

THE
LITTLE **LORD JESUS**
ASLEEP ON THE HAY



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday	December 3		Advent Begins
		9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	December 6	7:00 PM	Davis High School Madrigal Singers (Cookies Feast follows the Performance)
Thursday	December 7	7:00 PM	Acts 2:46 Ladies Group at the Chrisp home
Sunday	December 10	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Congregational Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	December 13	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
Thursday	December 14	6:30 PM	Preschool Christmas Pageant
Sunday	December 17	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
		10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
		4:00 to 7:00 PM	Open House at The Hardins
Wednesday	December 20	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
Sunday	December 24	10:30 AM	Worship
		7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday	December 25		NO Service
Sunday	December 31	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 3, 2017

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2017

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

December 17, 2017

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, 2017

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Epistle Lesson: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

December 31, 2017

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

TRADITIONAL ADVENT WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAY — DECEMBER 13TH
AND DECEMBER 20TH**

AT 7:00 P.M.



On Wednesdays, December 13th and December 20th at 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's will celebrate the coming of Christmas with traditional Advent Services.

DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGAL SINGERS

**WEDNESDAY — DECEMBER 6TH
AT 7:00 P.M.**



We will once again host the Davis High School Madrigal Singers on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 P.M. This has been an Advent favorite over the years. The group has performed internationally and to great acclaim. The Choir performs in period costuming which they make themselves.

Take a break, plan to come and bring a friend. The usual “Cookie Feast” follows the performance.

Help make the evening a success by donating cookies, helping serve, setup, cleanup. And of course, simply enjoying the concert is support as well. Deliver cookie between 5&7 p.m. on December 6th to the fellowship hall. Show your holiday spirit by signing up after Sunday service or contact Joy Van Camp at 406-0611.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**SUNDAY — DECEMBER 24TH
AT 7:00 P.M.**



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Regular Sunday Morning Worship will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 24th with Christmas Eve service that evening at 7:00 p.m. The regular Sunday Morning Worship for December 31st will be held at 10:30 a.m.

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.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13

YOU ARE INVITED!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FUNDRAISER AT THE HARDINS
Sunday, December 17th, 4-7pm
720 First Street, Woodland**

We will provide food; if you would like to bring something bring a drink or dessert to share.

This year we are collecting items for the Pregnancy Support Group. These are items they are looking for, as well as monetary donations:

- Furniture
- Baby and maternity clothing
- New Car seats
- New Booster Seats
- Diapers (size 0-5)
- Formula
- Diaper bags
- High Chairs

- Layette items to fill our diaper bags for mommies to go to the hospital

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT



Advent is a time to reflect and prepare our hearts both for the coming of the baby Jesus, who came over two thousand years ago, and our Savior Jesus who will return one day. In the midst of the busy holiday season, it can be difficult to find that time! We have available daily Advent devotion books and children's Advent calendars to assist you. They are available in the back at church.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 10, 2017

A Congregational Voters' meeting will be held after church on Sunday, December 10th.

Congregational meeting agenda:

- ▶ Review the Treasurer's report
- ▶ Review minutes from the September meeting
- ▶ Preschool update
- ▶ 2018 budgets for the Preschool and the Church
- ▶ HVAC Loan proposal for \$60,000

ACTS 2:46

Ladies, please join us for the Acts Group Meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will be gathering for soup and fellowship at the Chrisp home at 18535 County Road 97, Woodland. For additional information, contact Barbara at 510-757-8522.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

St Paul's will be working with Life Touch Portrait Photographers to create a new photo directory for 2018.

The photography is free and each group photographed will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" portrait. If you like the pictures, a variety of photo packages will be available for purchase. This event is open to church members, their family, friends and neighbors.

You are welcome to personalize your portrait by including your pet, wearing your team colors, or wearing your favorite fishing cap.

Sign-ups will begin in December after church and possibly through the church website (www.stpaulswoodland.org). The photographers will be here on Thursday, January 11 and Friday, January 12 from noon until 8 p.m.

More info will be available soon. If you have questions, please call Laurette Ferrier, 530-661-3577 or email LFerr2000@yahoo.com.

PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Our November theme was Thankful. And, we are certainly thankful for our preschool children and their families as well as our wonderful teachers Ruthie Kristhoff, Chelsea Rathjen, Hilary Dye and Hannah Melo.

Our November Bible time focused on Moses and the 10 Commandments and the Bronze Snake. We also talked about the first Thanksgiving and began our "Big Group" Jesus Time with both classes meeting in Ms. Ruthie's room to learn of the Christmas story. Our Preschool children and teachers also enjoyed our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving lunch provided by the children's families

Mark your calendars for the Preschool Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. The children have begun practicing their songs and it really is fun to watch the excitement of our children tell the birth of our Savior.

And, finally the 3rd sign of a great preschool:

Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.

Peace and Joy! Laurie Doane-Stephens

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

**November 24th – December 23rd
120 Court Street, Woodland**

Pregnancy Support Group's Christmas Boutique is back. They will be open from November 24th – December 23rd at this new location 120 Court Street, Woodland. Christmas Boutique showcases the talent of local crafters and artists with a variety of Christmas decor, gifts, hand-made goods, vintage, and collectible items. This is your one stop shop for all your holiday gift giving needs. For more information, call Pregnancy Support Group 530-661-6333. Vendors are needed!

FUNDRAISER

Joy Van Camp is one of the vendors at the PSG Christmas Boutique, displaying her wares. Besides her usual crafts, she will be selling folded book artwork using St. Paul's old hymnals, folded into angels, hearts, etc. PSG takes 35% commission to man the store and pay the bills. The remaining 65% will be donated to St. Paul's. If you have anything (crafts, collectibles, vintage, gifts, decor) which you would like to donate, then Joy can handle it under her vendor #. That way you help to support both PSG and St. Paul's. Do you need to de-clutter your home? Scale down on the furniture? Kindly contact Joy Van Camp at 530-406-0611. Thank you!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 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, Kay Lipelt.