

Scripture Readings

Dec. 29	First Sunday after Christmas	Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15	Psalms 111	Col. 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40
Jan. 5	The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 72:1-11 (12-15)	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Jan. 12	The Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalms 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22

"Find Financial Peace: Join Our Upcoming Class!"

Are you ready to take control of your money and transform your financial future? Our church is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a life-changing course that teaches you how to save, pay off debt, budget, and build wealth—all from a biblical perspective.

Whether you're struggling to make ends meet, planning for retirement, or simply want to learn better money habits, this class is for you. Everyone from any age or stage of life will benefit from this course!

When: Starting January 19th, 3-5 PM,
- 9 weeks in a row

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Linn Kansas
Cost: 75\$ for both a married couple or single person

Don't miss this opportunity to gain the tools and confidence to handle your finances wisely. Sign up today and start your journey to financial peace!

For more information or to register, contact Vicar Harding, Jacob.harding85@gmail.com

Space is limited—reserve your spot now!"

This Week's Schedule - December 21 through December 29

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Services - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Office Closed Christmas Day Service - 10:00 AM
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

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."

December 21 & 22, 2024

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48-49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to "shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD." He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father's will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39-45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Raymond Carlson Family.

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!

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Hymn #s - 338, 357, 547, 347, 525, 634, 791
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
Acolyte	Briscoe Lehman, Karson Beals
Communion Assistant	Garry Stenzel, Steve Jordan
Altar Guild	Kristi Hager, Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright
Fellowship Host	Jessica Badsky

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
December 7 & 8	20	126	146	December 8	43
December 11 - Advent Services			69	December 15	37
December 14 & 15	30	118	148		

Organ Fundraiser

Due to failure of 1 of the 2 keyboards (the upper swell keyboard), our organ console will need repairs or replacement in the immediate future. The organ has been inspected and options and quotes are expected in January. To start raising funds for the organ, our organists have challenged each member to contribute \$1.00 (or more) this Christmas season for each year of life God has blessed you with. Make your checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran organ fund and put them in the offering plate or drop them by the office.

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!

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, Mary Ann Mall, Kayla Wang, 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.

Thanksgiving: The birth of Kreed Ivan to Kardell Anderson & Kendra Jantz

Larger Community Members

Healing: Jill Sanneman, Keith Hageman, 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.

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

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.

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!

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

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