



# THE PROCLAIMER

October, November,  
& December 2024

*The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to hear, share, and proclaim the Word of God.*

## **PENTECOST GROWTH**

I love the days of fall and the guidance that church seasons give me spiritually. I also need to put the church advice into language that catches my attention as we live our busy days of the faith.

Round and round, church seasons go...  
Pentecost comes, will I GROW?

I have learned that Pentecost, a long season, should also be a season of growing! We are SO blessed during this interim time at St. Paul with opportunities for learning and growth. I am so very thankful for the wonderful Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have stepped up during this time. God has blessed us in so many ways: We have experienced a summer of abundant rainfall; we have the blessing of Pastor Ward teaching a growing Sunday School class and delivering God's Word each Sunday in a powerful way; we are thankful for our staff, our church council, and our call committee in this time of transition. When we sing "We Are the Church", we hear and recognize that our GREATEST TREASURE are the people of God who work tirelessly and constantly so that the work of ministry will go on. So, I invite you to count our blessings of this year with me and then look forward to how we can continue to grow during Pentecost.

Two young people have begun the process of Confirmation. Let's show them our love and support. We have very special young people that you constantly support through "Noisy Bucket" offering and attendance at many of their activities. We have shut-ins that cannot worship in the ways they once did. Let's pray for and keep in touch with them.

In October, we will have some special activities. On Sunday, October 13th, we have the opportunity for an Oktoberfest and Polka Worship, followed by Reformation Sunday where we remember the bravery and leadership of Martin Luther. Let's take part in these growing activities with enthusiasm and encouragement of others.

Pentecost reminds me that a special part of growth is following the words of Jesus. I am reminded of the visual of a life preserver and the words... "Jesus Saves Our Souls."

In the September 14<sup>th</sup> article of "Christ in Our Home", I was blessed by the message that Jesus was sent into the world as our lifeguard. Our amazing Christ comes to us through His words at all stages of life. I grow in Christ every time I remember the story of the 12 year old Jesus left behind in the temple. When we read the words of Luke 2: 47-49, we hear the words of parents frustrated with their missing child, but do we REALLY take to heart the wisdom in the answer young Jesus gave- "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Wow! This is the formula for true growth in my Pentecost story!! Let us go forward together in Pentecost and all seasons with love, service, thankfulness, and truly being present!

In Christ's Love, Ann Mahnken

## **OKTOBERFEST AND POLKA WORSHIP**

Sunday, October 13

In celebration of our German Heritage. Singing hymns (in English) to Polka tunes! Special music by our "kinder" (children). Followed by a German themed meal.

## **MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Morning Bible Study group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. Hostess for October 2 is Sherie Clarkson. We will meet at her home, 305 Spruce Street. Leader will be Cynthia Bauer. November 6 hostess will be Linda Geistweidt. December 4 Christmas brunch will be at the home of Alberta Birk, 1597 Old Mill Creek Rd. Members are asked to bring an appetizer type food to share. All women of St. Paul are invited.

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3**

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, as we come forward to receive Holy Communion, a member of our congregation will read aloud the names of loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant! You will be invited to share names of your loved ones who have died in the faith so their names may be read.

## **CHRISTMAS LUMINARY NEWS**

The 2024 Journey to Bethlehem Drive-Thru Christmas Luminary is scheduled to be held Sunday, December 8.

The location is Fort Mason City Park, and the time is 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Set up at the park will begin at 2:00. Please be at the Children’s Church Auditorium at 5:00 to dress for this event. More details will be shared as they become available. Admission is free.

**PREPARING FOR THE 2025 MINISTRY PLAN**

It is time for all Standing Committees to prepare budget requests for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee will begin work on the 2025 Ministry Plan at a meeting in October. Committees should submit their budget requests to the Church Office or Del Roy Reichenau, Stewardship Chair, by no later than Wednesday, October 9. The 2025 Ministry Plan will be submitted to the Congregation Council at their November meeting.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



Each Christmas season the Altar Guild uses poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. As in past years, you are invited to purchase a poinsettia(s) in love or memory of a loved one.

Order envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin on Sundays, December 1st and December 8th. Please fill out the information on the envelopes, place your payment in it and insert it into the marked box in the narthex. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 11th.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

2025 offering envelopes will be available to members on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes will be placed on the table in the narthex. If you would like to use the envelope system and haven’t in the past, please let the church office know.

**MONTHLY CALENDAR**

The monthly calendar is available upon request by print or email. You may also view our calendar on our website or church app. Please notify the office for more information, [stpaulmason@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmason@gmail.com) or 347-5582.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

Annual reports will be due in the church office on Thursday, January 2, 2025. All committees and organizations of the church are expected to turn in reports. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**ST. PAUL CELEBRATES OCT. BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Tallon Eckert
- 4 Bob Capps
- 5 Dreu Bearden
- 6 T McIntosh
- 10 Raina Todd
- 12 Brooke Stockbridge
- 14 Justin Yonker
- 15 June Durst
- 18 Hudson Terrell

- 18 Jenna Jacoby
- 22 Connie Smith
- 23 Jaxson Reichenau
- 24 Ron Birk
- 26 Baylee Owen
- Walt Reichenau
- Amy Capps
- 27 Janette Tomlinson

**ST. PAUL CELEBRATES NOV. BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Garrett Allen
- Chel Terrell
- 4 Kimberly Hengst
- Lisa Atchison
- 5 Cason Jacoby
- 11 Kenley Stockbridge
- 14 James Brooks
- Knox Wenzel
- Stone Wenzel
- 18 Grant Nobles
- 19 Rylee Owen
- 20 Jo Ann Lindemann
- 24 Angela Gammill
- 26 Krystal Eckert
- 27 Karlinda Yonker
- 28 Reegan Evans
- Tanner Reichenau
- 30 Judy Lehmberg
- Dan Barton

**ST. PAUL CELEBRATES DEC. BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Kinsley Atchison
- Cindy Bowden
- 2 Bridget Langdale
- 3 Paulette Keller
- 5 Nicholas Gierisch
- Lynda Harris
- 7 Ty Martin
- 8 Reece Evans
- 9 Dubby Johnson
- Bonnie Schmidt
- 11 Christian Gammill
- 12 Sherry Martin
- 16 Zachary Langehennig
- 23 Mike Parrish
- 26 Carolyn Loeffler
- 28 John Parrish

If your birthday or a family member’s birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please let Deb Probst know @ 325-597-2832 or [dcpobst@hotmail.com](mailto:dcpobst@hotmail.com). Thank you for helping us with this project.

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

The new AC system was installed and working great.

**PROCLAIMER PUBLICATION**

The Proclaimer will be published 4 times each year in January, April, July and October.

**OFFICE HOURS**

St. Paul Lutheran Church Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM

**SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

January: Del Roy Reichenau/Janet Schmidt  
February: Carolyn Loeffler/Deb Probst  
March: Jeff Owen/Mark Lehmborg  
April: Harold Albers/Joe Keller  
May: Rachel Schmidt/Janet Schmidt  
June: Nancy Brown/Jenna Jacoby  
July: Del Roy Reichenau (Lynn)/Helen Habecker  
August : Jeff Owen/Mark Lehmborg  
September: Paulette Keller/Lynn Reichenau  
October: Del Roy Reichenau  
November: Harold Albers/Carolyn Loeffler  
December: Nancy Brown/Helen Habecker

**SCHEDULE FOR USHERING**

January: Jerry Bearden/Walt Reichenau  
Rex & Connie Smith/Harold Albers  
February: Penny Ruthven/Glenn Nebgen  
Debbie Nebgen/Bridget Langdale  
March: Bill Grace/Mike Goff  
Cindy Bowden/Cathy Grace  
April: Jerry Bearden/Del Roy Reichenau  
Walt Reichenau/Mark Lehmborg  
May: T McIntosh/Paulette Keller  
Mike Goff /Bert Mahnken  
June: Jeff Owen/Austen King  
Judy Lehmborg/Nancy Brown  
July: Matt Schmidt /Joe Keller  
Cynthia Bauer/Janette Tomlinson  
August : T McIntosh/Harold Albers  
Jerry Bearden/Mike Goff  
September: John Gillespie/Chad Schmidt  
Cynthia Bauer/Nancy Brown  
October: LeEster Burch/Chris Habecker/Mike Parrish  
Carolyn Loeffler/Bert Mahnken  
November: Mark Lehmborg/Nicholas Gierisch  
Janet Schmidt/Youth  
December: Jim Bob Smith/Josh Brooks  
Cynthia Bauer/Jerry Bearden

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE**

Congregational Giving: \$16,128.15  
Expenditures: \$16,622.58

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY**

Congregational Giving: \$14,676.83  
Expenditures: \$18,356.81

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST**

Congregational Giving: \$20,089.00  
Expenditures: \$18,127.67

**YEAR TO DATE - THIRD QUARTER MINISTRY**

**PLAN CONTRIBUTION GOAL:** \$161,432.25

**YEARTODATE - THIRD QUARTER MINISTRY PLAN**

**PROJECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$177,255.10

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Rev. Mark Ward Supply Pastor  
Mrs. Ginny Barlow Church Administrator  
Mrs. Ann Mahnken Youth Coordinator

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**STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORY**  
**FOR OCTOBER**

**Lay Reader:** Joe Keller  
**Communion Assistants:** Deb Probst & Del Roy Reichenau  
**Council Rep. on Duty:** Bob Vacek  
**Bell Ringers:** Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff  
**Speaker System:** Bob Vacek & Mark Lehmborg  
**Ushers:** LeEster Burch, Chris Habecker, Mike Parrish, Carolyn Loeffler, and Bert Mahnken  
**Property Person on Duty:** Gayland Thorn  
**Altar Guild:**  
Flower Chairman: Nancy Brown  
Parament Chairman: Debbie Nebgen  
Communion Chairman: Sherry Schmidt  
**Memorials:** Church Office 347-5582 or Linda Geistweidt 347-6236

*We wish to thank those who have so graciously contributed their time and talents toward the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.*

**STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORY**  
**FOR NOVEMBER**

**Lay Reader:** Helen Habecker  
**Communion Assistants:** Harold Albers & Carolyn Loeffler  
**Council Rep. on Duty:** Mark Lehmborg  
**Bell Ringers:** Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff  
**Speaker System:** Bob Vacek & Mark Lehmborg  
**Ushers:** Mark Lehmborg, Nicholas Gierisch, Janet Schmidt, and Youth  
**Property Person on Duty:** Walt Reichenau  
**Altar Guild:**  
Flower Chairman: Paulette Keller  
Parament Chairman: Kassi Reichenau  
Communion Chairman: Helen Habecker  
**Memorials:** Church Office 347-5582 or Linda Geistweidt 347-6236

**STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORY**  
**FOR DECEMBER**

**Lay Reader:** Lynn Reichenau  
**Communion Assistants:** Nancy Brown & Helen Habecker  
**Council Rep. on Duty:** Chel Terrell  
**Bell Ringers:** Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff  
**Speaker System:** Bob Vacek & Mark Lehmborg  
**Ushers:** Jim Bob Smith, Josh Brooks, Cynthia Bauer, and Jerry Bearden  
**Property Person on Duty:** Bill Schwarz  
**Altar Guild:**  
Flower Chairman: Sherie Clarkson  
Parament Chairman: Connie Smith  
Communion Chairman: Bonnie Schmidt  
**Memorials:** Church Office 347-5582 or Linda Geistweidt 347-6236

*Wishing you the comfort of His love,  
And the presence of His peace.  
Merry Christmas  
From the Staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church*