

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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## Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Alvin Hamilton, and LaVonne Helmer.

**Please inform the Pastors** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

**Welcome Michael and Lucinda LeDuc** to St. Paul's by Affirmation of Faith.

**Jadon Robert Oberfoell**, son of Jason and MacKenzie Oberfoell will be Baptized at the 10:45 am service today. His sponsors are Walker and Angela Holsing.

**St. Paul's Pastors Will Be Helping Fill a Pastoral Vacancy.** The pastors from St. Paul's, Aberdeen will be helping fill the pastoral vacancy in Immanuel, Wecota and Concordia, Cresbard.

**Christmas Bible Study:** Join us on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM. We will focus on the Christmas narrative and explore how Christ was born of woman in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4). The birth of Jesus was no accident. Learn with us all of the meaning that this true, historical event contains!

**Advent Wednesday worship services** – Wednesday's at 12:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Soup and sandwiches after the 12:15pm service and prior to the 6:15 pm service. A daily devotional book entitled "*This is My Son*" is available at both Narthexes.

Please update your phone numbers with the church office if you have disconnected your landline.

Anyone wishing to donate Poinsettia plants for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please notify the church office. You may bring them December 19-23.

**Preschool Angel Tree:** This year in lieu of the Cookie Sale fundraiser, we are collecting monetary donations through our angel tree project. If you would please consider picking an ornament with a dollar amount or gift card item that you are comfortable donating, return the envelope to Jenelle or Cindy, and keep the ornament as a thank you! All donations will go directly to support the costs of the preschool. This fundraiser will run throughout the entire month of December. Thank you all for your kindness, prayers and support!

**On the first Sunday of the month,** the Shepherd funds are collected. The money is donated to The Journey to help those in need in our community.

**2023 offering envelopes** are in the South Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes.

**Elder meeting and Bible Study** - Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Sunday School Christmas Program** on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am. Opening in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am followed by singing in the Sanctuary.

**Lighthouse Preschool Christmas Program** will be held on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – December 11, 2022** “*Beauty We Can’t See*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Offering: November 27, 2022** - \$8,548.81 Sunday School - \$13.00  
Coffee: \$124.00 Soup/Sandwiches - \$123.00

**Amount to meet Budget:** \$13,012.00 per week

**Sunday Attendance – November 27, 2022:**

**8:00am** – 92 Communed - 80 **10:45am** – 120 Communed – 79

**Wednesday Advent 12:15** - 49 **6:15 pm** - 95 Communed - 75

## **Bible Study: Sunday – 66**

**Wed:** 6am: 6 10am - 10 5:15 pm - 5 7pm – 19

**Organist: Sunday –** Cyrece Kono **Wednesday –** Judah Bobby

**Stand up for LIFE!** On Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> join pro-lifers for the Life Chain Walk around the capital. A bus will pick people up at St. Paul's at 8:20 AM and will drop them back off around 6:55 PM. You are encouraged to bring Right to Life banners or other pro-life signs. Suggested donations to help cover a portion of the bus is \$35 by January 3 or \$40 afterwards. If you have any questions, contact Spencer Cody at [spencercody@hotmail.com](mailto:spencercody@hotmail.com) or 605-228-4886. Hope to see you there! -Aberdeen Area Right to Life

**Please sign the fellowship booklet** for attendance.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Dec. 4 – Dec 11)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Mon 7:00 pm Elder meeting and Bible Study**

**Tue 6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice**

7:30 pm Bell Practice

**Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study**

10:45 am 2 Samuel Bible Study

**12:15 pm Advent Worship**

12:45 pm Soup & Sandwich lunch

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Five Loaves supper

**6:15 pm Advent Worship**

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Christmas Bible Study

**Thur 9:00 am Quilting**

**Sat** 1-3 pm Steger graduation party

**Sun 10:00 am Joy Sunday** (No Sunday School)

11:15 am Potluck

12:30 pm Prayer Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

## Love's Pure Light

### Responsive Advent Litany – Hope for God's Peace

P: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

P: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

P: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

P: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

### Congregation Sings:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night. Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

**Closing Prayer:**P: Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. Amen.

## Reading *Isaiah 11:1–10*

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 11.

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **CThanks be to God.**

## Reading *Romans 15:4–13*

L A reading from Romans, chapter 15.

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **CThanks be to God.**

## Reading *Matthew 3:1–12*

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C Thanks be to God.**



## December Baptismal Birthdays

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| Drake Anderson       | Austin Huff       |
| Ryan Anderson        | Samuel Jacobson   |
| Sarena Anderson      | Dustin Klapperich |
| August Bahn          | Henry Meyer       |
| Mason Bahn           | Fay Mindeman      |
| Emma Barnum          | James Mindeman    |
| Madeline Breidenbach | Ava Schaunaman    |
| Kerry Casper         | Barbara Schipke   |
| MaKayla Collins      | Kelly Schmitz     |
| Maddux Fischbach     | Nevaeh Schwabe    |
| Doug Frohling        | Dennis Stoebner   |
| Jon Gilbert          | Timothy Zinter    |
| Marilou Hieb         |                   |

## November Wedding Anniversaries

Howard & Paige Anderson  
 Roger & Evelyn Blum  
 Donn & Cheryl Cutler  
 Chad & Kami Fischbach  
 Landon & Dana Jung  
 Skip & Deborah Klapperich  
 Robert & Dee Roth

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)