# **Scripture Readings**

Dec. 10	Second Sunday in Advent	ls. 40:1-11	Psalm 85	2 Pet. 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 17	Third Sunday in Advent	ls. 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	1 Th. 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19 -28
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday in Advent	2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)	Rom. 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38



The concert is a gift to our community from several entities, including St. Paul Lutheran Evangelism Committee, St. Paul Lutheran Friendship Circle, Kansas District LCEF Grant, Clay County, Clay Center, Ryan and Mullin Law Office, Friesen CDJR, and Craia and Terri Parry. A special musical guest, whose name you may remember, will open the concert; Heather Ruesch with The You Matter Tour.

If you have unchurched friends, please bring them with you to enjoy this fun, free concert. Seating is limited!



# This Week's Schedule - December 9 through December 17

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Family Education - 10:30 AM

Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (Preschool - 8th grade)

Monday Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon** 

Advent Service - 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM

Midweek - 6:00 PM

Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Next Saturday Next Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

> Family Education - 10:30 AM Christmas Program - 6:00 PM

# Welcome

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"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 9 & 10, 2023 You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord

"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the

Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward

you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Mike & Kelly Holte -In Memory of Our Family. 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!

# Second Sunday in Advent Hymn #s - 345, 344, 618, 524, 563, 627, 343 SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Marian McKain

**Ushers** Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman

Greeters Clyde & Rita Wollenberg
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht

AcolyteMaizy Gurney, Janae WohlerCommunion AssistantBrad Dieckmann, Steve Jordan

**Altar Guild** Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale,

Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright

**Fellowship** The Wohlers

#### 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
Nov 25 & 26	19	72	91
Dec 2 & 3	19	125	144

Family Education Attendance	Total
Nov 26	23
Dec 3	45

You are all invited on December 17th at 6:00 PM to come & enjoy as children from our congregation participate in this year's Christmas Program. After the program please join together for fellowship downstairs for refreshments. Hope to see you there!

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# \*\*NOTICE\*\*

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There <u>WILL NOT</u> be a service on Saturday, December 23.
Please join us at one of the 3 services offered on Sunday, December 24 (one at 9:00 AM & Christmas Eve services at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Also there WILL ONLY be 1 service on Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 AM

# IN OUR PRAYERS Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Lola Lehman-Liberty Place. Health concerns: Roger Hageman, Kinsey

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

Sorrow: Family & friends of Jack Wilder

#### **Larger Community Members**

Healing: Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), 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.

Sorrow: Family & friends of Rev. Robert Mann

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesday, December 12
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Christ Coming
The Real Reason for the Season
Please join us & bring a friend & a
treat to shar!

### 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

<u>Please remember to inform the church office</u> <u>when the person for whom you requested</u> prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

Linda Underwood is working on a fundraiser meal for Darla Wilder on December 13th at the Methodist Church from 5 to 7 pm and she is needing desserts and salads for the meal. You may call or text her at 785-632-0369 or send her a message on Facebook. There is an on-air auction on KCLY on December 13th beginning at 1:00 pm.

Thank You to the family of the late
Velma Lang for the new
Christmas Tree beside the altar.
Thank You to Beverly Lang,
Dorothy Debenham, Kelly Holte,
Michelle Rummel, Michelle Tessaro,
Pam Sump, Terri Jermark and
Vicki Pfizenmaier for making the
small additional beautiful
Chrismons to help decorate the tree.

Thank You
Pam Maloney, Shawna Pederson

and Wes Wright (the children of the late Jennice Wright) for selecting the new outside Nativity set in memory of their Mother.