

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**December 15-21**

**Sunday**

**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room  
10:30am      Bible Basics – Education Building  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg  
11:30am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**1 Thessalonians 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
12:30pm      Prayer Shawl

**Tuesday**

**1 Thessalonians 4(Daily Bible Reading)**  
2:00pm      Sunrise Retirement Home Worship  
6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**

**1 Thessalonians 5(Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:30am      Bible Study  
**11:00am**      **Midweek Advent Service w/lunch to follow**  
6:00pm      Sr Choir Practice  
7:00pm      Wednesday Midweek Advent Bible Study

**Thursday**

**2 Thessalonians 1(Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00pm      Men's Fire & Fellowship

**Friday**

**2 Thessalonians 2(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Saturday**

**2 Thessalonians 3(Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
8:30-11:00am Food Pantry  
9:00-11:00am Children & Youth Christmas Service Rehearsal



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 15, 2024

**Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184**

Hymn of Invocation	#349	“Hark the Glad Sound”
Hymn of the Day	#344	“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
Distribution Hymn	#333	“Once He Came in Blessing”
	#346	“When All the World Was Cursed”
Closing Hymn	#354	“Arise, O Christian People”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 p.1004

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-7 p.1250

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 7:18-35 p.1098

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Rich Treichel

Acolyte – Savannah Golf

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – John Boor, Bill Miller & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Vivian Purnell & Mary Schmidtke

Offerings Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds Hosts – George Kraus & MacCrackens

**Midweek Advent Service – On Wednesday we will gather for worship at 11:00am with a lunch to follow.** This year we focus on the titles of the Savior from Isaiah 9:6, and this week the name is “Everlasting Father”. **Please consider helping with the set-up & clean-up for the meal and sign up or contact LaShawn Hill (312-646-9695).**

**Senior Choir** practices on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. If you are interested in singing on Christmas Day, please join us. Contact Pam Reinke at 708-334-2550 for more info.

**Men** - You are invited to join other men this **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** for Fellowship and Fire as we get together to relax, celebrate our victories, and support each other around a fire. You only need to bring your favorite outdoor chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). We will gather behind the Education Building – just look for the fire.

**Next - Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at our 9:00am** service is our Children & Youth Christmas Worship Service with a Christmas Breakfast to follow. **Please contact LaShawn at 312-646-9695, if you can help with the setup or cleanup of the breakfast.**

**2025** Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

**Stephen Ministry** – If you’ve ever considered being a Stephen Ministry and want to know more about it, sign up on the Information Table and someone will contact you and answer any questions you may have. We will start a new training session in January, 2025.

**Food Pantry** – Each Saturday we distribute food to those in need in our community with food supplied by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Friday mornings are setup time, and food distribution is Saturday morning. For more information, contact the church office or Donna Brunell at 708-250-7232.

**Sacred Grounds** – We all enjoy our time of fellowship with coffee and goodies after the worship service. Thanks to Ellen & Hugh MacCracken who organize this ministry and all the Helpers. You can be a part and help serve one Sunday a month. Talk with Hugh or Ellen, or anyone you see working at Sacred Groups for how you might get involved.

**Support the Troops** – We received a note from CH (CPT) Tim Evans – The men and women of I-8 Infantry thank you for the care packages you sent. As I am writing this the unit is preparing to re-deploy home to Colorado. Thank you for your continued support.

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Corinne Dituri, Caren Neushwander, Barb Stege, Janet Dougherty, Sandy Stricklin, Lorrie Fitzpatrick, Family of Gretchen Troester, College Students – Keagan Schmeckpeper & Andrew Stege

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$8,332.64
Building Fund	\$577	\$375
Mission	\$327	\$145

Discretionary Fund-\$140; Scholarship Fund-\$350; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$125; Troops Care Packages-\$15; Sacred Grounds-\$25; Food Pantry-\$575; Lutheran Church Charities-\$200; Advent-\$281; Advent Meal-\$152; National Youth Gathering-\$25

### MARY'S CORNER

The most wonderful time of the year is when it's Christmastime again. We will celebrate Jesus's birth with gifts and joyful songs. We will use the gift of love to show where our hearts belong. God gave the finest gift with the birth of His only Son. It was the greatest gift of all because it's shared by everyone. Christmas time is almost here. Love and kindness fill the air. For this greatest gift, we all have hope that one day, His kingdom we shall share. *Chet Stanhope*



### Christmas Eve Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm & 11:00pm

### Christmas Day Worship Service

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am