

Scripture Readings

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
Dec. 31	First Sunday after Christmas	Is. 61:10-62:3	Psalm 111	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Jan. 7	The Baptism of Our Lord	Gen. 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Mark 1:4-11

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 23 through December 31

Saturday	NO SERVICE
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Monday	Christmas Day Service - 10:00 AM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon
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

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December 24, 2023

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh

When King David “lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate “Son of the Most High,” receives “the throne of his father David” and begins to reign “over the house of Jacob forever” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “the mystery that was kept secret for long ages” but is now “made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Raymond Carlson 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!

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Hymn #s - 341, 357 vs1-4, 357 vs 5-7, 617, 620, 623, 338

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Terri Parry
Ushers Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters Stacey Howland
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Janae Wohler
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel
Altar Guild Kelly Holte, Maria Pfizenmaier, Heather Schmale, Jess Wohler, Kristin Wright

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM - NOT MEETING TODAY

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 9 & 10	48	119	167
Dec 13 - Advent			51
Dec 16 & 17	36	93	129

Family Education Attendance	Total
Dec 10	34
Dec 17	24

Leadership Retreat--January 6, beginning at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us for this event. Board members and officers are expected to attend this event. This event is also being opened to others in the congregation. Heather Ruesch, national speaker on the You Matter Tour, Life Coach and Leadership Consultant will lead the workshop that day. You won't want to miss this outstanding event! Please RSVP by December 28 so we can plan for materials and meals. We plan to meet at the 4H building at the Clay County fairgrounds.

Thank you to Bill Davis
 for building and donating his resources to construct the beautiful table made out of locust wood that will be used for cremation funerals. It is greatly appreciated!!

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, Roger Hageman, 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

Please do not prop doors open! We have some mice running around and are trying to take care of the situation. Propping the door will increase our mouse population, especially with the colder weather.
 Thank you!