



St. Paul's Messenger

A monthly newsletter for friends and family

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EVENTS

December 4	Advent Service
December 8	Joint Worship Service & Christmas Pageant
December 11	Advent Service
December 15	Sunday School Program
December 18	Advent Service
December 19	Mobile Food Pantry
December 24	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Attendance

November 3	74
November 10	93
November 17	103
November 24	65

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Christmas SERVICES

Advent Services at 5:30 p.m.
at St. Paul's

Wednesday, December 4
Wednesday, December 11
Wednesday, December 18

Sunday, December 8 - Joint Service & Christmas Pageant at St. Paul's

Sunday, December 15 - Sunday School Program at St. Paul's

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
2:00 p. m. - St. Paul's
4:00 p. m. - Our Saviour's
6:00 p. m. - St. Paul's

There are no services on Christmas Day.

A Message from Council President Val Bach

As I write this month's message, it is the Monday after I led worship at St. Paul's. My sermon message was about Jesus' words to James and John about what it means to be a leader; how the best way to lead is to serve others with humility.

These words resonate with me even more now that I am retired, because very little of the extra time I have available in these past weeks has been spent on my own personal "to-do" items. And, no, I still haven't cleaned my walk-in closet (I'm saving that for a rainy or cold-weather day, after all, I have the rest of my life for that, right?).

I've been able to focus on helping my children out more with my grandchildren which, in turn, results in making more memories with them. I've been able to help my mom and my in-laws with little tasks they aren't able to do anymore. And I am able to play a hand or two more of Pinochle, which my in-laws value more than any work I would do for them. Bringing them pleasure makes my day just as much as it does theirs. My extra time has also given me the opportunity to reflect on how I might be able to add more meaning to my life by giving some of my time and effort to others who might benefit from something I can do.

Throughout the years, I missed many funerals that I would have liked to attend because of my job and I know first-hand how much it means to those mourning the loss of a loved one to see and feel the love and support from others during such difficult times. I'm making it my goal to reach out more with a card or a phone call or a message on Facebook or, better yet, express my condolences with a hug in person.

Another of my goals is to join the choir at St. Paul's (I even showed up at church Sunday at 8:00 thinking that the choir would be there, only to find out they meet the second and last Sunday of each month). Now, I just have to remember that. I MUST use my reminder option on my phone!

If you are looking for ways to serve others, there are many opportunities to at St. Paul's. Volunteering can truly be rewarding. Just reach out to anyone of the Council members or people currently involved in the various groups of St. Paul's if you'd like to make a difference and feel the rewards of volunteering and serving others. We welcome everyone!

And speaking of leaders, St. Paul's is truly blessed with some great ones in Barb Krug, Pastor Bob and Pastor Nancy who continue to provide us with inspiration and spiritual guidance. Barb works a crazy number of hours, but makes it her priority to serve the congregations of Our Saviour's and St. Paul's, even after putting in relentless hours to fulfill all of her other responsibilities. And Pastor Bob and Pastor Nancy, who both supposedly retired a while ago, continue to bless us by leading worship at least once a month. How lucky are we to have such amazing leaders; leaders who inspire by serving others and are truly humble as they do so. Thank you to each one of you! You are truly appreciated.

My message to each of you is to go and serve; lead with humility. And remember...God's Work, Our Hands.

A Message from Barb Krug, SAM

Greetings,

In November, we learned about Thankofferings, (an offering of Thanks) that the Women of the ELCA collect and use for ministry and mission work. The story of Martha (the worker) and Mary (the listener) sticks with me a lot. I always felt I was only a Martha. Doing the work that needs to be done. Recently, I've realized I am a Mary, as well. I can sit and listen and appreciate the Word of our Lord. I'm a better Martha than I am a Mary, but I am a Mary sometimes. As we begin this busy Christmas season, let's all try to be Mary for a little bit. Let Martha do some work, but let Mary take over and slow us down to listen to all that the season has to tell us.

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, was born for us. He arrived in the most meager of ways and rose to his throne in Heaven for you and for me. Let the love of God bless your Christmas gatherings, your travels, your gift giving, your worship time, and grant you peace at this most blessed time of year.

Merry Christmas.

Barb Krug

THE GIFT THAT IS YOU!
2024 Christmas Message from Bishop Martin



As I reflect on my time in Malawi back in early November, I had so many experiences that merit being shared. As I write this letter, perhaps the most important lesson I can offer was that of my new reality as a guest overseas.

Everywhere I turned, I truly felt like I was the most important person present. Yes, there were times where I was the honored guest as a bishop. I was granted the best seats in the church, in the van, on the stage. When I walked the grounds at the Lutheran Compound in my purple clerical, EVERYONE immediately stopped what they were doing to greet me, even if that was their first encounter with me. I was fed better than most

and I never had to carry my own luggage. I had women pour water over my hands before certain meals (including communion) much like Christ did during the Last Supper in washing the disciples' feet. And despite my innermost desires to remind them that I was just another guy, I simply could not insult them in that manner. The way in which they treated me was at the core of their faith practice.

Thankfully, Deacon Laura taught me a valuable insight that helped my understanding more clearly. They didn't treat only bishops that way, they treat all guests that way! Having been to Malawi five times before she took me, Laura has experienced that generous hospitality time and time again. And now that I'm a few weeks removed from their genuine welcome, I still firmly believe that their faith has taught them to love their neighbor and lift them up no matter how far away we may come.

What if we all treated our neighbor as though they are the most important person present at that time? What if we lifted the spirits of the people God places in our lives each and every day? As we prepare for the Christmas story once again this year, we emphasize the gift that comes in the Christ child, God made flesh to live among us mortals. Just think about the lives that the Christ child touched! It started with Mary and Joseph, continued to the shepherds in the fields, and even gave the heavenly host something to praise!

Of course, Jesus went on to touch so many lives - people in need of healing, children in need of welcoming, outcasts in need of community, sinners in need of redeeming. Jesus became the gift who helped them all feel that they were the most important person present at the time, people worthy of his unconditional love, people whose spirits were uplifted.

As we march through the season of Advent toward the birth of God Emmanuel, Jesus the savior of the world, remember the gift of God's presence in your lives. Recognize that God is even present within you and that you are a gift as well! And much like my new friends in Malawi, be that gift for others. Reveal Christ's presence to others through your continued faithfulness and dedication to the God of love because that love can overcome division. You are a gift to this synod and to God's church when you let God's light shine in and through you! May this Christmas also reveal to you the light of Christ through others.

Bishop Martin

A Pastoral Response from Pastor Bob Giese
Regarding His Sermon on November 10, 2024.

On November 10, 2024, I preached a sermon on "The Theology of Scarcity versus The Theology of Abundance based on the Gospel for the day (Mark 12:38-44) and two verses from the New Testament on abundance (John 10:10 and 2 Corinthians 9:8).

As is often the case, some people thanked me after the service and even said things like "Good job, Pastor." However, I could read the faces of some other people who did not comment directly and see that they were probably not pleased.

I'd like to apologize right up front for any unnecessary pain or discomfort you may have experienced because of my choice of words and names in one section of the message. I'm especially sorry if this prevented you from hearing the main point of the message—that God has blessed us richly so we do not have to live with a scarcity mind set but can live generously out of the abundance of riches God has given us.

In the day or so following the sermon, there were a few comments accumulated at St. Paul's and communicated to the

St. Paul's council and SAM Barb Krug by Heidi. The council and Barb discussed these comments at St Paul's November council meeting. They both acknowledged the comments and communicated support for the main points of my sermon to me. They did not ask me to write this response, but I decided it would be a good idea to try to clear up the issues before they damaged our working relationship.

So I'd like to first share the comments as I received them, the phrases I used I think caused the main problem, and a bit of the pastoral history I have learned about both congregations which might justifiably have led to the comments some of you made and others of you were probably thinking. I'm sharing this letter with both St. Paul's and Our Saviour's even though these comments only came from St. Paul's members both because I assume there are more of you who were thinking these things and because of the historical baggage which seems to be similar at both congregations.

Here are the comments which made it to St. Paul's council:

1. ELCA is accepting of all people, but when you bring politics into church and sermons, you are alienating people.
2. You can't say all are welcome and we mean it, then insult a group of people for not thinking the same way you do.
3. The sermon had a good message to give. There was no reason to bring up anything with the election or Donald Trump.
4. None of the reasons he made for people voting for him (Donald Trump) and not the reasons I voted. He can't tell people what they think (Scared about not enough jobs, so keep immigrants out. Scared about not enough money so stop giving to welfare.).
5. Americans that voted for him (Donald Trump) are not sheep blindly leading into a cult like following.

Here are the two sentences from my message I think are mainly responsible for these comments (In Part B of my message if you are referring to my manuscript which is available from Nancy at both congregations. The spoken message is available online.):

1. "I am convinced we elected Donald Trump to President again because our nation operates on a scarcity model (theology)."
2. [President Elect] Donald Trump (along with most American [politicians and top] businesspeople) are masters of stoking our fears of scarcity so we will buy what they are offering, whether it be stuff or ideas.
(Words between [] I added to the spoken message but are not in the manuscript.)

Here's my dilemma: The reason I inserted these comments into my message was not intended to be partisan but to demonstrate the problems of a consumer society where everyone is trying to get people to buy their stuff and ideas. Had Kamala Harris been elected, it would have been her name I used in this message. She and Mr. Trump are selling different things, but the end result is the same. However, as I read through this part of my message again, I see how it is more likely to be taken as partisan than I intended. For this I offer a sincere apology. It is never my intent to be partisan in my messages. I ask your forgiveness that I wrote/spoke in a way which so easily could be taken as partisan.

So, yes, the ELCA "is accepting of all people." This is, however, a work in progress, even by pastors like me. It was not my intent to insult, but somehow I managed to do so anyway. Another work in progress. Thank you for thinking the basic message was a good one to give. Whether you voted for Mr. Trump or Ms. Harris, you had your reasons, just as I did. I want to affirm that. I do, however, want to stand by my contention that we (whomever we vote for) often vote out of our fears rather than because of our trust in God's abundance. As for the sheep comment, I just hope we are all Jesus' sheep following the Good Shepherd in word and deed.

Here's the history part which I think leads members of both congregations who have been around long enough to react particularly strongly to a message like this which (unintentionally in this case) strays over the line of non-partisanship. I have discovered previous pastors at both St. Paul's and Our Saviour's have told members who did not agree with them on both political and church issues that they were wrong and perhaps even their salvation was endangered and in at least one case threatened not to commune them. This is abuse of power and oh so wrong! I am sorry any of you had to endure that. It makes it very clear why my comments could bring the reaction they did. I want to assure you that there is nothing that can separate you from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39), especially not your political views, and certainly not your theological views. So, please do not fear for your salvation no matter what I or anyone else says in our sermons.

I want to thank those of you brave enough to share your comments so the council and I could reflect upon them and I could respond to them. I would only ask that in the future you would consider sharing them with me directly.


I pledge to you that I will listen so we can discuss whatever the issue is together before bad feelings can develop.

But if it's just too difficult for you to speak directly to me, please do tell a member of the council. I trust them to bring

your concerns to me in a positive way.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to lead you in worship and mentor Barb as your SAM. It is indeed a privilege. We are in this together. That includes growing together through our miscommunications.

In Christ's Love.
Pastor Bob Giese



Our **Sunday School Christmas Program** is fast approaching on December 15. Below is a timeline of important dates you need to be aware of so your child(ren) are prepared for their Christmas Program.

Dec. 1 - Sunday School with practicing songs and speaking parts.

Dec. 8 - Church starts at 9:00 a.m. due to a joint service with Our Saviour's church. We will still hold Sunday School as this is our LAST practice. Then immediately following the service we will NEED parent help to set up the stage in the sanctuary so we can CONTINUE to practice the Christmas Program using the microphones and stage/props. Please pick up your child at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 - Please send your child(ren) downstairs at 9:00 a.m. before the service starts to get ready for the Christmas Program. Once the program is finished your child(ren) will come find you in the sanctuary where you are sitting. We appreciate everyone's effort in trying to get your child(ren) to attend as many dates as possible so he/she knows what we are doing.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

The Sunday School Coordinators,
Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbath

The Mobile Food Pantry served 94 households on November 21 , 2024.


- 42 individuals ages 0-17
- 85 individuals ages 18-59
- 77 individuals ages 60+
- 204 total number of individuals
- 1st visit in 2024: 28 individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, December 19.

Volunteers meet at 1:00 p.m.
Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.

Feed My People delivered 3,713 pounds of food. 3,524 pounds were distributed (49 lbs. presented to the Baptist Church, 110 dented cans and 30 lbs. of food were spoiled. Produce couldn't be distributed. A discrepancy form was submitted.) Food distributed consisted of the following food: mac & cheese, apples, cucumbers, miscellaneous produce, Saltine Crackers, oatmeal, ground beef, pumpkins, onions, frozen chicken drumsticks, canned corn, cheddar cheese, bakery, white rice, frozen bakery, and squash.

If you would like to help sponsor the food pantry, simply make out your check to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and include **"food pantry"** in the memo line. Business and individual sponsors are welcome.



Thank you to *Carol O'Leary* for sponsoring the November Mobile Food Pantry and to the many volunteers that came to help distribute the food.



Choir rehearsals will be on the following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
December 8 and December 22.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Worship with communion
and a Christmas Pageant

Potluck to follow the service

Featuring a taco bar.

Please bring a dish to pass.



The church has ordered 8 poinsettias for the Christmas season, 4 red, 4 white. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please sign-up on the poinsettia order form in the Welcome Hall. You are encouraged to take the poinsettias home with you after the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$16.00.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, December 18

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Welcome Hall

321 N. Park Avenue, Medford, WI

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage,
and a White Elephant gift.

All women welcome.

Please contact Michelle Danen,
715 748-4397, or Chris Finkler,
715 748-6848, if you'd like to
be involved.



Comfort Quilts



Comfort Quilts donated 12 quilts for Hurricane Helene disaster relief. Chris Konieczny, Kim Gasek, and Sue Draeger are very active in the community, donating quilts to many local organizations from Veterans organizations, Hope Hospice, Taylor House, Baskets of Hope, Medford kidney dialysis, cancer patients, and more.

The above photograph shows off some of the quilts they have made and donated to be sent to those recovering from the impact of Hurricane Helene.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



On Wednesday, November 13, students from Our Saviour's and St. Paul's Confirmation and Sunday School Classes went to see the movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Seventy one students and chaperones were in attendance.

Bountiful ThanksGiving

We still have a few items to purchase for the Bountiful ThanksGiving project.

We are also accepting donations if you don't like to shop. Gifts should be at church by December 9.



Check the Welcome Hall information board for opportunities to sponsor different ministries in the church, such as the Mobile Food Pantry and the Newsletter.



December 2024 Worship Assistants

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	USHER
December 1	Dave Hraby	Sally Lemke	Jo Cypher	Marguerite Jochimsen Sally Lemke Chris Finkler	Austin Faber	
December 8 Joint Worship	Bob Giese	Cathy Retzer	Jo Cypher	Tina Dassow Tina Machon ?		Kyra Scheithauer
December 15 Christmas Program	Barb Krug	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Kim Gasek Tina Machon ?	Brock Anderson	
December 22	Barb Krug	Tony Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Harder Tina Machon ?		
December 24 2:00 p.m.	Barb Krug	Val Bach	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Dawn Harder ?		
December 24 6:00 p.m.	Barb Krug	Justin Zirngible	Cathy Retzer	Carrie, Conner, & Justin Zirngible		
December 29	Barb Krug	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	? ? ?		

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

BIRTHDAY

Dec. 3 Peyton Hoffman
Robert Scheithauer
Dec. 4 Dawn Korenuk
Blaine Seidl
Dec. 6 Lynn Coyer
Emily Dehne
Dec. 7 Jason Woller
Dec. 10 Kaedence Ecklund
Dec. 12 Scott Albers
Sheryl Riemer
Dec. 13 Thomas Larson
Dustin Razink
Dec. 15 Kyle Firnstahl
Charity Pester
Dec. 16 Jacqueline Kmiecik
Bronson Peterson
Judy Pinkston
Dec. 18 Chris Finkler
Dec. 19 Jaclyn Raasch

BIRTHDAY

Dec. 21 Kathy Alexander
Logan Langdon
Dec. 22 Alise Shore
Dec. 23 Mckenna Bakkestuen
Robert Harris
Kenneth Kraus
Seth Williams
Dec. 24 Maddison Pester
Dec. 25 Lauren Cady
Dec. 26 Sherry Born
Charles Peterson
Christian Preuss
Dec. 27 Debra Dassow
Dec. 28 Amelia Ranum
Dec. 29 Kathy Klimowski
Dec. 30 Mark Zuleger

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 2 Margo & Dave Zuleger
Dec. 12 Shirley & Duane Schwarz
Dec. 14 Gail & David Nelson
Dec. 30 Jerry Ann & Gary Maldonis
Dec. 31 Jodie & Todd Metz



Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Meeting was called order at 6:01 by Gail Heurung, Secretary. Marie Koerner led meeting until Val, Leon, Tina and Barb were able to join after the movie that the confirmation class attended.

Members present were: Kathy Hackbarth, Heidi Haynes, Gail Heurung, Marie Koerner, Tony Schumacher, Dan Higgins, Carrie Zirngible, Val Bach and Leon Gasek. Dave Hrabby was not able to attend. Guests were: Nancy Jones, Tina Dassow, Barb Krug and Justin Zirngible.

A motion by Heidi, seconded by Kathy to accept the agenda. Motion carried. A motion by Carrie, seconded by Kathy to approve the council meeting minutes from October. Motion carried.

A discussion on the Treasurer's report. Some people would like more information available regarding pastor/supply pastor support. Decided to include that information more frequently than the annual meeting beginning January 1. Our mortgage will be paid off as of November 15. Looking at a possible mortgage burning on January 12. *(NOTE: Need to approve in December.)*

Nothing new from the financial recording secretary.

Barb had nothing new to report – requested that if anyone had any concerns to contact her.

Worship team has music set and the advent services are all set. Reminder Christmas services here will be at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Our Saviour's will hold the 4:00 p.m. service.

Sunday school is practicing for the annual Christmas program set for December 15. Justin said all the new mikes will be set for the pageant and the Christmas program. Confirmation is going well.

Outgoing council members are Val Bach, Gail Heurung and Leon Gasek, and Dan Higgins. Need to work on replacements.

No new information on the Joint Parish. The Christmas pageant will be the joint opportunity for December.

Discussion on the work needed with the flower bed on the east side. Dirt hard to come by. Heidi checking again with Scott Jensen to see if he wants to do the work or if we need to contact others.

Confirmed that John Zuleger will be plowing for the church again this year.

Motion by Marie, seconded by Tony to use \$200 from the Events Fund for the Christmas bags. Motion carried.

Discussed the two speaker boxes on the altar. Motion by Gail, seconded by Marie, to advertise for any interest in them and then have them removed. They are viable speakers per Justin, however the wires had been cut. Motion carried.

We had a request for knowledge about any future building needs at St. Paul's. Removal of asbestos was discussed. May look at the requirements and expense involved with that.

Discussion concerning the topic of politics in regards to church services. Some concerns were brought to council members about the political implications around election time. Barb will talk with all supply pastors and lay people about this.

Leon reminded all of us to continue to remove prayer requests and pray for the requests.

Justin told the council that his job situation has changed and his is more local now....so if there are any maintenance needs we should be sure and let him know.

Next meeting is set for December 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Gail, seconded by Leon to adjourn. Motion carried.


Respectfully submitted,

Gail Heurung, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

	2024		2023		YTD % of Change
	October	YTD	October	YTD	
General Giving	10,098	92,667	10,905	100,645	-7.9%
Mortgage Giving	1,295	15,164	1,530	19,420	-21.9%
Total Giving	11,393	107,831	12,435	120,065	-10.2%
General Expenses	5,200	71,851	5,950	59,668	20.4%
Mortgage Expense	2,782	27,820	2,782	27,820	0.0%
Total Expenses	7,982	99,671	8,732	87,488	13.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,412	\$8,160	\$3,703	\$32,576	
Designated Giving	3,629	41,300	4,637	132,991	-68.9%
Designated Expenses	365	69,076	4,035	115,597	-40.2%
Net Designated Income	3,264	(27,776)	602	17,393	
Interest Income	\$131	1,437		-	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$6,807	(\$18,179)	\$4,305	\$49,969	

Bank Accounts - As of:	10/31/24	YTD Change	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$1,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$168,141	\$11,751	\$144,278
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>		\$0	
Building Maintenance	0	(\$31,176)	33,310
Comfort Quilts	726	\$0	676
Community Benevolence Fund	116	\$0	
Designated Memorials	4,953	\$0	3,298
Fair Trade Sales	566	\$279	673
Mortgage Fund	0	\$0	0
Thrivent Choice	1,151	\$819	332
Mobile Food Pantry	8,219	(\$1,177)	5,828
Sunday School	912	(\$165)	1,102
Youth Group	11,532	\$84	11,417
Total Funds in Checking	\$197,317	(\$18,586)	\$200,916
<u>Other Accounts</u>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,352	(675)	3,333
Needles for Needs Acct	1,752	(966)	3,313
Scrip Acct	5,384	(3,242)	5,729
Total Other Accounts	\$10,488	-\$4,883	\$12,375
Total - All Accounts	\$207,805	-\$23,469	\$213,291
Mortgage Balance	\$5,671	-\$56,985	\$74,314

St. Paul's Giving Options

Mail your check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
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Simply Giving contributions are deducted from your checking or savings account.

Giving via St. Paul's Website

E-Giving Download the app "GivePlus Church"



SCRIP cards make great gifts for weddings, graduations, or other special occasions. A portion of each gift card purchase enables St. Paul's to do ministry. Check at the SCRIP counter on Sunday morning or call the office and someone will help you.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

Saved and strengthened by Christ, we proclaim God's love through worship, education, and service to our congregation, community, and the world.

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Additional Information

Sunday Service:	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m. (during school year)
Office Hours	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Facebook:	StPaulsMedford
Website:	www.stpaulsmedford.org
Our Saviour's	8:00 a.m.

Every 5th Sunday – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. Our next joint service is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8, 2024.**



Please read the prayer list in the weekly service. If there is someone that needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at **715-748-4909** or send an email to: stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 a.m. Joint Worship / Communion / Sunday School	2 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	4 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Advent Service	5	6 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	7
8 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship / Communion / Sunday School Christmas Pageant	9	10 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	11 No Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. Advent Service	12	13 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	14
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29 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	30	31				

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