

+++THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

Pastor	Kene Whybrew	Secretary	Sue Bowers
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Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Patsy Lenz		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir Sings
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve Service Grace
WED.	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service @ St. Paul's
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	LYF @ St. Paul's
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia

December 22 8:30: 157 Year Ago: 160 Sunday School: 54

Welcome Merry Christmas — yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ's birth, I invite you to bask in the goodness of God. Welcome! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Seminary Student News: Gifts of \$1000 each were sent to adopted seminary students Micah Brown and Hunter Kinnison in November. Thank you for your financial support of our future pastors.

Please keep both students and their families in your prayers. They would love to hear from you with a card or note,

2025 Elected Officers The elected officers for 2025 are as follows: President - Gerry Schlechte, Vice President – Otto Rincker, Secretary - Lisa Rincker, Treasurer- Bob Schlechte, Elder – Heath McCormick, Church Trustee- Don Telgmann, Sunday School Superintendent- Diane Jack, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent - Troy Uphoff, Head Usher – Gary Kull, Stewardship – Kay Dust. We extend our thanks to all who have served and continue to serve as officers.

Thank you for serving as church officers Dalton Storm has been our Head Usher for the past four years. Karen Kull has been the Sunday School Superintendent for the past four years. Jim Weiss has been the Vice President for the past three years. Mark Luce has been an Elder for the past six years. Our church has been blessed by your faithful service.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Dec 22	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,737.00	\$ 987.00
year-to-date	\$ 181,125.00	\$200,287.56	\$19,162.56
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Dec 22	\$ 481.00	\$ 295.00	\$ -186.00
year-to-date	\$ 23,531.00	\$23,354.00	\$ -177.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$9,540.00
Building \$575 Trintiy \$505 Seminary Student \$225 LYF \$125 SS \$450			
Higher Things \$100			

Dec 18 \$ 418.00 (Advent)
Dec 20 \$3,285.00 (ACH)
Dec 22 \$3,309.00

- 1/6 6:30 PM Council Meeting 1/7
- 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 1/8 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 1/9 8:30 AM Blanket making

Congratulations We rejoice that a son, Beau Eugene, was born to Isaac and Mariah Kramer December 18, 2024. Grandparents are Erin and John Mueller and Kevin and Chris Kramer. Great grandparents are Rodney and Karis Riley and Bruce and Danyele Boaz.

Offering Envelopes You can pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the narthex. You can begin using them on **January 5, 2025.**

LYF Soup Luncheon The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dine-in and To-go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 12th!

January LYF Meeting The January LYF meeting will be held on Sunday, January 5th at St. Paul's, 6:30pm. Following the meeting, members will be preparing for the soup luncheon.

Mites Sunday Mites Sunday will be January 5th.

Council meeting The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th at 6:30.

Thank you Thank you to the Trustees and members who brought me goodies at Christmas. Everything was greatly appreciated. Sue

Birthday Celebration Rosemary Schlechte will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on January 10th. If you would like to send her a card, she would enjoy hearing from you. Her address is: Rosmary Schlechte, 1103 N Maple St., Apt #5, Effingham, IL 62401.



ANNIVERSARIES

29-Gary* & Mary Brehmer
30-Jesse* & Rachel Wallin
1-Brendon & Renea* Bowers

BIRTHDAYS

29-Mariah Williams
Stephanie Tracy
3- Tim Lenz
4-Anna Schlechte;
Lisa Shelton

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Christian & Jenna Merriman, Muriel Merriman, Patrick & Leigh Merriman, Janice Moomaw,
Zachary Moomaw, Luke & Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker, Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Debra Richards
Karla Tabbert	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,
Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV Accident)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father) stroke
Zona Doty (Health)
Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25

4TH Year Student

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2ND Year Student

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan)
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825

1st Sunday after Christmas – Setting Three

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. Refrain

D 5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the_ eternal Three in One. Refrain

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto
God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Sings “Clear Was the Night” (Besig/Price)

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

- 1 Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

D 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore;

We praise You evermore.

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Sermon Luke 2:22-40 “Holy to the Lord”

Offertory

LSB 192

C ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.***

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For strong hearts set on the certain grace of God, that we would sing His praises boldly and so bring His Holy Word to dwell richly within us, now and to all generations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord’s blessing on the whole Church on earth, that Christ’s people may set their hearts and minds on the things above and, in love, be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our families, that they would be harmonious in God’s love and ruled by Christ’s peace; that the Word of Christ would dwell richly among us; that fathers and heads of the household would teach and admonish their families in all wisdom; and that our songs, words and deeds would be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who await the second advent of our Savior, that our gracious Father would give us the faithful patience of Anna to endure in our vocations and do the good works prepared in advance for us to do, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those suffering wounds of body and soul, that our gracious Father would heal them according to His will and sustain them unto the day of the resurrection of all flesh, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we, like blessed Mary, may know what is worthy of our attention and what will pass away; and that, approaching the table of our Lord, we may be well-prepared to receive His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and prevent all things harmful to our faith, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
- C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Next Week's Readings – 1 Kings 3:4-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 2:40-52

This Week's Memory Verse – Luke 2:34b "...Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed..."

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