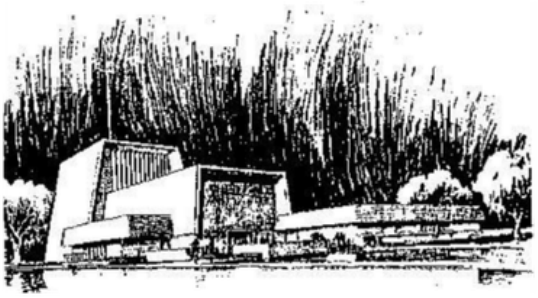
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SUNDAY TEXTS

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

6DEC Second Sunday in Advent
Psalm 85 (9)
Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

13DEC Third Sunday in Advent
Psalm 126 (5)
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

20DEC Fourth Sunday in Advent
Psalm 89:1-5(19-29) (8)
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

24DEC Christmas Eve
Psalm 110:1-4(2a)
Isaiah 7:10-14
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 1:18-25

24DEC Christmas Midnight
Psalm 96 (2)
Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

25DEC Christmas Dawn
Psalm 98 (2)
Isaiah 62:10-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-14) 15-20

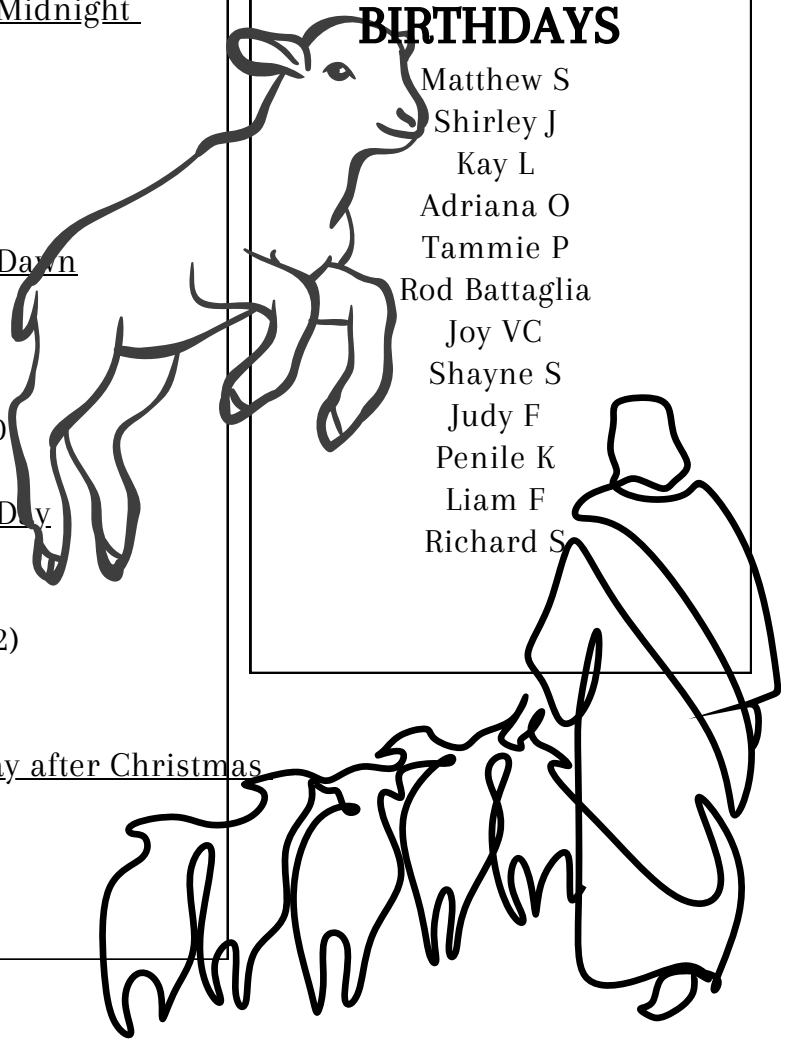
25DEC Christmas Day
Psalm 2 (7)
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6(7-12)
John 1:1-14(15-18)

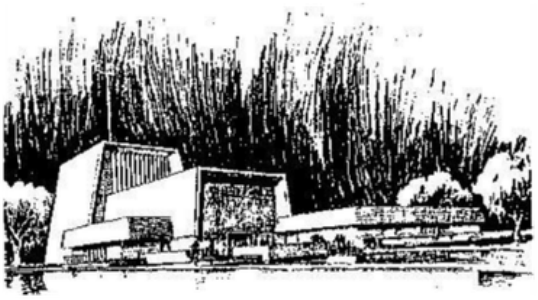
27DEC First Sunday after Christmas
Psalm 111 (9a) b)
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Matthew S
Shirley J
Kay L
Adriana O
Tammie P
Rod Battaglia
Joy VC
Shayne S
Judy F
Penile K
Liam F
Richard S





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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

The Advent season is a time of great anticipation. This season we observe the coming of the Lord and Savior. Nativities are set up. Trees are trimmed with care. Lights adorn our houses and we anticipate the coming of the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! Hope renewed, Joy is felt, and God's Word is fulfilled.

Perhaps the greatest joy of the season is that the LORD speaks. He comforts and reminds us that he is coming into the world to save us from sin, redeem us as his own through faith in our savior Jesus. The Lord speaks directions for us to share this good news of a great joy that is for all. The Lord speaks simple words, believe and be saved. The Lord speaks that his kingdom has come and we are the people of his kingdom.

From Luke 2:15-20 I summarize: "The shepherds, they see, they went, they found, they saw, they made know. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Many blessings in Christ Jesus.
Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin



DECEMBER WORKDAY

The DEC workday is scheduled for Saturday, DEC 5th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come and join us in spiffing up the church for the Advent season. Many hands make for light work.
Merry Christmas!
Dale Chrisp, Properties Chairman

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are open 7am-5:45pm for ages 2-5 years old. Contact preschool@stpaulswoodland.org for more information, or check out our website stpaulswoodland.org/preschool.
Kindly welcome our new PreSchool Director Jenny Gilbert. She comes to us with a great background, including previous teacher at St.Paul's in 2023.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

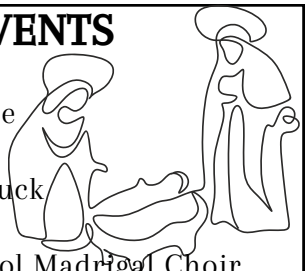
Wednesday Women's Bible Class: Women's Bible Class (WBC) meets each week on Wednesday at 10:30am in Room 1, and is taught by Pastor Hardin. Women are welcome to join at any time!

Monday Morning "The Word Ahead": The Word Ahead! (WA) Study the Bible with Pastor on Mondays. Look at the readings and discuss the themes, content, history, etc. of the Sunday text to come. You do not have to be a great scholar or have any background in Biblical interpretation. We will meet in Room 1 at 9:30am. Contact Pastor Hardin for details.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Learn about God's word before the service every Sunday at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we follow the Digging Deeper Bible Study series on God's Answers, learning how God shapes our worldview when we let the word of Christ dwell in us (Col. 3:16).

VOTERS' MEETING We will be having a voters' meeting Sunday, December 13th directly after the service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wed. DEC02 - 4pm Elders Mtg
Wed. DEC02 - 6:30pm Advent Service
Sat. DEC05 - 9a-1p Work Day
Sun DEC06 - 11:30am Holiday Potluck
Tue. DEC08 - 6pm Council Mtg
Wed. DEC09 - 7pm Davis High School Madrigal Choir
Thur. DEC10 - 12:30pm Ladies' Luncheon
Fri. DEC11 - 6:30pm Preschool Christmas Program
Sun. DEC13 - 11:30am Congregation Voters Mtg / Budget
Wed. DEC16 - 6:30pm Advent Service
Sat. DEC19 - 5p Secret Pal Christmas Gathering
Wed. DEC23 - 6:30pm Advent Service
Thur. DEC24 - 6:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service
Fri. DEC25 - 10:30am Christmas Morn service

2026 YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income:	$+21,946 /OCT	$+222,987 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	$ -5,602 /OCT	$-63,479 /YTD
Preschool Income:	$+12,557 /OCT	$+134,020 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	$ -4,468 /OCT	$ -15,604 /YTD

YOUTH NEWS

6th-12th Grades: Sacramento Lutheran Youth (SLY): Youth from LCMS congregations across Sacramento meet every THIRD Saturday of the month, DEC19 4-6pm, at Faith Lutheran Church in Fair Oaks for games, food, and Bible study.

Elementary: Come to SPK Night! For ages 7-11, join us for an evening of snacks, games, and Bible study. SPK Night is held every Thursday from 6-7pm. Talk to Kristina or Adam Ramstad for more info.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for 3 years old to 5th grade is held during the worship service every Sunday. Children will start Sunday service with the adults and be excused for Sunday School after the Children's Talk.

Secret Pals will be Gathering for their Christmas Potluck and Ornament exchange. We shall meet on DEC19 5p at Fellowship Hall. Thanks, Patty Short

FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

We give thanks for the many blessings God has poured into our lives. We are also reminded of the greater freedom we have in Christ, who has set us free from sin and death through His saving work. In gratitude for His abundant grace, we respond with generous hearts, supporting the mission and ministry of our church. Through your faithful offerings, the Gospel continues to be proclaimed, faith is nurtured, and care is extended to those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity and for partnering in the work God has entrusted to our congregation.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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. If you are age 73 or older and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may choose to send some or all of it directly to the church as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift can help support the ministry of the church and may offer tax advantages. To qualify, the funds must go directly from your IRA to the church, not to you first. Individuals with inherited IRAs may also have required distributions. Consider speaking with your financial advisor or tax accountant about charitable giving options.

Holiday Potluck Come join us for Holiday Potluck after Sunday Service on DEC06.Punch, Coffee, and Meat dishes will be provided. Your kind help is welcome with side dishes, desserts, or clean up.

ADVENT SERVICES Come join us for Advent Cocoa and Cookies at 6:30 p.m. on December 2nd, 16th, and 23th! Our theme this year is "The Lord Speaks." We will look at the scriptures and see how the Lord used different people like Luke, Mary, other people to tell the story of Christ coming into the world. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if interested in bringing cookies.

CHRISTMAS HELPERS - Hello fellow St Paul's worshipers. We are entering an exciting time in the church year, that is the Advent and Christmas season. During this time, there will be several opportunities for members to help with preparations. See below for our scheduled events. There is an envelope in the back of the church for making a contribution to the purchase of poinsettias. Suggested donation is $10. Poinsettias will be purchased to place on the altar by December 15th. If you would like, your poinsettia may be taken home after the Christmas service. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Leah Young, Altar Guild.

Sun. NOV29 11:30am decorating Christmas tree and altar
Sun. DEC13- Due donations for poinsettias
Sun. DEC20-1:30am Assemble candles for Christmas Eve
Sun. JAN03- 11:30am undecorate and packing up



MADRIGAL SINGERS AND COOKIE FEAST DEC9th at 7pm, St. Paul's 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. We usually have 100-200 people. Contact Joy VanCamp at 383-8470