

Scripture Readings

Dec. 1	First Sunday in Advent	Jer. 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
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)

HELP for the Soup Supper

Friendship Circle Soup Supper on Tuesday, **December 3** needs volunteer help from the congregation. A **sign-up sheet** in the Narthex is available for anyone who is willing to help! Please sign up, your help will be greatly appreciated! Donations of pie for the supper and baked goods for the Bake Sale will also be helpful and appreciated. Contact Marlene Ohlde, Rita Wollenberg or Kristi Hager with any questions.

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

This Week's Schedule - November 23 through November 30

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 - 6th Grade)
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 PM
Thursday	Office Closed
Friday	Office Closed
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 Decorate Church - 4:00 PM SPLittles & SPMiddles - 4:00 PM

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

816 9th Street
Clay Center, KS 67432

E-mail: spluther@sbcglobal.net
www.claycenterlutheran.com
Phone: 785-632-5301

REV. PAUL TESSARO,
SENIOR PASTOR 785-630-0751

"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 23 & 24, 2024

In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *"heaven and earth will pass away."* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). He is *"the firstborn of the dead,"* who in His great love *"has freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *"his dominion is an everlasting dominion"* and His Kingdom *"shall not be destroyed"* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *"a light to the peoples,"* which *"will never be dismayed"* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4-6). As He *"is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,"* so wait upon *"the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life"* (Jude 20-24).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Kent & April Unruh

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!

Last Sunday of the Church Year
Hymn #s - 804, 336, 623, 606, 832, 810, 917

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman
Greeters	Jeremy & Kristi Hager
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Owen Pfizenmaier, Andyn Johnson
Communion Assistant	Clyde Wollenberg, TR Reiner
Altar Guild	Jeannine Anderson, Susan Melton, Dianne Rickley, Tara Rosenow
Fellowship Host	Kim & Bill 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	Family Education Attendance	Total
November 9 & 10	33	137	170	November 10	33
November 16 & 17	31	101	134	November 17	31

**Rezound: Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert,
 Dec. 7th - 7:00 pm at Rex Theatre**

Our **Handchime Choir** has the opportunity to attend this upcoming handbell concert. They are excited to see and hear the hand bells. We will meet in the church basement at 5:30 for a quick meal (Sponsored by one of our members) and then attend the concert at 7:00. Please RSVP by text/call to Terri Parry at 785-447-0282 by Thanksgiving. It is our hope to sit as a fellow group of musicians. Families are encouraged to attend this excellent hand bell concert being sponsored by the Clay County Arts Council. If you would be willing to help transport kiddos to the Rex after the meal, please text/call Terri and let her know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

St. Paul will collect non-perishable food items and personal care items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) for the **Food Pantry at the Lighthouse** during the week of Thanksgiving. All items can be placed at the Altar on the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving or at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. ***“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”***- Matthew 25:40

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: Dottie Scripter, Evelyn Novak, 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: 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.

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.

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

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!

****Notice****
 Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday this week the bulletin deadline will be Tuesday Noon instead of Wednesday. Thank you

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.