



ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

This Week – December 5-11

Monday	2pm After-School Bible Study 6pm Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Worship and Communion 7pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	9:15am MUMS 11am and 6pm Bible Class 6pm Women's Bible Class
Wednesday	11am Small Group Bible Class 12:15, 4:30 and 6:30pm Advent Worship 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6:30pm Confirmation and Wed. School 7:15pm Mixed Choir
Thursday	8:30am Board of Properties 5:30pm Board of Child Discipleship
Saturday	6pm Worship
Sunday	8 and 9:30 am Contemporary Christmas 8am Communion 9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School 11am Sunday /Wednesday School Christmas 12:15pm Voters Meeting

God's Blessings at St. Paul's Last Week

Attendance: Thanksgiving: 509 Online 159

November 26-28: 653 Online: 211

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,057/\$41,092	\$1,936/\$21,080	\$1,629/\$1,713
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$718	\$2,165	\$996	\$67,764

Memorials: Gene Rodewald - \$1,110 various funds; **Robert Berg** - \$600 TLC from family; **Timothy Koestler** - \$25 School Impr. Fund

Worship & Contact Info

Sermon: Pastor Nate Scharf **Liturgy:** Pastor Tim Smith
Organist: Kate Carlovsky and Steve Biedenbender
Contemporary: Diane Woods **Website:** splnewulm.org
Worship Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm
Church - 201 N State St **School** - 126 S Payne
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Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

December 3-5, 2022

Welcome to Members and Guests

The service is projected on the front screen or you can follow along in the blue Christian Worship hymnal, found in the pew racks. **Listening devices** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. A live recording of the sermon is posted on our website. Local cable channels broadcast services on Wednesdays at 10 am and 7 pm. We welcome parents with small children! There is a **nursery room** located on the north end of the Parish Center across from the offices, and a **quiet room** for infants located in the back of church. **Restrooms with changing tables** are located near the information desk (hallway) and across from the nursery and kitchen.

Please **join us for coffee, treats and fellowship** between services. Check out the **information desk**, located in the hallway beyond the fellowship area, for more info about St. Paul's Church and School as well as opportunities to connect. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible or becoming a member, please contact Pastor Scharf. **Bible Classes** are at 9:30 AM. **Library** is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom. Come, fill our hearts with your word. Forgive our sins. Strengthen our faith. Teach us your plan of salvation. Give us good works to do in response to your love. And when the evening of our lives descends, bring us safely to you forever in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Matthew 11:2-11; **Sermon:** Isaiah 35; **Email Devotions:** 1 Corinthians 3:19-4:5; **Hymn of the Day:** CW305-Lift Up Your Heads

News and Notes

Sunday Bible Class on December 4 will be on Christmas stories, led by Staff Minister Tom Benzing. Bible Basics topic is an overview of Buddhism. Couples' Bible study also meets in the library.

Christmas for Families is scheduled for Saturday, December 17. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to hear from the Shepherds and others in Bethlehem about the great news of Jesus' birth! Come anytime between 9:00-11:00 am and hear about the first Christmas, decorate cookies, play games, do a craft, and participate in other activities. Hope to see you and your family there!

We are in need of helpers to make crafts, decorate cookies, serve snacks, and a few actors. If you are available to help with Christmas for Families, please contact Mr. Kuschel.

Special St. Paul's Advent Services - Need some help keeping Jesus Christ as the reason for this Christmas season? Come to St. Paul's and bring the family for our next upcoming Advent Services on December 7 and 14 at 12:15, 4:30 pm, and 6:30 pm. **At 5:15 pm, we invite you for a meal in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. Please contact the church office if you can help serve and/or bring desserts.**

Good Grief Group - Buddy the Elf would say that the best way to spread holiday cheer is to sing loud for all to hear. He could be right. But you don't feel much like singing or even smiling. Sometimes, our feelings need to catch up with our faith. We will discuss the proper place our feelings have in our Christian faith, especially when we are facing grief and loss. Come, join your fellow Christian friends on December 13 at 6:30 pm for our next Good Grief Support Group. We will wrestle with this question: *It's the "Happiest Time of the Year" but I'm Sad. What's Wrong with Me?*

Church Decorating - Thank you to all who help decorate our church for the various holiday seasons. We thank God for you!

Connection Cards - Our Board of Elders thanks you for signing a St. Paul's connection card every time you worship (noting who comes with you to worship and communion). Please leave the connection cards in the pews for the ushers to collect after services.

Scrip - Reminder, the following cards are available for purchase in the school and St. Paul's church offices: Kwik Trip \$25 and \$50 (5%), McDonald's \$10 (10%), Subway \$10 (4.5%), HyVee \$50 (3%) and Arby's \$10 (8%). E-gift cards are available anytime, and we are placing an order for physical gift cards on Friday, December 9 at 12pm. Shop on the Raise Right website or in the app.

Volunteer Help Needed - Help is needed on Monday, December 19 to move the risers that are used for the children's Christmas Eve Service. Meet at 3:30 pm at the school on Monday, December 19. Contact the school or church if you can help.

Band Concert - All are invited to the St. Paul School Band Concert on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. The Raider Band and the Junior Band will perform. Come and join us!

OWLS Meeting - The Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on December 12. Fellowship begins at 11:30am with a catered ham dinner at noon (cost covered by Thrivent money). The Christmas party will include the singing of Christmas carols and several games. RSVP to Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Monday, December 5.

Christmas Cards are available for purchase in the hallway. The prices are \$7 for a box of 12 cards and \$9 for a box of 20 cards. Individual Christmas cards are also available for \$1 each from the card rack. All proceeds benefit the ministry of St. Paul's.

Men's Dartball is starting up on December 12 at 7pm in the lower level dartball room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Any male player in eighth grade or older is eligible to play. This is a great opportunity for new players to get involved in fun and fellowship. Interested players should contact Myron Fluegge by phone: 507-359-2424 or email: flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Dec. 7

The MLC alumni office invites all W/ELS members to join a group attending the Dec. 10 matinee of Les Miserables at the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis. Tickets are just \$35. You're also welcome to join a March 1-12 travel tour out west. To register visit bit.ly/lesmis22 (theatre) or bit.ly/la2nu (tour). Contact Steve Balza (alumni@mlc-wels.edu or 507-217-1731) with questions.

Keep in Your Prayers... Liam David Kral, baptized on Sunday.