

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
Aberdeen, South Dakota
(605) 225-1847
December 23, 2018**

The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S (Dec. 23– Dec. 29)

Sun	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Coffee Hour/Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:00 pm	Prayer Service
Mon	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tue	9:30 am	Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
Wed	5:30 pm	Five Loaves Planning Meeting
Thurs	2:00 pm	Publicity Circle
Fri	4pm-Midnight	Youth half nighter

Our Attendance: Dec. 16—8:00 am –116 Communed – 93
10:30 am - 142 Communed - 106
Monday Night – 27 Communed - 24 Advent 12:15pm - 56 6:15pm – 290 Children’s Program - 156

Our Offerings: Dec.16-General Fund— \$13,639.65
Sunday School- \$ 12.76 Missions-\$55.00 Coffee - \$65.65

Greeters: Early Service – Diana Bladow and Ella Jaaska
Late Service – Nancy Nelson and Sharon Retzlaff

Sunday Organist: Cyrece Kono

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - “The King’s Strength” As the year comes to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-32) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

The 2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the south narthex. Please pick them up.

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A Prayer Service will be held this afternoon at 3:00 pm. Special prayers will include the future of the church and the Lighthouse Preschool.

A Special Voter’s Meeting will be held on January 6, 2019 at 9:30am. Informational packets can be picked up in the narthex.

Elder Tim Zinter will read the Stewardship Reading for this month at the early service and **Elder Rod Kono** will read at the late service.

No Sunday School on December 30th.

Kayleen Hermans will be playing “We Three Kings” during the offering today on the saxophone.

Those to Keep in Prayer

“...and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
[Psalm 50:15]

Please keep us updated about anyone in your family (and extended family), or friends and neighbors, for whom we might pray. After recovery and surgery, let us know so that we can also give thanks to our Lord for His gracious care and protection.

1. Please pray for Peace in our Nation, our President and all persecuted Christians throughout the world.
2. Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital. Please let us know which hospital (Avera St. Luke’s or Sanford).
3. Please pray for Viola Stange, Brandi Wagemann, Ken Ellingson, Elaine Pigors, Roberta Adolphsen, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Dan Lingor, Michael Severson, Joyce Kenitzer, Carissa Joachim, Dan Phipps, Joyce Dahme, Delores Sandmeier, Grace Kaiser, Jeanie Clark, Ada McCorkel, Denise Bode, TiAnne Mohror, Miles Eisenbeisz, Amy Stevens, Muriel Schamber, Sharon Dixon, and Diane McCalip.

We should seek to make the Lord's work a priority in our lives
as we seek first God's kingdom and righteousness.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
And all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matt. 6:33)

4. Please pray for Jeff Severson, Devin Severson, and Kevin Kayser who are serving in the military.

The annual Lutherans for Life State Meeting will be held on January 5th at 1:00pm at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 688 Dakota Ave. S, Huron, SD. Snow date is Jan. 19th. If interested in carpooling, please contact Vicky at 216-8967.

MAN UP! Men's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp will be held on February 15-17, 2019. Presenter will be Rev. Jeff Hemmer. Look on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for information.

MAIN STREET LIVING: Lutheran Hour Animated series- Christmas Is – A journey back in time to the first Christmas with Benji and Waldo to rediscover the feeling and message of this significant day. Worship Service-The Christmas message is given by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The message is based on Luke 1:39-45. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Additional information is available on the Web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve Services – 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service – 9:30 am with Holy Communion

No Monday Night Worship Service on December 31, 2018

REMINDER: Please return 2019 usher cards to the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 26.

“Christmas celebrates more than just Jesus' birthday. This historical event testifies to unchangeable truth about humankind and our Almighty Maker. It bestows upon us the honor of a special connection to the Lord God that makes us more precious than any other creature. It forms the foundation for all peace and love and joy and hope by revealing His salvation and testifying to how we participate in His everlasting life. Christmas profoundly proves the Gospel to be our history, identity, and it proclaims a distinctly life-affirming reality.” Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutheran For Life.

New Year's Day Fellowship – Our Savior in Aberdeen will host a circuit fellowship event on Tues., Jan. 1, 2019. Worship Service at 10:00 am and beginning at 11:00 am to 1:30 pm dart ball, beanbags, chili and snacks. Everyone is invited!

The Publicity Circle will meet on Thursday, Dec. 27th to assemble the newsletter.

Five Loaves Planning Committee will meet on Wed., Dec. 26 at 5:30. Five Loaves Supper will be on January 2nd at 5:15pm.