

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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December 29 & 30 2018

**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** Love came down at Christmas. Jesus was God's gift for us all. He'd been promised across the centuries, and in love the Father gave the Son for us. What a gift! God's love means redemption for His people. And what a gift for us to give to one another and everyone we meet! How we do that is spelled out in today's Epistle. Simeon sang the Nunc Dimittis, "Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace," when he held love incarnate, the baby Jesus. Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in one another's ears is a way of giving God's gift of love. In our personal lives it also means bearing with each other, forgiving, and letting peace rule in our hearts. We've received God's love in Jesus; each day is an opportunity to give it as a gift to the people around us!

**MILITARY BIBLE STICKS** Thank you once again for your donations, we received \$5900.00 this year that we were able to send to Faith Comes By Hearing. Faith Comes By Hearing had matching funds available

**LWML SALAD LUNCHEON on Thursday, Jan. 17 at NOON.** Each circle is to bring 2 salads to share. (we always enjoy recipes if you'd like to share). Speaker to be announced soon.

**LOST** a sterling silver Medical Alert Bracelet - please return to Church Office or Janet Brinkman

**NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP with Communion at 6:30PM**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE UPDATE:**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROSS EXPLORATIONS CALENDAR SCHEDULE:**

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.

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

Sunday	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
12/30/18	<b>Bible Study and LYF Bible Study</b>	<b>9:15AM</b>
	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
Monday	<b>New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
Tuesday	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Wednesday	<b>Early Morning Bible Study -at Zimmy's</b>	<b>6:30AM</b>
	<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>
	<b>Praise Team</b>	<b>5:15PM</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation only</b>	<b>6:00-7:00PM</b>
Saturday	<b>Wedding - Claudia Devitt &amp; Wesley Swanger</b>	
	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
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**Attendance:** Offering this week \$12,328.00

6:00PM Saturday Evening.....73  
9:00AM Sunday.....33  
10:30AM Sunday.....120  
Christmas Eve.....459  
Christmas Day .....75  
Total.....760

## Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who shared poinsettias with the congregation this year. If you would like to take yours home to enjoy there you can take home at any time.

**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.

## Our Thoughts & Prayers

Ben Toben- Mercy

Rose Ann Ladwig

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

Deployment: Dustin Farley to South Korea

son of Beth(Kevin) Farley, grandson, of Shirley Ruser

*Continued prayers and/or healing for*

Gust Boysen

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

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** *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. Mobile Food pantry on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 4:30-5:30PM at the United Methodist Church in Ida Grove.

## 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 include 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,

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**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  
**8:00 AM**  
Preacher  
Liturgist  
Organist  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Sound  
Computer  
**10:30 AM**  
Preacher  
Liturgist  
Song Leaders  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Sound  
Computer

Rev. Richard Salcido  
Geraldine Dankert  
  
Rylee Krayenhagen  
Rod Schneider  
  
Rev. Richard Salcido  
Rev. Neil Wehmas  
Geraldine Dankert  
  
Evan Williams  
Brad Zobel  
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Rev. Richard Salcido  
Rev. Neil Wehmas  
Praise Band  
  
Krista Sibenaller  
Dennis Clausen  
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WORSHIP SERVICE  
December 30, 2018 10:30AM

SONG What Child is This

INVOCATION  
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION  
PRAYER OF THE DAY

SONG Hope was Born

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 13:1-3a 11-15  
EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:12-17  
HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

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SERMON Rev. Richard Salcido  
Give Love as a Gift Colossians 3:12-17

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OFFERING *(sung during the offering)*

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## Worship Service for December 29 & 30 , 2018

Sat. 6:00PM & 8:00AM - Divine Service 3 p. 184

Hymn Love in Christ Is Strong and Living LSB 706

Service of the Word

Psalms read responsively by half verse 8:00am only

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Hymn Let All Together Praise Our God LSB 389 v. 1-4

Old Testament Reading Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Gradual read responsively by half verse 8:00am only

Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Apostles' Creed p. 192

Hymn Church of God, Elect and Glorious LSB 646

SERMON Rev. Richard Salcido

Give Love as a Gift Colossians 3:12-17

Offertory/Offering p. 192/193

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Holy and beloved, let us use the encouragement of the Epistle to guide our prayers to God for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. Put on compassion:

**C** **Protect and guide all who serve in the healing professions, O Lord. Give them compassion so that they see their patients as Your dearly loved children.**

**P** Put on kindness:

**C** **Guide and strengthen all who teach and care for vulnerable teens and senior citizens. Give them wisdom to serve in kindness and love.**

**P** Put on humility:

**C** **Remind those who fill positions of authority here and around the world to rule with humility as they serve You and the people around them in making, administering, and adjudicating the laws of the land.**

**P** Put on meekness:

**C** **Protect and guide those who serve in law enforcement at home and armed forces deployed so that they make appropriate decisions at all times.**

**P** Put on patience:

**C** **Open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel here and around the world. Give patience to clergy and lay leaders alike as they proclaim the news of Your Son's birth. Make them aware of Your gracious presence to bless their efforts.**

**P** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are not at peace because of illness, conflict, loss, and sadness, *including . . .* In Your great love,

**C** **restore health, resolve conflict, console, and bring renewal of joy as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

**P** *Special petitions* ...Lord in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, loving Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

### Collect

### Salutation and Benedicamus

### Benediction

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### Announcements

### Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice LSB 386