



Weekly News - December 8, 2024

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

National Youth Gathering (December 8) – The next LCMS National Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans, from July 19-23, 2025. The event is open to students who, in June 2025, will have completed 8th grade through those who are graduating from high school. **For more information, please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10am service, on Dec 8th.**

Jr. Youth (December 8) – Students who are in grades 5 - 8 are invited to join Jr Youth in our Youth Room TODAY, December 8 during our 10 AM worship service. You will have an opportunity to study God's Word together and discuss topics that are relevant to your life today. We look forward to seeing you!

2024 St. Paul Giving Tree (December 15) - We give at Christmas because God first gave to us. That's what the 2024 Christmas Giving Tree is all about; it is about another opportunity for us to give the way God gives to us; to bless families in the greater Flemington area and beyond by providing Christmas gifts. Please be sure to check out the sign up list using the QR Code or clicking on the link included in the weekly Eblast and Worship Folder. And then bring your gifts to church on Sunday, December 15th when we will dedicate the gifts to God for the blessing of his people.



NJ Youth (December 15) – Students in grades 9-12 are invited to our next NJ Youth gathering on **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.

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 and YouTube for an online devotion on Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Feed the Need Food Drive – A special shout out of thanks to Joe Lloyd and the employees of Lowe's - Flemington for donating another 350 food items to our Feed the Need Food Drive supporting our Little Food Pantry Ministry. What a wonderful example of leadership and generosity in action! Their donation brings our total to 2898! Well done, good and faithful servants!

Church Christmas Decorating 2024 - A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church for the Christmas holidays!

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)

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.stpaulnj.com/pray/> to let us know how we can pray with you and for you.

Birthday List: 12/08: Mildred Welsh, Ryan Stevens, Theodore Eliades; 12/09: Benjamin Brown, Lucy Bettermann; 12/11: Julia Walkiewicz, Patricia Varga, Samuel Kessel; 12/12: Grayson Schlesier, Nancy Hastings, Nicole Kostelansky, Richard Noonan, Ruth Nicklas; 12/14: Hank Mohlenhoff

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 2nd Sunday in Advent are given to the glory of God in honor of Joyce McGreevy with gratitude for her 50 years of dedicated service to St. Paul as our "Flower Lady," and in appreciation of the great job she does helping to beautify our church. -Susan Cicala and Ursula Stahl