



St. Paul's Epistle

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The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Psalm 145:15



Friends in Christ,

In rural settings, it is a familiar picture. Early on a summer morning, as the farmer, carrying a large container of chicken feed, approaches his chicken yard, the entire population of "chicken city" comes running toward him clucking and cackling in eager anticipation. They know what he is carrying in his hands.

And what a picture this is of God's children in relation to their heavenly Father! For the psalmist writes: *"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing"* (Psalm 145:15-16).

It was a simple matter for Old Testament believers to see the parallel between the opened hand of the farmer and the opened hand of the heavenly Father who provided richly for their daily needs. Theirs was a largely rural society.

Most people today are living in a largely impersonal, gasoline mechanized as well as electrically powered digital, urban environment. Children (and sometimes we ourselves) consider the local supermarket to be the ultimate source of food and drink. Online companies like Amazon, or area department stores such as Belk, can appear to be the ultimate source of all of our necessities. Indeed, in our materialistic secular society we are in danger of simply taking all of our physical blessings for granted.

How important it is that we, during the month of November, with the holiday of Thanksgiving, first recognize with gratitude the Source of our daily sustenance, and second, pass this knowledge along to our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

We must constantly remind ourselves and those entrusted to our care to look beyond the supermarket, beyond the local store or online shopping outlet, to the opened hand of our heavenly Father who "so loved us" (and still loves us!) that He gave His only begotten Son to live and die for us, that we might have the forgiveness of all of our sins (John 3:16). With Christ, God the Father continues to freely give us all things to support our body and life.

So with gratitude in our hearts, we echo the first and last stanza of the well-known hymn "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" that concludes with the doxology, praising God for all His good gifts.

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Thankful in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar

November 2025

Worship Opportunities

8:15am Traditional Worship
In-Church & YouTube
9:30am Sunday School all ages
10:00am WZDK 98.5 FM Radio
10:45am CrossLife in the ARC

Holy Communion
November 2, 16

Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

Sunday Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study
Sundays 9:30am
Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am

Weekday Bible Studies

Wednesday 10:30am
Wednesdays 6:00pm

Looking Ahead

**Daylight Savings &
All Saints Sunday**
November 2

30 Year Preschool Celebration
November 9

One Worship Service
November 16 at 9:30am

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
11am November 16

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 26 at
12 noon

First Sunday of Advent
November 30

Midweek Advent Service
December 3 at 12noon

2025

Theme:

Renew our Hearts, O Lord.

Theme Verse: Psalm 51:10
"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."



NOTES FROM Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It's November! Which means my favorite holiday is right around the corner! My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving, because of the great food of course, but mainly because it's a time family and friends gather and are reminded just how much we have to be thankful for! We should be thankful all year long, but that isn't always easy to remember, especially when bad things or hard times happen.

For the month of November, I want to challenge you and your family to think of all you have to be thankful for! Every day think of at least one thing you are thankful for; you can talk about it with your family, write it down in a journal, create a thankfulness jar, or even buy a pumpkin and write the things you are thankful for all over the pumpkin!

I have a jar I put things I am thankful for in all year long and on days I have trouble thinking of something to be thankful for I can pull out the little slips of papers and be reminded of all the blessings God has provided me over the year from good times with family and friends to it finally being cool enough to open my sliding door to let in fresh air!

I pray y'all have a wonderful month filled with remembering and seeing all that you have to be thankful for!

God's Blessings,
Skylar Smith, DCE



Christmas Program

Practices are Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the gym! We will also practice songs Sunday mornings during Sunday School Opening! Talk to Skylar if you would like to be a part of our program this year!

2026 Winter Youth Retreat

All youth, 6th - 12th grade, are invited to attend the Southern District Winter Retreat January 16-18, 2026.

Cost: \$100 (Don't let finances hinder your youth from attending, talk to Skylar if you need any financial assistance)

Let Skylar know if you have any questions or if your youth would like to attend!

ENDURING FAITH

November Sunday School Lessons

11/2 - An Enemy Converts: Saul

11/9 - All Together

11/16 - No Sunday School

11/23 - All Together: Christmas Program Practice

11/30 - A Soldier Believes: A Phillippian Jailer



THANK YOU

HEATHER AND RAYMOND ASHER HAVE SERVED ST. PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTRY FOR OVER 30 YEARS! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DID AND THE LIVES THEY IMPACTED OVER THOSE YEARS IN SERVICE TO OUR YOUTH! BE SURE TO THANK THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM!

Bible Reading Challenge

November - Thankful & Content

Join our 2025 Bible Reading Challenge! These daily readings look at verses that focus on a different theme every month. These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

Day 1: Psalm 136:26

Day 2: Colossians 3:15

Day 3: Hebrews 13:5

Day 4: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Day 5: 1 Timothy 6:6

Day 6: Philippians 4:11-12

Day 7: Psalm 100:4

Day 8: Psalm 107:1

Day 9: Luke 12:15

Day 10: Ephesians 5:20

Day 11: Psalm 118:24

Day 12: Psalm 30:11-12

Day 13: 1 Chronicles 29:13

Day 14: 1 Peter 5:7

Day 15: Psalm 37:4

Day 16: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Day 17: Matthew 6:25-26

Day 18: 1 Corinthians 4:7

Day 19: Psalm 34:8

Day 20: Psalm 18:32

Day 21: Psalm 9:1

Day 22: Psalm 118:6

Day 23: 2 Corinthians 9:15

Day 24: Proverbs 15:16

Day 25: Psalm 34:7

Day 26: Luke 6:38

Day 27: Psalm 136:1

Day 28: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Day 29: Psalm 50:23

Day 30: Psalm 103:2-5

You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or to receive daily text reminders talk to Skylar to get signed up!



Celebrating 30 Years of Preschool Ministry and NLSA Reaccreditation!

**JOIN US SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, AT 9:30AM IN THE LOBBY FOR A
RECEPTION CELEBRATING THESE AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION REPORT SUMMARY

The Validation Team's Overall Impression of the School

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool, a ministry of the congregation, is a vital mission outreach to children and families in the community of Decatur. St. Paul's is committed to sharing the love of Jesus with children and families in developmentally appropriate ways, to both church and unchurched families. St. Paul's Preschool is led by a director who embodies all the attributes of a high quality administrator. The facility is well maintained and inviting. There is an understanding that there needs to be a concerted effort to market the school differently to increase enrollment.

Outstanding Strengths

- St. Paul's is committed to their mission statement and views the preschool as a vital outreach ministry.
- The Director understands the primary mission of the preschool, namely sharing Jesus with the children and families. She is the spiritual leader of the staff. The Director supports the families and staff through actively listening, daily encouragement and a willingness to solve issues while maintaining the integrity of the preschool and the safety of the children.
- The preschool staff is dedicated to the mission and vision and are committed to serving, supporting and loving the children and families of the preschool.
- The facilities and preschool classrooms are inviting and welcoming.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool is an environment with a family feel where children are loved and safe.
- The DCE is integral in the spiritual development of the children. She supports the teachers by leading Jesus time and chapel. She provides support in the use of the One in Christ curriculum. The DCE is intentional in nurturing relationships with the children and parents.

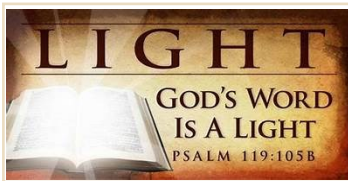
Major Deficiencies

No major deficiencies are evident



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

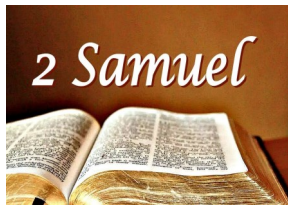




Here are several studies along with our 2024 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings we are reading 2 Samuel! We hope you can join us at 10:30am in Room 318! Talk to Skylar if you have any questions!



FM 98.5 WZDK

Hear St. Paul's Worship Service on the radio every Sunday at 10am
Also hear great hymns of the church Sunday Mornings

Talk to James Henderson for more information!



YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation Class
Wednesdays at 6pm

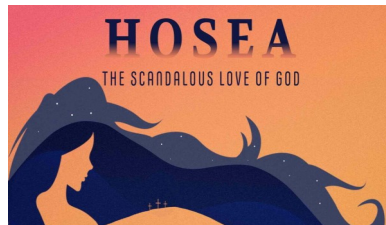
Adult Confirmation Class
Wednesdays at 8pm
In-person and by Zoom
Talk to Pastor for more information

The Gospel of Matthew

Wednesday evenings in Room 317: Continuing with the Gospel of Matthew at 6pm.
(We will not meet Nov 26.)

Adult Bible Study Sunday Morning 9:30am in Room 317

Join us for an interesting and lively discussion.



Men's Bible Breakfast
Saturday, November 8 & 22
at 7:30am
in the fellowship room.

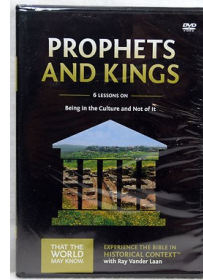
Revelation Bible Study
Saturday, November 15
at 11:00am
In the fellowship room

The Altar

You enter church through the small Narthex described last month.

The main focus in the church proper is the altar. An altar is a place of sacrifice. Animals were sacrificed in the Old Testament on altars in the Tabernacle (tent church of Moses) and the two temples in Jerusalem. Jesus it is said was sacrificed on the "altar of the cross," and then His body was placed in a stone tomb. Our altar is made of stone, reminding us of Jesus' burial in His grave.

Altars remind us of God saying, "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin (Leviticus 17:11, quoted in Hebrews 9:22). Altars attest to the fact that Jesus was sacrificed to forgive sins, for "the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). An altar stands in testimony that the only way to approach the Holy God comes after, and only after, our sins are forgiven. Jesus is the one, true, only, and final sacrifice to pay for sin. "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). The altar, then, is not an idol. It is not to be worshipped. It is a reminder of the cost God Himself paid to allow us to draw close to Him: the sacrifice of His one-and-only Son.



Adult Bible Study
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study –
In the Fellowship hall at 9:45am

That The World May Know:
Prophets and Kings

Whom shall I serve? In ancient times, the Hebrews faced that decision daily. The consequences of their choice are the stories that make up the Old Testament. In this second volume of "That the World May Know", explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings and learn from their story how to build your own devotion to and trust in God. Filmed on location in the Middle East, this film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

INTRODUCING
The Lutheran Study Bible
App

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All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Join us Sunday,

November 16 at 12 noon

Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to bring your favorite dish!

G.O.S.P.E.L. (Guys of St Paul's Eating Lunch)



We have our next scheduled lunch Wednesday,
November , 11am
Location TBD.



St Paul's Quilters
meet in Room 317
each Wednesday at 10am.
Join us!

For more information contact Pete
Alvis at 256.616.1774.



Come and Knit or crochet with us!
Work on your own project or special church projects. We have patterns and yarn galore!

Meet us in the Parlor every Thursday at 11am.

For more information contact MaryKay Hodges.



Sunday
November 30
2:00 - 4:00 pm
in the Fellowship Room

There will be refreshments, music, a guest speaker, and a special time to fellowship. Please join us as we welcome in Advent! Invitations will be in your Church mailboxes soon.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 16

9:30AM

Followed by Thanksgiving
Fellowship dinner



Church Growth Team

Churches experience growth in various ways. Saint Paul's increases its membership as individuals join the congregation. The church community becomes healthier through activities that foster engagement among members and friends. Strengthening faith is achieved by utilizing Word and Sacraments. Additionally, outreach efforts support continued development by helping members share their beliefs with others.

Saint Paul's aims for growth, both in faith and membership. Members suggest ideas like advertising, community outreach, activities, and Bible studies to achieve this goal.

Saint Paul's invites you to join our new Church Growth Team.

The initial meeting of the Church Growth Team is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Room adjacent to the Lobby.

All are welcome to share ideas for growing St. Paul's. Bring your thoughts and passion for our church and community. We'll brainstorm, pray, and seek guidance together. Join us!



LWML's

"Cookies by the Pound"
coming December 7!

Swamp Johns Coming December 16!



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this KTT Fundraiser. Tickets go on sale, November 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
26 Reformation Day 8:15am Traditional Worship & YouTube Live 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Voter's meeting 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	27 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	28 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 5:30pm Elders meeting	29 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Trunk or Treat	30 PS Halloween parade 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	31	1 Set up for CrossLife service
2 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings ends 8:00am Nursery open 8:15am Traditional Worship & YouTube Live† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship†	3 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 10:00am LWML Meeting (mingle 9:30-10:00) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	4 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:30pm Church growth meeting	5 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:15pm Faithlinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study Christmas Practice, Handbell rehearsal Youth Confirmation 7:00pm Choir & Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	6 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Fellowship Board	7	8 Set up for CrossLife service 7:30am Men's Bible study breakfast
9 Honoring our Veterans 9:30am 30 year Preschool Celebration 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	10 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M,W,Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M, W-F)	11 No PS or KTT (Ext PS only) Veterans Day 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Education Bd 7:00pm Vestry	12 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:15pm Faithlinks Dinner 6pm Bible study, youth confirmation, handbell rehearsal 7pm choir & praise band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	13 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	14	15 Newsletter deadline Set up for CrossLife service 11:00am Revelation study
16 9:30am One Worship Service 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 12:00pm Thanksgiving fellowship meal	17 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	18 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 4:00pm KTT Thanksgiving dinner 6:00pm Preschool Board	19 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:15pm Faithlinks Dinner 6pm Bible study, youth confirmation, handbell rehearsal 7pm choir & praise band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	20 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:00am PS program/feast	21	22 Set up for CrossLife service 7:30am Men's Bible study
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30 First Sunday of Advent 2:00pm Ladies Advent Tea 8:15am Traditional Worship & YouTube Live 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	1 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 10:00am LWML Meeting (mingle 9:30-10:00) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	2 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 11:00am Exercise class Christmas party	3 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 12 noon Advent worship 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:15pm Faithlinks Dinner 6pm Bible study, youth confirmation, handbell rehearsal 7pm choir & praise band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	4 8:30am 9:30&11am Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Fellowship Board	5	6 Set up for CrossLife service LWML cookies by the pound set up 10:00am Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal



Nov 3 Sue Sullivant
Nov 3 Allison Firpo
Nov 4 Tim Herfurth
Nov 4 Rhonda Kruger
Nov 4 John Mann
Nov 4 Chris Michelfelder
Nov 4 Steve O'Shea
Nov 7 Brandon Cevallos
Nov 7 Josh Jones
Nov 7 Judy Nagy
Nov 9 Mike Holcomb
Nov 9 Cindy Todd
Nov 11 Jordan Lawrence
Nov 12 Kayla Lang
Nov 13 Tim Ballentine
Nov 13 Gary Nagy
Nov 14 Justin Lawrence

Nov 16 Linda Paradise
Nov 17 Erica Saria
Nov 20 Heather Asher
Nov 21 Grace Mitchell
Nov 23 Mary Cox
Nov 23 Sam Michelfelder
Nov 25 Jimmy Mueller
Nov 27 CharLee Smith
Nov 29 Mike Hellebrand
Nov 30 Mike Johnson
Nov 30 Bob Seibert
Nov 30 Tim Nave



God's Blessings
on your
Special Day!

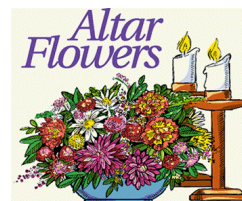


November 2

Poinsettias will go on sale in November.
Watch announcements for dates.



Nov 21 David & Debbie Waple
Nov 24 Bruce & June Asher
Nov 26 Terry Raemhild & Kathleen O'Brien
Nov 27 Tommy & Dee Livingston



The Flower Calendar is up in the breezeway. Sign up early for your special day!



LWML Fall Rally Quilt Blessing



Wednesday Night Dinners 5:15pm

**\$4 per person; \$10
per family free will
offering**



Stretch and Flex Classes

Pilates Fusion Classes

All classes are Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Stretch and Flex classes are at 8:30 in the gym and 11:00 in the YAC. This class combines many areas of fitness and is adaptable to many fitness levels. We work around a chair and finish sitting using small weights and resistance bands. **Pilates Fusion** meets in the gym at 9:30. This class combines cardio, resistance training and Pilates. For more information please call Chonita at 256-303-0098.



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Don't miss an important call from St Paul's

The calls you receive are from

(855) 248-7295

**Please add this number to your Contacts
and label it "St Paul's Calls."**



Please let the Church Office know if you
would like to receive our 1Call announcements
and are currently not signed up.

ChurchOffice@StPaulsDec.com



Honoring Our Veterans Sunday, November 9

It is our tradition in this place to recognize and thank the Veterans of our St. Paul's Family, and we don't want to leave anyone out. If your name has not been on our Veteran's list in the past, PLEASE call (256) 353-8759 or [email](mailto:ChurchOffice@StPaulsDec.com) the Church Office with your name and branch of service so that we may include, thank, and honor you. If you are not sure, please do so anyway! (Family members are encouraged to submit names as we know these men and women are of a humble nature!)



Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

		November 2 All Saints Sunday	November 9	November 16 One Service	November 23	November 30 First Sunday of Advent
Elders	8:15am	Johnson	Campbell	Whiteside	Pederson	Weiland
Ushers	8:15am	Owen Blaske Jack Blaske Mike Johnson Jeff Pittman	John Campbell Michael Kimmet Mathew Kimmet Mike Ater	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Micky Whiteside Mike Widmar	Bob Seibert Rick Daniel Tim Nave Oliver Nave	Owen Blaske Jack Blaske Mike Johnson Jeff Pittman
Acolytes	8:15am	Ben	Oliver	Ben	Oliver	Ben
A/V Techs	8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant	Rick Maschke	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant
Readers	8:15am	Jeff Pittman	Sharon Wellner	Gary Nagy	Pam Meadows	Mitchell Whiteside
Sanctuary Flowers		Open	Linda Hyde	Cindy Todd	Open	Open

Altar Guild for November: Sue Sullivant, Carol Henderson

Counters for November: Dave/Jane Burrell, Patrick Helpingstine

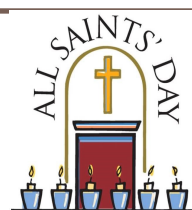
Elders	10:45am	Herfurth	Weiland		Switzer	Nagy
Host families	10:45am	Atkins family	Ballentine family		McRae family	Herfurth family
CL setup 8:30am Saturday		Rich Maschke	Men's Bible study		Men's Bible study	Rich Maschke
A/V Techs	10:45am	Herfurth	Gilchrist		Herfurth	Herfurth

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE



**NOVEMBER 16
9:30AM**

Followed by Thanksgiving
Fellowship dinner



November 2,
2025
Both services

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE

November 30



Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and
prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by
placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box
or in the collection box under the Portico at the
Sanctuary entrance.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26, 12 noon

In the Sanctuary and
Facebook Live.
Elder: Gary Nagy
Av: Bob Sullivant



Sunday, November 9

May we bless our St Paul's
members who have served or
are currently serving in the
military. **You are invited to
submit names of living
members by November 5.**



2025 Year-to-Date Average Attendance

In-church attendees 174
Livestream (YouTube) 29



Current Loan Balance: **\$189,220**

Endowment Fund Balance: **\$16,075**

Financial Plan Activity through September

YTD FirstFruits Giving: **\$ 325,364** **PLAN: \$380,000**

YTD Total Expenses: **- \$ 390,009** **PLAN: \$438,442**

Plan Activity **-\$ 64,644 more expenses
than income**



Choir rehearsal
See you Wednesdays at
7pm in the choir loft
New members welcome!
For more info contact
Mary Morgan



Handbell Choir rehearsal
See you Wednesdays at
6pm in the choir loft



St Paul's Lutheran Preschool 2025-2026



November is All About Giving Thanks

November is sponsored by the number 4, the color **brown**, and the square. This month the children will learn about Native Americans, Thanksgiving, Giving Thanks, Turkeys, Pilgrims and Harvest. We will learn the letters Gg, Dd and Pp. Our Bible stories and study will be David and Goliath, David and Jonathan and Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers.



Celebrating 30 years of Preschool at St. Paul's this month! Please join us for our 30 year Preschool celebration on Sunday November 9th, 2025! The fun will begin at 9:30 a.m. in between services! Praying God will continue to grow and establish St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool for 30 more years!

November 11th, Veteran's Day, we will have Extended Care only. **No Preschool.**



On November 20th we will have our annual Thanksgiving program followed by a feast. If anyone is willing to help serve our families please contact Bethany Eze.

Thanksgiving Program

We will have Extended Care Monday, November 24th through Wednesday, November 26th. **No Preschool.**



We will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool

Preschool Mission Statement

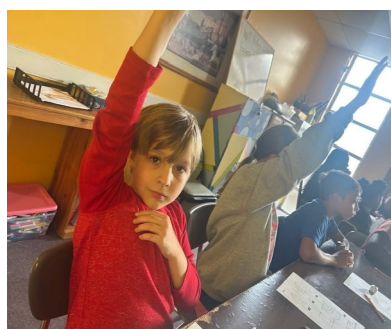
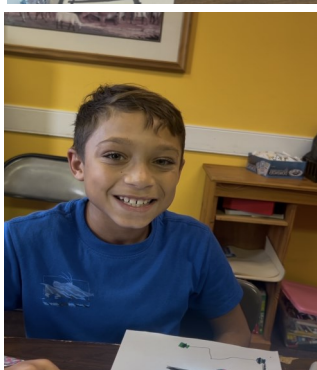
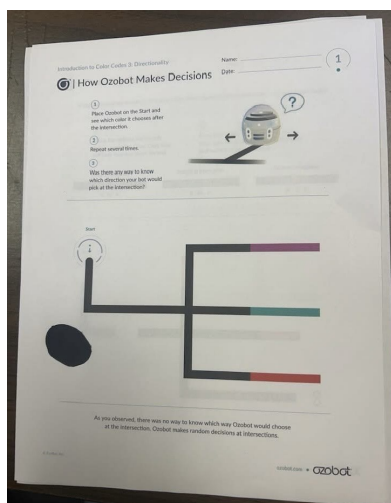
St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool with Extended Care provides a quality early childhood education program guided by Christian philosophy and doctrine and acts as a mission outreach of this congregation to the community.

Philosophy Statement The Preschool at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will help meet the spiritual and educational needs of our member families and serve as an outreach to families in our community. It will teach and make disciples of the children God has entrusted to us. We believe children are valuable gifts whom God has forgiven through death and resurrection of his Son. Children learn best when they are taught in a Christ-centered environment that includes interaction with others, play-based learning experiences, and a variety of educational methods.



Afterschool Care STEAM

Ashley Bailey of Morgan County Extension presented a fun and innovative steam lesson to our 9-13 year olds. They explored Ozobot robots while learning about positive and negative choices. The Ozobot had to follow color-coded directions. It was pointed out to the members the direct correlation of them making choices that leads them down different paths. The members had a blast learning and connecting robotics with real life decision making.



Swamp John's Fundraiser Tuesday, December 16th, 2025

4:00-7:00 pm
\$15.00 per ticket

**Sponsored by Kidz Tweenz, &
Teenz Inc**

Located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1700 Carridale St. S.W Decatur, AL 35601

Ticket sales begin November 9th
between services

**KTt will be Closed on these dates
Nov 11, 24-28**

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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 16
9:30AM

Followed by Thanksgiving
Fellowship dinner



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WE'RE THANKFUL FOR YOU.

Join us for St. Paul's 2nd Annual
Pot Luck
THANKSGIVING DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
@ 11 AM

Mark your calendars!
Enjoy Fellowship and a wonderful meal

Please sign up for the dish you wish to share
And the number of attendees on our board
In the Narthex

