

January 2026

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## PRAYER REQUESTS



- Joyce Asmus
- Judy Boyle
- Nicki Mendoza
- Pam Hensel
- Norma Hernandez
- Sue Michutka (sister of Mary Lane)
- Carol Mason
- Beverly Jackson
- Gary, Denny, (classmates of Marilyn)
- Hanna Euler
- Kay Asmus
- Mary Lane
- Caleb Barns (grandson of Dan & Diane Myerholtz)
- Faith & Jessie
- Larry Harris & Doris Beck
- Char Zgela
- Dan Henry

Normal Office hours; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-2pm Pr Meg & SAM Jon 10-2pm Tues. & Thursdays. For any pastoral concerns or in need of an appointment you can call or email either office (St. Paul 419-823-1731/Zion 419-878-0266) For pastoral emergencies contact Pr. Meg at (419)308-5032

Curious to what our sister parish Zion Lutheran of Waterville is up to. Check them out at their website;

<http://www.zionlutheranwaterville.org> Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/zionwaterville>

### NWO Synod Mission Statement;

Sent by the crucified and risen Jesus to:



for the renewal of Northwestern Ohio and the world.

You can find approved minutes from the Council Meetings on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

Follow along with Pastor Meg & SAM Jon during the service and bring your Bible to worship! Highlight God's word, make notations and enjoy His word that is being taught!

## Church Volunteers



### SPEAKER

- 4 SAM Jon Rhoades
- 11 PR Meg Boger
- 18 SAM Jon Rhoades
- 25 Pr Meg

### LAY ASSISTING MINISTER

- 4 Matt Wulff
- 11 Wayne Thomas
- 18 Larry Asmus
- 25 Diane Myerholtz

### READER

- 4 Diane Myerholtz
- 11 Tom Fowler
- 18 Carol Asmus
- 25 Mason Rice

### CANTOR

- 4 April Hites
- 11 Mike Androvich
- 18 April Hites
- 25 Mike Androvich

### USHERS

- 4 Brenda Haynes & Phil Johnson
- 11 Tom Euler & Denny Asmus & Avery Eckel
- 18 Dave Schalitz & Craig Batke
- 25 Zach Walls & Brenda Haynes

### Acolyte

- 11 Cade Eckel

# January BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Wayne Thomas
- 5 Ava Asmus
- 6 Bill Villalta
- 10 Laura Short
- 11 Avery Eckel
- 14 Dorene Damschroder
- 16 Mason Rice
- 19 Bob Vollmar
- 24 Ken Haynes
- 26 Seth Weaver
- 27 Cade Eckel
- 29 Andy Rice
- 20 Aubrey Hartman

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, please let Jan know by email or a note in her box. (Birthdates & anniversaries were not on the address update forms)



Don't forget to save your can pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. They not only come on your pop cans but on soup, broth, and many other things. Thanks to everyone who saves-and brings in- tabs from pop/drink and soup/ vegetable cans! The money they receive from the tabs feeds the families that stay at the house. Please keep them coming!

## Otsego Food Pantry

The Otsego Food Pantry accepts all food & monetary donations but for January they suggest Manwich or Spam, Noodle Side Dish, Baby Wipes or Men/Women's Deodorant.

If anyone on the Property Committee has any issues that Matt Wulff might be able to help with, or needs anything brought to Church Council, his cell number is 419-308-8064. You can also email Matt at [wulffspack@woh.rr.com](mailto:wulffspack@woh.rr.com)

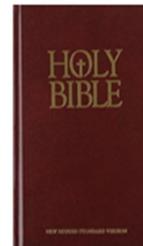
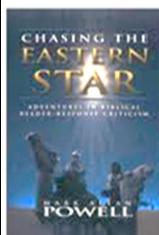
## Sunday School

9:45 - 10:00	Children's choir & bells practice (perform the last Sunday of the month)
10:00 - 10:30	SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & above
LAST Sunday of the Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> and above help during the service K-2 will still have Sunday School



### PRESCHOOL & UNDER

Tables be set up in the back of church every week for children to sit at and color with adult supervision.



The January Meetings of the Book Club/Bible at Zion will be starting back up soon. We will be finishing up **Chasing the Eastern Star** by Dr. Mark Allen Powell. When we are done with this one the next one will be **Christy** by Catherine Marshall and we will finish up with **Screwtape Letters** by C.S.Lewis. Check daily announcements for future dates!

**2026 Offering Envelopes, if you use them, should be in your mailboxes. Please begin using them January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you did not get any and would like them you can email me or contact Rick Grimm.**

## LOOKING FOR:



If you would like to be a Worship Assistant or Reader you can see Megan Rice.  
If you would like to be an Acolyte, Youth or Family Greeter or Usher see Jen Asmus.  
There is also a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Please join us for the fellowship hour after worship. Planning on staying? Please consider signing up to help host! The sign-up sheet is on the kosk.



The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations of food, clothing and toys to the Otsego Christmas Box collection & the family we adopted! A special thank you to the St. Paul Quilters for their donation of 13 handmade Christmas quilts for families to keep them warm this holiday season. Many local families will have a much merrier Christmas due to the generosity of our donations. A big thank you also to Thrivent for their continued donations in helping us meet our goals to support these community projects. Blessing to all for a happy and healthy 2026.



The Advent Season at St. Paul this year was very special! From the delightful Children's Worship December 21 to the beautiful Prelude music and the candles for Silent Night at the Christmas Eve worship service! Thank you to all the members who helped make the Advent season special; from making this a warm and welcoming place for for everyone, bringing in a ton of cookies, and decorating the Church for the season! A very special thank you to the children for their delightful performance in the Children's program and to their parents for bringing them to practice and working with them at home on their parts! A very special thank you to Jen Asmus & Stacie Anderson for helping with the practice and Megan who directed it and Sandy Duty who was the pianist for that and Christmas Eve. The following children participated in the Christmas Program; Audrey Anderson, Mason Rice, Cade Eckel, Morris Anderson, Claire Wulff, Colin Wulff, Mawer Anderson, Lincoln Walls, Clinton Walls, Levi Shipp, Rhett McFadden, Cormac Ery, Emery Asmus, Avery Eckel, Saylor Rice, Brinlee Hartman, Sage Heft, Delaney McFadden, Grant Walls, Jaclin Ery, Melody Hites, June Shipp, Adyn Asmus & Taylor Asmus. (I apologize if I missed anyone.)

Christmas Eve Prelude was, again, beautifully done by the various musicians who volunteered to share their talents with us. They were; Erin Asmus; Ave Maria, Claire & Colin Wulff; The Friendly Beasts, April Hites; Prophets Knew, April & Melody Hites; Jingle Bell Rock, Duet; Heather Wulff & Shanshan Li; O Holy Night, Sunday School Children; Joy to the World & Away in a Manger, Parish Choir led by April Hites; A Midnight Clear;





**Prayer for the new year;**

O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with the light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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