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# ***St. Paul's Epistle***

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## ***A note from Pastor Tim...***

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18<sup>th</sup> this year, and with that, our series of evening services throughout the duration of Lent will be offered at 6:30 Pm, with a meal preceding the service at 5:30 Pm. As is the tradition, there will be a portion within the service, where the *imposition of ashes* will be offered, as they are placed on the foreheads of those who wish to come forward as a remembrance of our mortality and penitence.

Also, as I have in years past, I intend on making all home-bound visits for that month, on Ash Wednesday. This way, not only can I offer folks communion, but also provide them with ashes if desired.

For any who are presently unable to leave their homes and wish to receive ashes, reach out to the church, let us know, and I will come by at some point that day. Each year I say this in advance, it is highly unlikely I will stay as long as normal due to the high volume of visits in a single day, so be aware of that ahead of time. I feel the tradeoff is worth it to participate in this ancient rite as we begin the Lenten season. My request: if you can attend worship, then please do. I do not want folks to think to themselves, I could go to church, but this would save me a trip to have Pr. Tim come to my house instead; that is not the point. This is being offered to those who are unable to leave on their own but desire to participate. You are invited to reach out, and I will be sure to come out and see you that day.

Pastor Timothy Holt



***St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement***

***Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.***

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/01 Marilyn Bredhold  | 1/14 Trace Weisheit     |
| Edwin Freyberger       | 1/18 Kelly Stroud       |
| Kaitlyn Bryan          | Doug Wiseman            |
| 1/02 Randall Neukam    | 1/20 Talia Myrick       |
| Charlene Rasche        | 1/21 Jon Bauer          |
| Julie Roos             | 1/22 Leo Lottes         |
| 1/04 Max Holt          | Linda Mason             |
| Canon Neukam           | 1/23 Kim Doty           |
| 1/05 Case Eisenhut     | Robert Rasche           |
| RaeLynn Ely            | 1/24 Robert Lottes      |
| Nicholas Lottes        | Evan Ruhe               |
| 1/07 Greta Foll        | 1/26 Ryder Freyberger   |
| 1/09 Duane Hembree     | Nikia Kalb              |
| Susan Potts            | 1/27 Madonna Freyberger |
| Preston Weisheit       | Zander Mann             |
| 1/10 Kix Smith         | 1/28 Tarryn Roos        |
| 1/12 Greg Begle        | Betty Schepers          |
| Parker Brinkman        | 1/29 Kurt Uebelhor      |
| 1/13 Carol Breitwieser | 1/30 Ashley Sendelweck  |
| Taylor Neukam          | Whitney Vonderheide     |

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



- 1/03 Scott & Marilyn Bredhold  
 1/06 Jared & Talia Myrick  
 1/21 Greg & Whitney Vonderheide  
 1/23 Tim & Julie Hoffman  
 1/26 Don & Nancy Freyberger  
 1/29 Delbert & Patricia Sendelweck

**FOOD BANK ITEM FOR JANUARY IS:  
 CANNED SOUP**

November Attendance	
November 2	161
November 9	182
November 16	242
November 23	185
November 26	66
November 30	163

The next WELCA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30 PM.

**WELCA**

**85+ BIRTHDAY and Baker**

Robert Lottes—1/24/1931  
 by Darlene Ziegler



**In Service to Our Country**

- Austin Breitwieser**  
 Redzikowo, Poland  
**AMC Luke Himsel**  
 Virginia Beach, VA  
**Cooper Uebelhor**  
 Colorado Springs, CO



Our St. Paul's church family spent time sharing Christmas joy at a few of the local nursing homes. Singing their hearts out (even taking special song requests) brought smiles, tears, and lots of holiday warmth to the residents. Moments like these remind us what this season is truly about...spreading love and the hope of Christ to those who need it most. May the joy shared continue to shine throughout this Christmas season!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 2026**

1/4  
 WINTER BREAK - NO CLASS  
 BACKPACK BUDDIES

1/11  
 PREK-1ST: MEMORY WORK + GAMES  
 2ND-6TH: MEMORY WORK + GAMES

1/18  
 PREK-1ST: THE CHRISTMAS STORY RECAP  
 2ND-6TH: SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

1/25  
 PREK-1ST: WISE MEN  
 2ND-6TH: DANIEL

**OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE !!**

*Thank you to everyone for the support that you gave our 'Operation Christmas Child' project. Due to your generosity, 66 filled shoe boxes were delivered to the drop off point. That brings our grand total to 1,813 for the 25 years that we have participated. What an awesome gift to give.*

**Many Blessings to you from the St. Paul's Women of the ELCA.**

**'Twas the Night Before Christ's Birth Children's Program**

**Cast**

- Narrator** - Alli Hoffman
- Narrator** - Evelyn Phillips
- Narrator** - Addi Kempf
- Teacher** - Rowan Werner
- Teacher** - Eli Holt
- Angel** - Maggie Stemle
- Angel** - Ashtyn Kalb
- Child** - June Stemle
- Child** - Max Holt
- Child** - Camden Werner
- Child** - Ada Phillips
- Child** - Frances Phillips
- Innkeeper** - Cohen Kempf
- Mary** - Laney Stemle
- Joseph** - Bowie Helming
- Shepherds** - Brooklyn Buse and Harper Hart
- Angels** - Calla Chinn, Drew Chinn, and JoJo Garrett
- Cow:** Ada Vonderheide

So proud of our children for sharing the story of Christ with such joy and heart. What a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas!



Fun activities were enjoyed after the program!



**YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS**

The end of year giving statements will be completed by the end of January and placed in the wooden box in the welcome center. If you would like your copy mailed or emailed, contact Marcie in the church office.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

	Month	Year to Date
<b>INCOME</b>		
OFFERING	\$ 28,048.00	\$ 229,808.80
BENEVOLENCE	\$ 3,696.00	\$ 10,684.00
SACRED PLACES	\$ 6,243.00	\$ 183,829.07
BACKPACK BUDDIES	\$ -	\$ 2,398.36
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,530.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME*	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 10,478.29
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS	\$ -	\$ 1,158.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 1.58	\$ 31.70
TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF E.D. JONES FUNDS**	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 47,838.58</b>	<b>\$ 488,918.22</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 60,972.30</b>	<b>\$ 493,933.17</b>

\*Miscellaneous income amount was a reimbursement of a credit card late fee, quarterly deposit from Prudential Financial Services, reimbursement for youth camp, WELCA annual contribution, Lifeline screening payment, and transfer of funds from Memorial Fund Account for new Christmas decorations and a new laptop computer for the A/V system

\*\*Temporary loan of E. D. Jones investment account funds to bridge gap until Sacred Places grant award money is received. Will be paid back.

**PERSONAL CARE HOME RESIDENTS & HOME-BOUND**

**Northwood**

- Gladys Chanley 406
- Delbert Sendelweck Rm. 426
- Wilma Buchta Apt 3
- Harold Hembree 403A
- Patricia Sendelweck Apt 23
- Juanita Hembree 102

**Brookside Village**

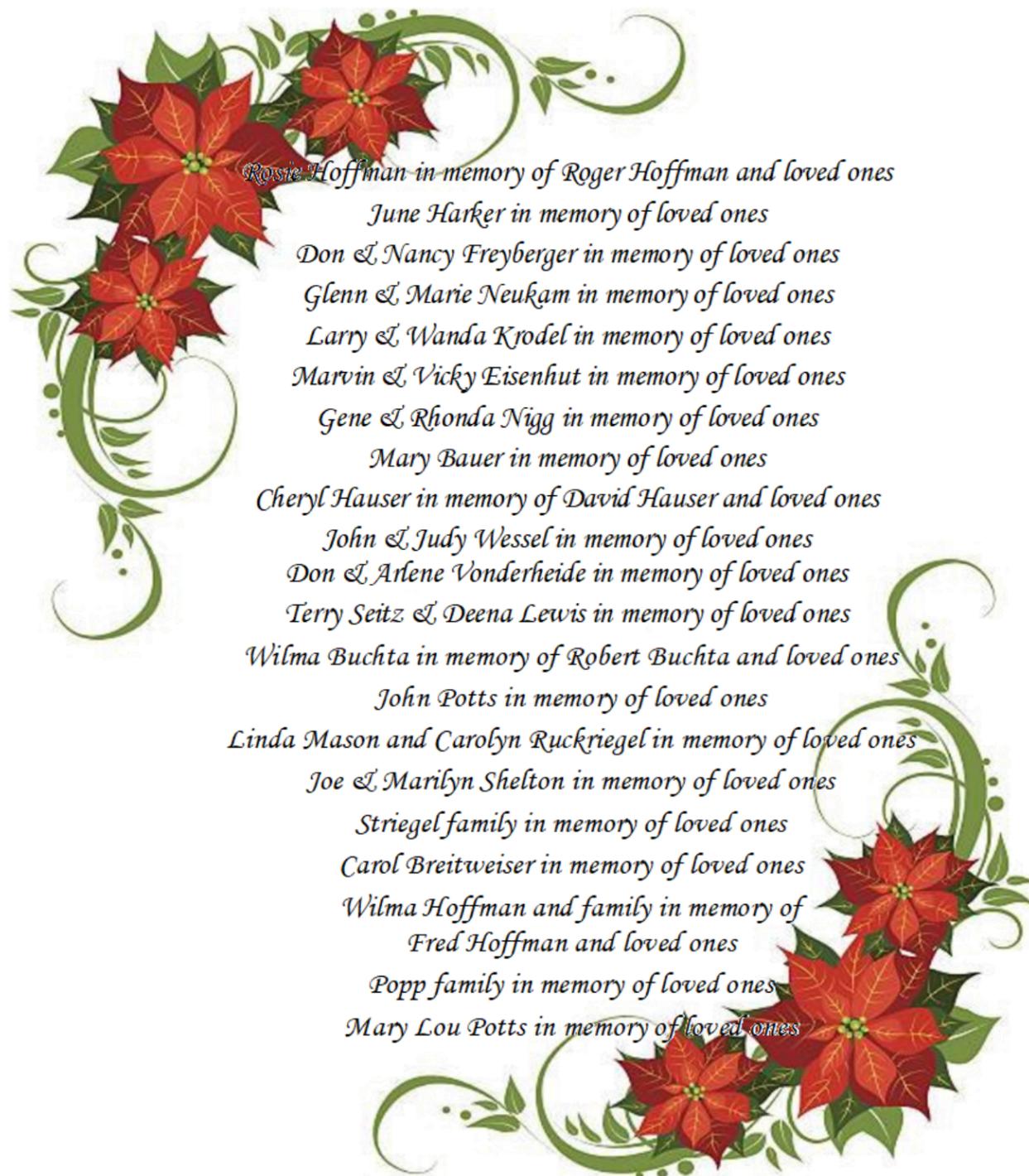
- Mary Ann Jerger Rm. 111

**Homebound**

- Marcella Weisheit
- Robert Huebner
- Pat Opel



# Christmas Poinsettias



*Rosie Hoffman in memory of Roger Hoffman and loved ones*

*June Harker in memory of loved ones*

*Don & Nancy Freyberger in memory of loved ones*

*Glenn & Marie Neukam in memory of loved ones*

*Larry & Wanda Krodell in memory of loved ones*

*Marvin & Vicky Eisenhut in memory of loved ones*

*Gene & Rhonda Nigg in memory of loved ones*

*Mary Bauer in memory of loved ones*

*Cheryl Hauser in memory of David Hauser and loved ones*

*John & Judy Wessel in memory of loved ones*

*Don & Arlene Vonderheide in memory of loved ones*

*Terry Seitz & Deena Lewis in memory of loved ones*

*Wilma Buchta in memory of Robert Buchta and loved ones*

*John Potts in memory of loved ones*

*Linda Mason and Carolyn Ruckriegel in memory of loved ones*

*Joe & Marilyn Shelton in memory of loved ones*

*Striegel family in memory of loved ones*

*Carol Breitweiser in memory of loved ones*

*Wilma Hoffman and family in memory of*

*Fred Hoffman and loved ones*

*Popp family in memory of loved ones*

*Mary Lou Potts in memory of loved ones*

## St. Paul's Women of the ELCA—December 2, 2025 Meeting

13 members attended the December meeting. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all. Following the meal, President Ziegler opened the meeting with a devotion titled "Are you ready for Christmas?" We were then blessed with two short programs. An ornament for Christ, and The Colors of Christmas.

After the programs, offerings were collected. Regular, Birthday, and special Christmas offering going to the Dove House.

The secretary report was read and approved. The treasures report was read. A motion to accept by Marie Neukam and seconded by JoAn Schnarr, motion carried.

Program and Fellowship: January 6 meeting will have blanket tacking, starting at 4. Business meeting at 6:30.

Stewardship and Service: Shut-in gifts are ready and will be delivered along with visiting throughout the month of December. 78 blankets have been made and tacked to date. Batting and material were donated to us from Kimball.

Visiting report for November was read.

Old Business: 66 shoe boxes were filled and delivered. We have been doing this project now for 25 years, for a total of 1,813 shoe boxes. Thank you to all who help with this project.

No December Birthdays.

Food Pantry item for December is Baby items.

Thanked the November committees: Visiting- Rosie Hoffman and Darlene Ziegler, Darlene also sent cards. Flowers- Beth Buchta

December committees: Visiting- Stewardship and service committee (Donna Rasche, JoAn Schnarr, Linda Mason and Melanie Freyberger). Flowers: Diana Bair and Jessica Freyberger. January refreshments- Program & Fellowship (meal) Stewardship & Service (desert).

Before adjourning a gift was presented to out-going President Darlene Ziegler for her Dedication and service to the women's group.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Mason and seconded by Jeanne Hoffman. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Jeanne Hoffman

Women of the ELCA 