

Scripture Readings

Dec. 31	First Sunday after Christmas	Is. 61:10-62:3	Psalm 111	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Jan. 7	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Is. 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Jan. 14	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-10	1 Cor. 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

NEED HELP FOR THE HOLIDAY'S or just in general HIRE A YOUTH.
The high school youth group is looking to help you out around the house the holiday/winter season.

For a free will donation as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans the summer of 2025. Whether its wrapping presents, baking cookies, cleaning up for the family or cleaning up after they have been there, putting up or taking down holiday lights they can help.

Call Brett Ohlde @ (785)632-7054 or
Addy Pfizenmaier (785)630-1016 for details.

Men! Food, Faith and Fellowship on January 13!

Calling all men to join us for breakfast on Saturday January 13th. at 7:30 am.

We look forward to a time of fellowship and breakfast, with a short devotion. Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning to join us!

We hope you will be there!

This Week's Schedule - December 30 through January 7

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Office Closed
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
Next Saturday	Board Retreat - 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Undecorate Church - 4:00 PM

Welcome

to

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For 135 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 30 & 31, 2023

***The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord***

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4-5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the LORD," because this child has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness" and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Joyce Laflin -

In Memory of Cary Laflin.

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

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!

First Sunday after Christmas
Hymn #s - 389, 733, 332, 360, 367, 380, 387, 390

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow
Greeters Rita Siebold, Dorothy Debenham
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Todd Pfizenmaier, Wes Wright
Altar Guild Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright
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 Tree Room (West Wing)
4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)
7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)
Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
Dec 16 & 17	36	93	129
Dec 20 - Advent			47
Dec 24			71
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve			343
Dec 25 - Christmas Day			41

Family Education Attendance	Total
Dec 17	24
Dec 24	N/A

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 7. All plants will be disposed of after that service.

REMINDER - Midweek Classes resumes on Wed., Jan. 3 at 6:00 PM

Leadership Retreat--
January 6, beginning at
9:00 am.

Installation of
Board Members & Officers
will be January 6 & 7, 2024
during worship!

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking, Ann Worley-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place.

Health concerns: Melissa Baxter, Michelle Tessaro, Sierra Hitsman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, Dee Noffsinger, and Ann Worley.

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

Sorrow: Family & friends of Don Fritz

Larger Community Members

Healing: Gail Thomas, Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

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

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

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 list.

REMINDER!!!!

Offerings for 2023 must be received on or before the last service of the year, (December 31) for 2023. A contribution received after that date is counted as a contribution for 2024 for income tax purposes, even if the check was written in 2023.

THANK YOU!

The staff of St. Paul would like to thank you for all of your Christmas wishes, cards, goodies, and gifts during this Christmas season. We appreciate you thinking of us.

God bless you!

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!

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024. 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!