

Scripture Readings

Nov 30	First Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14	Matt. 24:36-44
Dec 7	Second Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12
Dec 14	Third Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146	James 5:7-11	Matt. 11:2-15

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
Phone: 785-348-5332

The church was informed that the company who was recycling the Portal of Prayers booklets as come to end. There will no longer be a collection bin for these here at the church. Thank you for your participation in the past.

Deck the Halls!
It's time to decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will plan to do that on November 30 at 1:30 pm.
Join us as we prepare our congregation's worship area to celebrate our Savior's birth!

This Week's Schedule - November 22 through November 30	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 PM
Thursday	Office Closed
Friday	Office Closed
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Decorate Church - 1:30 PM

Welcome
to
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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"  
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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."  
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November 22 & 23, 2025
Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. *"They shall be mine,"* He says, *"and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him"* (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining *"the distinction between the righteous and the wicked"* (Mal. 3:18). He truly is *"the King of the Jews"* (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith *"weep for yourselves and for your children"* (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He *"is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation"* (Col. 1:15). *"All things were created through him and for him"* (Col. 1:16), and *"all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell"* bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself *"by the blood of his cross"* (Col. 1:19–20).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Kent & April Unruh -
In Honor of Our Parents

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!

Last Sunday of the Church Year
Hymn #s - 905, 508, 680, 516, 621, 761, 549
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters	John & Carol Bosch
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Karson Beals, Wrangler Crady
Communion Assistant	Gene Ferguson
Altar Guild	Barb Reiner, Susan Melton, Tara Rosenow, Jeannine Anderson
Fellowship Host	Lehmans

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	Family Education Attendance	Total
November 8 & 9	34	145	179	November 9	54
November 15 & 16	22	115	137	November 16	39

The Preschool Thanksgiving Offering Newsletter is in your church mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider a thank offering in response to the blessing of the Christian Preschool of St. Paul Lutheran. Deadline for the thank offering is Sunday, November 30th

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.

St. Paul will collect non-perishable food items and personal care items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) for the Food Pantry at the Lighthouse during the week of Thanksgiving. All items can be placed at the Altar on the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving or at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*- Matthew 25:40

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: 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: 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 Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Bulletin Deadline for this week is Tuesday 4:00 PM due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thank you!

Dorothy Debenham's children are hosting a 90th birthday card shower for her on Saturday, December 6 in the Fellowship Hall located in the basement from 2:00 to 4:00. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

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

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!

New Evangelism Booklets & Devotional Material - “PORTALS of PRAYER” and “My Devotions” (Daily Readings for Young Children) devotion books are in!! Feel free to take one or more for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

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!