



NOVEMBER + DECEMBER 2025
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

While Earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8: 22

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

This verse seems especially appropriate this time of year, as we seem to have entered a new season almost overnight. The summer weather lingered especially long, and now the sanctuary might feel a bit colder than normal this weekend before the boiler system gets up and running!

As one pastor friend of mine put it, the one thing that is guaranteed about seasons is that they change. No one season of life lasts forever. We have been in the extra long season of ordinary time (the many Sundays after Pentecost) and are now rounding the corner to change seasons when a new church year begins with Advent. Beyond the earthly and church year seasons, this is also true in the life of any particular church or congregation. Things flow up and down, good times and bad times move in and out. I just finished attending a session of Pastoral Leadership Institute training, and we discussed how every congregation the participants came from can expect some type of change. What will ours look like? We now have our veterans museum occupying our old school building in what will hopefully be a mutually beneficial arrangement for both us and them. Next week I will have the opportunity to meet with a Spanish speaking Lutheran pastor who may have some resources to enable us to share our beliefs and the good news of the gospel with the many Spanish speaking residents of our community.

Our congregation may have experienced an abundant 'harvest' season from decades ago, but part of that is a signal that a different 'seedtime' season is now in our midst. How exactly that will look and how long that season will last is only known to God, but we have the privilege of being part of it together as we all continue onward towards God's ultimate goal of restoring all creation, ushering in the new heavens and new Earth.

Blessed to serve—

Pastor Kevin Peterson

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VOTERS' MEETING

The Voters' Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.

LWML AND LADIES' AID

Ladies Aid and LWML will meet Thursday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. We will decide on Christmas gifts for our missionary families and have a short Bible study. Bring a scissors to trim postage stamps for missions. Please join us!!

THEOLOGY IN FILM

Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the dates will be November 24 and December 15. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Our title in November is a re-imagining of a familiar fairy tale, asking deep questions about life, death, life after death, and the bond between parents and children along the way. Our December title is a Christmas favorite that gives us glimpses not into the familiar nativity story, but the concept of the Trinity and the importance of childlike faith in things we can't see. Invite your friends from other congregations and in the community—pizza will be provided!

ST. PAUL QUILTERS

Many thanks to everyone for your support of our quilting ministry! After cushioning the pews with 80+ quilts on Quilt Weekend in September, we delivered 58 large quilts to Lutheran World Relief and 14 kid-size quilts to Ronald McDonald House at Central DuPage Hospital. Quilts that were purchased and donations that were collected added up to over \$1,100--providing funds to create many more quilts in the year ahead.

Our newest collection of quilts was put to use during worship on a Sunday morning in late October in our very chilly sanctuary. What a bonus to be able to test out their warming properties!!

Please consider joining us to tie knots on Wednesday, November 12 and 26 at 10:15 a.m. We will not meet during December but will plan to get right back to work in January.

ALTAR GUILD

Please consider being part of the Altar Guild. The commitment is minimal, 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 teams also meet twice a month a couple times a year. We really would appreciate any and all help. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Please take advantage of the opportunity to join in one or more of these studies. Come when you can and enjoy looking at the impact of God's word in our lives. All classes meet in the conference room.

- The Sunday Bible class meets at 10:30 a.m., led by Pastor Balzer. The topic is "Heroes of the Faith" and will look at the great Bible leaders.
- The Tuesday evening class meets at 7 p.m. and is studying a Rick Warren topic "Unshakable." Larry Hartwig leads the study. The last class for the year will be November 11.
- The Wednesday afternoon meets at 1:00 p.m., led by Pastor Kevin and will be discussing the Bible readings for the following Sunday. The last class for the year will be November 19.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED

Consider being a coffee server. Servers brew the 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.

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.

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

The Board of Elders invites you to help them decorate the trees and the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 30 following the worship service. All are welcome. Please help us prepare the church to celebrate our Savior's birth.

VILLAGE OF ADDISON TREE LIGHTING

We will be participating in the Village's Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 5. 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. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave them by the cabinets in the breezeway by Sunday, November 30.

Join us for worship this Advent and Christmas!

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

DECEMBER 3, DECEMBER 10, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

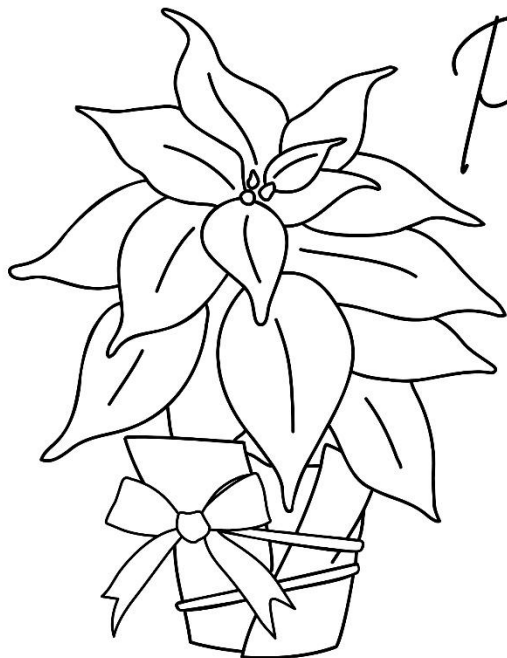
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES WITH COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M. & 11:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

THURSDAY, 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 14.**

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.

CHICAGOLAND VETERANS CAMPUS

39 ARMY TRAIL BLVD, ADDISON, IL 60171



Open House

November 9th, 2025

2p-9p

Food Trucks!

Military Vehicle Display until 6p

Cash-King show 6p-9p featuring
Elvis tribute artist Joe King

**\$10 show donation
(cash only please)**



For more information call 708-606-0742
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November						
						1 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
2 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting	3	4 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	5 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	6 1:30 p.m. LWML & Ladies' Aid 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Hand Bells & Kantorei	7	8 5:30 p.m. Worship
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	10	11 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	12 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	13 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	14	15 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
16 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	17 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	18	19 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	20 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	21	22 5:30 p.m. Worship
23 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	24 6:00 p.m. Theology in Film	25	26 10:15 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service (Interpreter)	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	28	29 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
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December

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28 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			