

## Scripture Readings

Jan. 12	The Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
Jan. 19	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 128	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan. 26	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19:(1-6) 7-14	1 cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30

### THANK YOU!

To everyone who contributed to our Christmas worship services. From the Children's Christmas Program to all of the worship helpers that assisted with the celebrations! Thanks to those who provided a **Poinsettia** for our Christmas worship - the church is so beautiful and festive! You may pick up your plant following the service on January 5. All plants will be disposed of after that service.

Starting a New Season - Growing with Christ

Women's Bible Study on  
Tuesday, January 7  
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

We invite all women to attend one of the study times.

### This Week's Schedule - January 4 through January 12

<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM SPLittles/SPMiddles - 4:00 PM Undecorate Church - 4:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Midweek - 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM St. Paul Leadership Retreat - 9:00 AM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM

# Welcome

to

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January 4 & 5, 2025

***The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son***

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Phyllis Fritz -

In Loving Memory of Don.

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.  
A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

**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!

**The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)**  
**Hymn #s - 410, 412, 394, 397, 707, 360, 386**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale  
**Ushers** Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman  
**Greeters** The Baxter Family  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Jackson Prater, Kyson Badsky  
**Communion Assistant** Gene Ferguson, Brad Dieckmann  
**Altar Guild** Lisa Dieckmann, Macey Hynek  
**Fellowship Host** Bill & Kim Davis

**FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 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
December 21 & 22	41	98	139
December 28 & 29	29	115	144
December 31			29

Family Education Attendance	Total
December 22	NC
December 29	24

**Installation of Board Members & Officers will be January 4 & 5, 2025 during worship!**

Join us for the Circuit-7 Epiphany Service and Soup Supper  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Linn  
 January 6  
 6:00pm -- Soup Supper  
 7:00pm -- Worship Service

**Friendship Circle** will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, January 5

**REMINDER**  
**Midweek Classes resumes on Wed., Jan. 8 at 6:00 PM**

Prayer Shawl Ministry will start back up on Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:30 PM

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

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall, Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

**Health concerns:** Stan Ohlde, Larry Ernsting, Kayla Wang, Dottie Scripter, Gary & Sharon Wachsnicht, Mary Brown, Dena Hillman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Mark & Janet Thurlow, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** LaVonne Hartner, Larry Beck, Lucas Cannizzo, Jill Sanneman, Gary Voelker, Greg Baehr, Jackie Monroe, Arnold Pittenger, Hank Stellner, Sandy Abeldt, Taylor, Arnie, William, Steve, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Brian, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

**Zion Lutheran Church Men's Club - Linn, KS**  
**would like to invite you to their Annual Pancake Supper!**  
**Sunday, January 12 - Serving from 5:00-8:00 pm**  
**We hope to see you there!**

**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**

**Men's breakfast fellowship**  
 Our next men's breakfast fellowship is scheduled for January 11 at 7:30 am. We will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Caleb Davis so we can prepare the proper amount of food. Text or call Caleb at 785-447-1694. Join us for this relaxed and enjoyable event!

**St. Paul Leadership Retreat**  
**January 11, 2025 - 9:00 am.**

**\*\*Sunday, January 26\*\*** there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.\*\*

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2025. 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!