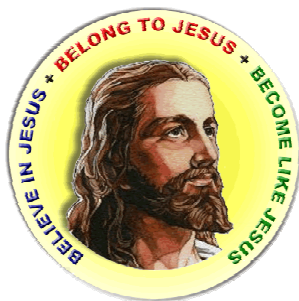


St. Paul's Lutheran Church

509 Milwaukee Avenue

Cascade, WI 53011

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December 2024 Newsletter

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Church Office 528-8094

Pastor Richard M. Bidinger 528-8881

Tessa Shirley/Katherine Arbuckle-Organist

Mike Schneider-Office Manager 980-5760

Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am

(Winter Schedule September-May)

Sunday 8:30 am

(Summer Schedule May-September)

Sunday School 8:30 am September-May



From the Pastor

¹⁰And the angel said to them,

*“Fear not, for behold,
I bring you Good News of great joy
that will be for all the people.*

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.

¹²And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger.”

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom He is pleased!” -- Luke 2

“MESSENGERS OF GOOD NEWS!”

At night, when you enter a room with no windows,
and with no lights on in the room,
and with no light shining through the door way,
it is “pitch black” – total darkness.
That’s how the words of the prophet Isaiah
describe the world, the people, when Jesus was born!

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you. – Isaiah 60

When Jesus was born, the “Light” of God’s Son
shone brightly in the world!

Outside of Israel, the people in the world lived in darkness.
They did not know the one true God.
They did not know God’s Law or God’s Truth.

In Israel, very few among the Israelites walked by faith,
with many living corrupt and compromised lives.
The religious leaders of Israel were self-serving
woefully trapped in their self-righteous attitudes.

But, there was a remnant, a faithful few,
through whom God would work,
to send the Savior into the world.

When the angels appeared to the shepherds
on the night of Jesus’ birth,
they brought “Good News!”

Ninth months earlier, the angel Gabriel appeared in Nazareth,
with “Good News” for a virgin named Mary.

³⁰And the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

³²He will be great
and will be called the Son of the Most High.”

- Luke 1

Sometime later, angel appeared to Joseph with “Good News”.

²⁰ “Joseph, son of David,
do not fear to take Mary as your wife,
for that which is conceived in her
is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.

- Matthew 1



**The Midweek Advent Worship Services,
will focus our attention on the Angels
as “Messengers of Good News!”**

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm

The Virgin Mary, “*The Humble, Exalted*”
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 pm

Joseph, “*The Devout, Honored*”
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19, 6:30 pm

The Shepherds, “*The Forgotten, Remembered*”
Luke 2:8-20

**An “Advent Supper” will be served at 5:15 pm
before each of the 3 Midweek Advent Services
in the Lower Level of the Fellowship Hall.**
(No charge! A Free-Will Offering will be received)

*Christmas is a wonderful opportunity
to witness to others about Jesus,
showing the contrast between
the “darkness” in our world, and
the “light” of forgiveness
and a new life that Jesus offers us!*

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, December 1
Budget & Elections 11:15 am

Monday, December 2
Board of Elders 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3
Board of Trustees 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 4
7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 5
Advent Supper 5:15 pm
Advent Worship 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 7
Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Sunday, December 8
9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 11
8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 am

Thursday, December 12
LWML Meeting 10:00 am with party to follow
Advent Worship 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 14
Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 18
7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 am

Saturday, December 21
Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Hot Dog party to Follow

Sunday, December 22
Sunday School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 24
Sunday School Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship 9:00 am

Sunday, December 29
Worship w/HC 9:00 am



Invite a Neighbor to Church

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Now is a great time to bring someone to church and enlighten them about the **THE GOOD NEWS.**

John 5:24 "I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

Just a reminder that the Altar Flower signup sheet is on the bulletin board by the upper Fellowship Hall. Please let Mike know by calling the church office at 920.528.8094 or emailing stpaulscascade@hotmail.com if you would like to have an announcement in the bulletin for the flowers.

Children's Church

Before Pastors message kids ages 3k-3rd Grade are welcomed to join children's church held in the fellowship hall. The kids are taught the day's sermon using tools to help them better understand their age group.



3 Robert Falk
Tammy Kowalczyk

6 Ann Simonsen

8 Stefan Jimenez

15 Warren Flunker
Gayle Flunker
Lynn Marquardt
Janice Berg

16 Terrence Steinke

17 Lori LaPorte

21 Bonnie Fieber
Ryan Giese
Alex Marquardt
Audrina Rosenberger

23 Devon Hill

25 Ruthie Bliesner
Chad Fenske

27 Daniel Schultz

29 DuWayne Schultz



2 Kelvin & Jackie Hinz

11 Todd & (Georgette) Triebensee

26 Justin & Lori LaPorte

List of Homebound members to keep in our Prayers

List of Homebound members to keep in our Prayers
Jean Dippel-Plymouth, Doris Krahn-Plymouth, Louella Raabe-Plymouth, Marion Heffer & Sherry-Cascade, Cola Schneider-Sheboygan, Ken & Brenda Schultz-Cascade, David Hartmann-Progressive

St. Paul's has been blessed with a gift of \$13,914.60 from the Sandra Hintz Estate. It has been placed in the Memorial fund till our January Voter's Assembly Meeting at which time it will be decided to where it will be best used for the good of our church.

New Website

Our website is up and running - www.stpaulscascade.com

CHECK IT OUT There is also a line for online giving. Any questions about how it works feel free to contact Mike Schneider.



Faithful dog for sale read the add, as such John called up the owner for details.

- Hey, I saw your offer for a faithful dog, I have a couple of questions.

- Shoot.

- He good with kids?

- Very. He's kind and gentle and has endless patience.

- yard dog or house dog?

- House trained but loves the yard as well.

- Cool. Last, is he really faithful?

- Oh yeah, very faithful. This is the fifth time I'm selling him.

Reminder Thrivent Choice Dollars: Time to direct your 2024 funds!

If you are an eligible Thrivent member, you can help make a difference for our congregation. With Thrivent Choice you can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable funds go each year, including "St. Pauls Lutheran Church".

This year St. Paul's received \$2,107 in Choice Dollar funding and disbursed \$600. Our Thrivent committee donated to the Brad Jentsch fundraiser (\$200), Hispanic Outreach \$200, and Love Inc. (\$200).

REMINDER you MUST direct your Choice dollars EVERY YEAR to get funds to the organization of your choice!

2024 Choice Dollars MUST be directed by March 31, 2025.

To direct Choice Dollars, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Thank You for helping make a difference at St. Paul's and in our community!

Thrivent Choice Committee
Bev Hinz, Diane Pietsch, Ann Simonsen, Rayleen Triebensee, Peggy Wiehr, Patti Zimmermann (Chair)



St. Paul's Cascade LWML Cookie & Candy SALE

Thursday, December 19
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Lower Fellowship hall

You will be able to walk through and choose which goodies you want to take home with you to enjoy!
Mix and Match Cookie and Candy for \$8.00 per pound.

Trustees Minutes

The November meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Tuesday November 7th at 6:30pm, Pastor Bidinger opened with a prayer with Randy, Frank, Ron, and Mark present

OLD BUSINESS

We are tabling getting the electrical service updated until next year since we just had the Expense of the furnaces this year.

Ron reported that he replaced the range hood in the parsonage, cleaned and inspected the chimney, and hung a wall mounted tv for the Sunday School.

Frank reported he put fans from church away for the year. He will be replacing the GFI outlet in the Fellowship hall.

NEW BUSINESS

We agreed to have All American HVAC do a clean and checkup and install a circulation pump On the heating system in the parsonage.

Snow removal was discussed and we will again have Jim Guttman Jr doing the plowing.

The Trustees will be putting up the Christmas tree after the late service on 26th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mark Schultz
Secretary

St. Paul's LWML Cascade Meeting Minutes

President Linda Fischer called the meeting to order at 9:59am.

We had 2 guest speakers. Heather from St. Thomas church in Waldo & she's also on the SWD LWML Winter Getaway Committee came to speak about the upcoming retreat and answer any questions about it. Dawn, Director of Programs at Love INC came to speak about Love INC and inform us on what they all do for the community and answer any questions we had. Both speakers were very informative and a great addition to the meeting this month.

Roll Call was taken with 10 members and 2 guests in attendance; Linda, Gail, Karen, Nydia, Diane, Patti, Bev, Betty P., Jen & Jodi.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary read last month's minutes and approved as read.

Karen Marquardt, Treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$1,852.77.

Unfinished Business:

- Christmas Flower Order forms were handed out and some were left in church and the fellowship area for people to fill out and return. We will be ordering through Bloomin on Broadway or you can bring your own with your name on them. We again will be putting popsicle sticks with names on them in soil, so it is easy for those who purchased or brought their own in to find when ready for pick up. We still want people to fill out a form if they bring in their own poinsettia if they want it in memory of someone.
- Cookie and Candy sale will be a Cookie Walk again on Thursday Dec. 19th along with an Advent meal we will be hosting and what does not get purchased on Thursday we will be packaging and weighing and will be for sale in the upper fellowship hall on Sunday morning Dec. 22nd.
- The LWML Christmas Party invite was handed out to members & will be hung up on bulletin boards throughout church and some were put in mailboxes to invite other church members. The Party will be on Dec. 12th at 10:30am in the Upper fellowship hall, a potluck lunch, Hot beef, hot ham and potatoes will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, coins for games and mites and a \$5 gift (wrapped or bagged) for prizes.
- Jen gave an update on the Trunk or Treat event. She said for the 1st year it went well. She had several people that donated items for her to handout for the LWML trunk.
- Jodi gave an update on the servant event night – nobody came except the 5 helping. It was decided that a week night is

probably not a good time to host one. We are going to be doing another card making servant event on Sun. Jan.5th from 11am-2pm

along with the SPY Youth Group, our group will provide lunch and everyone is invited to come. We will be focusing on making Valentine's for Project Angel Hugs. Jen and Karen updated us on the Veteran cards that were made, 32 cards were mailed to Veterans in our congregation or those we know and 27 were delivered to Rocky Knoll to be handed out to Veterans there.

New Business:

- LWML elections for 2025-2027 are as follows VP Jen Schneider and Treasurer Karen Marquardt. Both were re-elected for their 2nd term starting Jan. 2025
- The LWML SWD Winter Getaway event has been moved from the WI Dells to the Cranberry Country Lodge, 319 Wittig Road in Tomah, WI & will be held on Jan. 31st -Feb.1st Registration deadline is mid Jan. and the cost is \$65 and includes Lunch on Sat. Hotel reservations are on your own.
- We will be hosting the Advent meal on Thursday Dec. 19th and serving sloppy joe's , sides and desserts, a sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Flower sign up for on the altar were discussed. Nobody signed up for Nov. or Dec. so for the rest of Nov. the LWML group will buy flowers for the altar and the month of Dec. we will be using the poinsettias.
- Bev reported that she made a table skirt for the small table where the used communion cups are placed. She also reported on what she does as the Sunshine committee for our group.
- Jodi asked the group if having our LWML group with Board members names & phone numbers would be ok to be listed in the newsletter. We all agreed that would be a good idea. She will report to the Elders that we thought it was a good idea.
- Jen handed out an invite to the 19th annual Advent by Candlelight on Sunday Dec. 1st at 2pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Adell, WI. Many plan to attend.
- Jen asked if she could also put the LWML names and Phone numbers on the church website and also if pictures would be ok too. We all agreed that would be good.

We closed the meeting at 12:05pm with the LWML Pledge.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary

Elders Minutes

November Elder's meeting was rescheduled to November 11th. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Francis as acting chairman. Pastor opened with prayer. Present were Dominic, Francis, Pastor, Dan, and Tim by phone.

There were no official acts for the month of October. Pastor had 12 private communion visits for the month.

Pastor would like to have the day off Sunday November 24th. There will only be one service that day at 9:00AM. No Sunday School that day as well. Pastor will record the sermon ahead of time to be played on the TV's in church. Church president Todd Triebensee will lead the service, (thank you Todd!)

Fellowship Sunday will be February 9th. Pastor has been in contact with the Pine Haven Men's Chorus. They will sing during the church service. Pastor will check with them to see if they would be available to perform a few songs after the meal as well. Elders should bring meal ideas to our next meeting for discussion.

We discussed our organist situation. Pastor informed us that Tessa will be moving farther away so she will generally not be available for playing Thursday nights. She will continue to record service music for us but will need to know service plans a little farther in advance to prepare and record. Katherine has been doing very well playing for us as well and will continue to play and can possibly take on more of the playing as well. We will continue this team approach and work together and adjust as needed. There was brief discussion on compensation for playing, recording, and preparation time involved. We will monitor how things go for awhile and revisit this and make slight adjustments if needed. Thank you Tessa, Katherine, and all of our volunteers that help out by playing the recorded service music it is very much appreciated!

Dan will contact Mike about adding contact information in the church newsletter for the LWML leaders, Youth Group coordinator, and Cemetery association along with the other boards so people know who to contact for information regarding those groups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Schultz

Great Marrings Upcoming Event

Widow to Widow

Thursday, January 9, 2025

10:00 AM 11:30 AM

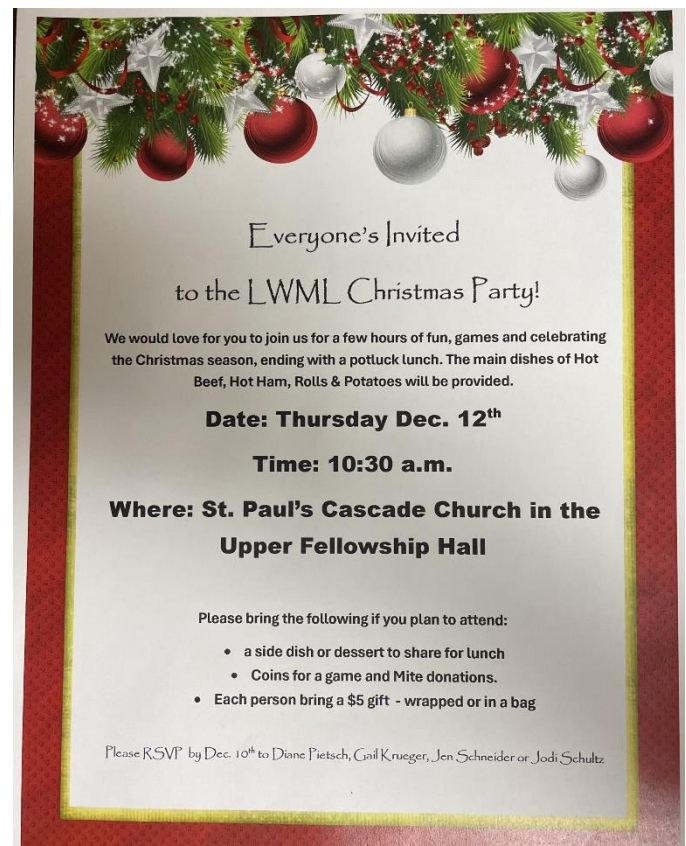
Great Marriages (map)

"Courage isn't only about facing death; it's about facing life and living it."

This group is for widows who would like to connect in fellowship with other women who are willing to support and work alongside you as you move forward. All ages and stages of life welcome!

The group meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday, from 10-11:30am at the Great Marriages Office.

Please email programs@great-marriages.org or call 920.783.6142 to register.



Drivers Needed

On behalf of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Sheboygan County, we would like to thank you for your collaborative efforts in getting the word out regarding our programs, services, resources & support throughout the year!

We are reaching out to request your assistance in promoting our **Volunteer Driver Program** ~ we are in **URGENT** need of Drivers ~ we have many more requests for transportation to medical appointments by our aging community than we have driver availability.

Our transportation service to medical appointments is a wonderful service to offer, but difficult to promote when you are unable to fulfill the requests.

Many folks in the aging community, frankly, do not have many options for transportation and need to get to their medical appointments - live alone, no family in the area, etc.

Hopefully, you are reading this and a member or members of your congregation comes to mind.... or you are willing to post the below / attached flyer on a board, in your bulletin, social media, etc. ANY ASSISTANCE is truly appreciated.

To learn more, please contact:

Tammy Ringel

Transportation Scheduler
650 Forest Ave
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
920-467-4193
tammy.ringel@sheboygancounty.com

Great Marriages-Crisis Mentoring:

Does your foundation need repair? Our trained mentor couples have been through it all. If you are facing a crisis, please don't give up! We will pair you with a mentor couple who is best suited to help you through this tough time.

Visit: www.great-marriage.org/mentoring or call 920.783.6142

Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst



German Christmas Service

Preacher: Rev. Don Hougard, Benediction-Milwaukee
Come! Join in an old-fashioned Christmas Service.

Join us for a time of fellowship complete with cider, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies and Stollen after the service. Bring your relatives, your friends and your neighbors to help us keep our German traditions of holiday, family, and church alive.

December 8th 2:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
824 Wisconsin Ave.
Downtown Sheboygan

Memory Screening

A Closer look at Memory Changes

Are you noticing changes?

A memory screen is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition.

It creates a baseline of where a person is at so that future changes can be monitored.



TUES., DEC., 3, 2024 from 1-3pm

**Aging & Disability Resource Center
(ADRC) of Sheboygan County**
650 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

(Follow the driveway to the BACK of the building)
It's **FREE** and takes only 15 minutes!



**(Confidential / Screening on First Come,
First Serve Basis)**

Get immediate results

Keep them for future comparison and/or share them with your physician / medical team.

Early detection is important

Just as blood pressure, cancer, diabetes, or stroke screening contribute to prevention and better treatments, so do memory screens.

Questions?

Contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Sheboygan County
920-467-4100

Five Things to Help Invite Someone to Church

1. Pray for Your Guest—Who do you know that needs Jesus? Are you praying for them regularly? Pause and pray for that person now. Are you asking God to work in their hearts? Seems simple, but it's so simple we don't do it. Begin by praying right now for someone you would like to bring to church this weekend (or soon.)

2. Speak Up with a Friendly Spirit—Gulp! I know, this is the hurdle. Opening your mouth is a fearful thing when it comes to "religion." I figure it this way, if Jesus opened His palms to my nails, then I can open my mouth for my friend. This doesn't have to be mechanical or weird. Just kindly say, "Hey, would you like to come to church with me Sunday?" I know, it seems random, or even scary if you don't do it much. But you just might be shocked! Because of point one, God is already be working to soften the heart of that person. So, decide right now—WHO will you invite to church this weekend?

3. Add a Caring Expression of Love—A cup of coffee and a danish before church, lunch after church, an offer to pick them up, a gift book or Bible while they are with you, a thank you note or gift card—there are many ways to express love to people. Food always speaks care and compassion. Jesus fed a LOT of people! Couple your invitation with some "second mile" expression of personal interest. Be a true friend, not just a religious recruiter.

4. Team Up with Others—Chances are you and other Christian friends know the same lost or discouraged person. Perhaps you could get together with the morning service being the hub. Perhaps you could schedule a fellowship at your home with Christian friends, and intentionally invite a guest to participate. Perhaps you could all meet for coffee before church. There are a lot of ways to be creative and courageous with the help of others. I know of several occasions recently where our EBC church family members scheduled home gatherings with Christians for the express purpose of inviting a non-Christian friend. It breaks the ice and touches the heart! Christian community is a powerful evangelistic tool.

5. Cultivate Compassionate Habits Toward Others—Instead of seeing through people all day, see people. Ask your coworkers how you can pray for them. Leave a hand-written note for a waitress. Tell someone at a drive-through that they are doing a good job. Smile at people. As you cultivate compassion, God will naturally open doors for you to converse and encourage. Yesterday my wife was in a store. As she checked out, she began talking with the attendant. The conversation went from "Where are you from" immediately to "My daughter just moved to Newington" to "Oh, your husband's a pastor? My daughter is looking for a church!" It all happened in a moment because of a smile and warm spirit.

There are open doors and opportunities all around us. The question is, will we be too busy today to do the thing that could have the single greatest eternal impact? Your simple, loving, kind invitation to a healthy church could radically reorientate someone's life and eternal destiny through Jesus!

Don't be anxious over "how" to do it. Just rest in Him, be yourself, and trust Him to do the hard stuff!

I pray God will richly reward your desire to bring a guest to church with you Sunday!

Church Officers and Board Members 2024

President-Todd Triebensee	838-4888
Vice President- Levi Melius Jr.	946-4488
Secretary-Diane Pietsch	528-8668
Treasurer-Mike Schneider	980-5760
Financial Secretary-Betty Johnston	528-8041

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Tim Fenske	980-2861

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Thrivent Committee

Bev Hinz	994-4935
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Peggy Wiehr	893-8812
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Secretary-Jodi Schultz	960-5512
Treasurer-Karen Marquardt	917-0386

Youth Group Advisor

Jenny Bidingier	917-5296
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Cemetery President

Randy Pietsch	528-8480
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FEEDING THE HUNGRY in our own backyard

Please donate a food item each month for the Plymouth Food Pantry. One food category will be highlighted each month, but feel free to donate as

the Holy Spirit leads you. Collection boxes are located in our Fellowship Hall and in back of church.

December
Soup & Crackers
Luke 3: 10-11