

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 19,
2021



We pray that you are filled with hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Welcome Pastor Bickford

The church council held a special council meeting December 13th and unanimously voted to hire Pastor Glen Bickford to be our full-time interim pastor. Glen Bickford is an ELCA pastor, mediator and church consultant. He attended Yale Divinity School, was ordained in 1992, and has served as chaplain in Chicago and at Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minnesota. A trained interim, he has served 12 churches in three denominations as pastor and interim pastor. Pastor Bickford is a Bridgebuilder, trained in civil, family and church mediation and is a qualified neutral for the Minnesota Court System. Reverend Bickford consults and teaches regularly with couples and churches regarding visioning, planning, communication and conflict. Details of his start date are being worked on. However, as it stands now, it's looking like mid to late January. We will keep you informed once we know more exact timing.

We are all looking forward to Pastor Bickford joining us and sharing his gifts with our congregation.

Christmas Eve Services

Please join us at 3pm and 5pm (candlelit). The Bell and Chancel choirs will be delighting us, as well as several special musicians.

Sunday, December 26th will be a special Lessons and Carols service.



We need you!

The nominating committee is looking for chairpersons for the VP/President-elect, Business Management, Fellowship Committee, Evangelism and Membership, Property and Grounds, Social Concerns, Nominating Committee. Please contact the Nominating Committee: Ann Kriesel, Kevin Urhammer, Mugs, Jerry Schlagel or Hank Drews if you are interested.

December Gifts of Love

We need mittens and gloves for all ages. As our December Gifts of Love focus, we are so grateful that we have a great deal of hats and scarves, but gloves and mittens are lacking. We can do it!



In January we will be collecting diapers, disposable training pants and baby wipes.

Readers, communion help, and clickers needed!

Please sign-up in the orange book in the Gathering Area. Anyone and everyone are welcome and appreciated.



Senior Worship Service

The Senior Committee has cancelled the January 2nd Senior Worship and Dinner due to the many holiday activities and the increase in COVID numbers.

Prayers

Please keep the family of Betty Borson in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate her life and mourn her death. Betty's celebration of life service will be a private service for family only, held in January.

Welcome visitors!

We are so glad to have you here. Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul Lutheran? Curious about our activities and outreach opportunities? Are you considering becoming a member? Please contact Amy in the church office (651-439-5970 or SPLC@stpaulc.org) if you would like information and to connect with people who would be happy to assist you. We'd love to get to know you better!

The Messenger

January articles are due by December 27th.

≧ This week at St. Paul Lutheran ≦

Tuesday, December 21st

7pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 22nd

6pm Bell Choir rehearsal

7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

7pm AA meeting

Friday, December 24th

12pm Office closes

3pm Worship Service

5pm Worship Service, Candlelit
Bell Choir and Chancel Choir
performances at both services

Sunday, December 26th

9am Worship Service:
Lessons & Carols

Worship Assistance

Friday, December 24th

3pm: Usher Team #4 (Jay Swanson,
Lynn & Billy Lomen, Jerry Schlagel,
Jeff Thomsen)

Reader: Mugs DeFore

5pm: Usher Team - Hank and TBD

Reader: Chris Shivers

Sunday, December 26th

Usher Team #4 (Jay Swanson, Lynn &
Billy Lomen, Jerry Schlagel, Jeff
Thomsen)

Readers: Mugs and many more
needed

Prayer Box

Members: Woody & Delores K.

Family and Friends: Kevin, Dennis, Judy, Jan,
Esler Family

Church Staff

Interim Pastor: *Rev. Sam Wolff*

Visitation Pastor: *Rev. Carole Lundell*

Organist, Chancel Choir Director, Bell Choir

Director: *Andy Peterson*

Casual Worship Leader: *Karen Hillmann*

Office Coordinator: *Amy Pahl-Zeszutek*

Bookkeeper: *Ed Seekel*

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