St. Paul Lutheran Church
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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

A Rose Is Still a Rose

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. – Isaiah 40:8

Roses have fascinated people for thousands of years. While modern rose strains are the result of two centuries of breeding, the Greek naturalist Theophrastus wrote about the hundred-petaled rose 2,400 years ago. The Autumn Damask rose, which blossoms in both spring and fall, was nurtured and cultivated by the ancient Romans. The first settlers in China began to cultivate roses over 4,000 years ago.

Rose breeding is one of the oldest human experiments in the science of genetics. Roses are bred for variations in size, color, frequency of bloom and scent. More than 25 distinct scents have been identified in roses. By the mid-19th century, breeders had developed some 4,000 varieties of roses.

Perhaps roses with names like Chrysler Imperial, Charlotte Armstrong or Mirandy sound familiar to you. The man who developed those roses and has won over a dozen "All America Rose of the Year" awards is Walter Lammerts. He became one of the world's leading authorities on roses while he worked as the senior breeder at Armstrong Roses. He also developed four varieties of peaches.

Dr. Lammerts is a creationist. He not only rejects evolution, but he blames belief in evolution for slowing the development of better strains of plants. He points out that breeders who think change takes place slowly and through evolution don't expect to make much progress, and they waste time trying to fit what they learn into evolution. He adds that, despite thousands of years of breeding, roses are still roses.

Ref: Mohs, M. 1987. "Where has all the fragrance gone?" *Discover*, June. p. 90. Photo: Damask rose. Courtesy of Kurt Stüber. Licensed under the GNU Free Documentation License, Version 1.2.

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Upcoming Events & News

Quilting will be meeting in January, look for future bulletins for day and times.

Reminder: Altar Flowers are now $25 a Sunday. Take a peek and see which Sunday you would like to honor a loved one, celebrate a special day.

If you have not paid for your altar flowers in 2025, please see Jennifer

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is on Sunday January 18th after worship.

If you would like to **bake for fellowship**, the sign up sheet is up and any questions, just talk to Jayne or Jennifer. You can bake and we can serve.

Thank You to everyone who send a holiday card to our homebound members, you made their holidays even brighter.

Joint Voter's Meeting Update:
Pastor Gregory Lucido was selected by the joint voters assembly as the candidate to send a call to. The call documents were mailed out and a phone call was also placed by Brandon to Pastor Lucido to inform him that he would be receiving a call from our combined congregations.
The Voter's Assembly also choose to continue our current call process and not send a call to the seminary if Pastor Lucido declines the call.
If anyone has questions, please talk to anyone on the call committee. Thank You!

Thank you Grace and Karissa for getting the kiddos ready for singing Away in the Manger. Great job Hailey, Raylee, Braxton and Waylon. You were such cute angels.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

1st: Rick Williams
2nd: Colton Gorsegner
4th; Art Schroeder
5th: Peter Hagen
6th: Pam Zabrok
14th: Ashely Brant
Bella Brant
Tracy Peterson
19th: Patrick and Katie Hagen
20th: Waylon Maser
23rd: Marv Maser
24th: Maria Bernhardt
Keith and JoAnne Hopkins
27th: Randy Rabe
29th: Rebecca Perrotti

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

Flower Chart:

4th: Carol Robinson
……..in loving memory of her dad
11th:
18th:
25th: Tony and Carol Nelson

Prayers:
Mary Jarvis, Florence Benoit, Janice Ladd, Mona Klar, Carolyn Olander, Family of Lois Kruse

Acolyte Schedule:

4th: Croix
11th: Liam
18th:
24th: Isla

Ushers Schedule 2026

January: David Berquist and John Frank
Feb. Ryan Ausmus and Eddie Odendahl
March: Jim Jarvis and Jeff and Liam Rogneby
April: Matt and Abe Maser
May: Rick Williams and Vern Volk
June: Randy Hickle and Doug Kottke
July: John and Jacob Maser
August: Bill Morgan and Aaron Peterson
Sept: Jedidah Lilenthal and Issac Maser
October: Tonette Peterson and Tracy Peterson
Nov: Doug Maser and Toby Hickle
Dec: Steve Marudas and John Gilbertson

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Vacancy Pastor	**Church Secretary**	**Church Newsletter**	**Organists**
Pastor Walter Lehenbauer	Jennifer Kubesh	Jennifer Kubesh Cydelle Klande	Sue Hickle Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 7pm

Chairman: John Frank
Vice Chair: Matt Maser
Elders: Rod Lawin
David Berquist
Toby Hickle
Trustees: Jeff Rogneby
Bill Morgan
Greg Kroschel
Secretary: Carol Robinson
Fin. Sec.: Star Lawin
Treasurer: Tracy Peterson

Stewardship
DEC 1 to DEC 31, 2025

General Fund.....$9,306
OE Missions.....$300
Altar Flowers $240
Missions $850
OE Youth $100
OE General.....$12,920

TOTAL.....$23,716

Sunday School: Karissa Ausmus
Grace Peterson
Board of Fellowship: Jayne Maser
Youth Group: TBD
Fellowship: Jayne Maser and
Jennifer Kubesh

In case of an emergency, please contact Elder Rod Lawin at 320-372-0109

St Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
12-2-2025

1. Call to order 7:01 PM
2. Open with Prayer, Pastor Lehenbauer
3. Approve Agenda/Additions
4. Approval of minutes for November Council Meeting. David 1st Bill 2nd
5. Treasurer's Report: Checking 172,238.10, Savings 27,912.65, Youth Group and Fellowship 8140.26, Memorials 6,689.47, Roof Funds 3,634.11, Expense 73,946.58, Net Income 54,187.75.
6. Pastor's Report, Bible Study on Wednesday going well with visitors, good questions. Thanksgiving Eve, St John's people present, no services at St John's. Visits to Lois Kruse on occasion, Communion changes, acolyte/basket working well. 12/14/2025 Children's Christmas Program, 4 children, will sing 1st verse and congregation will finish with them. Confirmation 5 boys, 2 parents. Baptism 11/16/2025 Maser baby with upcoming Baptism for Baby girl Lilenthal. Advent Services 6:30 PM following Soup and Sandwich dinner at 5:30 PM. Call Information for New Pastor upcoming.
7. Elder Report Communion cards going well with Spread sheet to track.
8. Trustee Report Reaching out to Ken for start date on painting. End of January currently planned.
9. Other Committee Reports. N/A
10. OLD BUSINESS
    a. Live Nativity, went well, good turnout, esti 150 people, space heaters were helpful.
    b. Interior Repairs Estimates, Ken Ditberner, late January.
    c. Insulation was completed by Aaron Peterson and son Hunter.
11. NEW BUSINESS
    a. Christmas Caroling 12-21-2025 @ 1:00 PM Meet at Church parking lot for car pooling.
    b. Serving for Advent, Church Council, 12-17-2025 @ 5:30 PM
    c. Christmas Program, children will sing at service 12-14-2025
    d. Dual Parish, Baldwin declined Call, Meet again to plan next steps
    e. Christmas Bonuses
    f. Usher List, Randy Hickle
    g. Acolyte schedule done by Jennifer
    h. January Quilting begins
    i. Fire extinguishers check, December/January
    j. Vacuum cleaners, carol to research same type currently have.
12. OTHER BUSINESS
    a. Confirmation Schedule
    b. Palm Sunday
13. Adjourn meeting David 1st Bill 2nd.
14. Close with Lord's Prayer.
15. Attendance, Bill, Carol, Pastor Lehenbauer, David, John, Matt and Star.

Submitted by Carol Robinson

Poinsettia Sponsors 2025

Wendy Kottke. ....In loving memory of Beth

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Yvonne Cottrell ....in loving memory of Jack

Gloria Maser Bjerke..... in loving memory of her sister, Vernette Christensen

Gloria Maser Bjerke..... ....in loving memory of her mom, Irene Schmidt

Randy and Sue Hickle.....in loving memory of John and Esther Schrade

Randy and Sue Hickle..... ...in loving memory of Hank and Myrtle Hickle

Jennifer Kubesh..... ...in loving memory of Kenny, Marge and Dick Hawkinson

Mary Ann Lyon.....in loving memory of John

Jeanette Schaefer.....in loving memory of Fred

Hopkins Family.....in loving memory of Dave

Rod and Star Lawin.....in loving memory of Maya Waby

Maryellen Bruns..... ...in loving memory of Harlow

Barb Schroeder..... ...in loving memory of Dutch

Matt and Jayne Maser .....in loving memory of Harry and Lena Maser

Abraham Maser.....in loving memory of Marjorie Pike

Jim and Mary Jarvis .....in loving memory of Loved Ones

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Marv and Lynette Maser ....in loving memory of son, Levi

David and Florence Berquist..... ...in loving memory of Jim.

Bill and Barb Morgan.....in loving memory of loved ones

Ushers:
David Berquist and
John Frank

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Quilting will begin soon!				1	2	3
4 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Confirmation	5	6 7pm Council Mtg	7 10:30am Bible Study	8	9	10
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