

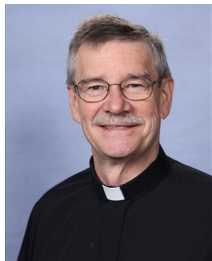


# CALL TO SERVICE

A PUBLICATION OF ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ☩ FAIRMONT, MN

## meet our STAFF

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### “Goodbye”

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever wondered why we say “Goodbye” to people when they are leaving? What does the word even mean? A reasonable guess would be we are wishing something “good” on those departing, but that wouldn’t be correct. The origin of the word “goodbye” (according to the all-knowing internet, and verified by my old Webster’s Dictionary) is derived from a 500-year-old English phrase, “God be with ye,” a farewell blessing, which was shorted to “goodbye.”

We said “goodbye” to Pastor Holmen and his family last month. The call he accepted to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church, Niles, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Buchanan, Michigan, because of the timing, meant either a wait to begin there until after Christmas or a quick move to be in place before the holidays began. He chose the latter.

God blessed our congregation greatly through the preaching, teaching, and servant leadership of Pastor Holmen. We know he and his family will be blessings at his new place of service. We sent them with more than our “best wishes,” but with a blessing, “God be with ye,” or “Goodbye.” The Lord God bless Pastor Holmen and his family!

### Calling a Pastor

Immediately after the Sunday Service, December 7, a Special Congregational Assembly meeting will be held in the church to discuss and decide on the direction we want to take in calling a second pastor. The Council of Deacons at their November 19 meeting recommended that the congregation call a pastor “from the field” (a pastor with experience and not seek a graduate from one of the seminaries without experience). Article 1 – The Divine Call Extended to Pastors, of the Bylaws lays out the process we follow to accomplish this (with the guidance of the District President).

### St. Paul Lutheran School Principal Call – Accepted!

A call was extended on November 23 to Mr. Harmon R. Butler, Jr., to serve as our school principal. Mr. Butler and his wife, Julie, visited our school and church Monday, November 24. He notified us November 26 that he had accepted and was planning to move to Minnesota over the Christmas break and begin service in January. Thank God!

### The Time of Christmas

Advent, the time of preparation for celebrating the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas, begins Saturday/Sunday, November 29/30. Advent Midweek Services will be held December 3, 10, and 17, at 6:30 PM. The last Midweek service will be the SPL School Service. Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 6:30 PM, and Christmas Day Divine Service at 9:00 AM. The New Year’s Eve Divine Service at 6:30 PM will round out the holiday season. I encourage you to attend these additional services to help us keep the “Christ” in “Christ-mass” in a world that has so many distractions and busyness pulling us in every other direction.

*In Christ,*  
*Pastor Bertram*



If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at [www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org) or call the CHURCH OFFICE (507-238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

## CLARA CIRCLE

Clara Circle will meet for their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, December 17th @11:30am at The Bean Town Grill.



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3) Thank you to all that helped make our fifth annual Gala Event a success. Many thanks to Dylan Kallemeyn, Tyler Garrison, Kathy Gratz, Lori Chirpich, and Hannah Northwick for doing a fantastic job as auctioneer, MC, and the baker ladies. They brought smiles and laughter throughout the evening!



Annual Gala

We thank everyone who bought tickets, donated items to be included in the auctions, bid on items in the silent and live auctions, and made cash donations. We appreciate those volunteers who were willing to help wherever they saw a need. Finally, thank you to the committee members who spent many hours planning and organizing the event. Our theme, *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*, is an expression of our gratitude to God for all the blessings He has given us.

# DEADLINE

January  
NEWSLETTER/  
CALENDAR  
DEADLINE

**Sunday, December 21st**

Email [pmeinert@splfairmont.org](mailto:pmeinert@splfairmont.org)

### Worship Services & Bible Studies:

#### **Worship Services:**

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Youth Bible Class & Youth Family Bible Studies, etc.**  
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.



#### **Other Worship Opportunities:**

##### **Sundays, 9:00 am**

Worship Service Livestream  
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

##### **Sundays, 10:00 am**

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

##### **Saturdays, 12:00 noon**

Worship Service on  
local cable access channel 12

## This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at [www.spfairmont.org](http://www.spfairmont.org)

### Altar Guild

December 6-7 ..... Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel  
December 13-14 ..... Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke  
December 20-21 ..... Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett  
December 27-28 ..... DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert

### Ushers

**YEAR-ROUND Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.**—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart  
**DECEMBER Sundays, 9 a.m.**—Bruce Peymann, Merle Boesch, Doug Closs, Chuck Schaefer, Chuck Schrader, Don Wohlrabe, Jeff Zarling, Rob True, Larry Behrens, Justin Jobe, Ben Rosol, Dale Ruschy, Matt Singleton, Ryan Singleton, Jacob Singleton

*If you would be interested in serving as an usher, please call Head Usher Dylan Kallemeyn, 507-236-6223.*

### Worship Service Assistants

Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. (Advent Midweek) ..... Jamie Tordsen  
Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. .... David Kumm, Rob True  
Sun., Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. .... Brad Appel  
Wed., Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. (Advent Midweek) ..... Larry Behrens  
Sat., Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. .... Jamie Tordsen, Jeff Eversman  
Sun., Dec. 14, 9:00 a.m. .... Josh Laven  
Wed., Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. (Advent Midweek) ..... Joe Kallemeyn  
Sat., Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m. .... Jim Harley, Jon Eversman  
Sun., Dec. 21, 9:00 a.m. .... Merle Boesch  
Wed., Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m. (Christmas Eve) ..... Dylan Kallemeyn  
Thurs., Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m. (Christmas Day) ..... Chuck Northwick  
Sat., Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. .... David Kumm, Rob True  
Sun., Dec. 28, 9:00 a.m. .... Justin Jobe  
Wed., Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m. (New Year's Eve) ..... Matt Northwick

### Acolytes

Evan Wubbena, Cale Betts

### Sunday Greeters

December 7 ..... Rod & Peggy Elbert, Dawn Waterbury  
December 14 ..... Russ & Joan Luedtke, Deb Bertram  
December 21 ..... Jim & Sara Utermarck, Lori Chirpich  
December 28 ..... Larry & Kris Behrens, Marv Goebel

### Fun Bags

*Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below*

1st Sunday/Mo ..... Lori Chirpich  
2nd Sunday/Mo ..... April Tordsen  
3rd Sunday/Mo ..... Chris Engelby  
4th Sunday/Mo ..... Angela Preuss  
5th Sunday/Mo ..... Joan Abel

### Attendance Cards/Pencils

*Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)*

Deb Eversman, Diane Schaefer, Amy Anders  
(Ruth Engelby and Richard Schultz, Subs)

### Saturday Funeral Volunteer

Josh Laven

## Council of Deacons

*Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:*

### POSITION

Name (Years) Phone

#### CHAIRMAN

Matt Northwick (3) ..... 507-236-1531

#### SECRETARY

Jeff Eversman (1) ..... 507-236-9140

#### BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (1) ..... 605-480-1982

#### CALLING DEACON

Doug Closs (2) ..... 507-456-1917

#### CALLING DEACON

Merle Boesch (3) ..... 507-236-4641

#### CALLING DEACON

John Hovick (3) ..... 507-236-1264

#### EVANGELISM

Rod Elbert (2) ..... 320-894-6882

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Dan Driscoll (1) ..... 507-525-4490

#### SCHOOL

Andy Walden (2) ..... 507-399-9770

#### STEWARDSHIP

Ed Ritter (3) ..... 507-317-4487

#### TRUSTEES

Mike Schroeder (2) ..... 515-341-1167

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Jamie Tordsen (1) ..... 507-230-0186

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## Congregational Assembly

#### PRESIDENT

Chuck Northwick ..... 507-236-0257

#### SECRETARY

#### TREASURER

Brad Appel ..... 507-236-8455



## SPL Gear Store

The SPL Gear Store has been updated and includes many designs. Now's a great time to make sure to get your Falcon gear ordered!

There are toddler through adult sizes of t-shirts and sweatshirts in a variety of colors and designs, as well as hats, mugs, tumblers, tote bags, and backpacks available.

All of these items would make great gifts, too!

<https://dstrophiesmn.com/spl-falcons/>



## Lutheran Laymen's League

The LLL will meet Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m., at The Ranch Restaurant. All members and those interested in the work of the LLL are welcome to attend. See you there!

## LSB Large Print Books Available

The school office has two large print *Lutheran Service Books* available for purchase at a reduced price of \$40 each. (This is \$10 off the regular price.)

## December Money Counters

Dec. 7—Greg & Nancy Gellert, Jim Utermarck  
Dec. 14—Roger & Pam Carlson, Tom Taylor  
Dec. 21—Greg & Nancy Gellert, Mike Schroeder  
Dec. 28—Roger & Pam Carlson, Greg & Nancy Gellert



If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office at 507-238-9491 or [pmeinert@splfairmont.org](mailto:pmeinert@splfairmont.org).

## December Basketball Schedule

12/04—Away at Trinity Janesville, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
**12/09—Home** vs. Worth. Christian, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
12/12-13—SJV Fairmont BB Tournament  
12/15—Away at Immanuel Lakefield, 4:15 B Girls, 5:15 B boys  
12/16—Away at SJV Fairmont, 4:00 B Girls, 5:00 B Boys  
**12/18—Home** vs. Immanuel Courtland, 4:15 B Girls, 5:15 B Boys

## January Basketball Schedule

**01/06—Home** vs. Trinity Janesville, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
01/08—Away at Immanuel Mankato, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
01/12—Away at Gen. Class, Acad. Winnebago, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
(Old Winnebago School Gym-132 1st Ave SE Winnebago, MN)  
01/15—Away at SPL Truman, 4:00 B Girls, 5:00 B Boys  
**01/20—Home** vs. SJV, 4:00 B Girls, 5:00 B Girls  
01/22—Away at Mt Olive, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
**01/26—Home** vs. Imanuel Lakefield, 4:15 B Girls, 5:15 B Boys  
**01/27—Home** vs. SPL Truman, 4:00 B Girls, 5:00 B Boys  
01/29—Away at Immanuel Courtland, 4:15 B Girls, 5:15 B Boys

## February Basketball Schedule

02/03—Home vs. Immanuel Mankato, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
**02/06-07—Home, SPL Fairmont B Team Tournament**  
**02/10—Home** vs. Gen. Class. Acad. 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys  
02/12—Away at Worth. Christian, 4:30 B Girls, 5:30 B Boys



**Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet?** Do you have a person or two on your list that you just don't know what to give them? While I know you are running short of ideas...dad doesn't really want another tie, and your kid's teacher doesn't need another coffee mug. It can be nothing short of maddening to try to figure things out in the middle of this busy season!

As stewards of all of life and life's resources, we know that life is more than giving gifts. We stewards never want to take anything the Lord provides for granted. During this season of Advent and Christmas, it is a great idea to do whatever you can to be a faithful steward of your pastor. Even more so than the rest of the year, the demands on their time, their presence and their stewardship of the Gospel in the congregation become heightened.

The demands on pastors can wear them down and wear them out. How does the steward in the congregation serve as a faithful steward of the treasure that is their pastor? Here are a few ideas:

Put them at the top of your prayer list. — Pray that the Lord guards them against the weariness that makes them susceptible to the work of the devil.

Make worship a priority — St. Paul admonishes the Thessalonians and us to respect those who labor among us. There is no greater way to steward your pastor than to respect him enough to show up and receive what he has been sent to offer in the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the Holy Sacraments.

Be receptive to his work — If your pastor is tasked with calling you to repentance or encouraging you to be in worship, know that he is only caring for your soul. Esteem him highly — Take the time to thank him for his faithful service to Christ, the congregation and your family.

Be at peace — This is an easy time for even minor annoyances to get blown out of proportion and become full-blown conflict. This not only spoils the season of Advent and Christmas, but it also spoils our stewardship of the Gospel and those who serve us in that Gospel. Remember that Jesus came into the world to be the Prince of Peace. This is an act of grace and mercy. The steward seeks to reflect this toward their pastor and their brothers and sisters in Christ.

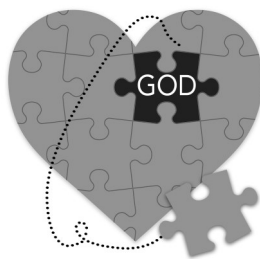
Stewardship at Christmas can be a challenge. Stewardship of your pastor during this time of the year is critical to our shared stewardship of the Gospel at a time of year when many are more open to hear and receive it.

~LCMS Stewardship Ministry  
[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## A Jigsaw Puzzle is on Display in the Narthex.

This serves as a visual aid in our progress in funding the Brick by Brick for a Firm Foundation project. Each puzzle piece represents \$800.00. When the puzzle is complete, the necessary funds for the preservation of our church will have been raised.

*Board of Stewardship*



## Mark Your Calendar

*Dates/times subject to change*

### Circles

#### Clara Circle

Dec. 10, 11:30 a.m.  
The Ranch Restaurant

#### Eve Circle

Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Room

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#### LWML

Dec. 12, 2:00 p.m.  
Kitchen Cleaning

*Each woman of the LCMS  
is a part of the LWML*

**Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League,**  
as the official women's auxiliary  
of the LCMS, encourages  
and equips women to live out  
their Christian lives in active  
mission ministries and to  
support global missions.

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## Lutheran Laymen's League

**Saturday, December 6th**  
9:00 a.m.  
The Ranch Restaurant



## CALL-EM-ALL OR TEXT-EM-ALL

Register on our website's Home page to be included any mass messages sent out to our members. (There is no need to sign up again if you have already registered.)



You are able to choose whether you want a text or phone message.

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[www.spfairmont.org](http://www.spfairmont.org)

## Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or [chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org](mailto:chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org). The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org), then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



## MLHS News

### Office Hours:

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ~ Monday through Friday  
Phone: 507-436-5249 • [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

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**This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee** is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to get into the Christmas spirit at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School! Don't miss this debut of Midwest musical gifts on the stage at the **Spectacula Virtuoso Dueling Pianos Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m.!** The amazing talents of Glenn Henriksen and Martin Luther Senior Jayson Matasovsky are teaming together for the first time to bring you the Christmas Spirit in song in the MLHS gymnasium. Glenn is a member of The Galaxy 500 Band and a keyboard entertainer who performs throughout the Midwest and down to Arizona. He has graciously agreed to partner with us and mentor Jayson in the first-ever event! Comfortable on the piano or organ, Jayson's talent inspires all who hear him. He welcomes this debut adventure to partner with Glenn's expertise to wow the audience in this holiday experience. Come hear Jayson before he goes off to entertain the world! Christmas treats and beverages will be provided. There will also be a "Festival of Trees" contest. Tickets are \$15 when purchased before November 30 online at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). After that date, they will be \$20.00 from the MLHS office.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will present a **Cacophony Christmas Concert "A NOT So Silent Night"** on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Students in the Elementary Band, Junior High Choir and Handbells, and High School Band and Choir will perform in the MLHS Gymnasium. Students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult and Mrs. Hannah Northwick. Admission is a free will donation.

**Martin Luther Christmas Break: December 22nd—January 5th.**





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***Thank you for keeping SPL School in your prayers!***

## AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE...

- Sermons in Glass Hardcover Book — \$50 (Limited Supply)
- St. Paul's Culinary Classics (Red) Cookbook — Sale Price \$10!
- Financial Peace University Book with 1-Year Online Membership — \$80 — SALE!
- SPL School Cookbook — \$10
- ESV Pew Bible — \$17
- Lutheran Service Book, Pew Edition (Hymnal) — \$30
- Luther's Small Catechism — \$20
- John Sagissor Limited Edition Print of Church — \$20
- John Sagissor Note Cards (6 cards/env's) — \$10
- Several Varieties "This Is Most Certainly Brew" Coffee — \$10 or \$11, as marked
- Hy-Vee Gift Cards (Quantities Limited, Various Denominations)



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- Rob True, 507-276-4651 (Secretary)
- Chuck Northwick, 507-236-0257
- Dave Johnson, 507-235-6953
- Larry Behrens, 507-848-4397
- Ed Ritter, 507-317-4487
- Jim Utermarck, 507-236-3942 (Chairman)
- Duane Rieland, 507-236-4442
- Ben Scheevel, 507-360-8609
- Pastor Holmen, 507-236-3605

## School Fundraisers

**COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM** — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

**RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING:** Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3-15%, depending on the retailer. Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition and other school expenses. Go to [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started. Questions? Contact Joan Abel, [jabel@splfairmont.org](mailto:jabel@splfairmont.org) or 507-236-9521.

**HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS:** Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$200,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

**SUBWAY CARDS:** If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com) or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

**OTHER PROGRAMS:** Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

**WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT** of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

**THE SCHOOL ALSO** collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.



## God's Blessings on Your Birthday!

Verlyn and Kay Sandersfeld .....	Dec 16
Joshua and Elizabeth Harris .....	Dec 18
Curtis and Terie Larson .....	Dec 20
Steph McFarland and Jason .....	Dec 22
Matthew Hardt and Mary .....	Dec 22
Matthew and Katherine Osborn.....	Dec 30
Jason and Cassandra Holtz .....	Dec 30
Tracy and Rochelle Bremer.....	Dec 31



Erin Johnson .....	Dec 2	Kyle Steuber .....	Dec 17
Zayne Day.....	Dec 2	Cadleigh Jobe .....	Dec 17
Odette Fast .....	Dec 3	Kirk Morris .....	Dec 17
Jamie Winter.....	Dec 3	Natalie Taylor.....	Dec 18
Julie Wolf.....	Dec 4	Adylen Laven .....	Dec 18
Brian Wille.....	Dec 4	Isaac Taplin.....	Dec 18
Paisley Driscoll.....	Dec 5	Hudson McKean .....	Dec 18
Brett Williams.....	Dec 5	Deb Eversman.....	Dec 18
Cecilia Roderick .....	Dec 6	Jerome Bulfer .....	Dec 18
Marissa Bernau .....	Dec 6	Mary Schmitt .....	Dec 19
Debra Waylander .....	Dec 6	Bruce Peymann.....	Dec 20
Benjamin Zarling.....	Dec 7	Jonathan Soucek .....	Dec 21
Dorothy Malo.....	Dec 7	Lori Mueller.....	Dec 21
Hans Hinrichsen.....	Dec 7	Tanner Thiesse.....	Dec 21
Susan Hackett .....	Dec 8	Lucille Steiner.....	Dec 22
Jeff Laue .....	Dec 8	Avery Sundeen .....	Dec 22
Debra Bulfer .....	Dec 8	Rick Schaefer.....	Dec 23
Tyler Schleininger.....	Dec 9	Cadon Clow .....	Dec 23
Ardis Schleininger .....	Dec 9	John Fritchman .....	Dec 24
James Cone .....	Dec 9	Pamela Carlson .....	Dec 24
Ethan Hurn.....	Dec 9	Virgil Berkland.....	Dec 24
Bob Bloomgren.....	Dec 10	Karla Marley.....	Dec 24
Joshua Mueller.....	Dec 10	Carol Nowicki.....	Dec 25
Deloris Lutz .....	Dec 10	Alexander Bertram .....	Dec 26
Nicholas Moeller.....	Dec 10	Rose Rosenberg.....	Dec 26
Sarah Krause .....	Dec 11	Donald Brammeier .....	Dec 26
Renee Benschoter .....	Dec 11	Joe Amy.....	Dec 26
Tyler Jensen.....	Dec 12	Joe Stauffer.....	Dec 27
Ramona Cody .....	Dec 13	Jesse O'Sell .....	Dec 27
Ashley Engelby.....	Dec 13	Angela Preuss .....	Dec 27
Emily Engelby .....	Dec 13	Susan Olson .....	Dec 28
Gayla Miller.....	Dec 13	Todd Steuber.....	Dec 29
Jodi Hackett .....	Dec 14	Amy Anders.....	Dec 29
Carter Halverson.....	Dec 14	Thad Leiding.....	Dec 30
Abby Roderick.....	Dec 14	Kevin Schleininger .....	Dec 30
Freya Preuss .....	Dec 14	Elaine Hurn.....	Dec 30
Eric Langhofer .....	Dec 15	Sutton Timm.....	Dec 31
Dawn Waterbury.....	Dec 16		

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	2 8:25am-School Chapel 6:30pm-Gala Meeting, FR	3 8:25am-School Chapel 9pm-Jan.FR 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5pm-School Board, FR 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Advent Midweek Service Choir-Following Service Truises, Ch.B.-Following Service	4 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger Deadline	5 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Goldfinch	6 9:00am-L.J.L., The Ranch 10am-Parish, Tree Set-up 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
	Pastor Bertram Out					
7 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS Congregational Assembly meeting-After Service	8 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off 7pm-Eve Circle, FR	9 8:25am-School Chapel 6:30pm-Stewardship, FR	10 8:25am-School Chapel 11:30am-Clara, The Ranch 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:30-Bells 6:30pm-Advent Midweek Service Choir-Following Service	11 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger Deadline	12 8:25am-School Chapel 2pm-Ingleside 2-4pm-LWML Cleaning	13 11am-Christmas Tour of Tables, Ch. B. 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
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<p><b>KEY:</b>            ChB = Church Basement            FR = Fellowship Room            ABC = Adult Bible Class            YBC = Youth Bible Class            YFBS = Young Family Bible Study            SS = Sunday School            AC = Adult Catechumenate</p>						
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## CALL TO SERVICE

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### *December Worship Schedule*

#### **Regular Worship Services**

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. (Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27)  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28)

#### **Advent Services**

*Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*  
December 3  
December 10  
December 17 (School Christmas Program)

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Christmas Day Service**

Thursday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **New Year's Eve**

Wednesday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m.



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