

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Both guests and members are asked to sign the Friendship Register which you find in the pew. Green prayer cards are also available, please give to an usher.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**NURSERY or CRY ROOM:** are available. Please ask an usher for directions.

**LARGE PRINT SERVICE'S** are available on the narrow table in the narthex.

**AS WE GATHER** In the Holy Gospel, Mary, already pregnant with Jesus, meets with her aunt Elizabeth. Elizabeth is pregnant with the one who will be called John the Baptist. Still in his mother's womb, John recognizes Jesus at the voice of His mother. Jesus' incarnation is so profound that it reaches even the unborn. Likewise, Jesus' resurrection is so powerful that it reaches even the dead. All human creatures, no matter in what stage of humanity, are loved by this Jesus. And He is coming soon.

**MILITARY BIBLE STICKS** Yes, we are again seeking contributions for this ministry to the men and women in the Armed Forces. We will be receiving donations during the Advent season. \$25.00 will supply a "Bible Stick" for a member of the Armed Forces along with a postcard which is redeemable for a "Dramatized" New Testament or a "Kids" New Testament for family members. Look for the display in the Narthex. Make your contribution using the forms found at the display or send a check, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and mark "Bible Sticks".

**DVD COPIES of the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/WORSHIP SERVICE** are available just let the church office know if you would like one and we will get copies made.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Board of Education, and to the many volunteers that made our Children's Christmas Program such a success, your help was MUCH appreciated. A big thank you to the kids for coming and practicing and thank you to the parents for getting them here. A special thank you to Amy Godbersen for her hard work on organizing this and bottom line making it happen. We are so thankful for Heather's recovery and she is feeling better and the team of the Board of Ed is whole again.

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**December 22 & 23, 2018**

**CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE UPDATE:**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROSS EXPLORATIONS CALENDAR SCHEDULE:**

**Class on Wednesday, December 19 5:45-6:45PM**

No class on Wednesday, December 26 for all grades

No class on Wednesday, January 2 for preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grades. **HOWEVER** - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will still have class on January 2

**ADULT CHOIR** will begin practice for the spring season on Wednesday, January 16th @ 6:00pm.

**BELL CHOIR** spring season practices will begin again on Monday, January 21st @ 6:30pm.

**CARE PACKAGE FOR DUSTIN FARLEY**, in the Narthex, there is a box for a Care Package we will send to Dustin, who is currently deployed to South Korea. Dustin would like beef jerky, likes sweets, anything you would like to send, including prayers, or words of encouragement. Dustin is the son of Beth & Kevin Farley and grandson of Shirley Ruser.

**DONATIONS** we are looking for snack donations for Wednesday night Cross Explorations, Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Snacks, Little Debbie treats.

**EXTRA HELP** we are looking for a couple of volunteers for extra help in the Preschool-Kindergarten class on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00PM. Please let Amy Godbersen or Heather Sweeden know.

**USHERS NEEDED FOR Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve** (as well as **Saturday 29/Sunday 30**) sign-up sheets are available on the Welcome Center

**APPOINTMENTS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK**

Sunday	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
12/23/18	<b>Bible Study and LYF Bible Study</b>	<b>9:15AM</b>
	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
Monday	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Tuesday	<b>Christmas Day Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Wednesday	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
	<b>MCC #12</b>	<b>2:30PM</b>
Saturday	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
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Monday	<b>New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Tuesday	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	

**Attendance:** Offering this week \$5289.00

6:00PM Saturday Evening.....56

Advent \$1121.00

9:00AM Sunday.....34

10:30AM Sunday.....108

Advent .....73

Total.....271

## Poinsettias

In memory of Gib & Ron Petersen from Berdine  
In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family  
In memory of Dennis Goodman from Angie Goodman  
In memory of Clifford & Lydia Miller, Floyd Miller, Michael Anderson, Bob & Marge Goodman, Jeri Goodman from Angie Goodman  
In memory of their all their loved ones from  
John & Janet Brinkman and family  
In memory of Helma Hamilton from Karen & Dwayne Salmon & family  
In memory of Walter "Butch" Rehse from his family  
In memory of Darrel Wellendorf from his family  
In memory of Marilyn Lovett from Terry and family  
In memory of Bob Lovett from Roma and family  
In memory of Lynn Dittmer from Darrell & Susan Miller family  
In memory of Thone Bremer, Charles & Lois Sykes from Corey & Diane Bremer  
In memory of Vern Zobel from his family  
In memory of Lois Zobel & Kathi Ketzelszen from Butch Ehrig family  
In memory of Bruce Ehrig Sr., Sandy Johnk, Michelle Ehrig, Shannon Ehrig from Butch Ehrig family  
In memory of Robert Schramm from Marguerite Schramm  
In memory of Russell Bubke from Judy Bubke & family  
In memory of our Grandparents, Ryan & Amy Godbersen  
In memory of Janet Riessen from the Riessen family  
In memory of Lloyd & Lorraine Wessel from Gailen & Pam Wessel  
In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Valerie Krager  
In memory of Don Knop from Shane & Danika Hinkeldzy & family  
In memory of Lynn Dittmer from Darrell & Susan Miller family  
In memory of Edward Edsen from Shari & Roger Walter & family  
In memory of Edward Edsen from Willy Edsen  
In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke

## Our Thoughts & Prayers

Gust Boysen- Horn (pneumonia)

91<sup>st</sup> Birthday Helen Dose on Dec. 31

95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Virginia Jensen on Dec. 31

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Delores & Harold Peffer on Dec. 31

Baptism of Jaxson Arthur Bogue, son of Jared & Heather Bogue. Jaxson sponsor is Taylor Bogue and witness to his baptism is Chris Weibring.

Deployment: Dustin Farley to South Korea  
son of Beth(Kevin) Farley, grandson, of Shirley Ruser

*Continued prayers and/or healing for*

Leila Prell	Dan Hoffman	Berdine Petersen
Lodean Korner	Richard Hagemeyer	Phyllis Hagemeyer
Steve Andresen	Marguerite Schramm	Wayne Wessel
Ross Feddersen	Weston Burger	Maddison Arthur
Jolene Peffer	Shannon Korwes	David Riessen
Todd Clausen	Autumn (Knop) Kline	Reed Feddersen
Rose Ann Ladwig	Dorothy Ruser	Connie Leighty - Cancer
Daryl Hecht	- son in law of Elaine Bubke	
Makayla Bell	Stella Turnbull (friend of Makayla Bell)	
Karen Ballard - ALS, mother of Jamey (Noelle) Ballard		
Cynthia Dittmer (mother of Jeremy Parks, battling rare disease that affects her spinal cord, causing her to be paralyzed from chest down)		

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS** *December* is baking items: flour, sugar, cake mixes, baking soda/powder, brown sugar, chips, vanilla, etc. *January* is paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, napkins, etc. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations, The Community Basket is open on Thursdays, from 2:30-5:30PM.

## BIBLE STUDIES

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE** 9:15 AM Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.  
*Unto Us A Child Is Born.*

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS** Every Sunday at 9:15AM this does includes 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**THEOLOGY AT THE HUT** led by Pastor Neil. Bible Study will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 6pm at Pizza Hut. We still welcome you to come at any time to join us!

**WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 6:30AM** at Zimmy's,

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 AM** in the lower level Conference Room *The Book of Job*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING - 5:45-6:45PM** in the fellowship hall.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR SOUND, COMPUTER TECHS, AND VIDEO TAPING are all needed.** If you are interested please contact the church office or Brad Zobel.

**LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE** - Offers counseling here at St. Paul. Lynnette Aschinger, has over 22 years experience & expertise to those she serves and her Christian perspective offers a safe place to process those most difficult questions & to incorporate faith into the healing process. The counseling is available for anyone & LFS accepts most insurances and sliding scale is available. Areas of specialty include but not limited to: Children, Depression, Abuse/Trauma histories, Anxiety, Grief & Loss, Family & Couples. You are encouraged to contact Lutheran Family Service at 712-276-9000 to set up an appointment with Lynette.

**DID YOU KNOW** open enrollment in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Youth Investors continues here at St. Paul, we are seeking and encouraging new investors. At present we have 42 investors, with 519 throughout Iowa District West. It's, YI'ers, is such a good stewardship program for youth, ages 0-18. If you are interested in enrolling your youth, see me, Rev. Winterrowd, and I can assist you in getting enrolled.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

**6:00 PM**  
Preacher/Liturgist  
Organist  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Sound

Rev. Neil Wehmas  
Geraldine Dankert

Aiden & Patience Johnson  
Gary Mildenstein

**8:00 AM**  
Preacher  
Liturgist  
Organist  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Sound  
Computer

Rev. Neil Wehmas  
Rev. Richard Salcido  
Geraldine Dankert  
Daisy Thayer

Rod Schneider  
Lorna Steenbock

**10:30 AM**  
Preacher  
Liturgist  
Song Leaders  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Sound  
Computer

Rev. Neil Wehmas  
Rev. Richard Salcido  
Praise Team

Bradyn Barber  
Brad Zobel  
Jon Devitt

**CHRISTMAS PARAMENTS:** White is the color of the Christmas season which lasts from December 24 through January 6. White is the color of purity and highest joy and signifies the intense joy we have received in the salvation provided by our God. This color is used on all the high and holy festivals pointing us to the holy joy and purity of the heavenly banquet feast. The symbols in the Christmas paraments all remind us of the elements and events connected with the high of Jesus' birth.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
December 23, 2018 10:30AM

**SONG** Prepare the Royal Highway LSB 343

**BAPTISM** p. 268

**OPENING SENTENCES**  
**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**  
**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**  
**SALUTATION / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SONG** Mary Did You Know (duet)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Micah 5:2-5  
**EPISTLE READING** Hebrews 10:5-10

**VERSE**  
**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 1:29-56

**SONG** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**SERMON** Rev. Neil Wehmas

**OFFERING** (*sung during the offering*)  
Magnificat (video)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
 and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,  
**My mouth derides my | enemies,\***  
**because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.**  
 There is none holy | like the LORD;\*,  
 there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.  
**The barren has borne | seven,\***  
**but she who has many children | is forlorn.**  
 The LORD kills and | brings to life;\*,  
 he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.  
**The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\***  
**he brings low and | he exalts.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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 and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,

Kyrie p. 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Gradual read in unison 8:00AM only

The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
 to all who call on | him in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
 and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Common Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Apostles' Creed

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 v. 1, ref. 2-4

SERMON

Rev. Neil Wehmas

Hymn

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord LSB 934

Offering/ Offertory p. 159

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy

Worship Service for December 22 & 23, 2018  
 Sat. 6:00PM & 8:00AM - Divine Service 1 p. 151

Hymn O Savior, Rend the Heaven's Wide LSB 355

Invocation p. 151

Introit read responsively by whole verse

Cong: hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 v. 5 ref 6, ref 7



## Christmas Worship

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**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM:**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

"The Child Who Is the Lord"

Isaiah 9:2–7; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14

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**Regular Worship on Saturday, December 22 at 6:00PM**

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