

SPL NEWS

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2024
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM



OUR MISSION

St. Paul's Lutheran is a church where those longing for a **different** life find a **grace-filled** life in Jesus.



Scripture

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Mark 12:41-44

Worship Songs

Saturday

In The Room

River of Life

Your Love Oh Lord

Trust & Obey

Alive & Breathing

Sunday

Here For You

He Is Faithful

This Is Our God

Jesus We Love You

Father I Adore You

Yes I Will

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

St. Paul's Pastors & Elders invite members to gather for the Voters Meeting today, **November 17**, at 12:00 PM. We will vote on the proposed 2025 budget and also on the change in the constitution of Unity/LSA. Additional congregational updates will be shared.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who helped with Advent by Candlelight this year. Your financial and volunteer support provided for a blessed evening for over 300 women from St. Paul's and the community and allowed us to bless God's Shelter of Love and the New Life Pregnancy Center each with \$259.

ENCOUNTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Join us in the Loft at 9:15 AM next Sunday, **November 24**, for a special relaxed and interactive worship experience. All the elements of a typical service: music, a message, prayer, Communion, etc. presented in a way that makes it easy for anyone to encounter Jesus. Plus breakfast will be provided. Bring the whole family and your friends - there's something for everyone.



UPWARD 2025 BASKETBALL & CHEER

For PreK-8th grade participants. *Upward* runs from 1/4/2025 thru 3/8/2025 on Saturdays.

PARENTS: Early Bird discount registration runs thru **November 30** so use the QR code to the left to register now.

REGISTER

Volunteers are needed to coach and officiate. To volunteer, scan the code to the right.



VOLUNTEER

ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

This Advent we invite you to "Come & See" with lunch & worship at 12:00 PM in the Dining Room, and dinner at 5:30 PM in the Dining Room followed by worship at 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. Worship on Wednesdays will be from **December 4** through December 18.

ANGEL TREE

Angels are now available at the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Area. Take an angel off the tree, sign for it, then return your gifts - *with angel attached!* - back to the tree or the Church Office by Wednesday, **December 11**.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS THIS WEEKEND.



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WEEKENDS AT SPL

Worship Saturday 6:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Nursery available for ages infant to 3. **Education Time @ 9:15AM:** *Pastor's Class* (Dining Room), *SPL Parents* (Family Room), *Confirmation* (Loft), *SPL Kids* for PreK to 6th grade (2nd floor).

COMING UP AT SPL

NOVEMBER 17 - Semi-Annual **VOTERS MEETING** 12:00 PM in the Worship Center.
NOVEMBER 17 - **ANGEL TREE** Angels made available.
NOVEMBER 24 - **ENCOUNTER WORSHIP** 9:15 AM in the Loft.
NOVEMBER 24 - **YOUTH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION** 4:00-6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 28 - **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** 9:00 AM
NOVEMBER 28-29 - SPL & ELC Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
NOVEMBER 30 - **UPWARD** Basketball & Cheer deadline for Early Bird discount registration
DECEMBER 1 - **CHRISTMAS DECORATING** at St. Paul's after 10:30 AM Worship
DECEMBER 4 - **WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP** 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 8 - **JINGLE JAM** 9:15 AM
DECEMBER 11 - **WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP** 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 11 - **ANGEL TREE GIFTS** due back at St. Paul's.
DECEMBER 18 - **WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP** 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 21 - **CAROL SING** 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 24 - **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
DECEMBER 25 - **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP** 10:00 AM



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Barb & Dick Light in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last weekend attendance in person:	451
Last weekend attendance online:	111
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	562

GIVING 2024

2024 Budget Goal:	\$2,170,000
YTD Giving:	\$1,561,309.35 (71.95% of budget goal)
Last Week's Offering:	\$29,644.61
Amount needed to meet 2024 budget goal:	\$608,690.65
Amount needed weekly through 12/29:	\$86,955.81

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the real presence of Jesus' Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper when offered during worship. Grape juice is located at the center of the tray for those who need it. Children who have not taken Communion Class are invited to come forward and receive a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine. (Communion class is offered to those in 6th grade or older).

If you have any questions or concerns about Communion, please talk with a Pastor after service.

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