



*Celebrate God's Love*

DECEMBER 2024 + JANUARY 2025

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today and forever.*

*Hebrews 13: 8*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

This verse can be an especially poignant and comforting one this time of year. Our last newsletter article was a reminder not to put our trust in earthly rulers. Once their time is over, their plans and their bodies return to dust. We are now on the other side of our national election, and can pray for God's will to be done through our newly elected leaders.

On the other hand, Jesus is still the same God that we have always worshiped and is still on the throne just as before. The last Sunday of the church year is Christ the King Sunday, where we acknowledge this fact. And the same Jesus who is Christ the King is the same one whom we will prepare to welcome anew beginning in December, during the season of Advent, leading up into Christmas.

With that in mind, we also have additional opportunities for worship during the Advent season. We will have our Wednesday evening services at 7:00, our Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11, and our special service of hope and encouragement on Tuesday December 10 at 7:00. We can be thankful that with any chaos or uncertainty that sweeps our own lives, the one whom we turn to is the same one who has guided us all of our days. The same Jesus who comforted you when you didn't make the team or had your first breakup is the same Jesus who comforts you with the mounting bills, painful anniversaries and health scares. Come join us as we once again open our hearts to prepare Him room, He who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and guides us still.

Blessed to serve—

*Pastor Kevin Peterson*

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## **LADIES' NIGHT OUT**

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Join us for our last Ladies' Night Out of the year—Monday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Shoeless Joe's. You will order off the menu and pay your own bill. Please call the church office to let us know if you can come. If you don't call, that's ok, just come!

## **GREETERS**

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We are nearing the time to begin a new greeters list for 2025. If you are currently a greeter, you will remain on the list unless you contact the church office or Judy Hausermann to have your name removed. If you would like to become a Sunday morning greeter, please call the church office or Judy Hausermann to have your name added. You will probably be scheduled for two times during the next six months. Thank you very much for participating in this ministry of the church—it's a great way to give members and visitors a warm welcome.

## **THEOLOGY IN FILM**

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Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the next dates will be December 16 and January 27. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Our title in December is an animated version of one of the most adapted Christmas stories of all time. We will see what this timeless tale has for us in relation to the spirit and purpose of Christmas. In January we will see an older, black and white movie about a self-appointed traveling preacher, using the Gospel message for his own selfish gain. We will discuss how religion can cause the harm it is meant to alleviate when used by the wrong people. Pizza will be provided; invite your friends from other congregations and in the community!

## **ST. PAUL QUILTERS**

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The Quilters are always happy to have an extra set of hands. Meetings are generally on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the quilting room (former church library). Our next meetings are December 11, January 8 and 22. No experience is needed!

*Join us for worship this Advent and Christmas!*

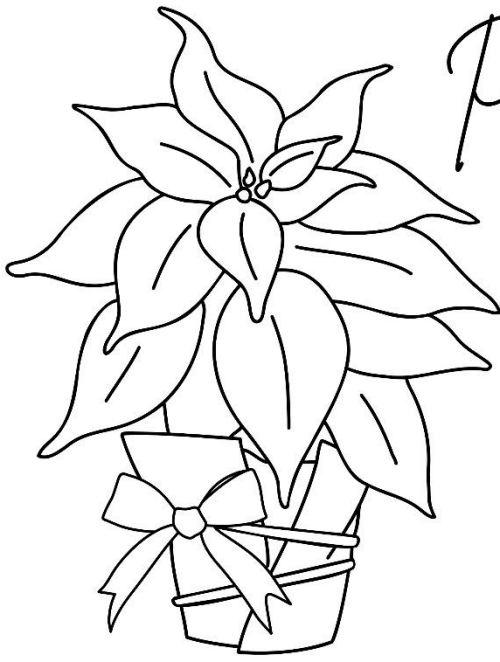
**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES**  
DECEMBER 4, DECEMBER 11, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

**SERVICE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M. & 11:00 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AT 9:00 A.M.





# Poinsettia Order Form

As in years past, the St. Paul Altar Guild will be ordering poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase a plant (or more), please fill out this order form and enclose cash or a check made payable to:  
**St. Paul Altar Guild.**

All orders may be dropped off in the designated box in the narthex or in the church office.

We regret that we will not be able to accept orders after **December 15.**

**The cost for each plant is \$18.00.**

*Flowers may be picked up following the Christmas Morning Worship Service.*

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number RED plants                      \_\_\_\_ Number of WHITE plants

Check     Cash    Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check the appropriate box:**

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving of many blessings received.

To the Glory of God

**If you have any questions, please call the church office at 630-543-6909.**

*Flowers are purchased through Addison Floral.*

# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Bible Study	2	3	4 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship	5 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	6	7 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
8 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Sunday School <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Bible Study	9 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Ladies' Night Out (Shoeless Joe's)	10 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Service of Hope and Encouragement	11 <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Quilters <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship	12 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	13	14 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
15 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion (Interpreter) <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Bible Study	16 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Theology in Film	17	18 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship	19 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Kantorei	20	21 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship
22 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Sunday School <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Bible Study	23	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 24 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion <b>11:00 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 25 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion	26	27	28 <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Worship with Communion
29 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:45 a.m.</b> Bible Study	30	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> 31				

# January 2025

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12 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	13 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	14	15 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	16 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	17	18 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
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