



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## Messenger

*“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”*

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### *PASTOR'S MESSAGE*

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

I was in Lowes home improvement last week and I noticed the Christmas trees. It seems a little early to me to have the lights, trees, and even some blow up Santa decorations up. I love Christmas decorations. I love that everybody decorates and gets ready for this event. I would like everyone to know what it is we celebrate at Christmas. We celebrate hope. We celebrate that God has come into the world.

My message for you is to encourage you to remember to have hope. To prepare not just your homes for the message of the good news of Jesus Christ, but your hearts. What Hope do we have? God is faithful in all things. Col 1:16 tells us: *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.* The almighty Lord of heaven and earth is not asking you to do more, but to trust him in and through all things. What great joy and peace we have in knowing he is all powerful and all knowing.

Whatever the Holiday may be, we have a Savior who lives and dwells in and among his people. Col 3:16 reminds us to: *Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.* (NLT)

Blessings to you and may you be a blessing to all those around you!

Praise be to Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Hardin

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