

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

December 8-14

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 **No Rejoicing Ringers Practice**

Monday

- Colossians 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Christmas Party

Tuesday

- Colossians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting
Noon Ladies Aid Christmas Party
2:00pm Sunrise Retirement Home Worship
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday

- Colossians 3 (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

- Colossians 4(Daily Bible Reading)**
8:30-Noon SSHS (FH/Education Building)
9:00am Quilting
5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)
7:00pm Council Meeting

Friday

- 1 Thessalonians 1(Daily Bible Reading)**
Noon 4-H Meeting
4:00pm Fellowship Hall Rental

Saturday

- 1 Thessalonians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30-11:00am Food Pantry



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A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 8, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-7b p1021

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-20 p1091

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Don Blume

Acolyte- Griffin Schmeckpeper

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Bill Miller & Mitch Troester

Altar Guild – Pauline Griffin & Amy Najewski

Offerings Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds Hosts – Pauline Griffin & Peggy Smutny

St. Matthew's Angel Tree – If you took an angel off the tree, **Tuesday, December 10th is the deadline to turn your gift in.**

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 “Mighty God. **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 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.

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.

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 sessions in January, 2025.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Each Monday at 12:30 p.m. the ladies meet to work on shawls, blankets, squares, baby hats and more. We prayer over everything and then these go out to someone to assure them of our prayers and of God's presence with them. No experience needed, as many have learned as they come. Talk with Peggy Smutny, Diane Wille or Dorothy Ryden for more information. If you or someone you know could use a shawl, please let them know.

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.

A sincere thank you to all that assisted in sending the Christmas stockings to the troops. Whether you helped cut the stockings donated and/ or wrote the cards, donated candy, or helped fill and pack the boxes with 2 cards, a prayer square and a stocking full of candy, your help is much appreciated, and will make Christmas a little brighter for soldiers away from home. The Ladies Aid-Women in Ministry

Thanks to all the women and teens of our church and community who attended Advent By Candlelight. It was a time of reflection, food and fellowship thanks to our 16 hostesses and the 8 women who participated in the program. A big thank you to those who helped with the decorations – Linda Howe, Shirley Adams, Judy Johnson, and Marlene Steinhauer. Thank you to the cleanup crew – Margaret Butler, Lisa Vanderwall. Angie Lyke, and Lee Burnett. Thanks also to Rich Klug for moving our boxes and Eldon Schoeling and Don Smith for moving tables and chairs.

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 – Jenna Rudzinski & Faith Miller

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Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$11,256.28
Building Fund	\$577	\$995
Mission	\$327	\$242

Discretionary Fund-\$400; Scholarship Fund-\$225; St Matthews-\$145; Returning Citizens-\$175; Sacred Grounds-\$35; Food Pantry-\$50; Thanksgiving-\$1,330; HSRC Rental-\$90; Voice of Care-\$50; LCC-\$950; Prayer Shawl-\$75; National Youth Gathering-\$50; Advent By Candlelight-\$179; College Fund-\$55;

MARY'S CORNER

The world is like a Christmas tree; each one of us, a light. Depending on how much we love God's Son, our lights are dim or bright. So, take the time to thank God for our Christmas gift, the greatest one we will ever receive, Jesus our Savior, the Son of God.