

## Scripture Readings

Dec 14	Third Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146	James 5:7-11	Matt. 11:2-15
Dec 21	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 7:10-17	Psalm 24	Rom. 1:1-7	Matt. 1:18-25
Dec 28	First Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 63:7-14	Psalm 111	Gal. 4:4-7	Matt. 2:13-23

### PIE IN THE FACE

Everyone is invited to stop by the Narthex and donate in the container for whom they want to win (or have a pie in the face, depending on how you look at it). Candidates are: Pastor Paul, Pastor Matthew, Ethan Schuette, Maria Pfizenmaier, Kristi Davis, & Kristi Hager. Donations will be accepted now through Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The member with the most donations will be announced just before the Christmas Program at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - and yes, they'll seal the deal with a pie in the face! All funds raised will support the New Building Fund! Come, join the fun, and support a great cause!

### This Week's Schedule - December 6 through December 14

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
	Family Education - 10:30 AM
	SPMiddles - 5:00 PM
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
Wednesday	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b>
	Advent Services - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM
	Midweek - 5:30 PM
	Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
Next Saturday	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM
	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
	Family Education - 10:30 AM
Next Sunday	Christmas Program - 6:00 PM

## Welcome

to

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"  
For 137 years!!!

#### OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

December 6 & 7, 2025

**By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord**

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1-2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, "a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots" (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear

the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is "a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. "With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips" (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the

"root of Jesse" comes to us, "even he who arises to rule the Gentiles" (Rom. 15:12), that "we might have hope" and be filled "with all joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:4, 13).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Sharon Carlson -  
In Memory of Loved Ones

**Friendship Circle** will be collecting  
Mites for Missions on Sunday, December 7

**WELCOME** to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Hymn #s - 344, 653, 347 357, 359, 525, 832**  
**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Organist</b>	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
<b>Ushers</b>	Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman
<b>Greeters</b>	The Baxter Family
<b>Live Stream</b>	Jarrett Wachsnight
<b>Acolyte</b>	Andyn Johnson, Jackson Prater
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Brad Dieckmann
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kristin Wright, Jess Wohler, Heather Schmale, Maria Pfizenmaier, Kristi Hager
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Marty Stenzel

**FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)  
**1st Grade - 3rd Grade** - meet in Library Room (West Wing)  
**4th Grade - 6th Grade** - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)  
**7th Grade - 8th Grade** - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)  
**9th Grade - 12th Grade** - meet in High School Room (Basement)  
**Adult** - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
November 22 & 23	33	140	173
November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve			62
November 29 & 30	23	98	121
December 3 - Advent			78

Family Education Attendance	Total
November 23	35
November 30	18

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

2025 Poinsettia Order  
There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion.  
The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday, December 9 - 9:30 AM  
Oh, the Wonder of it All  
That Christ Came for Us  
We invite all women to attend!

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Georgie Dierking, Larry Rakowsky -Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

**Health concerns:** Michelle Tessaro, Cody Hunter, Ron Schmale, Rita Siebold, Dalton Lehman, Kayla Wang, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, Nancy Kemp, Dwight Koch, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

**Our outreach programs:** Prayer Shawl Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Bobbie Holz, Emmitt Budy, Dee Hilton, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Arnold Pittenger, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Join us for a beloved Christmas tradition!

Beginning with the procession and followed by the party with food, drink, music, and piñatas!

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 210 Church Street, Linn KS 66953

When: Sunday, December 21  
starting at 6:00pm

Email: zionoffice@bluevalley.net  
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**Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul**

Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer

**MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING PROJECT**

Matching funds up to \$500,000 are available for all contributions made through January 19, 2026, towards the building project approved by the congregation on October 19, 2025. These funds are being generously contributed by one of our church families with confidence that St. Paul's will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ with faithfulness for future generations.

If you have any questions or would like to visit with a committee member, please contact the office or you may contact any of the building committee members: Brett Ohlde, Mike Holte, Donna Jordan, T.R. Reiner, Linda Underwood, Garry Stenzel or John Bosch.

All contributions made towards the building project should include a notation for "New Building Fund."

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Annual Soup Supper & Food/Bake Sale whether it was by making noodles, cooking, preparing items for use, baking, serving, & helping the day of the supper, donating items for the food/bake sale, cleaning up afterwards, coming to eat, or praying for a success event. All help was greatly appreciative! The Friendship Circle would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude & best wishes for the holiday season!