

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. **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 We thank everyone who came to enjoy our many nativity sets, this past month, oh how the month went fast !! With that said, the lights will still be on and Christmas music playing (**except for December 25 & 26 and January 1st**), in case you missed coming to enjoy all the beautiful nativities until January 6th

WE THANK all who generously donated baked goods for the Cheer Plates, Circle 3 assembled and delivered this past week.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/22/24	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship NO Sunday School & High School Bible Class WORSHIP SERVICE	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 5:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	2:00PM 6:00PM
Wednesday	Christmas Day Worship w/ Communion	10:00AM
Thursday	Church Office Closed NO More than Bread Bible Study at Subway	
Sunday 12/29/24	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed NO Fellowship, Sunday School, High School or Bible Class WORSHIP SERVICE	9:00AM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 134 Sunday Evening: 15
Advent: 68

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS: Greg & Lorna Steenbock
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Avery
ACOLYTE CHRISTMAS EVE 2:00PM: Brianna

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: Ushers
6:00PM Kynleigh

DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES will not meet the week of Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 3
Watch for more details, as to what our schedule will be starting the week of January 7-10

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP will be at 2:00PM AND 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP w/ Communion at 10:00AM

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday, December 26

NEW YEAR’S EVE WORSHIP w/Communion on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00PM

"Get a head start on the "Whole Story" by attending New Year's Eve worship. Psalm 1 and a portion of Mark 1 will be read and preached upon as part of the worship service. **New Year's Eve Divine Worship, Tuesday, December 31st @6pm."**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES will not meet on December 25, January 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on December 22, December 29 and January 5

ALL BIBLE STUDIES LED BY PASTOR WEHMAS will not meet from December 23 – January 3, they will resume after January 3rd.

THERE WILL BE NO FELLOWSHIP on Sunday, December 29

STARTING IN JANUARY In order to help with the overall flow and length of the worship service. Starting on January 5th, we will be collecting the offering via the offering boxes in the Narthex. There will be no in-service offering collection. The main wooden offering box will still be available on the Welcome Center, there will be boxes available by each door that enters the Sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be starting **January 12 at 3:30PM**, if you are interested let the church office know 364-2918 or stpaulidagrove@gmail.com This is for any age, if you did not complete 8th grade confirmation class or even you would just like to attend to “brush up” on your Catechism, etc.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:19–28

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Declan Conover

Jeff Rasmussen

Russ Bennigsdorf - healing and strength from fall

Dan Hoffman - home - recovery from heart surgery

Ann Sears - healing from surgery for broken wrist

Brandi Crawford - recovery from blood clots removed

Marva Bennigsdorf

Keep the congregation at Trinity Lutheran, Odebolt, in your prayers after the sudden loss of Pastor David Viggers

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Victor Zobel

Shirley Havener 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 Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins

Trisha McCormick David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund

Bud Jepsen

December Birthdays this week:

Dec. 22 Dale Edsen Carol Korwes

Dec. 23 Peggy Fick Matt Knudsen

Dec. 25 Linda Ausborn Lori Boysen Bruce Godbersen
Shirley Van Sickler

Dec. 27 Claudia Swanger

Dec. 28 Brantly Wilcox

Dec. 29 Ashley Dose Geneva Miesner

Dec. 30 Jennifer Bieret Janet Nielsen Pam Reitz

Dec. 31 Dennis Miesner Kriss Phillips

December Anniversaries this week

Dec. 24 Duane & Ellen Ernst



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

December 24th @2pm & 6pm

Christmas Day

Divine Service w/Communion

December 25th @10am



"The Whole Story" Journey Begins

New Year's Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 31st @6:00pm

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 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. ****They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups.**

Worship Service for Sun., December 22, 2024

Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates LSB 341

Invocation p. 184
Service of the Word

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 v. 1, ref, 2-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-19
Gradual *Psalm 145:18, 21*
Epistle Philippians 4:4-7
Alleluia
Proper
Alleluia
Holy Gospel John 1:19-28

Apostles' Creed p. 192

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 ref, 4-7

SERMON

Offering (hymn sung during offering)

Hymn The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns LSB 348

Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer

Salutation
Benedicamus/Benediction p. 202

Announcements

Hymn Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord LSB 352

Poinsettias

In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family

In memory of Dean Fick from Peggy

In memory of Lynn Dittmer from Darrell from Susan Miller

In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke

In memory of Darrell Wellendorf from Virginia and family

In memory of Bob Uhl father of Rob Uhl from Rob, Earleen Uhl & family

In memory of Donald and Janet & Dave Riessen from Gailen & Pam Wessel

In memory of Lloyd and Lorraine, Wayne, & Gene Wessel, Cheryl Knudsen from Gailen & Pam Wessel

In memory of Roland & Virginia Jensen from Rod & Lin Jensen

In memory of Lyle & Roberta Clayton from Rod & Lin Jensen

In memory of Emily Patrick from Rod & Lin Jensen

In memory of Ed Skaren from Marilyn and family

In memory of Carolyn Hilker from Jim and family

In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family

In memory of Colleen Knop from Gene Knop

In memory of Don Knop and Colleen Knop from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey & family

In memory of Harold Hinkeldey & Grandma Lois from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey

In memory of our grandparents from Ryan & Amy Godbersen

In memory of our parents from Greg & Lorna Steenbock

In memory of Vern Zobel from Marlene and family

In memory of Marilyn Lovett, Bob & Roma Lovett from Terry & family

In memory of Burdette & Vi Witte, Tracy Ford & Charles Witte Jr from Nancy Ford

In memory of Paul Bargar and Art & Helen Billings from Cecile Bargar

In memory of Richard Hoaglund, Evora Hoaglund, Dewitt & Norma Tuneberg from Emily Hoaglund

In memory of Emil & Evelyn Iversen, Allen Iversen, Steven & Vicki Iversen, Robert Iversen and Susan Iversen from Emily Hoaglund

In memory of brothers & sisters in Christ that have gone before us from Alvin & Mary Corbin

In memory of Richard & Leona and Bud & Bonnie parents of Tom & Cheryl Andresen

In memory of Elnora & Victor Lunzman from Marsha & Marc Kjar

In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Val Krager

In memory of Van Corr from Jon & Robyn Devitt & family

In memory of Burdelle Knudsen, Morrelle & Darlene Christiansen, Helen & LeRoy Schagt, Marvin Knudsen from Darnelle Knudsen and family