

# THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2025

## Becoming People of Prayer



Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

Over the summer, I was approached by the Director of the Episcopal House of Prayer in Collegeville, Minnesota. She had received an exciting opportunity through a Lilly Grant to create an experimental educational program in Benedictine Spirituality for local congregations. The initiative was

called Transforming Hearts, and it is designed to equip Episcopal Congregations in Minnesota to become a transformative, prayerful presence in their communities.

The curriculum teaches Christian monastic and contemplative practices, including spiritual discernment, contemplative dialogue, and intentional rhythms of daily prayer and work, as informed by the wisdom tradition. It brings twelve ECMN congregations together to participate in a three year program of education, practice, and service. Participants will go on three annual retreats, receive group spiritual direction, and bring these practices back to the congregation.

We were invited to participate as one of the pilot congregations in this program. I am thrilled about this, and we have recruited an excellent team of lay leaders in our congregation to participate: **Sherry Hall, Lynnea Hultkrantz, Sophie Spehar, and Diane Kolquist.** I will be participating in the pilot cohort, which will be meeting two weeks ahead of the first

group of congregations, and providing feedback to the House of Prayer on the curriculum.

One thing that remains clear in our divided times is this: prayer grounds us for a more peaceful presence in the world. With a strong contemplative practice, we are able to make room for God's peace in our own lives, carrying it out into the community with us. When we learn to listen to God better, we learn to listen to one another better, and we learn to speak when it matters most. This allows us to be rooted in the goodness of God, and when we are rooted in the goodness of God, we embody God's peace in ways that can transform the places where we work, study, play, serve, and so much more.



That is why I am so excited about this opportunity: we, as a community of prayer, can be servants of others by embodying God's peace in our daily lives. This is one step towards that kind of service. I hope you will connect with the four members of our team to support them, and ask them questions about their experiences. Our first workshop on Zoom is January 5, and the first retreat will be in February.

Peace,  
Maggie

## Save the Date: Events Coming Up



- Sunday, January 5:** Feast of the Epiphany
- Sunday, January 12:** Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
- Monday, January 13:** Annual Report deadline
- Wednesday, January 15:** "The Spirituality of Making Music;" Youth Formation groups meet
- Sunday, January 19:** Budget Meeting
- Thursday, January 23:** Messenger deadline
- Sunday, January 26:** Feast of the Conversion of Paul; Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, January 29:** Amber Sadowski presents about Life House; Youth Formation groups meet



- Sunday, February 2:** Celebration of St. Brigid: Brigid's Cross Intergenerational Gathering
- Saturday, February 8-Sunday, February 9:** Diocesan Middle School Retreat
- Wednesday, February 12:** "The Spirituality of Science;" Youth Formation groups meet
- Monday, February 17-Saturday, February 22:** Duluth Schools Winter Recess
- Thursday, February 20:** Messenger deadline
- Wednesday, February 26:** "The Spirituality of Sailing;" Youth Formation groups meet
- Thursday, February 27-Saturday, March 1:** Diocesan Clergy Retreat



- Tuesday, March 4:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
- Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 pm and 5:15 pm
- Sunday, March 9:** First Sunday in Lent
- Wednesday, March 12:** "Celtic Spirituality: Saints;" Youth Formation groups meet
- Thursday, March 20:** Messenger deadline
- Friday, March 21-Saturday, March 22:** Women's Retreat, Camp Amnicon
- Wednesday, March 26:** "Celtic Spirituality: Pilgrimages;" Youth Formation groups meet



- Wednesday, April 9:** Holy Week Forum
- Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 18:** Good Friday
- Saturday, April 19:** Maundy Thursday
- Sunday, April 20:** Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 27:** United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday
- Wednesday, April 30:** Safe Haven speaker; Youth Formation groups meet

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St. Paul's always follows the call of Duluth  
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# Mark Your Calendars: Women's Retreat Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22

The women of the parish are cordially invited to a social and joyful retreat during the Lenten Season! The retreat will be held at Camp Amnicon in South Range, Wisconsin (about 25 miles from Duluth) and will be informal. This is mostly a gathering to make friends and connect with each other, but it will include some exploration of Celtic Spirituality, which is our Lenten theme for 2025. Full registration details will be available soon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie*



## Giving Warmth Line

Thank you for donating items to hang on the Giving Warmth Line. It is a visible sign of our outreach to our neighbors.

Please continue to deliver your donations to the church. We will add a tag to each item and hang them.



## laundry love®

### Laundry Love Help Needed

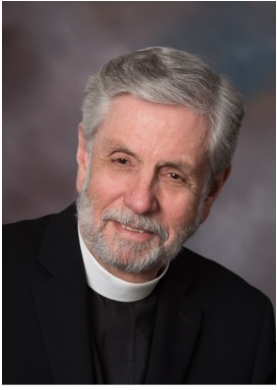
**Tuesday, January 14, 8:15 –11:30 am**

**Tuesday, February 11, 8:15 –11:30 am**

**Tuesday, March 11, 8:15 –11:30 am**

St. Paul's helps folks launder their clothing free of charge at Spin City Laundry, 232 Central Ave, Duluth. Contact Lara Hill if you are interested in learning more about this program. To sign up to be a volunteer, visit the Sign Up Genius link that was emailed in parish announcements: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA9A62DA7FC1-48759102-laundry#/>

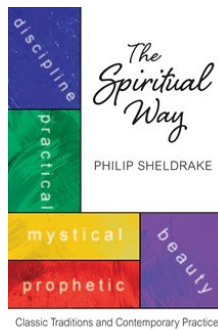
## Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities



We will resume our previous reflections and discussions on the history of Christian spirituality and practice after the New Year on January 2.

The book we will use to help guide us in our discussions of the history and traditions of Christian Spirituality is a wonderful book by a very prominent theologian and author of many works on theology and Christian spirituality,

Philip Sheldrake, titled, *The Spiritual Way: Classic Traditions and Contemporary Practice*, published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota. Our discussions sessions will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to join these discussions, there are one or two copies of Sheldrake's book still available at St. Paul's. Just contact me and let me know. You could also order the book, and it should arrive before the discussions begin on January 2.



Topics included in Sheldrake's book are: *What is Christian Spirituality; The Way of Discipline; The Contemplative Mystical Way; The Way of Practical Action; The Prophetic Way; and Contemporary Practice*. Many if not most of Sheldrake's books are used in college courses and are thorough and thought provoking.

As many of you are aware, my responsibilities and time at St. Paul's have diminished somewhat over the past months as my ministry and responsibilities have increased as Dean of the Northern Region/Deanery of ECMN. However, as I

am called to live into that ministry more fully by Bishop Loya, I will continue to be anchored at St. Paul's and will continue to serve in whatever capacity I am needed here in this wonderful congregation. I intend to regularly update you during the year on what is going on throughout Northern Minnesota in ECMN and what opportunities might exist for anyone interested in joining in to help during these times of transition.

One of the things I very much intend on continuing at St. Paul's is to continue to offer adult formation opportunities and discussions on various spiritual and theological topics. I will be discussing possible topics with many of you privately over the next several months. If anyone should have a topic of particular interest that they would like to explore and discuss, please let me know.

As we at St. Paul's continue our journey into the new reality of the Church in the twenty-first century, and to discover (re-discover!) different ways to form ourselves and be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ, I strongly believe that understanding and recovering our past traditions and theological and spiritual understandings as the Episcopal/Anglican branch of Christianity is extremely important to understanding what we are called to in the present time and cultural circumstances. I hope you will join in this effort of formation that is being offered by myself, Rev. Maggie and many other gifted "teachers" here at St. Paul's.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rick

## Study the Book of Kings

Back by popular demand, Thursday morning Bible Study will resume on January 9 and will continue through February 20. Led by the Rev. Sue Sommer, we will pick up where we left off, with a dive into 1 Kings. We will see how Solomon (not the eldest son of David!) inherited the throne, how it was great until it wasn't, and what happened next. We'll get introduced to Elijah — the one whom people later came to see in John the Baptist and Jesus — and revel in those wonderful accounts. We'll try our best not to get bogged



down in All The Names by routinely keeping the "10,000-foot view" in perspective.

All are welcome. If you missed our study of 1&2 Samuel last year, never fear: we will provide context. Bring a Bible with you to class.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Sommer

# The Deacon's Stoop



## Practicing the Way of Jesus

Our first small group following Jesus together through an apprenticeship process called “Practicing the Way” will wrap up our primary study in January, culminating with each of us writing a Rule of Life. This is defined as a set of practices (habits) that help us each live in alignment with our deepest desires

and abide in Jesus. It’s a way to organize our lives around (and be more aware of) God’s presence, to keep God at the center of everything we do. On the flip side, it’s also about avoiding habits that find us living in ways we don’t want to live, getting too caught up in popular culture, consumerism, or busy-ness that saps our strength and weakens relationships. It’s a way to love God and people, to live with greater intentionality as we strive to become more like Jesus, to love as Jesus loves, to do as Jesus did. A Rule of Life includes your mind, your body, and your spirit; it includes your relationships, your habits, and your patterns of work and rest.

**In February we will begin offering mini-courses of four sessions on each of nine ancient spiritual practices that have been used by followers of Jesus to assist us in living into our baptismal covenant. These practices include sabbath, prayer, fasting, solitude, generosity, scripture, community, service and witness. We learn together about each practice and then go practice until they become a habit. Anyone can join any session at any time, and anyone can facilitate any of the sessions on practices that interest you.** You can pick and choose which practice speaks to you, and you may have practices that aren’t included in this list. It isn’t comprehensive; it’s just a place to start and a process that includes companions on the journey so we can explore together with the support and encouragement of others.

Want to know more? Let’s get together and chat!

## Practical Radicals

If you would like to change the world from the way it is to the way it could be, then I would invite you to learn how to become a Practical Radical by joining Deacon Pat and Rev. Larry Johnson in reading and discussing the book [Practical Radicals—Seven Strategies to Change the World.](#)

Participants will be expected to have read the material prior to our meetings—about 30-40 pages each week. Each session will be in the range of 90 minutes to two hours. There will be ten weekly sessions beginning Tuesday, February 4. We will not meet on February 18 (and invite you to attend Chum’s Assembly and Annual Meeting at Gloria Dei) with the first meeting on Tuesday, February 4. The first meeting will focus on an introduction to the book, getting acquainted with one another, and obtaining the reading schedule. A daytime group will meet for ten weeks on Tuesdays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, and an evening group will meet from 6:30-8:30 pm at First Lutheran Church. Please register for the book study by January 15th with Deacon Pat ([deacon@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:deacon@stpaulsduluth.org)) and let us know if you need to order a book. The cost of the book is \$25 and will be available for you to pick up at our first session. Rev. Larry Johnson who self-identifies as a practical radical will be our facilitator for these events.

## Service Opportunities

Preparing Gifts of Warmth for our neighbors living unsheltered in Duluth — Monday, January 6, 9:00-11:00 am with Deacon Pat

Bring socks, hand or foot warmers, and soft, shelf-stable packaged foods that will fit in a quart freezer bag and gather at Deacon Pat’s home for a continental breakfast and help me pack a small gift for our friends at the Warming Center, or take some with you to hand out to folks you meet who are asking for help. I have a lot of polar fleece to make neck gaiters that can be pulled up to protect a face against the wind. Can you lend a hand? Call 218.206.5349 or email [deacon@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:deacon@stpaulsduluth.org) for more info or to let me know you want to come!

Blessings,

Pat

## Advocacy Gathering

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am—10:30 am

Pilgrim Church, 2310 E 4th St, Duluth

Join us for an advocacy gathering just before the beginning of the MN legislative session. Learn how you can make a difference in our community for people experiencing homelessness.

## Tending the Hearth

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, it will be after Christmas. But today, I am busy getting the costumes ready for the nativity pageant, sending cards, doing last minute shopping for friends and family, and trying to keep the excitement at home to a gentle simmer. I love Christmas, and the beauty of Advent. The weather changes, the light gets a little cozier, and our home is transformed into a museum of pine needles and antique glass. It's a big effort for parents, and I am beginning to really appreciate the behind-the-scenes work I know my family put into making this holiday special. It is a labor of love. I know it paid off, because when I see certain ornaments and pictures from my childhood, I remember it all and am taken right back to a very happy place. I am relieved that I don't remember many presents from my childhood—aside from a few. This tells me that Christmas is more about the experience and the traditions leading up to it, rather than what I was given. I am delighted that I get to be a part of creating that for my children and yours in my work at St. Paul's. It's worth it!

That being said, I wanted to take a moment to thank the wonderful volunteers who have stepped up to help in the Youth Faith Formation Department this year. I am a coordinator, and although my post involves some head scratching and reimagining, most of what I do is organizing the helpers and teachers. I'd like to give a shout out to all the speakers who have shared their stories this fall, the cooks who made Wednesday night meals happen, and the teachers who gave their time to build a solid community of young Episcopalians! I can see that it's paying off... friendships are forming, ties are strengthening, and exciting things are taking shape.

Special mention to our volunteers who have put in time and elbow grease this year: Phyllis and Wendy Saliin, who show up, keep children's spaces and materials organized, manage

the children's library, and step in to teach often. Brad Brunfelt, who is our main music maker and leads our older kids in pithy discussions on Sunday mornings. Natalie Constance, who helped immensely with managing supplies and cleaning the Children's room, cooking on Wednesdays, giving me advice on middle schoolers, and offering ideas that work! Jordan Sundberg, who is a bright star in helping to hone in on how to maximize time we have with kids during Children's Church. She is a great prayer leader, and it shows in the way that she takes time to make every kid in the room feel not only comfortable, but special. Tamara Jansen, who is willing to show up for nearly anything I ask her to, and does it with a smile. Karen Allison and Joanne Erspamer — both doing great things with the Confirmation class. I got to sit in on the Holiday Party they hosted last night, and it was evident that they are building relationships, and creating a culture of respect and rapport with those kids. Of course, there are MANY more. I am so grateful for all of the people who have helped make the magic happen this year. Your work is appreciated by so many. Thank you.

Lastly, I want to remind you that we will take a short rest at the beginning of January — programming on Wednesdays will resume January 15 for the Confirmation and Middle School groups.

I hope you have a great Holiday, whether your plans are big or small, and that you find some time to celebrate the mystery of Jesus's birth.

Peace to you,

*Sophie Gray Spehar, Faith Formation Coordinator*




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## The St. Paul's Church Scholarship Fund

Because education is one of the most important elements of a successful society and a key factor in the well-being of a community, the Mars family established a Scholarship Fund in 1989 for members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Graduating seniors from high school or high school graduates, of any age, are eligible to apply. The scholarship recipients are chosen by a committee of people who also are members of St. Paul's and/or members of the Mars family.

The criteria to be considered are active church participation, completion of high school or GED, a demonstrated



interest in completing a college or trade-oriented education process, and submitted recommendations. The awards are renewable annually for four academic years.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIPS for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by March 15, 2025. Application and letter of recommendation forms are available through the St. Paul's Episcopal Church website. Click on the Connect tab then scroll down to Scholarships on the sidebar.

*Christine Melone, Bookkeeper*

# From Your Bookkeeper

Dear Parishioners,

You will receive your year-end giving statements used for tax filing purposes before the end of January. Please carefully check your email if we have an email address on file for you. If you do not have an email address on file, your statement will arrive in the mail.

November 2024 financials were presented to the Finance Committee and Vestry at their meetings in December 2024. Here is a summary of the November **General Operating Fund** results.



<b>MONTHLY FIGURES: November</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Total Pledges collected	\$23,493.63	\$312,452.91
Total non-pledged collection	\$9,611.75	\$64,896.12
Investment support	\$7,417.83	\$88,273.72
Total Income	\$40,523.21	\$465,622.75
Total Expenses	\$44,529.57	\$519,710.21
Amount over/(short)	(\$4,006.36)	(\$54,087.46)

\*The pledge collection amount for November was below the budgeted amount.

\*Expenses were under budget for the month of November.

\*Our bottom line, income over expenses, for November was -\$4006.36.

Year-to-date for November 30, we have a deficit of -\$54,087.46.

If you have any questions, please call me at Church (218-724-3535) or email me at [bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org).

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper

## Giving Envelopes Available

The 2025 Giving envelopes are here and available for pick-up. Giving envelopes have been prepared for those of you that have requested them in the past. You will find them on the table near the elevator on the second floor (outside the sanctuary). If you would like to request envelopes, please contact Christine Melone at [bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org).

Deadline to submit items for the February issue of *The Messenger* is  
 8:00 am, Thursday, January 23, 2025.  
 Please email items to:  
[office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org)

# Wednesday Night Schedule for 2025

St. Paul's has an excellent lineup of events for Wednesday nights this year. Some events will happen every week, such as Eucharist and Choir practice, while other programs will follow a bi-weekly schedule.

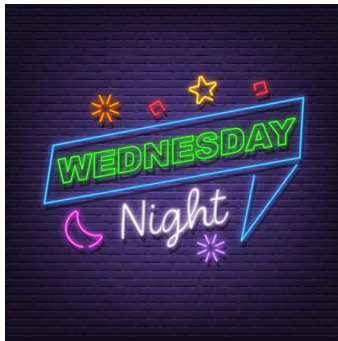
## Every Single Week

*Unless Canceled*

- 5:15 pm Eucharist
- 6:15 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

### **Location of Wednesday Gatherings**

- 5:15 pm Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Meal – Parish Hall
- 6:15 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Adult Formation – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Confirmation – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Youth Room A
- 6:30 pm Middle School Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Youth Room B
- 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary



## Every Other Week

*On Dates Listed Below*

- 5:15 pm Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Meal
- 6:15 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Formation:
  - 6:30 pm Adult Forum
  - 6:30 pm Confirmation
  - 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

### **Bi-Weekly Wednesday Program Nights**

- January 15—The Spirituality of Making Music**
- January 29—Amber Sadowski from Life House**
- February 12—The Spirituality of Science**
- February 26—The Spirituality of Sailing**
- March 4 & 5—Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday**
- March 12—Celtic Spirituality Series: Saints**
- March 26—Celtic Spirituality Series: Pilgrimages**
- April 9—Holy Week Forum**
- April 13—April 20 (Holy Week, No Wednesday)**
- April 30—Brittany Lind Libby from Safe Haven**
- May 14—The Spirituality of Travel**

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**Save the Date for our next  
Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 3, 2025!**

**If you have any items you'd like to  
donate, you can text Jim Sontag  
for pick-up arrangements  
or drop-off information.**

**Let's make this sale another success!**



## Lost Treasures from the Archives

The following is reprinted from the Duluth News Tribune of January 4, 1903:

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WORTH WHILE

*by Rev. Albert W. Ryan,  
Pastor St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



The Rev. A. W. Ryan,  
Rector of St. Paul's 1893-1922

**A**re New Year's resolutions worth while?

Of course, they are worth while, in spite of all the ridicule that is spent upon them, and in spite of the fact that they often amount to nothing more than resolving to be better. It is an arbitrary thing that the civil year ends with December, but it gives a common time for taking stock. And, surely, we can just as wisely take stock of our bank accounts. In fact, it is an evidence that the better manhood within us is not wholly dead when conscience and reason combine to warn one to amend whatever of his habits are bad.

The experiences of the twelve months that are gone surely have some lessons of wisdom to teach us. And is it not manful, is it not a characteristic of a reasonable being, to try and put into action the product of the experience of the past?

It may be objected that many of these resolutions — may be, most of them — are broken, hence it is unwise to make the attempt to amend one's life. It might just as well be said that inventors should cease their attempts to gain the dominion over our world. Most inventions are failures, but here and there one succeeds, and all humanity is the gainer.

It is only by effort piled upon effort that we win out in life's struggle, and every man who makes the effort honestly and conscientiously is the better man because he has tried to do his best. Every man shows the innate manhood within him, shows that he does not belong to the brute beasts that perish, when he attempts to refuse the evil and choose the good.

All right-minded men should give their cordial approbation and assistance to the man who is making good resolutions at this New Year's time; for here we are dealing with the most serious life-issues, whose results go far into the long ages that are yet to come. Woe betide the man who by superficial jocularly, or heartless discouragement, or, still worse, cruel temptation, seeks to hold his neighbor back from making good resolutions, or, when he has made them, aids his lower nature in breaking them.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bob Silverness, Archivist*

## Vestry Nominations



### Vestry Nominee — Jay Austin

My wife, Elizabeth Austin-Minor, son Benjamin, and I started attending St Paul's soon after moving to Duluth in 2005. Since then, we have been active members; both Liz and I have served on Vestry in the past and we both participate actively in music ministry. I married into the Episcopal Church, but grew up the son of a Church music director, and have a deep seated love and appreciation for the role that music plays in the Liturgy. I especially appreciate that St. Paul's has a place for people at all stages of their faith journey. In my spare time I am a professor of Physics at UMD and spend a great deal of effort trying to figure out how Lake Superior works.

### Vestry Nominee — Susan Furo

I have been invited to be part of St. Paul's Vestry and I am looking forward to this new adventure. I was raised in the Catholic church. Our neighbor, Fr. Tom Phillips, was the priest at St. Edward's in Lakeside when I was a child. I was able to attend our family Catholic Church (St. Michael's, Duluth) and also able to do things with our neighborhood Episcopal kids. I chose to leave the Catholic church and brought our kids to St. Paul's. I have always felt welcome in this Church and love how friendly everyone is. This is a wonderful place to worship and play.



### Vestry Nominee — Wendy Saliin

I am proud to call myself a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of St. Paul's since 2008. I've been active with children's programming since 2018, am currently serving on the Annual Giving team, and I was a member of the Creation Care team in 2019-20. Outside of St. Paul's, I am a homeschooling educator to our three daughters, and our family spends as much time as possible traveling to wild places together. I am a certified yoga and meditation instructor with an insatiable intellectual curiosity and a deep love of spiritual practices and philosophy. I look forward to a new way of serving a community that I have long loved and cherished.



Please don't miss our Annual Meeting and Budget Forum in the Parish Hall!  
(see back cover for dates/times)

## Scripture Study: The Book of Acts

**Fridays, 10:00 am, Olcott Room**

Join a Scripture Study - the book of ACTS. How did the first Christians learn to walk the Way of Jesus? This is an 8-week series, taking place on Friday mornings from January 10 through February 28. Join Lara Hill, the Rev. Dr. Barb Elliott, and the Rev. Martha Maddy, for a study of the Acts of the Apostles.



## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2025

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	S Hall	C Miller	D Kolquist	K Leonard
	S Cox	A Sadowski	L Hultkrantz	S M Anderson	S Cox
	M Malone	K Timmerman	C McConnell	S Sommer	M Malone
		L Kania		T Jansen	
LECTOR 8 am	A Mackenzie	J Pastor	F Witt	M Gustafson	
LECTORS 10 am	N Diener	A Harrington	N Diener	A Harrington	
	M Gustafson	S Sommer	J Pastor	Z Stodola	
PRAYER LEADER	H Hansen	A Sundberg	C Miller	Peterson	
VERGER	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith
CHALICE	N Constance	K Smith	J Pastor	K Smith	
BEARERS	M Gustafson	Z Stodola	N Constance	Z Stodola	
	S M Anderson	S Sommer	M Gustafson	S Sommer	
ACOLYTES	A Keto	C Butcher	E Barthel	E Erspamer	
	R Wall	J Sadowski	T Halverson	S Keto	
	J Shambour	L Sadowski	C Gustafson	M Devich	
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	R Lyle	E Barthel	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	R Hauschildt	S M Anderson	J & M French	C Andrews	M Hirman
USHERS	B Dinan	M Brown	D Barthel	G Olson	B Dinan
	C Dinan	S Brown	D Morin	P Waite	C Dinan
	N Schuldt	D Kolquist	K Swanson	M Gustafson	N Schuldt
			J Sontag	R Lyle	
LOCK UP	B Stapp	M Brown	T Diener	J Austin	D Pederson

St. Paul's Clergy, Staff, and Vestry wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who were involved in preparing our worship for Christmas services. From those dedicating and arranging flowers, to those greeting visitors, those providing music, and those serving and reading during our worship, we are very grateful.

### Other Altar Guild Duties for January

#### January Linens:

V Groth, Z Stodola

#### Bread-Baking:

A Rouse, M Dragich



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[www.stpaulsduluth.org](http://www.stpaulsduluth.org)

## Budget Forum and Annual Meeting

Please don't miss our Annual Meeting and Budget Forum in the Parish Hall!

- Sunday, January 19 — Budget Forum
- Sunday, January 26 — Annual Meeting

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Both meetings take place in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service.

### Items Due for Annual Report

In preparation for our Annual Meeting, we are compiling the 2024 Annual Report. All Committee Chairs and Ministry Leaders are requested to submit their annual updates by **Monday, January 13**, to the Parish Office at [office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org)

Thank you for your ministry to St. Paul's!

