ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Neil Wehmas, Pastor

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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**, **until December 22nd**. 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.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
12/8/24	Fellowship - Youth will be serving pancakes & sausage	10:15AM
	Bible Class & High School	10:30-11:15AM
	NO Sunday School	
	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Church Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy's	7:00AM
	Bible Study	9:30AM
	Cross Explorations – grades 3 rd – 5th	1:00-2:00PM
	Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 th – 8 th	1:00-2:15PM
	Advent Supper – Baked Potato Bar	5:00-6:15PM
	ADVENT WORSHIP	6:30PM
Thursday	Golden Horizons	2:00PM
	More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	6:00PM
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Offering this week:\$

Attendance Sunday Morning: 137 Sunday Evening: 38 Thanksgiving Eve:87

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM USHERS: Greg & Lorna Steenbock ACOLYTE: Sun 9 AM: Sophia

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM USHERS: ACOLYTE: Ushers

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

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 have started, please join us at 7:30AM (last about 20 minutes). Chapel is Tuesday-Friday (times /cancellations are subject to change)

ADVENT MEALS serving at 5:00-6:15PM December 11 – Baked Potato Bar December 18 – Youth will serve – Pulled Pork, baked beans & cole slaw

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

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

THANK YOU to all who helped the ladies of Circle 2 put out nativities and help decorate this past Monday, including our extra volunteers of Nancy Ford, Judy Winterrowd, John Brinkman, Diane, Keith & Kelly Hoffman, we so appreciated your help!!

WE THANK all who generously donated baked goods and attend the bake sale on November 26 from Circle 3

SIGN UP SHEET FOR CHEER PLATES, a sign up sheet is available on the Welcome Center for cookies for the cheer plates that will be delivered to the nursing home and assisted living. Please have cookies to church by Wednesday, December 18 or by 9:30AM on December 19th.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1–6

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1–14

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ⁵Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation and be content with your wages."



St. Paul Lutheran Church Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2024

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Dan Hoffman – recovery from heart surgery Ann Sears – broken wrist Brandi Crawford – daughter of Ann Sears Declan Conover Marva Bennigsdorf

Family and friends of Jo Palmer Family and friends of Rev. David Viggers

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 Bud Jepsen

December Birthdays this week:

Dec. 1 Espe Hoffman Lois Wendel Dec. 2 Clinton Bieret Darnelle Knudsen Pam Woebke Dec. 4 Mary Johnson Clint Wellendorf Dec. 5 Camdyn Montgomery Bentlie Wilcox Dec. 6 Bob Eriksen Retha Harrington Arylla Osborn Dec. 7 Susan Miller Dec. 8 Taylor DeVine

December Anniversaries this week

Dec. 2 Larry & Linda Paulsen Dec. 5 Al & Sandy Schreiber Dec. 6 Marc & Marsha Kjar Dec. 7 Jason & Maggie Buns Dec. 10 Kevin & Valerie Krager

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. Mobile Food Pantry: Holstein, Methodist Church, on Thursday, December 19 from 4:30-5:30PM



THIS WEEK, THE MIDWAY Jr High (6th -8th) Night - after Catechism class is dismissed at 2:15 will be transported to Golden Horizons to decorate cookies with residents til 4:15PM. Parents please pick up from Golden Horizons at 4:15PM

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS (January TBD) if you are interested let the church office know 364-2918 or <u>stpaulidagrove@gmail.com</u> Also indicate what days or times work best for your schedule

ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP will be serving the Advent Meal on December 18th from 5:00-6:15PM. They will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans & cole slaw, for a free will donation. They also will have 2 pack of pork chops (frozen) for sale, the cost is \$5.00/package. They will have them for sale the night of the meal or you can contact the church office if you're wanting to purchase them.