



St. Paul Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER + DECEMBER 2026



Season's Greetings St. Paul Family!

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3:1 tells us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.

We are knocking on the door of the season of Advent and Christmas. BUT, you may be thinking, St. Paul needs a new pastor and organist!!

We're all in this together and now is the best time to remember that we are a family in Christ and we can rely on each other in times of uncertainty. The call committee has begun meeting. The committee met with our circuit visitor Pastor Kass, and on the 22nd, the Elders, church council and some congregation members met with Pastor Buss and Pastor Kass to get more insight into the call process.

We have a plan! Pastor Balzer and Pastor Heller will be working with us to fill in for services when they can. The Elders have names of other pastors from the Northern Illinois District that we can reach out to for assistance. Amy has gotten organists lined up through November.

We need EVERYONE to respond to the questionnaire so that the call committee knows the wants, needs, and expectations of the entire congregation for our new pastor. We need to collect the data, compile it and put it together as we begin preparing the call package. We also need recommendations from the congregation of any pastors that you may know personally that could be a good fit for the position at St. Paul.

Now is the season to pray fervently for the health of our congregation, our community, and for God to guide us in our search for our new shepherd. This is our season of change.

Blessings and peace to our St. Paul family!

Call Committee Chair,
Debbie Line

Call Committee Members: Linda Ahrens, Rick Federighi, Larry Hartwig, Jay Irvin, Cathy Sparling

2027-2028 NOMINATING BALLOT

Names in **BOLD** are those to be
elected/appointed
All terms are 2 years unless noted

We are in need of members to be
part of our boards, please see the
nominating ballot for available
positions. We will vote at the
Voters' Meeting, Sunday,
November 1 after worship.



St. Paul Lutheran Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	VACANT	2027-2028
VICE PRESIDENT	VACANT	2027-2028
(Term is for 2 years followed by 2 years as President)		
SECRETARY	VACANT	2027-2028
TREASURER	Cathy Sparling	2026-2027
FINANCE SECRETARY		2027-2028
(This is an appointed position)		

BOARD OF ELDERS (min 6)

Rich Burger	2027-2028
Rick Federighi	2027-2028
Don Happel	2027-2028
Larry Hartwig	2027-2028
Marty Hausermann	2026-2027
Ron Olsen	2027-2028

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION (min 3)

Janice Fuglsang	2027-2028
Sandy Hartwig	2026-2027
Judy Hausermann	2027-2028

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES (min 5)

Dale Blaschke	2027-2028
Rich Kueking	2027-2028
Rich Sparling	2026-2027
VACANT	2027-2028
VACANT	2027-2028

BOARD OF MISSIONS/EVANGELISM (min 3)

VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP (min 3)

VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027

BOARD OF YOUTH (min 3)

VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027
VACANT	2026-2027

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (term – 1 year)

VACANT	2027
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ST. PAUL CONGREGATION SELF EVALUATION – 2026

Congregational input for the pastoral call process

The Call Committee invites your thoughtful feedback as we consider the needs and future of St. Paul. Your responses will help identify congregational priorities and guide our conversations about the next pastor. There are no right or wrong answers. Please answer honestly; you may leave an item blank if you do not have a strong opinion.

1. Which ministries are you most excited about?

Select up to three and rank them: 1 = highest priority, 2 = second, 3 = third.

- ☐ Worship
- ☐ Christian Education
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Fellowship
- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Other: _____

2. Where do you see the congregation's greatest challenges or opportunities?

Select up to three and rank them: 1 = highest priority, 2 = second, 3 = third.

- ☐ Welcoming and engaging young families
- ☐ Outreach and community connection
- ☐ Reconnecting with inactive members
- ☐ Christian Education and faith formation
- ☐ Stewardship and financial support
- ☐ Developing and supporting lay leaders
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What pastoral qualities are most important to you in our next pastor?

Select and rank your top three.

- ☐ Strong biblical teaching and motivating sermons
- ☐ Leadership and vision
- ☐ Personable and approachable
- ☐ Compassionate and caring
- ☐ Outgoing and relationship-oriented
- ☐ Organized and administratively capable
- ☐ Love of Christ and devotion to the faith
- ☐ Listening and communication skills
- ☐ Conflict resolution and pastoral care
- ☐ Other: _____

4. Which responsibilities should be the highest priorities for our next pastor?

Select and rank your top three.

- ☐ Preaching and leading worship
- ☐ Teaching and Bible study
- ☐ Visiting and caring for homebound members
- ☐ Helping the congregation grow
- ☐ Leading by Christian example
- ☐ Counseling and pastoral care
- ☐ Connecting with children and youth
- ☐ Equipping and developing lay leaders
- ☐ Other: _____

5. What is your worship-service preference?

Choose one. The descriptions are intended to be neutral; please select what best reflects your preference.

- ☐ Traditional (regular use of the hymnal and a familiar liturgical order, such as Divine Service 1 or 2)
- ☐ Contemporary (more contemporary music and a less traditional service format)
- ☐ Blended (a combination of traditional and contemporary elements, or alternating formats)
- ☐ No strong preference / open to different formats
- ☐ Other: _____

6. What roles would you like lay (non-pastoral) members to play in the congregation?

Select and rank your top three.

- ☐ Lead Bible studies or faith-formation activities
- ☐ Help manage and maintain church property
- ☐ Help manage congregational affairs
- ☐ Assist with member visitation and care
- ☐ Participate in planning and decision-making
- ☐ Support outreach and community engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

7. What should St. Paul's involvement in the community look like?

Select and rank your top three.

- ☐ Build relationships with other Christian churches
- ☐ Participate in community events
- ☐ Reflect God's love through service and relationships
- ☐ Reach out to the Addison community
- ☐ Partner with local organizations to meet community needs
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What is your preference for the pastoral call process?

Choose one.

- ☐ Apply to call a new seminary graduate
- ☐ Follow the standard call procedure for an experienced pastor
- ☐ Pursue both avenues

9. Comments:

RETURNING YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return your completed questionnaire by November 8, 2026. You may drop it in the designated box in the Narthex, give it to any member of the Call Committee, or email it to stpauladdison@gmail.com.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

The Call Committee

Debbie Line, Rick Federighi, Larry Hartwig, Linda Aherns, Cathy Sparling, and Jay Irvin

OPTIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____



REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Immediately following the
9:00 a.m. service.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



THANKSGIVING EVE

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.
with Holy Communion.



TENTATIVE: WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Please check weekly bulletins for confirmation.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
There will be no 11:00 p.m. service this year.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Friday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us for Sunday School during the worship service
on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, September-May.
We welcome children aged three through 5th grade.





LWML AND LADIES' AID

LWML and Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday, November 5 at 1:30 pm in the conference room. We invite all ladies to join us. We will make decisions on sending Christmas gifts to missionaries and other agencies of the church. Time will include a short Bible study and trimming postage stamps for missions. We are looking for fresh ideas as we go forward into 2027. We would you like to see us doing? There's a chair waiting for you along with good fellowship and friendly smiles. Please come!!

BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to join in a Bible study. All classes meet in the conference room. Come when you can—no pressure or commitment—just a desire to look at God's Word and what He would have us do in our lives:

- Our Sunday morning Bible meets at 10:30 a.m. and class continues studying the book of Psalms led by Pastor Balzer.

CONSIDER BEING A COFFEE SERVER

Servers brew coffee and bring in homemade or store-bought treats to be served following the Sunday morning worship service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

NEW TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

C.S. Lewis on Christianity

Each evening will feature a video presentation followed by group discussion. The sessions stand alone, so you are welcome to attend one evening or join us for the entire series. Bring your questions and enjoy thoughtful conversation as we grow together in faith.

WHEN: TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

NOV
3

Faith and Reason

NOV
10

Good and Evil

NOV
17

Conversion and New Life

JAN
5

Enjoyment and Contemplation

JAN
12

Prayer and the Bible

JAN
19

Suffering and Death

JAN
26

Heaven and Hell

*Whether you are familiar with C.S. Lewis
or encountering his work for the first time,
all are welcome!*



ST. PAUL QUILTERS



Many thanks to everyone for your support of our quilting ministry! After cushioning the pews with 75 quilts on Quilt Weekend in September, we delivered 46 large quilts to Lutheran World Relief and 14 kid-size quilts to Ronald McDonald House at Central DuPage Hospital. Fifteen quilts were purchased, providing funds to purchase materials that will become many more quilts in the year ahead. Money that was collected at the door offering that weekend was sent to Lutheran World Relief to covering the costs associated with shipping the quilts to people who need them. Thank you for you continued support of this ministry!

Please consider joining us to tie knots on **Wednesday, November 11 and 25** at 10:15 a.m. We will not meet during December but will plan to get right back to work in January.



DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

The Board of Elders invites you to help them decorate the trees and the church for Christmas on **Sunday, November 29** following the worship service. All are welcome. Please help us prepare the church to celebrate our Savior's birth.



LIVING NATIVITY AND VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING

We will be participating in the Village of Addison's Tree Lighting event on **Friday, December 4**. Our wooden manger will be set up, and the animals will be here from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach in our community. If you would like to help, please sign up in the narthex.



CHRISTMAS TREASURES SALE

We are collecting used Christmas decorations to be sold in the breezeway during the village's tree lighting festivities and after worship December 5-6. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave them by the cabinets in the breezeway by **Sunday, November 29**.

ALTAR GUILD



We need more Altar Guild members! Will you consider helping to set-up and clean-up communion a couple weekends a month, two or three times a year? We work in teams of two so you would have a partner to share the duties with. We can also use some members for cleaning, which involves dusting the pews and altar and filling up pew racks with cards and pencils. These cleaning teams are scheduled to work twice a month two times each year. We really would appreciate any and all help. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.



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 13.**

The cost for each plant is \$18.00.

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

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.





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Easy Ways to Help Others



LWML is collecting the cancelled stamps on envelopes (please bring the whole envelope and we will do the trimming) and the whole envelopes from charities with the stamps already attached for your return.

We also collect the USA nonprofit bulk stamps and picture post cards (bring the whole post card). Place your envelopes in the box in the breezeway. We appreciate it if you just bring the whole envelope or post card as there are guidelines for processing the stamps. Thank you for your support of this project that supports missions.



Please consider saving the tabs from food and beverage cans. These tabs are collected to help Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald Houses provide stability, housing and resources for families with seriously ill children that are patients at nearby hospitals. Please bring donations to the church office or on a cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!



Do you still get a newspaper? Would you like to help out a neighboring congregation? The paper rollers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst are in need of newspapers. This group has been rolling papers for over 70 years. The money they earn from selling the rolls to local florists and manufacturing plants help the school and church. Although the demand is still there for their rolls of paper, their supply has diminished as people no longer get printed newspapers. If you still get the paper and would like to help them out, please contact Kim Federighi or just bring your papers to St. Paul and put them in the box in the breezeway. They will be picked up weekly and taken to Immanuel.

*Small donations. Meaningful impact.
Supporting missions and our neighbors.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>November</i>						
						31 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
1 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting	2	3 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	4 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	5 1:30 p.m. LWML & Ladies' Aid	6	7 5:30 p.m. Worship
8 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	9	10 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	11 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Quilters	12	13	14 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
15 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	16 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	18 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Worship
22 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	23	24	25 10:15 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27	28 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
29 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	30					

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7:00 p.m. Worship	3	4 5:30 p.m. Living Nativity and Christmas Treasure Sale	5 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
6 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Worship	10	11	12 5:30 p.m. Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	14	15	16 7:00 p.m. Worship	17	18	19 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
20 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	21	22	23	CHRISTMAS EVE 24 7:00 p.m. Worship	CHRISTMAS DAY 25 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion	26 NO WORSHIP
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	28	29	30	NEW YEAR'S EVE 31		