

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## St. Paul Affiliated Community Notices

**Morning Meditations** is a short devotion each morning (M-F) on WHBL - 1330 AM at 7:26 AM and between 10:45 - 10:50 AM by area LCMS pastors. Please go to the website [morning-meditations.com](http://morning-meditations.com) to check out events or hear the recorded message.

**Drop and Shop** -- On Sat, Dec 14 from 1:00-5:00 PM, the Youth Group at The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 3027 Wilgus Avenue, Sheboygan, is having a fundraising event. Parents can drop off their young child/ren (age 3 yrs./potty trained to 4th grade) at Our Redeemer and go shopping, run errands, etc. while the Youth Group provides fun activities and snacks for the children. The suggested donation is \$7.00/hour per child. Please register at [ourredeemersheboygan@gmail.com](mailto:ourredeemersheboygan@gmail.com). Proceeds go toward attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2025.

**You are invited to attend the monthly Senior Bible Study & Breakfast** on Tues Dec 17 at 8:30 AM at Lutheran High School. The study is led by LHS Ex. Dir. Mr. Matt Tschudy. Please RSVP to Carmen at 920-452-3323.

**FESTIVAL OF SONG**-Immanuel Lutheran Church (1634 Illinois Ave, Sheboygan) is hosting a Festival of Song. Join us as we gather for a special time of singing your favorite secular and sacred Christmas carols and hymns on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. We will sing together as we prepare for the coming of Christ. **Everyone is welcome to come so invite neighbors and friends!**

**More Community Announcements & Events posted on the bulletin board by the Kitchenette & Room 100.**

## Children's Bulletin Sponsor:

**Greg Bovre**

## Weekly News Sponsor:

**In Memory of Don Schroeder**

Pat, Steve, Sherry, Mark & Denise

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## Worship Attendance

*(for last week as recorded )*

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM - 123
	9:30 AM - 448
<b>Online</b>	<u>17</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>615</b>

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
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The Gathering Place/Memory Matters:  
920-627-6847

Website: [www.stpaulfalls.com](http://www.stpaulfalls.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/stpaulfalls](https://facebook.com/stpaulfalls)

Instagram: @stpaulfalls

**Building & Office Hours:**

Mon - Thurs 8:30 - 4:30

*St. Paul is a member of the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Association.*



# WEEKLY NEWS December 5 - 11, 2024

## Congregation Meeting Recap

The proposed Columbarium Project was approved.

## Nursery Help Needed

Do you enjoy working with children 4 years and younger? Our nursery is in need of a worker to help on Sunday mornings from 9-12 during worship. This is a paid position. Applicants need to be 14 or older to apply. Applications can be found on our website or in the Church Office.

## St. Paul Seniors

*Fri Dec 13 at 12:00 PM*

*Holidays Pub & Grill, County Y & Superior*

We meet on the second Friday of the month for lunch at noon followed by a few rounds of Bingo - please bring a small Bingo prize. If attending, please call Luaine by Dec 9 at 803-6554 to reserve a spot!

Reminder: we do not meet in Jan & Feb!

## Communion In The Pew

If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, please sit in the row of chairs before the slope on the pulpit side (east) of the Worship Center which are designated **"Reserved For Communion In The Pew"**. After the congregation has been communed, Communion Assistants will walk down that row and commune those who are sitting there.

## Ushers Needed

We are in need for a few Ushers to round out our existing teams for the 2025 Church Year. Ushers typically serve 1 service a month and 1 special service throughout the year. Duties include welcoming people and distributing bulletins, bringing forth offerings, dismissing pews for communion, and checking pews for items after service. **We need more Ushers for our Thurs services.** Please email [thomasw@stpaulfalls.com](mailto:thomasw@stpaulfalls.com) to express your interest!

## Night to Shine - Registration is Open!

Our annual prom, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, for individuals with disabilities will be February 7, 2025. Kings, Queens and Volunteers are encouraged to register online at [www.sheboygancounty.nighttoshine.com](http://www.sheboygancounty.nighttoshine.com).

## Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed

Those with Thrivent policies are eligible for 2 action cards per year. If you still have cards available, please consider supporting Night to Shine! If you are able to help, please contact Stefanie in the Church Office.

## Strong Helpers Needed

The Funeral Dinner Team is in need of a few volunteers to help set up & take down tables & chairs. You will not need to help with the dinner (unless you want to).



## Service Time Changes

Starting Sunday, January 12, 2025, we will return to **three** services on Sunday mornings:

**8:00** Traditional, **9:30** Blended, and **11:00** Contemporary.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRY

Savannah Henn (Children & Family)  
[savannahh@stpaulfalls.com](mailto:savannahh@stpaulfalls.com)  
920-467-6449 ext 115

### **Sunday School**

There is no Sunday School on Dec 15, 22, or 29. We will return on Jan 5.

### **AWANA**

This week at AWANA we will be learning about Hezekiah. Our theme for the night is "Christmas Apparel". Children are invited to wear the colors green/red or a Christmas sweater.

### **Christmas**

The nursery will not be staffed on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. You are still welcome to use the room while supervising your children.

There will be a children's message at the 3 and 5 PM services on Christmas Eve. All children are welcome to join us as we learn about our Saviors birth.

### **Nursery Available**

Do you have little ones not old enough for Sunday School? You are always welcome to use our staffed nursery during the 9:30 service on Sundays. The Nursery is available for the Thursday and 8:00 Sunday services, but is not staffed, so you will need to stay and watch your child(ren).

Nicole Dollevoet (Youth & Family)  
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920-467-6449 ext 121

### **Youth & Young Adult**

#### • **Confirmation**

- ◆ Dec 18 is Blanket Making and Christmas Party time in our Small Groups. Please watch for communication from your Small Group leaders regarding party details.

#### • **Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> Gr - post High School)**

- ◆ **Sun, Dec 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

We will be painting a whimsical winter scene on canvas. Everyone will be able to take home their finished product at the end of the night. Pizza supper will be served.

- ◆ **Sun, Dec 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

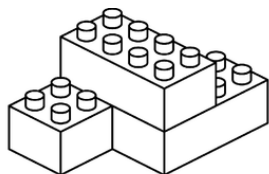
It's time to have a great Christmas Party with all of your youth group friends. Everyone is invited to wear their best Christmas-themed outfit! The evening will be filled with games and activities. It is a pot luck so bring your favorite dish to pass for our evening meal.

#### • **National Youth Gathering**

Participants will be heading out to serve Sheboygan County on Dec 14. We praise God for the opportunity to serve the community with our time and talents!

### **Children, Youth, & Families**

**Save the Date** for our next CYF event!  
Jan 12 from 10:30 AM -12:00 PM.  
We will be doing "**Lego Creations: Stories of the Old Testament**".  
We hope to see families there.



## PRAYERS & GIVING

### **Please Pray For:**

**Hospice:** Steve Ottman

### **Would you like us to pray for you or someone you love?**

- ◆ If you are in the hospital, please call the Church Office to let a pastor know. They would love to visit and pray with you.
- ◆ If someone you know needs prayer, please talk to a pastor so that we can pray for them in church and/or add them to our Prayer Chain.
- ◆ If you need a pastoral visit for any reason, please contact a pastor to schedule a visit. If we don't know, we can't help!

### **Pray for Our Active Members in the Military:**

**Air Force:** Christopher Saunders  
**Air Force Reserve:** Saul Grosshuesch  
**Army:** Zachary Kattner, Ryan Schmidt  
**Army Reserve:** Amanda Zimmerman, Robert Zimmermann, Max Zuengler  
**Marine Corps:** Zeke Norlander  
**National Guard:** Joshua Becker  
**Navy:** Steven Mueller

### **Active Military Addresses**

If you have a family member who is active in any branch of the Military, please call Fay at 920-467-6552 with their address or legibly write it and put it in one of the Office Drop Boxes. Fay would like to mail Christmas Cards to them on behalf of St. Paul Friends Club.

### **Giving Center Donations**

Items currently being collected at the Giving Center (**located in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall**)

**St. Paul Quilters:** *On-going* collection of gently used sheets & material (label and place on top)

**Early Childhood Center:** *On-going* collection of used ink cartridges and cell phones

**Pillowcase Dresses:** *On-going* collection of new or gently used pillow cases - cotton or cotton blend only - we cannot use microfiber or other synthetic fabric

**Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry:** *On-going* collection of food & paper products for the SF Pantry

**Helping Kids:** *On-going* collection of food for families with children at SF schools

**Neat Repeats:** *On-going* collection of items (small amounts only). If you have a large amount, please drop off at the Neat Repeats store in Plymouth

**Mary's Room:** *On-going* collection of newborn sleepers

**Love INC:** *On-going* collection of Personal Care Items ([loveincsheboygancounty.org/donate](http://loveincsheboygancounty.org/donate))



## Christmas Worship Schedule

### **Thurs Dec 19:**

- ◆ 6:30 PM "Stories & Songs of Christmas"  
*A special service with Scripture, hymns, and music offerings to help us prepare for celebrating Christ's birth!*

### **Christmas Eve, Dec 24:**

- ◆ 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM - Contemporary
- ◆ 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - Traditional  
Children's Message & Livestreamed at 3:00 & 5:00

*The Nursery will not be staffed on Christmas Eve or Day. It will be open for use, but you will need to stay with your children.*

### **Christmas Day, Dec 25:**

- ◆ 9:00 AM Traditional, Livestreamed

**Thurs Dec 26:** No Informal Worship Service

**Sun Dec 29:** Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

## St. Paul Christmas Season Information

### **Christmas Blessings Gift Return**

Gifts need to be returned to the Church Office by **Dec 8**. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards this ministry, place it in an envelope and mark it: "Christmas Blessings".

### **Advent Devotionals**

Advent Devotionals can be found on the small table at the Main Entrance (#1) in the Gathering Area. Children's Advent Devotionals were handed out during Sunday School & AWANA.

### **Poinsettia Sign Up**

The Adornment Team will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. They will all be red, 6 1/2" plants with 4-6 blooms and cost \$11 each; you can take yours home any time after the 9:00 service on Wed Dec 25. There will only be 24 ordered, so sign up today! There will NOT be any additional ordered. Thank you for helping to decorate the church this Christmas!

### **Sunday School Children's Christmas Program**

*Sun, Dec 8 at 2:00 PM in the Worship Center*

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Program! The children have been working hard and would love celebrate Christmas with you!

### **Stories & Songs of Christmas**

*Thurs, Dec 19 at 6:30 PM*

We will once again be holding a special music and Scripture service to prepare for and remember the birth of our Savior. Come hear the gifts of music from our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Teams, various soloists, and organ-led hymns by Bill Born. Invite family & friends to attend!

### **Christmas Greeting Cards**

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the Card Shoppe in Room 100! **ALL** cards are 50 cents each / \$6.00 for a box of 12.

### **Scrip Cards**

Christmas is coming - buy your gift cards at church! We have a large selection of gift cards of varying amounts. There are many options to pre-order \$5 & \$10 cards, which are perfect for gift giving! Special order cards must be paid for at the time of ordering.

