

# WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

## Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time 8:45AM in the Chapel  
Adult class every Sunday 10AM in Wesley House  
Adult Class in the Library 10AM in the Library  
Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

## Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted.  
Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm  
A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room  
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library  
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

## Events:

**Celebration of Giving: Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.**



**Drive and Dine—Saturday, January 17th at 5:30pm.**

Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 AM, we will meet to take down our Christmas decorations. Please join us if you'd like to help!



*Thank you to everyone for prayers and support for my mom, Darlene Van Wormer.  
The plant on the altar is in her memory. — Sharon Johnson*

Last Week Attendance: 94  
Weekly Average This Year: 94  
Last Week's Giving: \$2,810  
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261  
January Giving: \$2,810  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$7,261  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$2,810  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$7,261  
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



## Believe in our Mission

Support our work today



**January 11, 2025**

**Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 1)**

**John 6:66-69**

**From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."**

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Prelude:** "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" Bach

**Welcome:**

**Passing of the Peace:**

**Introit:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Liturgist:** Marty Juel

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 25:1, 4-10

**Opening Prayer:** *To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls. You are our God—we trust in You alone. Look upon us with mercy and love - the same steadfast mercy and love You have shown toward Your people throughout history. Make Your ways known to us; guide us into Your truth. And we will faithfully follow You, knowing we will never be put to shame. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn#155 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" vs. 1-4

**Offertory:** "Adagio" Mendelssohn

**Offering/Offertory/Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we offer you these gifts in thanksgiving for your boundless generosity. Lord, we bring you only what is yours. Bless these gifts and the givers, that they may build up your kingdom and bring glory to your name. May these be a sign of our commitment to follow you whole-heartedly. Amen.*

**Anthem:** "The Son of God Is Here" Kensinger

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:35-42

**Hymn:** Hymn#347 "Spirit Song"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** John 6:66-69

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 1)**

**Hymn:** Hymn#399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Toccatina" Southbridge

**11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome:**

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 25:1, 4-10

**Worship:** "We Could Change the World"

**Opening Prayer:**

**Worship:** "Holy Is the Lord"

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:35-42

**Worship:** "Come As You Are"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** John 6:66-69

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 1)**

**Worship:** "Hungry"

**Benediction:**

**Prayer Requests:** Family of Betty Beck, Family of Darlene Van Wormer, Wayneta Lahr, Corinne Poucher, Tom Fillio, Mark Longacre, Betsy DeFries, Randy Adams, Bill Mann Debbie Wolfinger, Anderson Family, Rick Jones, Cam McJunkin, Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Louise Jones, Billie Carl, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

**Cancer:** Lynne O'Brien, Greg Mercer, Cathy Murschel, Janna Tomasini, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Claudia Phipps, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy, and Tim Portolese.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson.

**Prayer Chain:** To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Millie Ferro 574-262-4124, Pat Klockow 574-262-5949, or Louise Jones 574-361-5517.