiting and expectation. We're waiting for the incarnation - the birth - of Jesus, while also waiting for Christ's return at the end of time. That's a lot to hold together! But we know that this story means a lot for us and for this world. It's a story of new beginnings. A story of hope and freedom. A story of God's action in this world.

Are you ready?

As we think about the biblical stories that shape our waiting and expectation, we recall many biblical figures who said "yes" to God, to be a part of God's story. Throughout the weeks of Advent here, we will be hearing some of those stories, especially the ones that bring us to the birth of Jesus. There were big yeses and little yeses. There were also lots of reasons NOT to say yes. I hope you will join us in worship as we hear these yes stories!

These stories are important because we also have lots of opportunities to say yes in our daily lives, and lots of reasons NOT to say yes. This world around us feels so unsettled and scary right now. Even the small yeses in our daily lives feel riskier somehow. Decisions about where we put our money, our time, our energy, our confidence, and our faith feel more important than ever during these volatile times. But we will be reminded that we come from a history of people who said yes.

What does it take for us to get to yes? Why does it matter? Why does it matter that we believe this? This is a story that we tell, that isn't just on a page or in ancient tales, but one that lives in our bones and calls to us to say our own yes when we are called into what God is doing now.



If you can't tell, "The Power of Yes" will be our theme for our Advent and Christmas seasons. We're going to hear the word "yes" a lot! And we will have lots of resources to help you with your yeses.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE CONTINUED

At church we have available two fun activities: There is a scratch-off Advent Kindness Countdown, where you can scratch off a circle a day throughout Advent and be encouraged to say yes to a way to share Jesus' light and love. There is also an Advent Paper Chain activity, offering a reflection question each day in December that will gradually build a colorful paper chain for your home. Be sure to pick these up when you're at church!

Then, in addition to the Advent devotional booklet that members of St. Paul's contribute to each year (which anyone can pick up for themselves), there is a devotional booklet available that supports our theme: The Power of Yes. We will have a few printed copies available at the church, but I encourage you to download a full-color version that we will post on the church's website.

I pray that you can have a meaningful encounter with these powerful yeses this season, and that there's a small voice within you that can also join the chorus of yes as we continue this practice of waiting.

A blessed Advent to you!

### GOOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

As our homes fill up with more and more stuff, gift-giving holidays like Christmas often leave us wondering about what other gifts can be given.

ELCA Good Gifts provides an excellent alternative. Want to give the gift of chicks, honeybees, or a piglet & manure to someone in another country to create a path towards self-sufficiency? What about clean water, access to education, or a Bible for someone? Check out [www.ELCA.org/GoodGifts](http://www.ELCA.org/GoodGifts) and purchase a gift in honor of a loved one. You will receive a printed or digital card that can be given to tell the recipient of the impact this gift has had!



### **thrivent**

For information on Choice Dollars visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice".

Donation to date:  
**\$35, 540.00**

A special thank you to those who have already given their Thrivent Dollars to St. Paul's. This month is.....Gale Logan, Philip Luetjen, Linda Oelrichs and Randy Oelrichs.





# ANGEL TREE

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THE ANGEL TREE Tree!! There are a lot of families in our community who will receive that extra help during the holidays, and it is truly appreciated!

Our Angel Tree will remain up during December. There will be new angels on the tree at the beginning of the month with ideas for a gift collection that can be given to a senior in our area or at one of our local care facilities. Those gifts should be wrapped and need to be returned to St. Paul's by **December 21st**. Again, thank you for your care and generosity this Christmas season!

## SALVATION ARMY OF BENTON COUNTY

When you hear ringing bells and see red kettles you know that it's December! While we won't have a bell, there will be a small red kettle in the Gathering Space during December where you can leave donations for the Salvation Army



of Benton County. All donations placed in that kettle stay in our community and support things like emergency needs and the summer kids meals program. (Last summer they served over 31,000 meals to kids in Benton County!!) Thank you for supporting our local Salvation Army!

## OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PHOTO SCENE

There's nothing more iconic than family photos at Christmas. For the second year now, as a gift to the community, St. Paul's is planning to offer our own Outdoor Christmas Photo Scene for anyone to come and use as a background for their pictures. It's a completely different scene from last year, as well! It will be set up by early December, behind the church building, and will be available through New Year's Day. It can be used anytime during the day or evening. Any and everyone is welcome to come and take their pictures here. Help us spread the word -- this is our gift to you!



# IN THE CHURCH

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We were thrilled to receive a new member to St. Paul's. We welcome into our fellowship, Gale Logan. We pray that our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen both you and us.



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Dara Osoego  
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Larry & Judy Schlesselman  
Anew Senior Living  
P.O. Box 252  
Cole Camp, MO 65325

Carter & Jordyn Wienberg  
714 Cedar Street  
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080



## BAPTISMAL GRACE

Kinnley Charlene Kyle was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, **November 1st**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Kinnley is the daughter of Jordan and Emily Kyle and was born on August 17, 2024

Ellisyn Rae Oelrichs was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **November 9th**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Ellisyn is the daughter of Darin and Tara Oelrichs and was born on August 21, 2025.

Grace Elizabeth Fowler was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **November 16th**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Grace is the daughter of Jacob and Alyssa Fowler and was born on August 27, 2025.





# BENEVOLENCE OFFERING



Your generosity is incredible! Every year, St. Paul's faithfully gives away the offering collected on Easter and Christmas Eve, along with other special services throughout the year. This year those benevolence offerings were given to Hope5one. Hope5one is an organization in Warsaw that began in 2020 to fight against human trafficking. Their ministry works to provide safety and services for those who have been rescued from human trafficking, as well as providing education to the community to understand signs of trafficking and to know more about it. They are also working on building a Hope House, an eight-bedroom house that will provide safety and a new path forward for trafficking survivors. Executive Director, Connie McCray joined us after worship on October 12th to share a presentation about human trafficking. A recording of that presentation is available on the church's Facebook page. More information about their work can be found on their website: [www.hope5one.org](http://www.hope5one.org).

Another part of our benevolence goes to support the mission of

our synod, the larger church. We support the synod so that the synod can support leadership for congregations like us and guide outreach ministries throughout Missouri and Kansas. It is important work that we cannot do as a church alone. Offerings for the Central States Synod can be placed in Benevolence envelopes or contributed on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## **CHURCH SECRETARY UPDATE**

After months of searching we have finally hired a new church secretary! You may remember that near the end of last year, Shirley announced that after nearly 30 years of serving as the church secretary she was ready to retire. We are so grateful for her work and constant presence in the church office. We will certainly be honoring her in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, if you call or stop by the office, please help us welcome our new secretary, Lindsay Lee! She begins working in December alongside Shirley to learn about the role. Be sure to help Lindsay out as she learns names and faces and all the tasks that go into this job.





# COMING EVENTS

## SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE

Saturday worship begins at 5:30pm in the Chapel. There will be no service on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Welcome!



## "ONE STICH AT A TIME"

The Sewing Group will not meet again until spring. Please check St. Paul's communications for the next time they meet.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DECEMBER

Because of the Christmas program practices that will be held in December, there will be **NO** Sunday School or Confirmation classes for children and youth during December, EXCEPT preschool and kindergarten who will meet for Sunday School on November 30th and December 7th and then join the program practices on December 14th. The Adult Sunday School class will meet as usual throughout the month except for December 28<sup>th</sup>. All classes will resume as usual on January 4th.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

The children of St. Paul's (PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will present the Story of Christmas during the evening worship service on Christmas Eve. Program practice for youth in grades 1-8 will begin on Sunday, **November 30th**, at 9:00 am (during the Sunday School hour) in the Fellowship Hall and run each Sunday until Christmas. Preschool and kindergarten children will join the rehearsals starting December 14th.



## ADVENT DINNER

Our annual Advent Dinner will be held on Sunday, **December 7th**, after worship. This is a time for us as a congregation to celebrate the start of the Advent season and share in a festive program. Everyone who can is asked to bring a dish to share, but the meat and potatoes will be provided.





## COMING EVENTS

### WINTERFEST



Bundle up (depending on the weather) and celebrate with us the joy of the season! Winterfest will be held on Friday evening, **December 19th**, at our Grove Street property behind the church. Join us at any point in the evening starting at 5:30 pm. We will have a bonfire (guaranteed to keep you warm!) with hot chocolate, hot dogs, and other snacks. While we enjoyed the hayride and caroling that we did last year, we decided that this year we would just stay onsite and spend the evening around the fire. The church building will be open for restrooms or to warm up if necessary. Bring a chair, a blanket, a friend, and we'll see you at Winterfest!

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

St. Paul's will enjoy the story of the birth of Jesus on **Christmas Eve**. Worship will begin at 7:00pm. We will also have worship service on **Christmas Day** at 10:00am. Please bring your family and share this wonderful time of the year with your church family.



### POINSETTIA'S



If you would like to share a poinsettia with us, please bring them to the church before 9:00am on **Christmas Day**. They will be displayed in the sanctuary adding vivid color to the day's celebration.

### CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

Worship for the first weekend following Christmas will take the form of A Service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, **December 28th**, at 10:00 am. There will be no communion that morning. There will also be no Saturday Casual Worship service on December 27th.



Lessons  
and Carols

### SUNBEAM



The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **December 31st** at 3:00pm.

### FREE YOGA CLASS

Every Monday at 6:30pm at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



## DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

	October	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Target %
<b>BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS</b>					
ELCA	3,955.00	7,400. 00	(3,445.00)	53.45%	
World Hunger	1,925.92	2,000.00	(74.08)	96.3%	
Hope 5 one	3,526.25	5,000.00	(1,473.75)	70.53%	
CC Food Pantry	1,870.00	1,500.00	370.00	124.67%	
Seniors of North BC	780.00	-0-	780.00	100.0%	
Other	210.00	-0-	210.00	100.0%	
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>12,267.17</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>(3,632.83)</b>	<b>77.15%</b>	
<b>OFFERING</b>					
					Note A
Home Purpose	159,726.33	223,913.00	(64,186.67)	71.33%	83.33%
Building Fund 5%	8,406.69	11,785.00	(3,378.31)	71.33%	83.33%
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>168,133.02</b>	<b>235,698.00</b>	<b>(67,564.98)</b>	<b>71.33%</b>	
Building Use	1,858.00	2,750.00	(892.00)	67.56%	
Fair Stand, net	7,235.05	5,000.00	2,235.05	144.7%	
Float	952.00	800.00	152.00	119.0%	
Interest	12,069.39	-0-	12,069.39	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	25,833.65	-0-	25,833.65	100.0%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>228,348.28</b>	<b>260,148.00</b>	<b>(31,799.72)</b>	<b>87.78%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	Note B	598,385.57	260,148.00	338,237.57	230.02%
<b>Net Income</b>		(370,037.29	-0-	(370,037.29)	

### Cash and Investment Balance - October 31, 2025

Home Purpose	Building	Memorial	Crisis	Little Blessings	Seminary
Note C		Note D		Note E	
64,601.78	55,354.32	20,282.56	2,929.30	101,816.60	8,888.22



More financial information on page 9.





## TREASURER, CONTINUED

**Note A:** As of October 31, 2025 83.33% of the year has elapsed, however, offerings as a percent of budget are only 71.3%. This indicated that offerings are approximately \$19,600 short of budgeted amounts.

**Note B:** Includes \$253,802.85 in roof replacement expenses and \$12,800 for parsonage window replacement (both of which were paid from insurance proceeds) and \$82,162.58 in property acquisition costs. Additionally, property/liability insurance premiums of \$44,789.90 were paid which is an increase of \$24,000 from 2024.

**Note C:** Includes \$2,468.96 of Communities of Calling Funds.

**Note D:** Includes restricted amounts of \$15,000 for Little Blessings and \$1,096.89 for Sunday School.

**Note E:** Includes \$101,208.86 in grant funds.

### OFFERING

Thank you, St. Paul's, for your ongoing generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasures. The staff and leaders of the church work hard to be good stewards of your gifts and offerings. At the end of October our budgeted expenses are on track, however our budgeted offering income is behind nearly \$19,600. The major expenses and projects that we've undertaken this year have been entirely covered by insurance money we received due to our claim, so this budget shortfall is truly our everyday operating expenses. We wanted to make you aware of this as we have some yearend

expenses to cover and hope that you might consider helping us get closer to our budget with an additional gift before yearend. Thanks again for your ongoing support!



◆ Send a note.....

## NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Kris Barnes  
(friend of Julie Cronin)

Jon Beckman

Donna Braniff  
(niece of Paul Fuelling)

Deanna Browning

Joe Campbell

Scott Cash

Cliff Eckhoff

Debra Eichler

Ron Eickhoff

Joseph Fuelling  
(nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Jerome Goosen

Adam Gumbel  
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase  
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Larry Haase  
(brother-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Kathy Harms

Gordon Ives

Greg Ives

Norene Ives

Joyce Jones  
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Hazel Karstons

Susan Kyle

Marvin Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

David Mobely  
(brother-in-law of Randy Healan)

Jackie Ross  
(sister of Randy Healan)

Kylie Simon

Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield  
(friends of Melisa Balke)

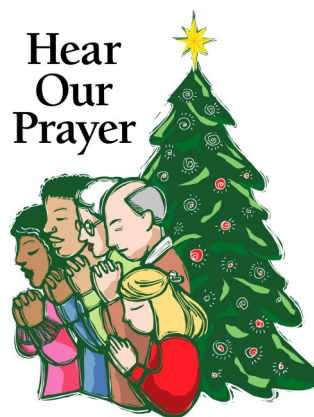
Carmilla Swaim & husband  
(friends of Debbie Eckhoff)

Robert Tatum

Nathan Vanderlinden

Judie VonHolten

Mike Wingerter  
(brother of Susan Goosen)



### ***\*Nursing Home\****

Vern Dean Bohling (*Anew #4*)

Larry & Judy Schlesselman (*Anew #19*)

Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #203*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC#207*)





# MILITARY

## MILITARY

Capt. Ashlie Colston

(daughter of Jon Beckman)

Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton

(son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and  
grandson of Judie VonHolten)

Whiteman Airforce Base

Private Braydn Hood

(grandson of Connie Gerken)

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MSgt. Jason Ostberg

(son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen)

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SSG Nick Smith

Whiteman Airforce Base

Major Joseph Strathman

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Henderson, NV 89011



## ANNUAL MEETING & NEW VOTING PROCESS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, **January 18th**. There will be a soup supper served in the Fellowship Hall right after the worship service, with the meeting beginning in the Sanctuary at 12:15 pm.

We're going to try something new this year. Instead of voting for positions on a paper ballot, we will be using handheld electronic voting devices. We tried out these devices during one of our midweek Lent services this past spring. While the voting process may take a few minutes longer and is a new experience, this will eliminate the half hour or so of hand-counting paper ballots.

So that you can try out these voting devices, you are encouraged to stay after worship on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, where we will have a brief test run. You will have the opportunity to see how they work before the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Council.

Annual  
Church  
Meeting



## ◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS****BIRTHDAYS:**

12/4 Shirley Logan  
 12/4 Lena Smith  
 12/6 Nicholas Dieckman  
 12/6 Beth Grother  
 12/8 Owen Rehmer  
 12/9 Jared Bredehoeft  
 12/9 Anne Goosen  
 12/9 Kaylan Poe  
 12/9 Kayla Sangster  
 12/10 Gannon Elliott  
 12/11 Dan Cronin  
 12/11 Tammie Heimsoth  
 12/13 Shari Farrington  
 12/13 Victoria Fox  
 12/14 Frank Kreisel  
 12/15 Hunter Anderson  
 12/15 Bryan Schlesselman  
 12/16 Virgil Holsten  
 12/17 Jaxen Daily  
 12/18 Tom Oelrichs  
 12/21 Jenna Nash  
 12/25 Chad Balke  
 12/27 Alisa Schlesselman  
 12/28 Scott Gerken  
 12/28 Cash McCameron  
 12/28 Milton VonHolten  
 12/29 Layne Keith  
 12/30 Jim Gumbel  
 12/30 Brandon Ives  
 12/31 Shirley Cash



December  
Birthdays

**BAPTISMS:**

12/1 Nicholas Dieckman  
 12/1 Alyssa Fowler  
 12/1 Kenneth Holland  
 12/2 Wanda Viebrock  
 12/3 Isaac Zeller  
 12/5 Landon Brandes  
 12/8 Marcy Cash  
 12/9 Leighton Alcorn  
 12/9 Lexi Goyette  
 12/9 Kathy Harms  
 12/10 Briggs Schlesselman  
 12/10 Brexley Schlesselman  
 12/10 Stacy Viebrock  
 12/11 Cathy Bailey  
 12/12 Dara Osoego  
 12/14 Arlene Schlesselman  
 12/16 Harley Balke  
 12/16 Dennis Moellmann  
 12/17 Clay Jackson  
 12/18 Randy Schlesselman  
 12/18 Rett Strathman  
 12/18 Heather Vanderlinden  
 12/18 Nathan Vanderlinden  
 12/19 Beth Grother  
 12/19 Blake Kreisel  
 12/20 Fabian Sangster  
 12/21 Stephanie Randall  
 12/22 Shari Farrington  
 12/22 Jacob Fowler  
 12/22 Tristan Fox  
 12/22 Mae Strathman  
 12/22 Anthony Kreisel  
 12/24 Ruby Sangster  
 12/25 Tammie Heimsoth  
 12/29 Reganne Thomas  
 12/31 Christina Donnell





## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

### ANNIVERSARIES:

12/13	Jack & Helen Tatum .....	66
12/17	Jordan & Emily Kyle .....	14
12/20	Paul Kelly & Sandy Schlesselman .....	39
12/29	Kash & Victoria Kruep .....	07
12/29	Robert & Sharel Wienberg .....	62



December  
Anniversaries



*Wishing you hope, love, peace  
and joy this blessed season of  
Advent and Christmas.*



*Pastor Stephen  
& Shirley*

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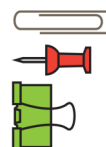
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OFFICE HOURS AND  
COMMUNICATION





◆ Susan Goosen, Church Council Secretary

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Congregational Council Minutes Wednesday, October 8, 2025

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

##### Upcoming Events

Oct. 9: Ask the Pastor  
Oct. 12: Hope5One Speaker  
Oct. 18: Gerken-Betts Wedding  
Oct. 25: Luetjen-Ramirez Wedding  
Dec. 19: Winterfest

##### Continuing Education:

Oct. 15 - 16  
CSS Fall Theological Conference

First Communion: On Sunday, October 5th, Lauren Jackson, Nora Mullins and Evan Randall received their First Communion.

Funeral: On Sunday, October 5th, Pastor presided over the funeral of Paula Harms. She was not currently listed as a member here, but she grew up in this congregation.

Cole Camp School Bus: Pastor will be subbing as a bus driver at the Cole Camp R-1 School.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget: Insurance for upcoming year was discussed and it was decided to go with the HDH-P 2000 select.

Evangelism: Hope5One will be here on October 12th after church service for a brief talk about offering hope and freedom from human trafficking and how we can help.

Parish Education: Sunday School and Confirmation classes are under way.

##### Property:

The cross may be ready to go back up next week.

Siding and addition to shed is on hold for the time being.

Committee will check into snow removal.

Repair is ongoing to the cemetery damage.

Elevette removal is pending.

#### Worship Attendance (in person):

Sept. 13: 15	Sept. 14: 120
Sept. 20: xx	Sept. 21: 155
	(Senior Sunday)
Sept. 27: 20	September 28: 114
Oct. 4: 8	Oct. 5: 136
	(First Communion)

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## COUNCIL CONTINUED

Stewardship: The committee will meet next week to finalize their work on the constitution and send it on to the Synod for approval. Hopefully this will be ready for the Annual meeting.

Worship: Met and discussed upcoming services.

The position of Church Secretary is still open.

Raises for the Daycare staff were approved.

We will pre-buy propane with Zollicker for 2000 gallons for \$3,800. The tanks will be moved soon.

Offering cards will go out the end of October.

January 18, 2026 is the date set for the annual meeting (January 25th in case of inclement weather).

### ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:54pm with the Lord's Prayer.



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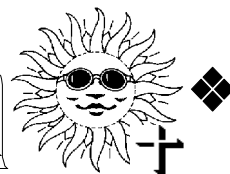
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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Hannah Schweitzer, .....	Parish Education
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Kelly Viebrock, .....	Property
Roy Wagner, .....	Property
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# St. Paul's Sunbeam



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St. Paul's Mission Statement  
"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S  
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Third Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

Christmas Day  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

First Sunday of Christmas  
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening  
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning  
10:00 A.M. - Worship

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online, or call us to receive a DVD copy:

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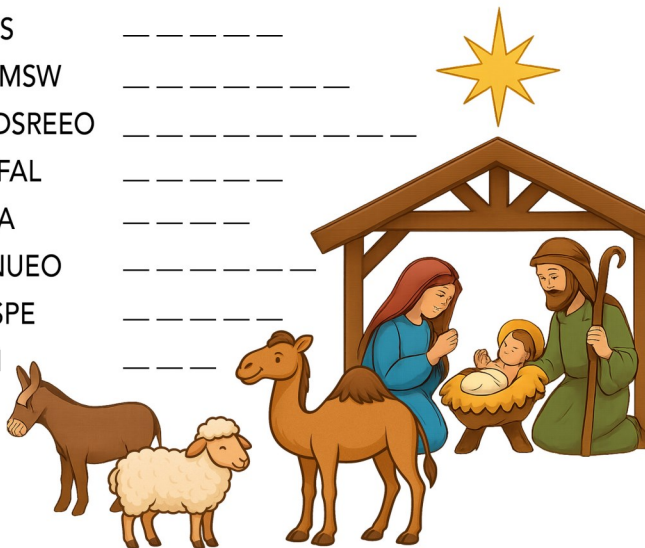
# DECEMBER ACTIVITY PAGE

## Puzzle!

### The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) NEAGLO \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) NRMEDAG \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) ODEKSNY \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) AMGYR \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) OHESJIP \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) EFJSUS \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) ITEENMSW \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) SPHDSREEO \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) EMCFAL \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) TLSRA \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) CSSNUEO \_\_\_\_\_
- (13) HEVSPE \_\_\_\_\_
- (14) ENIN \_\_\_\_\_



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9    10    11    12    13    14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

## Christmas Card treasures



Turn old Christmas cards into beautiful keepsake ornaments! It's a fun, simple way to give new life to cards you've received and add a handmade touch to your tree.

### What you need:

- Christmas cards
- Scissors
- Glue
- Circle pattern (cut from cardboard or trace around object)
- Hole punch
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glitter (optional)



### What you do:

1. Trace a circle onto two Christmas cards.
2. Cut out the circles and glue the backs together.
3. Decorate the edges with glitter or ribbon for extra sparkle.
4. Punch a hole at the top and thread yarn or ribbon through to hang.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.  
— James 1:17 (NIV)

