

Scripture Readings

Dec. 8	Second Sunday in Advent	Mal. 3:1-7b	Psalms 66:1-12	Phil. 1:2-11	Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)
Dec. 15	Third Sunday in Advent	Zeph. 3:14-20	Psalms 85	Phil. 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)
Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Psalms 80:1-7	Heb. 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

There will be a **special Voter's meeting on December 8 at 2:00 PM.** The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on either calling a seminary candidate or requesting a new call list from our District Office. Please pray for a God pleasing decision as we move forward and meet the ministry needs of St. Paul.

NOTE from Linda Underwood - On Fundraiser for Taylor Wachsnicht - A sloppy joe meal provided by Ray's Apple Market along with a variety of desserts and salads will be served at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 5th from 5 to 7 pm for a free will donation. Thrivent is graciously providing \$250 in supplemental funds for this fundraiser. Anyone willing to provide a dessert, salad, or help serve can call or text Linda Underwood at 785-632-0369 or send me a message on Facebook. I will also need 20 pounds of hamburger, 13 packages of hot dog buns and 5 cases of bottled water for the meal. Anyone willing to provide any of the above items can also call or text me at the same number or send me a message on Facebook.

This Week's Schedule - November 30 through December 8	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Decorate Church - 4:00 PM SPLittles & SPMiddles - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Soup Supper/Bake Sale - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Advent Services - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM Midweek - 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
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 Voter's Meeting - 2:00 PM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (Preschool - 6th grade)

Welcome

to

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 136 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."

November 30 & December 1, 2024
The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "a righteous Branch" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts "blameless in holiness before our God and Father" (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "distress of nations in perplexity," with "people fainting with fear." Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him:
"Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"
(Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Malinda & Bill Easterberg -
In Memory of Cecil & Miriam Pfaffs Dec. Birthdays
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 in Advent
Hymn #s - 332 vs1-4, 332 vs5-8, 623, 334, 515, 563, 722

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart, Kenyon Badsky
Greeters Gene Ferguson
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Kody Schmale, Isabel Mesalles
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Brad Dieckmann
Altar Guild Jeannine Anderson, Susan Melton, Dianne Rickley, Tara Rosenow, Kristi Hager, Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright
Fellowship Host Marty Stenzel

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	Family Education Attendance	Total
November 16 & 17	31	101	134	November 17	31
November 23 & 24	41	126	167	November 24	11

Today we begin a new Adult Sunday School class focusing on the Reformation. Mr. Jeremy Pera, our retired DCE, will lead us in discovering the "Wittenberg Team" and their contributions to the Reformation movement. Join us as we learn of the other team players involved in the Reformation. You'll be glad that you attended this class!

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, December 1st.

2024 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.

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; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

Health concerns: Mary Ann Mall, Dottie Scriptor, 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.

Sorrow: Family & friends of Evelyn Novak

Larger Community Members

Healing: Keith Hageman, Chuck Fickes, 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.

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!

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

REMINDER!!!!
 Offerings for 2024 must be received on or before the last service of the year, (December 31) for 2024. A contribution received after that date is counted as a contribution for 2025 for income tax purposes, even if the check was written in 2024.

Friendship Circle
 will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, December 1

New Evangelism Booklets & Devotional Material - "The Word in Season", "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.

Please check your box at the back of the Sanctuary to pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes.