

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*"Proclaiming and Serving CHRIST
In the Heartland and Beyond"*

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

To aid in your worship at St. Paul's, the following services are available. Just contact an usher.

Large Print Music.

Children's Busy Bags.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired.

The Fellowship Hall serves as our nursery

St. Paul's celebrates Holy Communion at each Worship Service. All who stand in need of God's forgiveness, grace and love are invited to receive this great gift of the Sacrament.

You have a place at this Lord's Table!

(Gluten free wafers available.)

(at this table red is wine, white is grape juice)

Our Order of worship is from the booklet "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen. © Copyright 1990 by GIA Publications, Inc. International Copyright Secured All Rights Reserved.

A synopsis of this Order of worship is printed inside this leaflet. We have also listed the location of the bible readings and song pages for easy reference.

All Music is from the ELW (Red Hymnal)

Now the Feast and Celebration Order of Worship

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Prayer of the Day

First Lesson

Isa 35:1-10

Psalmody

Luke 1:46b-55

Hymn

"Wait for the Lord" sing x2

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Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

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Matt 11:2-11

Sermon

Pastor Leif Espeland

Hymn of the Day

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	12/15	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	12/16	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
Wednesday	12/17	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Church Council Bible Study Cancelled Advent Service at UCC supper to follow
Thursday	12/18		
Friday	12/19		
Saturday	12/20		
Sunday	12/21	9:00 a.m.	4 Sunday of Advent Setting: Monson

This Week's Texts: Third Sunday of Advent (also on web calendar)

Isa 35:1-10 Luke 1: 46b-55 James 5:7-10 Matt 11:2-11

Lay Reader: Heidi W.

Next Week's Texts: Fourth Sunday of Advent (also on web calendar)

Isa 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Rom 1:1-7 Matt 1:18-25

Lay Reader: Mona W.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH LEFSE

The lefse makers met the last 2 Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October and the first Tuesday and Wednesday in November. One hundred+ dozen lefse were made.

The Fellowship Committee met and approved expenditures of \$500.00 to each of the Hackensack, Pine River, and Walker Food Shelves. The committee also approved \$500.00 to Faith in Action. (The lefse project contributes to the Fellowship Committee.)

There was a balance of over \$4,000.00 in the Fellowship Fund before the lefse project. The lefse project generated \$1,661,.00. The gifted expenditures were \$2,000.00. There is still a balance of over \$3,800.00 in the Fellowship account.

All expenses for the lefse project were paid for with the Thrivent Action Team card.



Annual Committee reports are
Due the 9th of January

(Annual report must be available by February 1st)



We have a
puzzle exchange

on the shelves
in the narthex.

Take a couple
home to enjoy!

The church library in the conference
room is full of many Christian novels



that you might
enjoy reading.
Take the ones
you want to read
and return them
when finished.

Christmas Families 2025

*Once again, St. Paul's will be getting
names from Family Safety Network of
several local families that can use our
help. Last year, through your
generosity, we were able to provide
some joy to make Christmas special for
several families.*

Thank you!

*If you would like to make a contribution
for this year's families please mark
your donation Christmas Families.
Donations will be taken until the first
week in December. If you would like to
shop for a family please contact
Laura R.*



Upcoming Church Council Elections – 2025 Annual Meeting (Feb 15, 2026)

At this year's Annual Meeting, we will be electing several key leadership positions: President, Vice-President, and two Council Members at Large.

President (2-year term)

- Presides over congregation and council meetings
- Ensure resolutions and duties are carried out
- Signs official documents and provides leadership to all committees and the Pastor
- Conducts meetings according to Christian principles and parliamentary procedure

Vice-President (2-year term)

- Acts in place of the President when needed
- Becomes President if the position becomes vacant

Council Members at Large (3-year term)

- Provide general oversight of the congregation's life, worship, mission, finances, property, and staff
- Help guide long-term planning and annual budgeting
- Meet monthly (or as needed), including via remote options
- Limited to two consecutive terms

If you're interested in serving or nominating someone, please speak with a member of the St Paul's Council