

The Clarion
December 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Worship service/ Sundays/Communion @ 9:00am, Wednesdays/Communion @ 6:30pm



Bible Studies— Tuesday morning Men's/Women Bible Study at 9:00am

Blood Drive here at St. Paul on December 2nd starting at 3:00pm

Book Study— Thursday evenings at 6:30pm “The Spirituality of the Cross” You are welcome to come to the Bible study whether you buy the book or not.

Last Sunday Before Christmas Trivia and Brunch Potluck: Bring your favorite brunch dish and join us for fun, food, and fellowship *right after the Divine Service on December 22*. There will be a Christmas Bible Trivia game with exciting prizes for the top three scores! Everyone is invited, even if you aren't able to bring a dish, I am sure there will be plenty of food. Hope to see everyone there!

Advent season is coming up quickly. We will be serving a meal before the 6:30pm worship services if someone signs up to serve one. The date that is still available is: Dec. 18th. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving one of the meals which start at 5:00pm

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 - Ethan Uhlmann, 8 - 121 Country Club Rd, PO Box 981
Dec. 1 - Robert and Carol Helle, 45th - 907 Terry Dr
Dec. 3 - Dalton Harper, 11 - 1349 Keokuk Iowa Rd, Webster, Ia 52355
Dec. 3 - Andrea Nebergall, 50 - 300 Franklin, PO Box 1202
Dec. 4 - Vernon and Shirley Schmidt, 64th - 2512 U Ave.
Dec. 5 - Jade Pasturczak, 8 - 182 Rogers Dr
Dec. 5 - KayLynn Martinson, 11 - 403 Long St.
Dec. 7 - Jacquelyn Garringer, 15 - 1210 W State St.
Dec. 7 - Richard Wardenburg, 82 - 2557 F52 Trail, Parnell, IA 52325
Dec. 8 - Brad Miller, 60 - 2784 310th St, North English, IA 52316
Dec. 12 - Joshua Huber, 2 - 685 W South St, Marengo IA 52301
Dec. 12 - Malakai Huber, 2 - 685 W South St, Marengo IA 52301
Dec. 14 - Coleman Carder, 12 - 909 SW 1st St, Eagle Grove. IA 50533
Dec. 14 - Norman and Lorraine Grimm, 68th - 2993 H Ave., North English, IA 52316
Dec. 16 - Shirley Walters, 89 - 100 Village View Circle #356
Dec. 22 - Ben Roberts, 20 - 2206 200th St, Marengo, IA 52301
Dec. 25 - Macy Berg, 1 - 404 W Welsh St PO Box 680
Dec. 26 - Gavin Wardenburg, 12 - 2669 240th St.
Dec. 28 - Dale Lane, 60 -204 West St., PO Box 565
Dec. 30 - Robert and Helen Kozishek, 52nd - 2399 L Ave.

Prayers

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

Carolyn Crew, cancer treatment, 114 Hampton Circle
Alyssa Perry, (Barry & Lori Kahler daughter) continue her cancer treatment.
Catherine Trimpe 1406 W Welsh St., breast cancer

Karen Von Ahsen, 108 Bailey Park Rd, prayer for her strength for her ongoing treatments for cancer.
Mellissa Zuber, testing, 1926 Q Ave, Marengo, IA 52301

Blessings to Millie Kruse who is being baptized November 17th. Millie is the daughter of Gavin and Amanda Kruse, great granddaughter to Russell & Bonnie Furler. Grandparents. Sponsors are Megan Finnegan, Bryson Mumm, Braden Mumm.

Blessings to Rylan Cleve Smith who was baptized on November 24th. Rylan is the son of Kenisha Doehrmann and Zach Smith. Grandparents Kenton & Kim Doehrmann. Sponsors are Chloe Roberts and Channing Fraker.

Sympathy and Prayers

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Duane Von Ahsen. Duane died on October 29th. Duane is the brother of Bonnie (Russell) Furler. Funeral service was on November 4th here at St. Paul.

Drivers: If you would like to help take church members to doctor appointments in the Williamsburg area, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, please contact Theresa Heitman at twheitm@gmail.com or 319-530-0548.

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

Christian Services has met to plan distribution of our annual fruit baskets and small gifts for our shut-ins. Those will be distributed during the month of December by our committee members.

Thank you to all of those that picked up a Love Network Card and purchased a gift for those that need a little help during Christmas. St. Pauls fulfilled 30 requests this year.

We want to Wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas and thank you for your support during this year.

Elders Meeting December 29, 2024

Evangelism meeting on December 10th at 5pm

Trunk or Treating took place in our church parking lot on October 31 at 5:00 which followed the Williamsburg Trick or Treating around the square. Thanks to those who participated:) In November, **Hygiene supplies** were collected at St. Paul for the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Clemons IA. These items are badly needed both in the US and abroad due to natural disasters and war. Enough items were received for about 20 kits. On Tuesday Nov.19, Russ and Bonnie Furler along with Carrie Kuesel, delivered the hygiene kit supplies along with 93 quilts made by the “Piecemakers”, in a small trailer to the Clemons IA warehouse. While there they witnessed a shipping container on a truck departing for the Republic of Georgia located in Eastern Europe and Western Asia. 1500 boxes containing clothing, medical equipment, quilts, bedding, hygiene supplies, toys and books will take between 6-8 weeks to reach this very poor country bordered to the north by Russia. The Clemons organization and generous individuals amazingly also pay for the cost of shipping which is around \$13,000. Also in November, this congregation collected children’s items to pack in shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse**. Students at the LIS assembled the boxes and the St. Paul LYF packed them at their meeting. Monica Miller will take them to the drop-off location in North Liberty to be shipped around the world for Christmas. For some children this will be the only present they ever receive. **God bless all of you**

here at St. Paul for your generous donations to any or all of these worthwhile projects. “*In as much as ye have done unto the least of my brethren, ye have done unto Me*”. Parents be watching for our **Christmas handouts for children** at the December church services. Details in church bulletins. In Christ, Bonnie Furler for the Evangelism Committee

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 bulletin board.

Highland Ridge service on December 8th at 2:00pm.

Library

Adult Books

Echo by Jonathan Fisk

Christianity is not the ability to memorize or recite from books of Scripture or doctrine. It is not magic. It is not a social club, counseling group, or self-help support group. It does not promise that you will be healthy, wealthy, wise, or even happy.



Christianity is a truth, a truth first heard at the beginning of time that has echoed to this present age. A truth so profound that no man can master it, yet even a child can learn it.

Jonathan Fisk introduces his readers to that truth. He lays it out as simply as a child counts to 10 on his fingers. Yet in training to hear the Echo, the reader will come to understand that the wisdom Fisk imparts is bottomless.

Fisk teaches nothing less than the distilled, unbreakable Christian Echo, the very thing that has radically changed humanity in every nation and tongue in which it has ever been repeated. It is the most astoundingly complete description of what life is and why it is worth living. And it's worth repeating. Again.

Walther's Hymnal: Church Hymnbook is the first of its kind: an English translation of the first official hymnal of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This was the hymnal that C.F.W. Walther edited and used. The hymnal provided Christians throughout the LCMS a common experience during the synod's early years in America, in the same way that *Lutheran Service Book* provides a common experience today.

Now presented for the first time in English, this is an invaluable resource for history enthusiasts, church musicians, and anyone who wants insight into how our forefathers sang and prayed. This is a chance to share in that song and prayer of the saints gone before us.

Matthew Carver, MFA, is a translator of German and classical literature. He resides in Nashville, TN, with his wife Amanda and their young son, where they pursue interests in art, orthodox Lutheran theology, liturgy, and hymnody.

Children's Books

Baby Jesus Prince of Peace by Carol Green

Baby Jesus, Prince of Peace, an evocation of Luke 2:1-16 for children, is sure to bring the true meaning of Christmas to light for you and your loved ones with its beautiful rhymes and colorful illustrations.

Bethlehem Town Where Jesus Was Born by Patricia A Hoffman

Based on the Christmas story as revealed in Luke 2:1-19, this book tells about the birth of Jesus. Beautiful illustrations and a whimsical rhyme help young children learn that the tiny baby born that night brought love, peace, and salvation for everyone.

L.I.S. School Board meeting— December 17 at 7:30pm

Youth Group — The St. Paul's, Immanuel, St. John's (Homestead) and St. John's (Victor) youth group is asking any students currently in grades 8-12th and also any college freshman if they are interested in attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans to please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:45. Please note that if you are unable to attend the meeting you can reach out to one of the following for information or let us know of your interest in attending. We will be needing a final number for registration submission by later in November.

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Important Information:

- We will be asking each attendee for \$150 to hold your place with the group.

Dates for the event are July 19-23rd (please note this is during the Iowa County Fair). Typically, you need to account for a day or two before and after for travel time.

Parish Ed

Wednesdays —Midweek grades 2nd—6th grade at 5:30pm
7th & 8th grade Confirmation class at 7:15pm

From the Quilter's Corner: The Piece-makers have been busy!!! - Two quilts were given to newly baptized babies in November. - 12 quilts have been delivered to St Paul Methodist "Attic" and the Presbyterian church for those in need during the holidays and beyond - 93 quilts were delivered to the Clemons warehouse on Nov 19 for distribution world-wide. - There is a supply of "comfort quilts" here for members and families of St. Paul. The quilters are taking a break for the holiday season and will "pick up our stitches" where we left off on Mondays starting January 13, 9 to 11:30 am. New stitchers always welcome;) Blessings to Your and Yours this Holiday Season, Bonnie Furler for the Piece-makers

Please contact the church office with any new phone numbers, no longer have a land line, new cell phone number, got married, divorced, moved, had a baby we would appreciate an update on the changes. Thank you

St. Paul will be closing the financial books on December 29, 2024

Jesus is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE - December 2024									
DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	ORGANIST	PA OPERATOR	SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS	STEWARDSHIP (to count)	HEAD USHERS	USHERS
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1-Dec 9:00am	Piper Finnegan	Michael Ramsey	Kenton/Kim Doehrmann Rosemary Felzer	Karin Malloy Rhonett Wardenburg			Leon Snyder Sandy Dellamuth Jolene Schaefer	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer
4-Dec 6:30pm		Michael Ramsey		Karin Malloy		Advent			
8-Dec 9:00am	Ledger Jepson	Michael Ramsey	Russ & Bonnie Furler Loring/Theresa Heitman	Peggy Wardenburg Mike Dellamuth			Rhonett Wardenburg Brianna Dellamuth Gary Stourac	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer
11-Dec 6:30pm		Michael Ramsey		Peggy Wardenburg		Advent			
15-Dec 9:00am	Landon Kilgard	Michael Ramsey	Deb Knock Laurinda Kraft	Karin Malloy Sonya Uhlmann			Michelle Piersol Megan Finnegan Amanda Kruse	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer
18-Dec 6:30pm		Michael Ramsey		Karin Malloy		Advent			
22-Dec 9:00am	Megan Mailles	Michael Ramsey	Karol Lacher Ted & Sandy Miller	Karin Malloy Matt Schaefer			David Dellamuth Kasey Garringer Ellyn Kozishek	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer
22-Dec 5:00pm						Children's Christmas Program			
24-Dec 6:30pm		Mike Dellamuth		Peggy Wardenburg		Christmas Eve.			
24-Dec 11:00pm		Michael Ramsey	Helen Ramsey	Peggy Wardenburg		Christmas Eve.			
25-Dec 9:00am		Michael Ramsey		Karin Malloy		Christmas Day			
29-Dec 9:00am	Liam Roggentien	Michael Ramsey	Marilyn Murphy Jeanette Peirce	Peggy Wardenburg Sonya Uhlmann			Erica Wardenburg Kelsi Cox Peggy Wardenburg	Richard Schaefer Loren Timm	Seth Dellamuth Steve Knock Kasey Garringer
31-Dec 6:30pm		Michael Ramsey		Karin Malloy		New Year's Eve			

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study/SS 10:15 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments	2 3:00 PM Blood Dr.	3 9:00 AM Men's & Women's Bible Study	4 5:00 PM Meal served by LYF 5:30 PM Midweek Gr. 1-6 6:30 PM Worship/Advent/ Communion 7:15 PM Confirmation/gr 7-8	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Children's Christmas practice 10:15 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments 2:00 PM Highland Ridge	9	10 9:00 AM Men's & Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Evangelism Committee	11 12:45 PM Early Out 5:00 PM Meal 5:30 PM Midweek Gr. 1-6 6:30 PM Worship/Advent/ Communion 7:15 PM Confirmation/gr 7-8	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship/ Communion/Adult Choir 10:15 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Children's Christmas practice 10:15 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments	16	17 9:00 AM Men's & Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM LIS Board	18 5:00 PM Meal 5:30 PM Midweek Gr. 1-6 6:30 PM Worship/Advent/ Communion 7:15 PM Confirmation/gr 7-8	19	20 12:45 PM Early Out	21 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice First Day of Winter
22 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 Christmas Bible Trivia Breakfast Brunch	23	24 6:30 PM Christmas Eve/ Communion 11:00 PM Christmas Eve/ Communion late service	25 9:00 AM Christmas Day/ Communion	26	27	28
5:00 PM Children's Christmas Program						
29 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study/SS 10:15 AM Elders Meeting 10:15 AM Fellowship/ Refreshments Financial Books closing today	30	31 6:30 PM Worship/ Communion New Year's Eve	No School			

January 25						
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November 24						
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LIS Panther Proclaimer December Church Edition

SCRIP Note

Just a reminder that SCRIP is still available during the week in the school office. Please see Monica or Bill during regular school hours and we will be happy to fill your order. You may also connect with your weekly sales person after church.

3D Printing Club

We have 12 students participating in the club this year, which is outstanding! Please be sure to thank Rowdy and Monica for their leadership in this. We definitely appreciate all of their time!

Chapel Offering for the Second Trimester

We have begun gathering offerings for our second trimester. Our offerings will be going to an organization called, "Phil's Friends." They send care packages and cards of encouragement to those battling cancer. This is a coordinated effort among all of the Iowa District East schools.

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help with small projects, concessions and other athletics jobs. Please consider helping out and enjoying the satisfaction of lending a helping hand. If you have a grandchild in the school, your time can be used towards volunteer hours.

Chili Supper

The initial planning steps for our annual chili supper are getting underway. If you would like to help out in the kitchen or with deliveries, please let Shawna Dayton or the school office know. There are MANY opportunities to donate time and goods. More information about helping and ordering to come. Please watch your bulletins!

Band Teacher

We are still searching for a band instructor for the school year. If you have any potential candidates, please contact Bill or Monica in the school office.

Christmas in Williamsburg

Are you one of those people who loves to spread Christmas cheer? We have our annual community Christmas concert coming up on Saturday, December 14. You can join and be a part of the mass choir. You could bake some goodies and donate them for the bake sale. You can even volunteer some time and help with setup and clean up! If none of the above work out, please set aside the time and enjoy the concert as a member of the audience. It is a great way to celebrate!

LIS Volleyball and Football Tournaments

LIS volleyball teams had a great showing this year. Our varsity girls finished 5th in the tournament while the JV finished 4th. Our football team finished in 3rd place. Way to go Panthers!

A special thank you to Corey Kuesel, Tony Long and Aaron Loy for sharing their time and talent coaching the football kids. Likewise, to Kate Caskey, Jenny, Lori and Todd Walter.

LIS Gala 2025

The Gala committee has set April 26 as the date for our 2nd Annual Gala Event. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details.



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November 18, 2024

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 are once again blessed with an anonymous donor family who is willing to match all December donations to St. Paul's operating expenses (general fund and mission donations) at a rate of 50 cents for every \$1.00 received, **up to a maximum of \$100,000 in giving** (matching funds would total \$50,000) for a possible total 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, repay borrowed funds from the Education House sale proceeds, and carry enough funds into the year 2025 to help cover possible future operating deficits.

Please pray and reflect on your blessings 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: **a \$100 donation becomes \$150; a \$500 donation becomes \$750; a \$1,000 donation becomes \$1,500; a \$5,000 donation becomes \$7,500;** and so forth.

Your donations may be given by placing them in an offering envelope and dropping them in the church offering bag at any church service. You may also bring your donation in or mail it to the church office. If you have 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 2024 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

