



Our Journey

December 2025

January 2026

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A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort,
at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.
Amen

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
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

November council meeting was held, and below you will see highlights of the meeting. However, the minutes are not approved until the next council meeting.

The Opening Devotion was about the lesson from Paul Oman and how Pastor felt hearing the 23rd Psalm helped her to really focus on "He will bring us home."

The Finance Committee reported on various CDs maturing, and how we would go forward. One CD we chose to have the interest paid out and reinvested the principle for 18 months. We also transferred \$25,000 to that CD for a total of \$75,000 being invested. Our other CD that will mature on 10//29 will be reinvested for a three year period.

Pastor gave an update on Grace Lutheran Church and said that they are moving forward to close.

Christian Education – all is going well - Sunday School, Bible studies, the mural....

Outreach reported that Noisy Offering continues to provide much needed funds for various benevolences. The Sleep in Heavenly Peace build and delivery was very successful. Feed My Starving Children was also extremely successful.

Stewardship packets are being picked up in the Narthex – thanks to all who helped assemble them.

Staff Support reported reviews are being completed.

Meeting was adjourned 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

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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

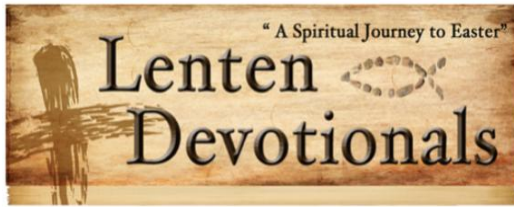
October Monthly Income \$ 24,199

October Monthly Expenses

\$ 21,008

YTD Income \$533,522

YTD Expenses \$401,003



Last year, here at St. Paul's we had a Lenten devotional that was emailed out every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. It was so well received that we would like to do another Lenten devotional this year at St. Paul's. You can write about anything. If you are interested in writing a devotional, please write one up and email it to me at pastor.stpaulskenosha@gmail.com no later than February 15.

2026 FLOWER CHART

Please note the 2026 Flower Chart is now up on the office door. Please consider sponsoring altar flowers on any open date on the chart – perhaps in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one on a special date.

The cost remains at \$20. Be sure to indicate "Flowers" on your check AND be sure to not only indicate on the chart which date but also fill out the Flower Chart Sign Up Form which are in the orange pocket near the Chart and leave this form on the Secretary's desk.

2025 OFFERINGS

The last weekly offerings for 2025 will be Saturday, December 27 and Sunday, December 28. The last day the office will be able to accept offerings is Tuesday, December 30. The office will not be accepting offerings on Wednesday, December 31, and then the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2, reopening Monday, January 5, 2026.

Giving Statements will be available by January 31. If you have any questions at all about your statement, please contact Olga in the office.



THANK YOU

Thank you to my St. Paul's family for all the prayers, cards, and meals that you all have sent for my recovery from surgery. Words will never convey just how much they have meant to me.

I am truly blessed.....*Kathy Falcon*

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1 immediately following worship. For those unable to attend in person, there will be a Zoom option. All are welcome to attend and join in the discussions of our ministry here at St. Paul's, though only members are able to vote.

Following the meeting, all are invited to stay for a potluck lunch. Please see the form below and once you have filled it out, turn the form into the office.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AND POTLUCK

St. Paul's Lutheran Church's annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2026 immediately following worship.

A potluck will follow the meeting.

Name _____

Telephone number _____

Number attending potluck _____

What can you bring:

Meat Dish _____

Salad _____

Vegetable or Potato _____

Bread/buns _____

Beverage _____

Dessert _____

CIRCLE ONE:

▪ Yes, I will help set-up

▪ Yes, I will help clean-up

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

PRAYER VIGIL

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." (Soren Kierkegaard)

Take time away from the busy and hectic pace of the holiday season to come and pray in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 20. The Sanctuary will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Please stay as long as you need

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, creator of all things wonderful,
in the cold and darkness of winter,
You bring light and life to us all
with your gift of the newborn baby Jesus.
He is a bright star in the sky.
He is hope. Amen.



POINSETTIAS

Share the beauty of the season by placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season! The cost remains at \$12.00, payable to St. Paul's. Payment must accompany order form, and should be left in the church office no later than Sunday, December 7.

Please fill out the information below as you wish it to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

Name of giver(s) _____

Dedication _____

MORE ... ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

NEW FAMILIES TO ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's has a live Christmas tree in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season. This tree is decorated with angels that individuals or families have brought. If you are a new family to St. Paul's and would like to be part of this tradition, please bring your angel, with your name on it, and leave it in the church office. Your angel will make it's way to the tree each year.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING AND UNDECORATING

This year the Christmas tree will be up and ready to decorate on Friday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. It will be undecorated on Friday, January 2, 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help decorate and/or undecorate, please sign up on the sign up sheet, hall bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Sevey, 262-694-4141.

THE STORY OF THE CANDY CANE

Long ago a candymaker wanted to make a candy to remind his customers to celebrate Jesus at Christmas.

The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to remind us of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and represent that He is our rock of all ages. It was made of white to stand for His pureness. Peppermint flavor symbolized the spices which were gifts from the wise men. Red stripes would remind everyone of the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

A candy cane still reminds us to celebrate the sweetest gift of Christmas - **JESUS!**





***And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying:
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”***

My Christmas message to all families at St. Paul's.

I find this farewell message to all of you difficult to compose as my two and half year term as Council President comes to an end on February 1st. As I step down, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and encouragement during my time as council president. I reflect on the journey we've shared and the opportunities to serve in many capacities at St. Paul's as a blessing. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our church and the community. I am excited about the new leadership and the direction St. Paul's is heading. I encourage all of you to continue to participate in church activities and share your thoughts.

Please remember to take time this holiday season to attend one of our Christmas church services. Christmas Eve times are 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Services on Christmas Day will also be held at 9:00 a.m. Our “Blue Christmas” service will be held on December 16th at 6:30 p.m. This service will allow many who may have been struggling over the holiday, a respite where they can reflect and share the joy of the holidays in a very special way. It will also be exciting to see our new Advent/Christmas mural completed and in the Sanctuary. Many thanks to everyone who grabbed a brush and helped to create this memorable mural.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to all church volunteers that keep St. Paul's a vibrant community of followers in Christ. To all the church leaders, council members, support staff and Pastor Cindy. May God bless you and your families with joy and peace this holiday season. The Church Council and the Finance Committee have worked conscientiously to create and monitor our finances to help us stay financially safe. Thank you to everyone for your continued gifts and pledges of support to the mission and ministries of St. Paul's. I am so very grateful for the relationships built during my term. Please continue to support your council members as they enter the new year. I wish them all the best as St. Paul's moves forward and grows together, spreading joy this holiday season throughout the community. Thanks to your smiles and generous spirit, St. Paul's has shown those in Kenosha how God can change their lives.

May God bless you, your loved ones and the congregation of believers of St. Paul's Lutheran Church with a joyous Christmas and abundant hope and peace for the New Year.

*Merry Christmas and Blessings to all,
Marilyn Jensen, Church Council President*

11/11/25 Sock Totals: 1305 pair (322 used, 983 new)

Women: 258 new / 155 used

Men: 290 new / 94 used

Children/Baby: 418 new / 90 used

Above Distributed as Follows:

<u>Outreach Center</u>	New	Used	521
Women	18	138	
Men	46	94	
Children	135	90	

<u>Shalom Center</u>		278
Women	80	
Men	58	
Children	140	

<u>Dayton Residential</u>		147
Women	18	
Men	129	

<u>Women's & Children's Horizons</u>		213
Women	70	
Children	143	

<u>Kenosha Welcome Center</u>		146
Men	57	
Women	89	

Due to an urgent need, the Noisy Offering money for socks was used instead for the purchase of heavy, winter gloves/mittens; 50 pairs of gloves were purchased (10 children's mittens, 15 women's gloves and 25 men's gloves).

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025					
	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	
Assisting Ministers					
5:00 p.m.	John Aasen	Matt Johnson	John Aasen		
9:00 a.m.		Marilyn Jensen			
Lectors					
5:00 p.m.	Isaiah Pawlowski	Sue Marshall	Heather Miles	John Whyte	
9:00 a.m.	Terry Sorenson	Gene Brookhouse	Marie Persinger	Jon Tetting	
Communion Assistants					
5:00 p.m.	Bert Felland	Jan Duncan	Crystal Toms		
9:00 a.m.	Karen Strangberg Kim Cochran		Karen Strangberg	Jon/Marva Tetting	
Greeters					
5:00 p.m.	Sue Marshall Dee Johnston Isaiah Pawlowski	Paul, Bonnie, Josh Schulz			
9:00 a.m.	Ellen/Gene Brookhouse	Ellen/Gene Brookhouse			
Ushers					
5:00 p.m.		Ruby Glogovsky Nancy Metzger	Heather/Rich Miles		
9:00 a.m.	Morrey/Kathy LaBelle	Kim Cochran	Jon/Marva Tetting		
PowerPoint					
5:00 p.m.					
9:00 a.m.		Dean Jensen			
Video					
5:00 p.m.			Matthew Johnson		
9:00 a.m.					
Coffee Hour					
5:00 p.m.	Marshall, Johnston, Pawlowski	Santa Lucia Team	Heather/Rich Miles	John/Dorothy Whyte	
9:00 a.m.		Santa Lucia Team			
Counters					
	Bob DeYoung Dean Jensen	Shari Werve Pam Mitchell	MerriLee Unrath Dawn Burford	Matt Johnson Lyn Stevens	

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Assisting Minister		
3:00 p.m.	John Aasen	Marva Tetting
5:00 p.m.	Tim Van Berg	
10 p.m.	Gary Olson	
Lectors		
3:00 p.m.	Terry Sorenson	Jon Tetting
5:00 p.m.	Carla Van Berg	
10 p.m.	Heather Miles	
Greeters		
3:00 p.m.	The Ernst Family	Sue Marshall Isaiah Powlowski Dee Johnston
5:00 p.m.	Duncan Family	
10 p.m.	Sue Marshall, Isaiah P, Dee J.	
Ushers		
3:00 p.m.	Ruby Glogovsky	Steve Aasen
5:00 p.m.	Steve Aasen	
10 p.m.		
Communion Assistants		
3:00 p.m.	Karen Strangberg	Jon Tetting Kathy Falcon
5:00 p.m.	Carla VanBerg/Jan Duncan	
10 p.m.	Heather Miles	
Advent Wreath		
3:00 p.m.	The Ernst Family	Jon and Marva Tetting
5:00 p.m.	Eugene & Ellen Brookhouse	
10 p.m.	J.R., Rebecca and Jason Buzzell	
PowerPoint		
3:00 p.m.		
5:00 p.m.	Marie Persinger	
10 p.m.	Rich Miles	
Video		
3:00 p.m.	Dave Glogovsky	John Aasen
5:00 p.m.	John Aasen	
10 p.m.	John Aasen	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 a.m. Worship	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast	6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Council	OFFICE CLOSED	5pm - Worship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 a.m. Worship	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Pastor/Outreach Center 12:15pm - 6:30 pm Chosen	6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study 9am - Karing Krafters 10:30am - Hall in Use 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED	Santa Lucia 2pm - Advent Tea 5pm - Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 a.m. Worship Santa Lucia	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas 9am - Men's Breakfast 4:45pm - Evangelism 5:30pm - Christian Ed Team	6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study 6pm - Outreach Committee	OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Christmas Tree	11am - 1:00 pm Advent 5pm - Worship
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 a.m. Worship	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	12:15 6:30 p.m. Chosen 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Visual Enhancement	CHRISTMAS EVE 3pm - 5:00 pm, 10:00 pm	CHRISTMAS DAY 9am - Worship	OFFICE CLOSED	12pm - 4:00 pm. Hall in use 5pm - Worship
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:00 a.m. Worship	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Men's Breakfast				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
					OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Christmas Tree	Baby Shower for Jesus EPIPHANY 5pm - Worship
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 a.m. Worship Baby Shower for Jesus EPIPHANY	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast	6pm - Bells	?Council/Zoom? Men's Bible Study 9am - Karing Krafters 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Visual Enhancement	5pm - Worship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	8am - ELCA Secretaries 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Pastor/Outreach Center 12:15pm - 6:30 pm Chosen	6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10am - Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	9am - Craft Day 5pm - Worship
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 a.m. Worship	OFFICE CLOSED - MLK JR. 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast 4:45pm - Evangelism 5:30pm - Christian Ed Team	12pm - Ladies Lunch/Brat 4:30pm - Hall in Use 6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose Worship 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED	5pm - Worship
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Choir	12:15 6:30 p.m. Chosen 9am - Finance Committee 9am - Men's Breakfast	5:00 p.m. Thankful Thursday 6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study Thankful Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED	5pm - Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 a.m. Worship Annual Meeting/Potluck	10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast	6pm - Bells	Men's Bible Study		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

- 1** Christine DeYoung
Carol Glogovsky
- 3** David Mielke
- 4** Greg Burford
Delia Glogovsky
Patricia Johnson
- 5** Aaron Fenske
Jordan Oechler
- 6** Jeremy Johnson
- 7** Steven Aasen
- 8** Laura DeBruin
Nicole Ginnow
Cheryl Hannah
- 10** Gordon Johnson
Gina Madrigrano Friebus
Gail Tefts
- 11** Miles Carlberg
Michael Harloff
Leanne Marsh
- 13** Pamela Mitchell
- 14** Lyn Stevens
- 15** Ralph Morrison
- 16** Morgan Knutson
Kaleb Malsack
- 17** Florence Jensen
- 18** Michelle Anderson
- 20** Carol Engberg
Bert Felland
- 21** Henry Herstedt
Merrie Kazian
Susan Rovik
Ralph Schillinger
Cooper Whyte
- 22** Karyn Johnson
Ainsley Lund
Maila Lund
Linda Smith
- 23** Joshua Schulz
- 25** Amy Holzer
- 26** Darlene Schmidt
Hunter Trnovec
- 28** Susan Bangs
Teresa Wolf
- 29** Andrea Janda

Anniversaries

- 1** Lyn & Byron Stevens
Kelsey & Thomas Robbins
III
- 15** David & Cindy Mielke
- 17** Joe & Carol Glogovsky
Pam & Marty Whyte
- 23** John & Dorothy Whyte
- 30** Judy & Richard Ginkowski

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- When you move or have a change in telephone number or email address.

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

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New Contact Information

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Karen Wiele:
Karenwiele33@
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Matt Werve:
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Shari Werve:
262-484-7808

Our Sympathy To

The family of Sue Rose, who passed away on October 24. Sue's Celebration of Life was held at St. Paul's on November 23.

Baptized

On November 3, Lyra Noelle Sime, daughter of Brooke and Brandon, and sister to Ellen Maxine.

On Sunday, November 16 Miles Reed Carlberg, son of Melissa and Eric and brother to Maddie.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

- 3** Susan Puett
- 4** Greg Broerman
Cheryl Kasdorf
- 5** Madysen Ernst
Richard Lund
Chelsy Stevens
- 8** Harrison Robbins
- 9** Bruce Hannah
Donna Plunkett
- 10** Chandlor Trnovec
- 12** Ruth O'Hanlon
- 13** Eric Hamilton
- 15** Mollie Wiesztort
- 16** Ann Hovey
Beverly Wait
- 17** Robert Krueger
- 19** MerriLee Unrath
- 21** Lon Knoedler
- 22** Lynn Parks
- 23** Terri Sorensen
- 24** Samantha Stevens
- 25** Annslee Malsack
- 26** Sue Barrett
Curtis DeBruin
- 27** Jack Kasdorf
- 29** Joshua Cook
Megan Ernst
- 31** William Thomas
Gary Zieseemer

Anniversaries

- 1** Lon & Bonnie Knoedler
- 2** Robert & Sandra Cisler
- 7** John & Kristine Hobson
- 10** Thomas & Jan Duncan
- 19** Ruby & Dave Glogovsky
- 20** Mark & Nancy Granger
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Thank You

Many thanks to so many people who help me throughout the year with so many things - collating newsletters, folding bulletins, sitting at my desk when I'm gone - and many more ways as well. Thanks so much.

Specifically I thank Bob DeYoung for always answering the telephone - is it a properties problem, is it a bookkeeper problem, is it a Quick Books problem? He never knows.....

And specifically also to Dave Glogovsky, for **always** getting me answers when there's a computer problem.

I am blessed to have so much help in making sure church is comfortable, fun, easy, prayerful.....pick an adjective!

Thanks to all!

Olga

Blue Christmas Service

*A Service of Lament and Hope
of Reaching Toward the Light*

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

6:30 p.m.

by the Kenosha ELCA churches.

Held at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8760 37th Ave

Kenosha, WI





Christmas Worship at St. Paul's

Christmas Eve:

3, 5, 10 pm

Christmas Day: 9 am



St. Paul's Annual Ladies Advent Tea

Saturday, December 13
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Dessert, tea, and coffee to
be served by the table
Hostess



Join us for music, songs,
and inspiring words of the
Advent season.



Please sign up in the
Narthex if you would like
to host a table, or if you
would like to be a guest at a
Table.



Call Olga at 262-694-3101
during office hours with
any questions



Ad·vent

- 1** : the period beginning four
Sundays before Christmas and
observed by some Christians as a
season of prayer and fasting
- 2** : the coming of Christ at the
Incarnation
- 3** : a coming into being or use

The word **Advent** means
"coming" or "arrival." The
focus of the entire season is
the celebration of the birth of
Jesus the Christ in his First
Advent, and the anticipation of
the return of Christ the King in
his Second Advent. Thus,
Advent is far more than simply
marking a 2,000 year old event
in history. It is celebrating a
truth about God, the revelation
of God in Christ whereby all
of creation might be reconciled
to God.

~Dennis Bratcher





NIGHT OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

BENEFITTING THE ELCA OUTREACH CENTER

JOIN US FOR A SOUP DINNER,
WORSHIP, COMMUNION AND
PRAYER IN YOUR UGLIEST
HOLIDAY SWEATER

SOUP AT 5PM
WORSHIP AT 6PM

@ ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN
2001 80TH ST KENOSHIA

They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh....



Let's have a **Baby Shower for Jesus** on Saturday and Sunday, January 3rd & 4th. Bring things for a baby: diapers (sizes 3 to 6), onesies, shampoo, socks, lotions, baby blankets, and items for toddlers. Diapers and wipes are the most requested items.

Items for a baby will be donated to the Shalom Center, ELCA Outreach Center and Women's and Children's Horizons.

Bring your items to church and place them in the area in front of the alter (outside of the Communion Rail) on **Saturday and Sunday, January 3rd & 4th service** (COLLECTION ONLY THIS WEEKEND).



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

**JUST BRING 1 OR 2 CANS OF SOUP
TO CHURCH ON 2/7 OR 2/8
AND PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BINS
IN THE NARTHEX**



**SOUPS WILL BE DONATED TO THE OUTREACH CENTER,
KENOSHA WELCOME, AND SHALOM CENTER**





Through your generosity to Lutheran Disaster Response, you remind families such as the Larrys and the Bowerses that they are not alone — not when disaster strikes, and not in the years they spend reclaiming their lives afterward.



Over the last few years, the Larry brothers — Dakarian, 25; Mario, 19; and Noble, 10 — have worked hard to stick together. In 2018, they lost their home in Florida to Hurricane

Michael. When the storm made landfall, it destroyed over 1,100 homes and severely damaged over 1,800 more. It was especially devastating for the 17% of the county's population who, like the Larry brothers, live below the poverty line.

Then, last year, Dakarian, Mario and Noble's mother passed away. Dakarian and Mario were determined to raise Noble even as Mario continued his college classes and Dakarian continued to search for a safe home where they could all stay. More than five years after the storm hit, many community members were still living in damaged, dangerous properties.

Now, finally, your generosity to Lutheran Disaster Response has helped put a brand-new roof over the heads of the Larry brothers. Dakarian connected with Lutheran Disaster Response partner Rebuild Bay County, which was founded to provide critical resources for the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Rebuild Bay County is composed of over 150 faith-based and nonprofit organizations, including the ELCA's Florida-Bahamas Synod. Through the synod and Rebuild Bay County, your gifts are at work rebuilding homes and lives in Florida.

Program staff are working with several families to secure homes that meet their unique needs. Some households need ramps or other features for accessibility. Others, such as the Bowers family, need space for kids. The Bowerses are a young couple who lost their home and their jobs in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael and have struggled

to find stable housing ever since. Until recently, they were living with their 10-year-old son in a rundown camper that lacked a working shower, refrigerator or stove. Your gifts helped Rebuild Bay County to purchase a lot and a three-bedroom mobile home for them.

The Larry brothers were thrilled to move into one of the program's newest homes. It was dedicated a couple months ago, and the Larry brothers were present alongside their grandmother. She spoke passionately about what a blessing this home would be to their family. You are walking alongside the Larrys, the Bowerses and others like them, sharing God's redeeming grace, as they rebuild their homes and rediscover hope for the future.

Read more stories of your impact through Lutheran Disaster Response in the latest issue of "Thrive"!

The stories in the 2025 issue of "Thrive" show the holistic approach of Lutheran Disaster Response. As we accompany individuals around the world, from North Carolina to Ukraine, your support for Lutheran Disaster Response demonstrates the value of our relationships and the impact of our long-term commitment.





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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.



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: 262-694-3101.

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 All information may be edited and printed, as space allows.

The home page of our website, www.stpaulskenosha.org, has a link to the current newsletter as well as to the current calendar.