

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
December 22-28

- Sunday**
9:00am **Children & Youth Christmas Worship Service with breakfast to follow**
- Monday** **Psalm 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**
No Prayer Shawl
- Tuesday** **Psalm 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Office Closed
5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
11:00pm Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
- Wednesday** **Psalm 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Office Closed
10:00am **Christmas Day Worship with Communion**
- Thursday** **Psalm 4 (Daily Bible Reading)**
- Friday** **Psalm 5 (Daily Bible Reading)**
- Saturday** **Psalm 6 (Daily Bible Reading)**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
Food Pantry Closed

DAILY BIBLE READING

In the Winter time, after Christmas and with the New Year, you have time to reflect on your life and the book of Psalms in your Bible walks you through your relationship with God. It's a good time to start a blessed habit of being in God's Word.



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

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED”

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Our worship service this morning is our Children & Youth Christmas Service with a breakfast to follow. **A word of thanks to all the children and teens** who participated in this morning’s program and their parents who helped practice lines, brought them to practice, and made their participation possible. Thank you to all who helped make this program a success. **A Special Thank you** to Ella Lang for singing “O Holy Night” at our service this morning and also to our Rejoicing Ringers for ringing “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”. Thanks to Carol Schoeling for input on the worship service, playing the piano, and directing the Rejoicing Ringers hand-bell group. Also to Jayne VanderVelde and Kate Habenicht for directing the Christmas Program. Finally, thanks to LaShawn Hill for planning and serving the Christmas Breakfast this morning, along with those who helped her.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Ladies Aid

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Tech Team – Bill Miller, Mitchell Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Offerings Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds Hosts – The MacCrackens

Church Mailboxes – If you haven't picked up your 2025 Offering Envelopes you can find them in your church mailbox. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office. We will be re-alphabetizing the mailboxes after the first of the year. If you could, please pick up anything that is in your mailbox before the first of the year; we would appreciate it.

A Special thank you to LaShawn Hill for planning the 3 Advent Meals and for her helpers for setting up, serving and cleaning up. We truly appreciate all of them!

Thank you to everyone who were a part of the St. Matthew's Angel tree project this year. It was a great success! **A Special thank you** to Hugh MacCracken for taking the gifts down to St. Matthew's.

Thank you to everyone who adopted a "College Student" this month. Our next adoption is in January. Should you have any questions, please see Stacey Schmeckpeper.

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.

Quilting Group - Quilts are being made throughout the year and most are given to Lutheran World Relief given to those in need for warmth, comfort and some even for shelter around the world. The Quilters meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in the Education Building at 9 a.m. For more information contact Karen Gustafson at 708-478-1841. You can also purchase a quilt and money received helps to ship the quilts.

Technology Group - We benefit by the projection of the worship service, along with sound for those speaking and singing, and by the live stream of the worship service each Sunday, as well as other events. We are thankful for many who make this happen. This may be something that you can do, or would like to learn how to be involved. For more information and contact Bill Miller (815-739-2633) or Mitchell Troester (708-674-8686).

Focus Mission for the 4th Quarter is Lutheran Church Charities - Across all the ministries of LCC, their desire is to *BE THERE* to share the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. Amid life's storms, LCC's steady presence becomes a beacon of hope, a reminder that God's love is unwavering. St. Paul's support will help Lutheran Church Charities in answering the call to be a source of strength and comfort, to cast aside fear and doubt, and *BE THERE* to bring light to the darkest corners of crisis.

Bible Story Books - There are sets of Bible Story Books available for anyone to share with children and help them to get to know the Bible. Those sets are the table in the Narthex and they are free for the taking.

Thank You - Diane and I, and our entire family, are deeply grateful for all the love and support we are receiving at the death of my Mom, Gretchen Troester. We are so blessed to have you all as Sisters and Brothers in Christ who are walking with us in our grief and also in the Hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Pastor & Diane Troester

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Corinne Dituri, Caren Neushwander,
Barb Stege, Ruth Treichel, Mary
Herrmann, Family of Ruth Karner,
College Students – Kyle Stege & Ethan
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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$17,562.89
Building Fund	\$577	\$1,335
Mission	\$327	\$450

Discretionary-\$75; Scholarship-\$275; St. Matthews-\$20; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; Sacred Grounds-\$20' Lutheran Church Charities-\$225;LCC Year End-\$50; Food Pantry-\$590;National Youth Gathering-\$25;Christmas-\$25; Feed My Starving Children-\$100; Advent-\$739; Advent Meal-\$128

MARY'S CORNER

May this Christmas be the best that you have ever had, with everything that you could want to make you really glad. With presents bright and beautiful around the Christmas tree, and being able to join hands with all your family. But, more important, may God bestowed His grace on you, to keep you safe and guard the ones who mean so much to you. May God give to all the world the peace for which we pray as we adore His Only Son, Jesus on Christmas Day. By James Metcalfe