

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**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.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

**NATIVITY DISPLAY** This year the ladies would like to invite you, your friends or any groups to come and enjoy our many nativity sets, during the week from **9:00-4:00pm, from December 4-December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We know everyone is busy to come for just a one-day open house so they decided to spread it out over the month – the lights will be on and enjoy Christmas music while you view the nativities.

**FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THANKSGIVING MEAT CERTIFICATES** for Mid Sioux, a container is available on the black table in the Narthex.

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>12/1/24</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> Fellowship Bible Class, NO Sunday School & High School Youth <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bells</b> <b>Elders</b>	<b>6:30PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study at Zimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Life Serve Blood Drive</b> <b>Advent Supper – Spaghetti</b> <b>ADVENT WORSHIP</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>11:00-4:00PM</b> <b>5:00-6:15PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Christmas Program Practice (preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grades)</b>	<b>9:00-10:00AM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12/8/24</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE /CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Live Streamed</b> Fellowship Bible Class NO Sunday School, High School <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$      Attendance Sunday Morning:      Sunday Evening:

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**USHERS:** Greg & Lorna Steenbock  
**ACOLYTE:** Sun 9 AM: Brianna & Preston

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

**USHERS:**  
**ACOLYTE:** Ushers

**HOLY BAPTISM** Received into Christ’s Kingdom of Grace, Sunday (5:00pm Service), Isabelle Mae Carnine, daughter of Billy & Laura (Walter) Carnine. Sponsor for Isabelle is Lindsey Straus and witness is Chris Straus.

**GOLDEN ANGEL GIFT TREE - BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** will be having a **GOLDEN ANGEL TREE**, similar to when we had the Angel Tree for Mid Sioux, but now will be an Angel Tree for our members in the assisted living, nursing home. The tree in the narthex has the tags of suggested gift items and the date when items need to be back to the church to be distributed. A sign out sheet is available for you to write the number of the tag down, your name and phone number, so we can keep track of the tags. We would like to have the gift items **back by December 15**

**\*\*If you would like us to monetarily donate there is a box next to tree for us to the shopping for you, to buy gift cards or if you would like to donate towards gift wrap or gift bags**

**DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES** will start on **December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30AM** (last about 20 minutes). Will be Tuesday-Friday (times /cancellations are subject to change)

**ADVENT MEALS** begin on **December 4<sup>th</sup> serving at 5:00-6:15PM**

**December 4 – Pasta      December 11 – Baked Potato Bar**

**December 18 – Youth will serve – menu to be determined yet**

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES** will be at **6:30PM – please note out time change**  
**Hymn sing will start at 6:15PM**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE** on **Saturday, December 8 from 9:00-10:00AM** for grades preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grades

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday morning Worship Service at 9:00AM

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>**. On December 8<sup>th</sup> please join in the fellowship hall to have pancakes and sausage after the Children’s Christmas program

**POINSETTIAS** -if you would like to “adopt” a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in celebration let the church office know at 364-2918, you are still welcomed to get your own if you want, but we will have a few to “adopt”.

**LWML has Christmas cards for sale**, in the Narthex or contact Nancy Ford if you are interested in purchasing some Christmas cards.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 23:5–8*

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ <sup>7</sup>“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup>but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

## EPISTLE

*Romans 13:11–14*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Dan Hoffman - heart surgery - Sioux Falls  
Ann Sears - broken wrist  
Brandi Crawford - daughter of Ann Sears  
Opal Stout continued healing- mother of Kristi German  
Bud Jepsen- healing and recovery (father of Scott/Synda Jepsen)  
Declan Conover

## Baptism of Isabelle Carnine

*Continued prayers and/or healing for:*

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Victor Zobel Shirley Havener  
Jo Palmer Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell  
Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce  
Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell  
Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb  
Tiffany Lindberg Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick  
David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund

## November Birthdays this week:

Nov. 17 Danika Hinkeldey Marlene Schneider Dorla Schuett  
Nov. 18 Justin Ausborn  
Nov. 19 Courtney Ackerman Jacob Zimmerman  
Nov. 20 Lenny Boysen Dean Hammer  
Nov. 21 Charles Bell  
Nov. 22 Ryan Godbersen Terry Lovett Jeff Miesner  
Nov. 25 Ross Ladwig  
Nov. 26 Ricee Hoaglund Chris Miller-West  
Nov. 27 Sam Jamison  
Nov. 28 Dusty (Krager) Lozano Judd Schreiber  
Nov. 30 Nicole Knop  
Dec. 1 Espe Hoffman Lois Wendel

## COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for DECEMBER:

**Breakfast items:** baking/pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc., place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **\*\*They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry: Holstein, Methodist Church, on Thursday, December 19 from 4:30-5:30PM**

**YOUTH** will serve Sunday morning fellowship on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** instead of December 1<sup>st</sup>. December 8<sup>th</sup> will be following the Children's Christmas program that will be included in the Worship Service on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE** on **Wednesday, December 4** from **11:00AM-4:00PM** in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org)





**If you are interested in a new member class  
Please let us know**

**Give us you're a couple of options of day and time  
that works for you below**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leave in offering plate or brown offering box on Welcome  
Center or email us at the above email addresses**