

# Our Journey



February 2025

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It seems a tattered looking stranger came to visit a church one Sunday, but as he got out of his car a man pulled up and honked. "Hey! You took my place!" he yelled. So he moved his car. He found his way to a Bible study class and sat down, but before long a woman walked up and said, "You'll have to move; you took my place." So he moved to another chair. He went to worship and sat in a pew, but soon a couple with two kids walked up and said, "You can't stay here; you took our place." At this the Stranger stood and his appearance began to change. His hair and beard grew out, his tattered clothes became a robe, his old hat became a crown of thorns. And a tear rolled down his cheek as he said to them all, "Yes, I took your place."

Peace -

*Pastor Cindy +*



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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's Mission Statement:  
*Go in peace, devoted to faith, hope and love.*



Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.

## Highlights from November Council Meeting

Pastor talked about the incidence at Roosevelt Elementary School. She then led Council in a funeral prayer that she feels gives solace in times of trouble and sadness.

We are in good shape both with receipts and expenditures. Motion passed to accept the Financial Statement.

We now have the capability to tape funerals, and that has been a huge benefit to families.

Outreach report Sleep in Heavenly Peace was successful. 19 beds were completed.

Jerry reported he is looking into "Adopt a Highway."

## Highlights from December Council Meeting:

We continue to be in a strong financial position. Motion was passed, accepting the November financial statement.

100 gifts for ELCA Outreach Center were all returned in time.

Worship and Music reported on Advent Prayer Time, Blue Christmas, ELCA Night of Worship, Narthex set up and Sanctuary by the Enhancement Team.

Staff Support reported the staff reviews are completed.

Properties reported the boilers are leaking. The goal to replace them has been pushed up. Bids are expected. Bathroom toilets will need new shut off valves.

Goals were once again discussed relative to 2024/2025.

All council meetings adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Complete council minutes are available in the church office in the binder on the counter.

## Church Council Members

### President/Memorials

Marilyn Jensen, 262-445-0809

### Vice President/Outreach

Janet Hogan, 262-652-9415

### Secretary/Staff Support

Nancy Granger, 262-300-9180

### Treasurer/Finance

Lyn Stevens, 262-909-3833

### Christian Ed

Megan Ernst, 262-960-5755

### Property

Dean Knutson, 262-914-5772

### Multi-Media

Cathy Mossman, 262-652-6891

### Evangelism

Jerry Plunkett, 262-818-3834

### Stewardship

Jim Janda, 262-948-1792

### Worship and Music

Ken Wiele, 262-331-3344



## Operating Update

December Monthly Income	\$ 51,608
December Monthly Expenses	\$ 40,994
YTD Income	\$216,358
YTD Expenses	\$150,882

### Maggie's Message

Christmas came up fast and has left just as quickly. I'd like to take this opportunity to give out some HUGE thank yous to folks who made our Christmas services extra musical.

At the 3:00 p.m. service we had Aleigha Robbins playing flute, Josh Schulz on viola, Emma Conran on violin, and Lilly Erickson on cello. So fabulous to have had these young folks sharing their talents with us!

At the 5:00 p.m. service our own St. Paul's Brass Ensemble added such a joyful noise and glorious sound to the evening. Thanks especially to John Whyte and Ken Wiele for their co-leadership of a great and growing group of musicians.

At the 10:00 p.m. service, our own small but mighty choir gave it our acappella all, and Marie Persinger and Deb Vash provided an outstanding bell "peal" accompaniment for much of our congregational singing.

And last but certainly not least: Jon Tetting sang "In the Bleak Midwinter" on Christmas morning. An interesting story about this choice. We had planned on something else entirely, but changed to the hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" right before the service. Amazingly, that hymn fit perfectly with Pastor Cindy's sermon - especially the final verse: "What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wiseman I would do my part; yet what I can I give him - give my heart." The Holy Spirit was certainly at work that morning!

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our Christmas season so festive, memorable, and spiritual. I am reminded again of the countless blessings I receive from being your humble musical servant. Now let's get ready for Lent!

Yours With Christ,  
*Maggie*

## Lenten Devotional for 2025

Write a paragraph or two  
about matters of life/faith.  
Stories are the best!

Email it to P. Cindy or drop it off at  
church no later than Feb 15.

Lenten Devotionals will be sent  
out via email beginning Ash  
Wednesday, March 5.



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## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday worship services will be Wednesday, March 5, 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten worship services will be Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9 with Soup Lunch at 11:30 a.m., worship at 12:15 p.m. and Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m., worship at 6:30 p.m. Please make every attempt to worship during Lent.

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## GIFTS OF A MEAL

St. Paul's offers the gift of meals for members who might appreciate this kind of assistance. If you would like to provide an occasional meal, or if you know of someone who would benefit from this service, please contact Chris DeYoung, 262-694-9685.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Brian and Bert Felland 9110 – Prairie Village Drive, Kenosha, WI 53142  
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Lynn Parks 4020 – 51 Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53144 [lynnparks22@gmail.com](mailto:lynnparks22@gmail.com) 262-496-6860

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## THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for all the love and support you have provided us during this difficult time. God Bless!

*The Erickson Family*

Thrivent Choice Dollars delivered to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in 2024 amount to \$1,586.00. Many thanks to all those who chose St. Paul's as the recipient.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Worship 10am - School	27 10:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	28 9am - Finance 9am - Men's Breakfast 12:15pm - Bible Study	29 6pm - Bells 7:15pm - Choir	30 8:30am - Men's Bible Study	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1 5pm - Worship
2 9am - Worship	3 10:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	4 9am - Men's Breakfast 6:30pm - Properties???	5 6pm - Bells 7:15pm - Choir	6 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Council	7 OFFICE CLOSED Women's Retreat Begins	8 Women's Retreat 5pm - Worship
9 Women's Retreat Ends 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday School	10 10:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	11 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Pastor/Outreach Bible 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - Bible Study	12 6pm - Bells 7:15pm - Choir	13 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 5:30pm - NAMI	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5pm - Worship
16 9am - Worship	17 Voting Machines Come 10:30am - Staff Meeting 5pm - Worship and Music 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	18 Election Day 9am - Men's Breakfast 4:45pm - Evangelism 5:30pm - Christian Ed 5:30pm - Preparing	19 Voting Machines Leave 5:30pm - Preparing 6pm - Bells 7:15pm - Choir	20 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:30am - Bible Study 10:30am - Serving Outreach 6pm - Outreach Committee	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 5pm - Worship
23 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday School	24 10:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	25 9am - Finance 9am - Men's Breakfast 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - Bible Study	26 6pm - Bells 7:15pm - Choir	27 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose (formerly) 6pm - NAMI	28 OFFICE CLOSED	1 Transfiguration 5pm - Worship

<b>SERVING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2025</b>					
	1-2	8-9	15-16	22-23	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Marilyn Jensen	Marilyn Jensen	Heather Miles	Heather Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Jensen	Gary Olson	Ron Danielson	Tim Van Berg	
<b>Lectors</b>					
5:00 p.m.	John Aasen	John Whyte	MerriLee Unrath	Rich Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Jack Rose	Marie Persinger	Darlene Specht	Marie Persinger	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>					
5:00 p.m.	John Aasen		John Aasen	Marilyn Jensen	
9:00 a.m.	Karen Strangberg Cori Mueller	Marilyn/Dean Jensen	Karen Strangberg Gary Olson	Pam Mitchell	
<b>Greeters</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Jerry/Donna Plunkett		Dawn Burford MerriLee Unrath	Schulz Family	
9:00 a.m.	Jack/Sue Rose		Marie Persinger	Kathy/Morrey LaBelle	
<b>Ushers</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Ken/Karen Wiele		Steve Aasen	Steve Aasen	
9:00 a.m.	Dean Jensen Shari Krezinski Werve	Morrey/Kathy LaBelle	Pam Mitchell	Dean/Marilyn Jensen	
<b>PowerPoint</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Dean Jensen	Dean Jensen		Dean Jensen	
9:00 a.m.	Russ Pearson		Russ Pearson		
<b>Video</b>					
5:00 p.m.	Dave Glogovsky		Matt Johnson		
9:00 a.m.					
<b>Coffee Hour</b>					
5:00 p.m.		Bob/Chris DeYoung	Aasen Family	Heather/Rich Miles	
9:00 a.m.			Marilyn/Dean Jensen		
<b>Counters</b>					
	Lyn Stevens Shari Werve	Pam Mitchell Dean Jensen	Bob DeYoung Jean Sevey	Matt Johnson Kim Cochran	

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

## Birthdays

- 1 Glenn Fenske
- 2 Drake Koster
- 4 Daniel Chatterton  
Greg Glista  
Michael Hogan
- 5 Jamie Blatnik  
Dorothy Darula  
Paul Schulz
- 6 Virginia Nelson
- 9 Carol LaFayette
- 10 Lori Turner
- 11 Zachary Kuehl
- 14 Kristy Millard
- 15 Ana Middleton
- 16 Adrienne Hix
- 17 Joe Glogovsky  
Madisen Nitsch
- 18 Jacob Wolf
- 20 Karen Lund
- 21 Jennifer Becker
- 24 Rebecca Buzzell  
Lori Owens
- 25 Donald Kaelber, Jr.
- 26 Hallie Wolf
- 27 Maria Volkmann

## Anniversaries

- 2 Laura & Curtis DeBruin  
Jamie & Dennis Blatnik Jr.
- 16 Del & Nancy Peterson

**Please notify the church office:**

- When you or a loved one has entered the hospital. The hospitals do not always contact us.
- When you move or have a change in telephone number or email address.

### Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday  
Worship with Coffee and Fellowship after service

9:00 a.m. Sunday  
Worship with Coffee and Fellowship after service

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Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's Office:  
8:00 a.m./Noon  
Monday thru Thursday

## Weddings

Casey Kaelber and Hannah Huss were united in marriage on December 14. All good wishes to the newlyweds.

## New Contact Information

Florence Jensen:  
FlorenceJensen17@gmail.com

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## Baptized

Natalie Rose Vargas  
Avery Ceclia Vargas  
Baptized 11-16

Jackson James Rhoades  
Katherine Grace Rhoades  
Jack Theodore Rhoades  
Baptized 11-24

## Our Sympathy To

The family of Lois Schlichting  
Passed away 12-28

*It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one!*



**YOU CAN  
BE PART OF  
“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY**

**JUST BRING 1 OR 2 CANS OF SOUP  
TO CHURCH ON 2/8 OR 2/9  
AND PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BINS  
IN THE NARTHEX**



**SOUPS WILL BE DONATED TO THE OUTREACH CENTER  
AND SHALOM CENTER**





# Breaking the Chains Church

**Worshiping Communities Inside:**

**The Felmers Chaney Correctional Center  
and  
The Kenosha Correctional Center**

A Ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod--ELCA

Pastor David Rebey

## **How can you support this ministry?**

- Pray for our community with the prayer on the other side, or with one of your own
- Follow us on Facebook at: **Breaking the Chains Church-Greater Milwaukee Synod**

or

Share your email with us at: [breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com)  
to receive updates about this ministry

- Join us for worship via Zoom on Saturday night at Felmers Chaney  
Please email Pastor David at:  
[breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com)  
if you would like to join us.

- Make a one-time or recurring donation digitally at:  
<https://milwaukeeesynod.org/giving/individual-giving/>

or by mailing a check to:

Greater Milwaukee Synod (Breaking the Chains Church in the memo line)

- Invite Pastor David or another member of our ministry to share our story

## A Prayer for Those Affected by Incarceration



Heavenly Father,

**Help us to understand that we are all broken and simultaneously both sinners and saints. None of us wants to be defined by the worst moments in our lives as incarcerated persons are defined. Help us to bring the message of your love and forgiveness to those who are incarcerated.**

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. Naked, and you clothed me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

**Matthew 25: 35-36**

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THE KLOPCIC FAMILY PRESENTS:

The  
**FireSide**

*Church Basement Ladies*  
*in The Last*  
*(Potluck)*  
*Supper* <sup>SM</sup>



FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

**SUPERB MUSICALS • MEMORABLE DINING • SPECTACULAR SHOPS • FABULOUS SERVICE**

# THE FIRESIDE Experience

## Celebrating 61 years of Kloplic Family Hospitality

We invite you to begin your Fireside experience by browsing through our spectacular gift shops or relaxing in the lounge with a refreshing beverage from our menu of regular and alcohol-free specialty drinks. Then we'll treat you to a memorable dining experience in one of our beautiful dining rooms. Finally, enjoy a live, professional show in our intimate theatre-in-the-round. We hope your visit is an unforgettable adventure filled with more wonder, imagination and inspiration than you'd ever expect.

– The Kloplic Family



## Performance Schedule

		ARRIVE	DINE	SHOW
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Matinee	10:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
	Evening	5:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Matinee	10:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Matinee	10:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
	Evening	4:45 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Matinee	10:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
	Midday	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

Dining is required for all performances with Dinner Theatre Packages priced at \$86.95 per person plus tax, facility fee, and gratuity. All shows, dates, times, prices and menus are subject to change. There will be no evening shows on July 3 or 5, no matinee on July 4, and no Sunday Midday show on July 20. Tickets are non-refundable. On Friday evenings without shows, we feature our award winning Fish & Chicken Fry with seating from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

## Our Featured Menu

June 5 - July 20, 2025

Served Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Matinees, Saturday Evenings, and Sunday Midday.

### Asian Salad

An Asian Vegetable Mix with Cashews and Sesame Dressing topped with Fried Rice Noodles.

Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

### Braised Pork Belly

Succulent Duroc Pork Belly scored and seared to perfection. Braised slowly in Soy Sauce, Brown Sugar, and its natural juices until tender. Sliced and served with a Pan Sauce.

### Supreme Cut Chicken Breast

Seasoned with Lemon Pepper and Seared.

### Thai Grilled Shrimp

Fresh Shrimp, Onions, Bell Peppers, and Pineapple placed on bamboo skewers and marinated in Lemongrass, Sweet Chilis, and Garlic. Charred on the grill and served with an Apricot Lemongrass Chutney.

Above entrées served with Fried Rice with Peas, Onion, and Egg. Pork Belly and Chicken also include Honey Glazed Carrots.

### Vegetarian Cacciatore

### Lemon Chess Pie

Creamy Lemon Custard garnished with Fresh Whipped Cream and Diced Strawberry Coulis.

### Coffee, Tea and Milk

Please request gluten free or other menu substitutions in advance with our Box Office at 920-563-9505.

## Thursday Evening Signature Buffet

The Evening begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Each show our Chefs prepare two special entrée selections in addition to these Fireside favorites: Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey Breast from the Carving Station, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Whipped Idaho Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Lemon Chess Pie for Dessert. Coffee, Tea and Milk are included with your dinner.

## Saturday Matinee & Sunday Midday FEATURED MENU

In addition to the show's featured menu that is included in the price of your ticket, on the day of your visit, premium entrées will be available for an additional charge.

## Saturday Evening FEATURED MENU

Enjoy our four-course dinner including appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert. On the night of your visit, premium entrées will be available for an additional charge. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or a memorable evening enjoying a



Dear St. Paul's family,

Now that we have all survived a busy 2 months of preparing for Christmas celebrations, decorating the tree, attending church services, spending time with our families, and volunteering our time at local Christmas gatherings, I wanted to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you.

During the holiday season, the family of St. Paul's Lutheran Church continued to be a source of inspiration not only with your prayers, but for creating a welcoming environment within our church community. The Blue Christmas allowed many who may have been struggling over the holidays a respite where they could reflect and share hugs and tears and joy in a very special way. The attendance at our Christmas services was amazing! 155 attended at 3pm, 127 at 5pm, and 65 at the 10:00 evening service. Christmas Day attendance was 28. I am so pleased and grateful that we could offer these worship services to all individuals and families. (Special thanks to you, Pastor Cindy for leading us!)

By now I'm sure you have put away all the decorations, eaten as much candy and cookies as you could and are ready to begin the New Year. I want to thank, on behalf of the church council, everyone for the many financial gifts and contributions that were made to help fulfill the church's mission and strengthen our outreach to those in need. Thank you for being a part of God's work through giving.

Lastly, to all our volunteers and church leaders for which I am deeply grateful for all the time and energy you invest at St. Paul's. May God be with you through the New Year, 2025, and fill your life with comfort, love, and may it hold many blessings for you and yours.

In Christ,

Marilyn Jensen, Council President

Reminders for March: Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday; Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday; March 12<sup>th</sup> - Mid-week Lenten Worship begins (soup lunches & Suppers)

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### **WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS**

of church activities (choirs and committee meetings) will follow  
Kenosha Unified school closings.

Announcement will appear on Milwaukee channels NBC and ABC.

Worship services will be a separate decision. Decision will be made by 6:00 a.m., or earlier.

Please call the church office when in doubt for worship closings: 694-3101.

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Articles or information for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office electronically by the 15th of the month.

(Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.)

The church's e mail address is [stplc.office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stplc.office@sbcglobal.net) All information may be edited and printed, as space allows.

The home page of our website, [www.stpaulskenosha.org](http://www.stpaulskenosha.org), has a link to the current newsletter as well as to the current calendar.