



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

625 W. Gibson Road, Woodland, CA * Phone (530)662-1935 * December 2023

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 3, 2023

Psalm 80:1-7
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-10

December 10, 2023

Psalm 85
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2023

Psalm 126
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2023

Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)
Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Epistle Lesson: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Christmas eve

Psalm 110:1-4
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14
Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-16
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Day

Psalm 2
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)
Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14 (15-18)

December 31, 2023

Psalm 111
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40



December Birthdays

- 1- Matthew Schuler
- 2- Shirley Johnson
Kay Lipelt
Adriana Orozco
- 3- Tammie Pena
- 5- Rod Battaglia
- 10- Joy Van Camp
- 11- Shayne Souza
- 13- Judy Fiedler
- 15- Penile Kumalo
- 18- Lauren Turner
- 22- Jocelyn Hernandez-Roper
- 24- Breanne Leube
- 31- Liam Ferrier
Richard Sontag

PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 14, 2023

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hardin provided the Constitution and By-Laws and requested a regular meeting bullet to refresh everyone's knowledge on the document. Pastor also provided a LCEF District package on real-estate build projects. Fort Wayne Concordia nomination was approved for submittal. Elders approved both Jill and Miheret to go to the Pastors' Wives conference. Pastor Berhanu's work with Mercy Holistic Ministry was reported, including feeding at Fourth & Hope, giving out bikes, tents, tarps, aw well as showers and haircuts to those in need.

Properties Report: December's task list is ready for the next upcoming workday on December 2nd. The primary focus tis workday will be cleaning up leaves and trimming hedges. Waiting for the right time to humanely spray bat repellent over the siding shingles. The East parking lot is due for re-sealing the asphalt. Everyone praised Dillan Schuler's Eagle Scouts final delivery of our Cross.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Van Camp reported in the absence of a treasurer. It was motioned to appoint Patricia Schuler as treasurer.

Elders Report: The Elders are working on visitations with the homebound. Elders are also reviewing books for Advent.

Fundraising Committee: The Harvest Festival and Craft Fair went well. We had 16 vendors and 131 visitors.

Parish Education and Preschool Report: Sunday School teachers are needed! We are looking to train Sunday School teachers who can teach once a month or every other month for 30 minutes during the worship service. We will provide training and curriculum. If interested, you must be fingerprinted by January 1st.

Lay Ministry & Outreach: Donations of diapers had been received. A total of 1200 diapers was collected.

2024 Budget: Doug Van Camp reported that preschool provided their 2024 budget. He has requested a Council meeting in January in preparation for final review for the February Voters' meeting instead.

PASTOR BERHANU AND MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY

- Every Friday and Saturday, the shower trailer will be at 1236 C St. in Sacramento from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. providing showers and haircuts to those in need
- Every fourth Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., MHM will be at Bethany Presbyterian Church located at 24th St. Sacramento.
- Every Thursday MHM will be at 4th & Hope in Woodland providing meals and haircuts to those in need from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- On December 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MHM will be celebrating Christmas with the Sacramento homeless community. It will be a time of joy and fellowship as they spread holiday cheer and show support to those in need.



If you would like to support Mercy Holistic Ministry by donating, go to www.mercyholisticministry.org

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS! We are looking to train Sunday School teachers who are able to teach once a month or every other month for 30 minutes during the worship service. We will provide training and curriculum. Only qualification is you must be a confirmed Lutheran. Talk to Jill Hardin if you are interested.

VOTERS' MEETING We will be having a voters' meeting Sunday, December 10th directly after the service.

CHRISTMAS TREE

DECORATING Come help us decorate our tree here at St. Paul's and join in on the festivities! Tree decorating will be on Saturday December 9th at 2 p.m.

MADRIGAL SINGERS AND COOKIE FEAST SIGNUP

On Wednesday December 6th at 7:00 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting a Christmas Carol Concert by the Davis High School Madrigal Singers. This has been a free community wide event since 1972. The performance will be followed by refreshments afterwards. We are requesting everyone's help with cookie supplies. Also volunteers for setup, usher, and cleanup would be helpful as well. We usually have 100-200 people. There is a signup sheet at the back of church. CONTACT JOY VAN CAMP at (530) 406-0611



COLLECTING

SHOEBOXES Lay Ministry is collecting shoeboxes and bags filled with toiletries, new clothing, socks, blankets, jackets, etc. for Mercy Holistic Ministry to distribute to the homeless community. Items can be placed in the back pews on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Thank you for your help



ST. PAUL'S NEW CROSS

Come join for a special dedication in celebration of our new cross Sunday, December 3rd! Special thanks goes to Dillan Schuler, as it was part of his Eagle Scout project.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

to decorate our church this Christmas season we are accepting donations of \$10.00 per poinsettia. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is in the back of church. All donations will be collected by Leah Young, or can be dropped off at the church office. If you would like, your poinsettia may be taken home after the Christmas service.

ADVENT SERVICES

Come join us for advent Cocoa & Cookies on Dec. 13th and 20th at 6:30 pm! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if interested in bringing cookies.



ONLINE GIVING

AVAILABLE One-time and recurring donations from your credit card or bank account may now be made through our website! Just go to, www.stpaulswoodland.org and click on **MAKE A DONATION**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2	9a.m.-1p.m. Church Workday
12/3	Special Dedication for Cross
12/6	7 p.m. Davis Madrigal Singers
12/9	2 p.m. Christmas Tree Decorating
12/10	Voters' Meeting After Service
12/12	12:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon
12/12	6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
12/13	6:30 p.m. Advent Service
12/15	Preschool Christmas Program
12/20	6:30 p.m. Advent Service
12/24	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
12/25	1:00 p.m. Christmas Day Service
12/25-1/1	Preschool Christmas Break

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