

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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This Week at St. Paul's December 4– December 10

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A Note From Marna:

On Wednesday I will be having hip replacement surgery. The surgeon told me to set aside four to six weeks for healing and so that is what I am going to do. St. Paul's and all the other churches and projects with which I work will be flying solo for the month of December.

It is Advent, so I hope that you will all take the time to sink into a waiting mode, a time of stillness and pause, a nesting time, a time NOT to figure God but to listen instead to what God would like to say to your heart. I like to think of Advent as the last month of pregnancy where hope, expectation, joy, waiting, nesting, and anticipation are the themes. It is also for those of us living in the Northern Hemisphere, a time to embrace the darkness that descends and let ourselves be filled with longing and sometimes unexpected grief.

Hole each other kindly and anticipate incarnation in whatever form it wishes to appear.

[Marna's Advent Sermon](#)

Happy birthday to all of the December birthdays!



*Arlene Gordanier, Liz Lancour, Jo Wittler,
Coralie Voce, Kevin Thew Forrester, Howard
Harding, Burt Purrington, Jim Edwards, Liam
Thew Forrester*

Enjoy your special day!

***It's that time of year again
for the annual
announcement about
weather and office
closures! If the local
schools in the area
(Marquette, Negaunee,
Ishpeming) are closed due
to inclement weather our
church office will be
closed as well.***



Happening this Week

Monday 12/4:

Office Open 9-5

2-5:30pm: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

7-9pm: Singing Bowl Meditation *Chapel*

Tuesday 12/5:

2-6:45: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

2-6:45pm: String Lessons *Church*

Wednesday 12/6:

Office Open 9-5pm

2-5pm: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

5-6:30pm: Tai Chi *Chapel*

2-6:30pm: String Lessons *Church*

7pm: Choir Practice *Church*

Thursday 12/7:

2-6:15: Voice & Piano Lessons *Chapel*

Friday 12/8:

Sunday 12/10:
10am: Choir Practice *Church*
10:30–12pm: Holy Eucharist *Church*
7–9pm: ACOA *Library*

Progress Report from the Stewardship Committee

As of the end of November, the church has received 29 pledges totaling \$62,456 for the year 2024. If you have not yet made a pledge, we encourage you to drop the card in the box at the church, or mail it in or drop it off. We would like to start the year with a fairly complete view of our financial situation. (And also if there are offers/promises of “works” or “wisdom” for us to take note of!) If you have misplaced the card we sent, there are extras at the church.

Then here’s a bonus - a piece from theologian Henri Nouwen -

The fruitfulness of our little life, once we recognize it and live it as the life of the Beloved, is beyond anything we can imagine. One of the greatest acts of faith is to believe that the few years we live on this earth are like a little seed planted in very rich soil. For this seed to bear fruit, it must die. We often see or feel only the dying, but the harvest will be abundant even when we ourselves are the harvesters.

How different would our life be were we truly able to trust that it multiplied in being given away! How different would our life be if we could believe that every little act of faithfulness, every gesture of love, every word of forgiveness, every little bit of joy and peace, [every little gift of wealth, work, or wisdom - *Charlie’s addition*] will multiply and multiply as long as there are people to receive it . . . and that—even then—there will be leftovers!

Think Scrip!

A smaller congregation at St. Paul's has led to a smaller participation in the scrip program. This program has contributed over \$10,000 to St. Paul's during the last 11 years and we would like to continue to give financial support. But we need your help to make this

happen! Please "Think Scrip" when you are purchasing groceries, gas, gifts and eating at restaurants.

Questions?

Call Ann Smith at 906 249-9389 or Barb Carpenter at 906 362-3875

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Scrip Order Form**

Buyers Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date of Order _____

Paid by: Check # _____ (Make checks payable to: *St. Paul's Scrip Program*) Cash _____

Vendor	% Profit	Dollar Denomination	Quantity	Total
Babycakes Muffin Co.	10%	\$10		
Border Grill	10%	\$25		
Donckers	10%	\$25		
Downwind Sports	10%	\$25		
Downwind Sports	10%	\$50		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$25		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$50		
Tadych's Marketplace	3%	\$100		
Getz Dept Store	8%	\$25		
Getz Dept Store	8%	\$50		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$25		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$50		
Circle K Gas Station	4%	\$100		
Huron Mtn Bakery	10%	\$10		
Jeffrey's Restaurant	10%	\$10		
Mqt Food Co-op	10%	\$25		
Mqt Food Co-op	10%	\$50		
Mqt Food Co-op	10%	\$100		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$25		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$50		
Snowbound Books	10%	\$100		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$25		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$50		
The Gathered Earth	10%	\$100		
Third Street Bagel Co.	10%	\$10		
Togo's Sub Shop	10%	\$10		
Vango's	10%	\$10		
Vango's	10%	\$20		
Wood Jewelers	15%	Any amount		
Order Total				

Date picked up: _____

Signature _____

Mail this order form with check or money order to:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855

or drop this order form off at the church between 9 am – 5 pm, Mon, Wed, & Fri or on Sunday morning

Questions? Call 226-2912



Yes, folks, once again we are doing the "Giving Tree." This tree will accept the traditional warm outerwear: hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and warm socks. Items for adults - both for men and women = are especially needed. Those items will be distributed to: RATI, Ripple Effect, and Great Lakes Recovery. *In addition*, the tree will be decorated with gift wish cards for the youth at Lake Superior Village.

The timing on the gift wish is short: the tree goes up on December 3rd; any "unselected cards" will be returned to Lake Superior Village on Dec 15th; the unwrapped gifts* will be picked up on December 20th.

***Gift instructions:**

1. Do not wrap the gift
2. Tape the card to the gift
3. the gift will be wrapped by volunteers at Superior Village.

Alternative Gifts Market

St. Paul's will once again host the Alternative Gift Market this year. AGI is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. They offer donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends and associates. On the last three Sundays of Advent-- December 10, 17 and 24-- someone will be at the atrium table to assist you with the order forms, inserts and cards; booklets will be available to read about the projects to support. Please consider making Alternative Gifts part of your family's Christmas tradition.

*The M.E. Davenport (family) Foundation is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching grant to Room At The Inn. RATI launched a special fund-raising effort in November - Homeless Awareness Month. *The Davenport matching grant extends through the end of December.* Make your checks payable to: Room At The Inn, 347 Rock St., Marquette, MI 49855

[Click here for December's Messenger!](#)

-If you would like to be on the mailing list (email or paper copy) of the Messenger- please contact Sierra and she will get you on the list!

"A Child's Requiem" readthrough on December 30, 2023

Vocal Score \$20.00

Please be sure to place your order before December 15th! Your score will be ready for you at the December 30th read-through. A vocal score is mandatory if you wish to sing- if you would simply like to listen and observe, no purchase is necessary!

Go to thomaslavoy.com to purchase your score.

YOU MUST CHECK OUT AFTER ADDING THE SCORE TO YOUR CART! Once you have clicked "Add to cart" and filled out the form and submitted it, please click on "Cart" in the top right corner of your screen, then click the button for "Checkout." Proceed to checkout with your credit card as normal.

A schedule of events is below.

December 30th, 2023, 2:00-5:00pm
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1:30pm The room is open.

Please arrive early to collect your score and organize into loose sections.

2:00-4:00pm "Rehearsal" - we will work through the piece movement by movement and "rehearse" as we go.

4:00-4:15pm Break

4:15-5:00pm "Performance" - we run the piece straight down

5:00-6:00pm Time for visiting/questions

January monthly Outreach collection will go to Messiah Lutheran's Asylum Seekers' Project

1) For those who may wish to provide support to Messiah's hosting of a family of five refugees from Honduras beyond just our one more per year, here is the mailing address for financial contributions:

Messiah Lutheran Church

Asylum Seekers Fund

305 W Magnetic, Marquette, MI 49855

2) For those who may wish to volunteer in support of this project, we provide the following information: The primary need at this time is for transportation (the family does not have a car). The principal needs in this area are for medical appointments and shopping trips.

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