

Weekly News - December 15, 2024

(Ways for you to get connected, and ways you can encourage others to get connected.)

2024 St. Paul Giving Tree (December 15) - Thank you to everyone who blessed families in our community by providing Christmas gifts as part of our 2024 Christmas Giving Tree. Today we are dedicating these gifts to God for the blessing of his people and celebrating the reason we give ... because God gave to us first! Thank you for giving the way God gives to us.

NJ Youth (December 15) – Students in grades 9-12 are invited to our next NJ Youth gathering TODAY, **December 15, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth Room.** We will enjoy time hanging out, eating food and studying God's Word.

Christmas Poinsettias (December 15) - If you would like to help decorate our church with one or more poinsettias for Christmas, please sign up using the sign-up sheet located on the Connection Table in the Lobby.. You may also call Lori Klimchak at 908-782-1120. Cost is \$12.00 per plant and orders must be placed by December 15th.

Christmas Musical (December 22) - Join us for our annual Christmas musical on Sunday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m. We will have only one service that day. **NOTE:** Due to copyright laws, we are not able to live-stream the musical. We look forward to seeing you in-person!

Christmas Eve Worship Times (December 24) – Join us for Christmas Eve worship on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Both services will include a blend of contemporary and traditional elements and songs, as well as candlelight.

No In-person Worship (December 29) - There will be no in-person worship Sunday, December 29. Tune in on Facebook Live and YouTube for an online devotion on Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Cherub Choir – Welcoming all kids ages 4-10 to join us for cherub choir! We have lots of fun while singing about Jesus! Practices will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 9:15-9:45 at church! Please contact Lynne Kozicki lynkozicki@gmail.com or Jennifer Lloyd jlkozicki@gmail.com if interested or just join us for a practice! Looking forward to sharing our little's voices with you this year!

Prayer Request – Prayer is a conversation with God; therefore, it is an important part of a Christian's walk of "connecting life and faith." Please submit your prayer request by clicking on the "Prayer Requests" button on our website homepage at www.stpaulnj.com. It is an honor and privilege to join you in your prayer life.

Give – Giving is an important part of "connecting life and faith" as a Christian. As God leads you to give to his ministry through St Paul, you can do so in the following ways: 1) Online at www.stpaulnj.com - click on the GIVE button; 2) In person - offering plates are located at the back of the worship center; and 3) By mail - 201 State Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822. Thank You for supporting the ongoing work of sharing the gospel at St Paul Lutheran Church!

This Sunday's Prayer list:

Prayers of Concern: Mary Rose Maguire (Colleen Kramer-Maguire's Mother-in-law - For successful breast cancer treatment); Richard Lebo (Corey Lebo's father - Continued rehab for hip and stomach surgery)

Praise and Thanksgiving: Those who set up communion for our Sunday morning worship (especially during Christmas); Those who serve in our Music Ministry and on our Media Team

Grieving: No requests this week.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Have a prayer request? Go to https://www.stpaulni.com/pray/ to let us know how we can pray with you and for you.

Birthday List: 12/15: Christine McElroy; 12/16: David Wingerter, Neve Fraunberger; 12/17: Linda Mattson; 12/18: Jennifer Lloyd, Lance Martin, Milena LaBarbiera, Peter LaVecchia, Jr.; 12/20: Amy Casha, Ingrid Noonan; 12/21: Nicole Locorotondo

Anniversary List: None this week.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17)

Flowers on the altar this 3rd Sunday in Advent are given to the glory of God by Debbie Leitch in loving remembrance of her father, Richard A. Leitch, Sr.; and in loving memory of Catherine Doroshenko, niece of Alice & Wayne Steigerwalt.