

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S **December 1 - 7**

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

3:30pm

Advent By Candlelight

Monday

Ephesians 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

5:00-8:00pm

HSRC (FH Rental)

Tuesday

Ephesians 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

2:00pm

Sunrise Retirement Home Worship

4:30-9:00pm

Grand Prairie Rehearsal

6:00pm

No Grief Share

Wednesday

Philippians 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Bible Study

11:00am

Midweek Advent Service w/lunch to follow

11:30am

HomeSchool (FH)

6:00pm

Sr Choir Practice

7:00pm

Wednesday Midweek Advent Bible Study

Thursday

Philippians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30-Noon

SSHS (FH/Education Building)

7:00pm

Elders Meeting

Friday

Philippians 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Philippians 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

8:30-11:00am

Food Pantry

3:00pm

Grand Prairie Singers "Welcome Yule"



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 1, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 *p.841*

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *p.1256*

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 *p.1120*

Baptism – Through the water and the Word Warren Michael White is being baptized into God’s family, and we rejoice with his parents, Taylor and Eric, for the gift of life and new life in Christ. We pray that he will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Mindy Hardy given by her family.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Asher Huber

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Praise Team Director & Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Cheryl Ruger, Jen & Alyssa Churchill,

Kathy & Don Smith, Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz

Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Offerings Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds Hosts – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

Stockings for the Troops – Tomorrow, Monday, December 2nd please come at 12:30pm to help fill the stockings. A prayer square and cards will be included. Brighten the holidays for soldiers away from home and spread the news of Jesus birth.

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 “*Wonderful Counselor*”. God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son whose Word of truth sets us free from sin and its damning deception. **Please consider helping with the set-up & clean-up for the meal and sign up or contact LaShawn Hill (312-646-9695).**

Sunday, December 22nd at our 9:00am service is our Children & Youth Christmas Worship Service with a 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.

Advent Devotions for each day of the weeks of Advent are available in the Narthex, for Adults & Children. Grab one for a friend and journey thru each day of Advent with them.

The Grande Prairie Singers – will be performing their winter program, “*Welcome Yule*” - a festive concert of music for the season for chorus, organ, brass and percussion - on **Saturday, December 7th at 3:00pm at St. Paul.** Admission is free and a free-will offering will be encouraged. Go to <http://GPSingers.com> to reserve your seat(s) and for more information.

Ladies Aid will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10th at Noon.** All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. **The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person and money** should be given to Laura Cellini or put a check in her church office mailbox by **today December 1st.** Please **bring two dozen cookies (homemade or purchased) for the cookie exchange.** Hope to see you there.

St. Matthew’s Angel Tree – Take an ‘angel’ off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with the number of the ‘angel’, purchase a \$25 gift (**No clothes please**) or a \$25 gift card to Target and have it back to **St. Paul’s by Tuesday, December 10th.**

Advent By Candlelight – “Take Me to The Manger” – Today, December 1st at 3:30pm - Questions? Call Carol Schoeling, Arlene Olson, or Lori Renaldi.

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.

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.

Thank you to all who made noise last Sunday. **\$401.15 was generously contributed to Lutheran Church Charities.** That’s a lot of noise!

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Corinne Dituri, Caren Neushwander,
Barb Stege, Carol Lessmann, College
Students – Jacob Pinkston & Josh
VanderVelde

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$5,398
Building Fund	\$577	\$100
Mission	\$327	\$60

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MARY’S CORNER

I often wondered if my sons remember the wonderful times we had when they were little? In light conversation with my younger son, I received the best Christmas present ever, even though it was nothing material. Last year He said, “Mom”. “If I never enjoy another Christmas in my life, I would be happy with that”. “Why” I questioned? “We had such wonderful Christmases in the past and so much fun, I will never forget my childhood.” Like I said “Best Christmas ever.”