

'Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, *with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all— irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building." Ephesians 2:19 MSG*

'But As for Me'

Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

Pastor: God is Good!

Congregation: All the time, I am a witness!

Opening Song …….. **“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”**

Prayer

Psalm 73 Expanded Bible

73 God is truly good to Israel,
to those who have pure hearts.
2 But as for me, my feet almost stumbled;
My steps almost slipped
3 because I was envious of proud people.
I saw wicked people prospering.
4 They are not struggling;
their bodies are healthy and strong.
5 They don’t have troubles like the rest of us;
they don’t have problems like other people.
6 They wear pride like a necklace
and adorn themselves with garments of violence.
7 They are looking for profits
and do not control their selfish desires.
8 They make fun of others and speak evil;
from high they speak of exploiting others.
9 They set their mouth against heaven.
They say that they own the earth.
10 So their people turn to them
and give them whatever they want.
11 They say, “How can God know?
What does God Most High know?”
12 These people are wicked,
always at ease, and getting richer.
13 So why have I kept my heart pure?
Why have I kept my hands from doing wrong?
14 I am plagued all day long;
I have been corrected every morning.

15 God, if I had decided to talk like this,
I would have let Your people down.
16 I tried to understand all this,
but it was too hard for me to see
17 until I went to the sanctuary of God.
Then I understood their end.
18 You have put them in slippery places;
You cause them to fall into disaster.
19 They are destroyed in a moment;
they are swept away by terrors.
20 It will be like waking from a dream.
Lord, when You rise up, they will disappear.
21 When my heart was bitter
and my innards felt stabbed,
22 I was senseless and stupid.
I acted like an brute beast toward You.
23 But I am always with You;
You have held my right hand.
24 You guide me with Your advice,
and later You will receive me in honor.
25 Whom do I have in heaven but You?
I want nothing on earth besides You.
26 My body and my heart may become weak,
but God is my strength.
He is my portion forever.
27 Those who are far from You will perish;
You bring to an end those who are unfaithful.
28 But I am close to God, and that is good.
The Lord God I have made my refuge.
I will recount all that You have done.

Gospel ……. **Luke 12:7 International Children's Bible**

7 Yes, God even knows how many hairs you have on your head. Don't be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message ……..... **Laurie Lentz**

Message ……..……..……..... **"But As for Me"**

Worship Song …… **"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"**

Prayers / The Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession & Words of Assurance

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess our sins to You. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Holy Communion (*Communion is a time of quiet reflection and prayer.)*

Communion is by continuous table for those who want to come up. Others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance.
We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

Distribution Music ……. **"I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour"**
…….. **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**
……..... **"Gratitude"**

Announcements

Closing Song ……..…..……...……...……. **Doxology**

Benediction

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.
C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Postlude

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Serving Today

Minister ……..……..... Pastor Beverly Kelling

Ushers ..... Wayne Scholtz & Deb Cleary

Lector ……..... Kim Anderwald

Acolytes ……..…..... Kinslee Anderwald & Baylee Graff

Music …..……..... Jeanette Rath, Rick Brickles, Jody Jacobs

Nursery Volunteer…….…… Sarah & Ayelet Reus

The Altar flowers are given by Pat & Deb Cleary in loving celebration of their daughter Gabby's birthday.

Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly to the glory of God, Lord we are thankful for our many blessings!

Responsibilities ~ November 22nd

Flowers: Roberta Hennig

Sanctuary Lamp: OPEN

Ushers: Wayne Scholtz & Jenny Lessing

Lector: Bob Mayne

Acolytes: Laken DeLeon & Chloe Callis

Nursery Volunteer: Becky Burton

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"... pray without ceasing" ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Bubba Laughinghouse, Cynthia Nester, John Baxter, Chuck & Carol DeHaven, Imelda Gallardo, Larry Stewart, Fred Graff, Bob & Margie Mayne, Mike Thompson, Margaret Reus, Lynda Hook, Buffie Rogge, Pye Haass, Lizette Fischer, Rosalinda Rodriguez & Scott Mumme.

Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Brian Boehle, Loraine Miller, Ann Halbardier, Elaine Eccles, Mario Salazar, "Pye" Haass, Henry Nietenhoefer, Gladys Feller & Kathy Feller,

Active Military:

Ronnie Bailey, Ben Rath, Ethan Kammer, Will Winchester, Riley Lynch, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Heath Runnels, Madelyn Acosta, Sean Constante, Jimmy S. Rhodes, Les Armstrong, & Collin Bezely.

This Week's Birthdays:

Marcy Franke, Lilly Ann Garcia, Nelson Reus, Charleen Schuehle, Cory Brucks, Loraine Miller, Connie Moss, Greg Saathoff, Hannah Kelley & Brooke Lee.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 5th – 2pm-4pm Advent Tea

Dec. 6th – 5pm-6pm Children's Program Practice

Dec. 9th – 6pm Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 20th – 10am Dessert Auction
5pm Christmas Caroling

Dec. 24th – 6pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

"COME AS YOU ARE"

6pm Worship Services

November 25th – Evening of Thanks

December 2nd – Jason Sprenger

December 9th – Kid's Christmas Program

December 16th – Mark Nester

December 23rd – NO CAYA

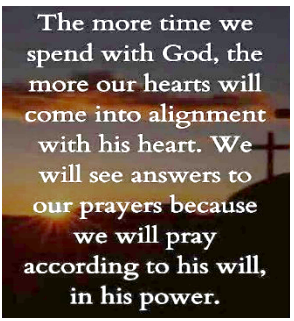
December 30th – Open Mic

January 6th - Geoff Weimer

How can we be praying for you?

Please reach out to members of our prayer team. We also have prayer boxes that are located at the entrances of the church. These requests are private and only listed in the bulletin, newsletter and prayer chain upon your request.

Don Krumrey (830) 741- 9991
Shirley Krumrey (830) 931 - 4311



TODAY IS TACO SUNDAY!
COME FOR SOME DELICIOUS TACOS AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH.

Anyone interested in helping with Angel Tree please contact Kara Cranfill (832)561-1695.

It is that time again. St. Paul Lutheran Church is responsible for ringing the bell for Salvation Army on Friday, November 27th at both entrances of Wal-Mart.

There are a few people in our congregation who are in need of assistance with rides to an appointment or outings. If you are interested call the office for more information.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS
Beginning in December the office will close at 3pm on Thursdays.
We are here till 4pm
Monday – Wednesday.

Upcoming Women's Advent Tea
Saturday, December 5th - 2pm - 4pm

The Women of St Paul will be hosting a Women's Christmas Advent Tea. This is a great way to start the Christmas Season. If you would like to decorate and host a table or have questions, please contact Faye Honig at (210) 680-3230.
Current prayer pals will be revealed at the Advent Tea and a drawing for new pals will take place. Don't forget to take a little something for your current prayer pal. If you are currently participating, your name will automatically be included for the new year. If anyone has questions or wants their name added for 2027, please reach out to Debbie Whitehead (210) 414-1005.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Sunday, November 22nd
9am Worship Service
YOUTH TACO SUNDAY
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Sunday School

Monday, November 23rd
9am-12pm Holiday Funtime
No Friends In Faith
No Bible Journaling

Tuesday, November 24th
7am Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, November 25th
Tacking Quilters
No BSF
No Highschool BSF Lunch
No Afterschool Bible Study
6pm CAYA Service
Youth following Worship
7pm Bible Study (A/C)

Thursday, November 26th
CLOSED
THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 27th
Office Closed
9am-5pm Salvation Army Red Kettle

Saturday, November 28th

Sunday, November 29th
9am Worship Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

Volunteers are needed for the nursery in the coming months. Sign-up in the Annex or reach out to Marilyn Graff. (830)426-1045



‘But As for Me’

How do you (will you) respond when you see the righteous suffer & the wicked prosper?

‘True & absolute freedom is only found in the presence of God.’ ~ AW Tozer

Why the ‘Almost’:

Where the Turning Point is found:

But as for me, my takeaway is:

‘You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.’ Psalm 16:11 ESV