



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Take time during these hectic days prior to Christmas to reflect upon the true meaning of the season.

Sunday	December 1		Advent Season Begins
		9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	December 4	6:30 PM	Advent Worship
Sunday	December 8	10:30 AM	Worship Gingerbread Houses Due
Wednesday	December 11	7:00 PM	Davis High School Madrigal Singers (Cookies Feast follows the Performance)
Thursday	December 12	6:30 PM	Preschool Christmas Program
Sunday	December 15	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
		11:40 AM	Congregational Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	December 18	6:30 PM	Advent Worship
Sunday	December 22	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday	December 24	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Note: Earlier Starting time this year)
Sunday	December 29	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY TEXTS

In order to help you better prepare for the reception of the Word on Sunday morning, the Sunday texts are printed for your study.

December 1, 2019

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

December 8, 2019

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle: Roman 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

December 15, 2019

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Epistle: James 5:7-11

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

December 22, 2019

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

December 29, 2019

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23



DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGAL SINGERS

**WEDNESDAY — DECEMBER 11TH
AT 7:00 P.M.**



On Wednesday December 11th at 7:00 pm, the Davis High School Madrigal Singers will be performing an evening of Renaissance Christmas carols at St.

Paul's. The Davis High School Madrigal Singers will lead the evening's program with songs and Christmas carols from their vast repertoire. Then the audience is invited to join in the singing with a selection of traditional Christmas carols. The singing portion of the program ends with everyone singing the ever popular "Silent Night".

After the singing, the "Cookie Feast" follows the performance. You can meet the singers personally over fresh baked cookies, coffee, and the wassail bowl (punch). It's easy to spot them in the crowd. They will be wearing Renaissance period costumes. The Davis Madrigal Singers have become a holiday tradition for many families around town. On our 107th Anniversary, this will be the Madrigal's 47th year at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Take a break, plan to come and bring your friends. Admission is free. All good-will offerings go directly to support the Davis High School Madrigal Singers.

In July 2019, the choir toured the cities of Rome and Florence. The Davis Madrigals placed second in the annual Leonardo DaVinci International Choral Festival, plus Karen Gardias was awarded the Best Director. The choir was invited to sing in the Sistine Chapel and during mass in St Peter's Basilica at the invitation of the Vatican. All throughout the tour, the choir performed at several cathedrals and churches, including the Basilica di Sant'Andrea della Valle. For more information on the Madrigal Singers, check out their website at www.davismadrigals.org.

COOKIES NEEDED

Help make the evening a success by donating cookies, helping serve, setup and cleanup. And of course, simply enjoying the concert is support as well. Deliver cookies between 5 & 7 p.m. on December 11th to the fellowship hall. Show your holiday spirit by signing up after Sunday service or contact Joy Van Camp at 406-0611.

TRADITIONAL ADVENT WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAY — DECEMBER 4TH
AND DECEMBER 18TH**

AT 6:30 P.M.



On Wednesdays, December 4th and December 18th at 6:30 p.m. St. Paul's will celebrate the coming of Christmas with traditional Advent Services.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**TUESDAY — DECEMBER 24TH
AT 6:30 P.M.**



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 P.M.

At this service we will sing the old Christmas Songs and reflect through prayer and scripture readings upon God's gift of salvation to us through the baby in a manger.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The St. Paul's Preschool Christmas Program this year will be on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm, followed by a cookie feast. Come join us as the children tell the story of Jesus' birth!

HEIFER CHRISTMAS TREE



St. Paul's participates each year in the Heifer Christmas Tree Project. Instead of sending Christmas Cards to your friends at St. Paul's, you may place one card under the tree in the narthex of the church and make a contribution to the Heifer Project. Make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (one check for the total collected will be sent to the Heifer Project.) The special tree is decorated with farm animals and Christmas cards sent as greetings to all the members of St. Paul's. Card sender's names are published in the Christmas bulletins.

Heifer Project International is a world-wide, self-help nonprofit hunger organization, helping people to help themselves by providing livestock and poultry for families in the U.S. and in more than 110 countries around the world.

Thank you to Roberta Devine for overseeing the project again this year.



Confirmation Students make Gingerbread Houses

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

This year congregation members (old and young alike) are invited to make Gingerbread Houses to decorate tables the evening the Madrigals sing. The houses really looked great at last year's event! Houses are due on Sunday morning December 8th, bring to the Fellowship Room.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Leah Young has offered to lead a group from St. Paul's to sing Christmas carols at St. John's Retirement Village and at The Californian. We are planing for December 14th, a Saturday, in the afternoon as the big day. We will meet at the church and run through the songs a couple of times, then head out. The whole event may take 2 hours. Some of you have already volunteered, but we would like to invite everyone to join us. As you consider joining us, remember you don't need to have a perfect voice. The point is just to do the best we can because the residents will love having some visitors and hearing some old time Christmas songs. It will be a real treat for the residents and we will feel great for brightening their day. Please let me or Leah know if you want to join the carolers. Thank you! Laurette Ferrier.

VOTERS' MEETING **DECEMBER 15, 2018**

The 4th quarter Congregational Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, December 15th after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Budget for 2020 will be presented for discussion and vote taken to accept. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 contribution envelopes are being prepared and will be in the back of church for you to pick up on Sunday mornings later this month. If you are currently using contribution envelopes for your tithes, you will automatically be issued new envelopes. If you are not currently using the contribution envelopes and would like to, please contact the Financial Secretary, Betty Currie or call the church office and leave a message.

