



St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Divine Service on Sundays @ 9:00am, on Wednesdays during Advent— December 3rd, 10th & 17th at 6:30pm, Children's Christmas Program, December 14th at 5pm, December 24th at 6:30pm and 11:00pm, December 25th at 9:00am, December 31st at 6:30pm



Advent season is here. We will be serving a meal at 5:00pm. The dates are December 3rd—LYF will be serving "Soup Flight" variety of soups, relish, rolls and desserts, December 10th— Altar Guild is serving Potato bar, desserts, December 17th—Stewardship is serving hot sandwiches and sides – Ham, Chicken and Maidrites, Chips, relish and desserts



Flower chart for 2026 will be ready in a few weeks. Please stop by and sign up for a special day



Bible Studies— Adult Bible Study/Sunday School on Sundays at 10:30am
Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00am
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Lutheran Confession class everyone is welcome will meet in December except for December 25th and January 1st.

Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00pm. The Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 PM. We have 2 practices at church that participating children should attend: Sunday, December 7 from 10:15-11:30 AM and Sunday, December 14 from 10:15-11:30 AM.

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted) Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for December. We highlight children's, decade, and 80+ birthdays. We highlight the 1st year, each 5 years, and 50+ years wedding anniversaries. Please let us know if you would like other birthdays and anniversaries added to the highlighted list. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

Dec. 1 – Pat Dellamuth, 80 – 201 Douglas St
Dec. 1 – Sonia Slevinski, 50 - 203 Clark St.
Dec. 1 – Ethan Uhlmann, 9 – 121 Country Club Rd
Dec. 3 –Dalton Harper, 12 - 1349 Keokuk Iowa Rd, Webster, IA 52355
Dec. 7 - Jacquelyn Garringer, 16 – 1210 W State St
Dec. 16 – Shirley Walters, 90 – 100 Village View Circle #356
Dec. 25 – Macy Berg, 2 – 404 W Welsh St., P.O. Box 680

Blessings to Lana & Tyler Fox on the birth of a healthy baby boy, Jack Levi Fox. Grandparents are Ted & Sandy Miller

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Larry Dellamuth. Larry died on November 24th. Larry is the husband of Pat Dellamuth, father to Mike (Sandy) Dellamuth, David (Joi) Dellamuth, Michelle (Michael) Piersol, grandfather to Brianna Dellamuth, Seth Dellamuth, Andrew Piersol & Hannah Piersol, brother in law Ken (Jolene) Schaefer. Funeral service was held here at St. Paul on Wednesday, November 26th.

Prayers—Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital.

Karen Von Ahsen, 108 Bailey Park Rd, prayer for her strength for her ongoing treatments for cancer.

Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Eleanor Wichmann who died on November 19. She is the mother of Kenny (Gloria) Wichmann, grandmother to Clint (Elizabeth) Wichmann, great grandmother to Jacob and Liam Wichmann, and Megan Mailes.

Christian Service—no meeting in December— is once again helping The Love Network supply gifts to local individuals and families for Christmas. They have over 80 tags and we are asking St. Paul members to pick up one of the 30 tags our church has been given.

Near the west entrance you can pick up one of the red cards on the small metal tree. After purchasing the item(s) listed on the bottom part of the red card, attach the top part to your wrapped gift and return it to where you picked up your card. All gifts will need to be returned before Dec. 1st.

Christian Service Members: Monica Miller, Arlene Arp, Karen Harrison, Deb Knock, Brooke and Evan Uhlmann, Peggy Wardenburg

Evangelism News— next meeting will be on December 9th at 5:30pm. Trunk or Treating was once again held in our church parking lot Oct 31. About six cars participated and about fifty trick/treaters were given candy and religious items. Check the church website for pics. Evangelism met Nov. 12 and also assisted with the packing of the **Samaritans's Purse Christmas shoeboxes**. An overwhelming amount of donations were collected by LIS and our congregation to pack 40 Christmas boxes for children age 5-9. Monica Miller will deliver these boxes to the collection point in Washington IA to be delivered to families in Florida who were hit with natural disasters in the past months. **Thank you** once again LIS and St. Paul for your overwhelming response to this mission project!!

We will run ads in the Hometown Market Place for Advent services and meals and plan to serve Sunday morning goodies on Dec. 7. Evangelism plans to sponsor **"Undie Sundays"** in January for Orphan Grain Train. *"Blessed Holidays"* from St Paul Evangelism Committee, Bonnie Furler, Evangelism Chairperson

Evangelism Members: Bonnie Furler, Arlene Arp, Joi Dellamuth, Pat Dellamuth, and Monica Miller

Drivers: If you would like to help take church members to doctor appointments in the Williamsburg area, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, contact Karen Harrison 319-530-7414

If you need food or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The HACAP Food Reservoir distributes food boxes at the Presbyterian church from 10-12 on the first and third Thursdays each month.

Iowa County Food Bank – call Suzanne at 319-668-1375, Sherry at 319-551-7452 or Audrey at 319-721-7640.

If you need clothes, check out the following places: Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

Crowded Closet 851 Hwy 6 E, Ste 101, Iowa City, IA 52240, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

Good Will/Coralville 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

Good Will/Iowa City 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

Once Upon a Child – quality used children's clothing – next to Hy-Vee in Coralville

The Attic, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

Salvation Army/Iowa City – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

Elders Meeting December 28th right after the worships service

Fellowship—is in need of people to sign up to provide a snack/drinks after our Sunday worship service. There is a sign up sheet available on the west entrance on table before the Fellowship Hall.

Highland Ridge service December 14th at 2:00pm, December 23rd at 5:30pm

LIS School Board meeting - December 16th at 7:30pm

Library Adult Books

Stories behind the Great Traditions of Christmas by Ace Collins

The cheer of a crackling hearth fire. Colorful cards from friends and loved ones. An evergreen tree festooned with ornaments. The golden traditions of Christmas--gifts, wreaths, stockings, carols, mistletoe, and more--infuse our celebration of the season with meaning and glowing memories. And, in ways you may not realize, they point us to the birth of Christ. *Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas* reveals the people, places, and events that shaped the best-loved customs of this merriest of holidays. Here are spiritual insights, true-life tales, and captivating legends to intrigue you and your family and bring new luster and depth to your celebration of Jesus' birth. Discover how - after eighteen centuries of all but ignoring the event, churches began to open the door for believers to commemorate Jesus' incarnation. - the evergreen tree, once a central theme in the worship practices of pagan cultures, came to represent the everlasting love of God. - the magi's three gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--are filled with spiritual symbolism. The traditions of Christmas lend beauty, awe, and hope to the holiday, causing people all over the world to anticipate it with joy. The stories in this book will warm your heart as you rediscover the true and eternal significance of Christmas.



Children's Books

Itsy Bitsy Christmas by Max Lucado

When Itsy and Bitsy, two charming little mice, hear that a King is coming to Bethlehem, they set off with great enthusiasm to find Him. Along the way, others discourage them saying they are too little and unimportant for any king. Just when Itsy and Bitsy begin to believe they really aren't big enough for the new King, they learn that Christ the King has indeed come for everyone.

In Bethlehem Town by Patricia A. Hoffman, Illustrated by Nancy Munger

As the story unfolds, you remove puzzle pieces from the cover until a surprise picture is revealed! It's fun! And it's so much more than a storybook!

Parish Ed

Adult Bible Class Sundays at 10:30am

Sunday School at 10:30am (except on December 7th & 14th)

LYF not meeting in December

Confirmation Class 7th & 8th grade 6:00pm Wednesdays (except on December 24th & 31st)

First Communion Class 5:30-6:00pm—Wednesdays December 3rd, and last class is on December 10th

Lutheran Confession Class will meet on December 4, 11, 18th.

Lutheran Confession Class on Thursdays, December 4th, 11th, & 18th at 6:30pm we are studying the Book of Concord. Everyone is invited to attend, members, nonmembers, Lutherans and non-Lutherans. Anyone who wants to grow in a right understanding found in Scripture of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This class is for everyone

Please contact the church office with any new phone numbers, no longer have a land line, new cell phone number, got married, divorced, moved, off to college, had a baby we would appreciate an update on the changes.
stpaullemsgwburg@gmail.com , 319-668-1266 Thank you!



From the Quilters Corner: The *Piece Makers* will not be meeting during the month of December to celebrate the Peaceful Season of Christmas. Watch the bulletin for a start up date in January.

First Day of Winter December 21st

Merry Christmas

December 2025

Monthly Planner

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Capital Improvement Campaign

Greetings,

As many of you know, the \$125 for 125 campaign kicked off back in late 2022. We have already raised over \$70,338.84 for capital improvements. What a blessing!

If we continue towards our goal, which is for each communicant member to donate \$125 a year for the next 5 years, we can still hit our \$500,000 goal! These funds would help the congregation pay for capital improvements and give us another reason to celebrate in 2029!

We ask that you prayerfully consider this campaign above your normal monthly offerings. Just remember to put "125 for 125" on your offering envelope.

Thank you all for your continued support of this campaign!

Any Questions please contact:

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Board of Elders

Stewardship Board

Board of Trustees

Congregational Chair

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE - December 2025									
DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	ORGANIST	SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS	STEWARDSHIP (to count)	HEAD USHERS	USHERS	
				PA OPERATOR					
		ELDER							
Sandy Dellamuth, Eilyn Kozishek, Jolene Schaefer, Laurie Thompson									
3-Dec		Michael Ramsey							
6:30pm				Peggy Wardenburg	Advent				
7-Dec	Evelyn Finnegan Leah Sitas	Mike Dellamuth	Deb Knock Kenton /Kim Doehrmann	Karin Malloy Rhonett Wardenburg		Eilyn Kozishek Joi Dellamuth Monica Long	Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer	
10-Dec		Michael Ramsey		Karin Malloy	Advent				
6:30pm									
14-Dec	James Long Sam Schaefer	Mike Dellamuth	Karol Lacher Ted & Sandy Miller	Pat Dellamuth Mike Dellamuth		Erica Wardenburg Gary Stourac Seth Dellamuth	Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer	
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14-Dec					Children's Christmas Program				
5:00pm					Advent				
17-Dec		Michael Ramsey		Pat Dellamuth					
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24-Dec		Michael Ramsey		Peggy Wardenburg	Christmas Eve		Loren Timm		
6:30pm									
24-Dec		Kasey Garringer			Midnight service				
11:00pm				Peggy Wardenburg Rhonett Wardenburg					
25-Dec	James Long Gannon Uhlmann	Michael Ramsey	Russ & Bonnie Furler	Pat Dellamuth Matt Schaefer	Christmas Day				
9:00am									
28-Dec	Gannon Uhlmann Wyatt Uhlmann	Mike Dellamuth	Jeannie Schwarting Beryl & Nancy Shifflett	Pat Dellamuth Matt Schaefer		Rhonett Wardenburg Megan Finnegan Deb Garringer	Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer	
9:00am									
31-Dec		Michael Jepson		Karin Malloy	New Year's Eve				
6:30pm									
	Joleen Timm, Brooke & Graceyn Uhlmann			January					
4-Jan	Brianna Goad Evelyn Finnegan	Brett Kozishek	Joleen Tim Richard/Judy Wardenburg	Rhonett Wardenburg		Eilyn Kozishek Joi Dellamuth	Loren Timm	Matt Schaefer Brett Kozishek	
9:00am									

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November 30, 2025

TO: St. Paul Lutheran Church Members

Dear Fellow Members:

"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High" – Psalm 7:17

By the grace of God, we have been blessed with a generous gift from our late brother in Christ, Richard Schaefer. In accordance with his final wishes, we have established a memorial fund to continue the annual December matching gift program. All December donations to St. Paul's operating expenses—including the general fund and mission donations—will be matched at a rate of 50 cents for every dollar received, up to \$100,000 in contributions. This means matching funds could total \$50,000, for a potential combined impact of \$150,000. In response to this outpouring of thanks to God, our gifts to the Lord's work are immeasurable.

The Stewardship Board is setting a goal of \$100,000 in December donations in order to maximize the benefits of this gift. This is many times the normal monthly giving total. Reaching this goal will enable us to cover all December expenses and carry enough funds into the new year 2026 to help cover possible future operating deficits.

We encourage you to prayerfully reflect on the blessings you have received and consider giving a special offering in addition to your regular offering. Remember that these donations become worth 1 ½ times the actual amount of your offerings.

You may give by placing your donation in an offering envelope and dropping it in the collection bag during any service, by using our online giving link on the church website, or by mailing or delivering it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact a Stewardship Board member.

Please give generously in order that we may reach or exceed our December financial goal and end the year 2025 on a positive note. God's blessings as we labor in his vineyard here at St. Paul together. *"Each one must give as he had made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."* – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Sincerely,

Stewardship Board



LIS Panther Proclaimer December Church Edition



First Trimester Honor Roll

Congratulations to all of our 5th – 8th graders who earned their way on to the honor roll.

4.00 – Megan Mailes, Evelyn Finnegan, Charlie Lieb, Kaelyn Dietrich, Dalton Harper, Kylee Roberts, Ada Greene, Katelyn Lieb, McKenzie Pirkel, Gabi Uhlmann and Trae Stoltzfus

3.667-3.999 – Leah Sitas, Charlie Arp, James Long, Ty Pirkel, Hudson Steinkamp, Wyatt Uhlmann, Brody Caskey, Samantha Loy, EmmaMaye Wardenburg, Ryder Van Zuiden, Bristol Finnegan, Will Strasser, and Myla Yelland

3.00-3.666 – Gannon Uhlmann, Liam Roggentien, Brynnleigh Heitman, Martin Gil, Isabella Brennehan, Kinnick Grobe, Sophia Kendall, Pierce Burke, Henry Long, Landon Pankow, Orion Simmons, Oliver Tuttle and Luke Strasser

Sponsor Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who helped our surprise gift for the students. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give a special shirt to all of the 4 year old preschool through 8th grade students with the Christmas story printed on it. We will be wearing these during chapel and a few other events though Epiphany.

Christmas Card and Wreath Pick Up

We will be distributing all of the poinsettia and wreaths on Tuesday, December 2 after school until 6:00 pm. Thank you for your support!

Athletics

Our volleyball and flag football seasons came to a close in November. The kids had a great time competing and improving their skills along the way.

The flag football team ran the table winning all of their regular season games and sweeping the tournament. Congratulations on the championship season!

Our volleyball teams competed strong all season. Our varsity girls improved each week. They were not able to finish the season as well as they wanted, losing both of their matches but they competed in both. The JV team was led by some strong 5th and 6th graders and grew week over week. They came up just short, losing in the championship match.

Thank you to all of the coaches, parents and grandparents for providing this opportunity!

Chili Supper

It is that time of year again! Mark your calendars for Friday, January 9th. If you are interested in making donations please reach out to the office. There will be more information shared about ordering when we get closer to the date.

Chapel Offering for the Second Trimester

Our second trimester is devoted to our “Hearts for Jesus” program that is supported cooperatively between all of our Iowa East schools. This year we are helping support school ministries in Belize, Peru and the Dominican Republic. Some of the schools need materials like desks and basic teacher/office items. Another provides meals each day for about 40 students.



