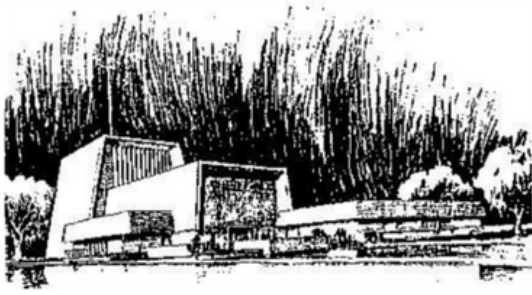


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Word Ahead 9:30a	2  Fundraising Committee 5:30p	3  NO SPK  Advent Service 6:30p	4  Confirm 5:30p	5	6  Church Workday 9a-1p
7  Congregational Voter's Meeting after service	8  Word Ahead 9:30a  Board of Ed 2:30p	9  Council Meeting 7p	10  Madrigal Singers 7p  NO SPK Elder's Meeting	11  Ladies Luncheon 12:30p  Confirm 5:30p	12  Preschool Christmas Program 6:30p	13
14	15  Word Ahead 9:30a	16	17  NO SPK  Advent Service 6:30p	18  Confirm 5:30p	19	20  Secret Pal Christmas Gathering 5p
21	22  Word Ahead 9:30a	23  Min Day Preschool Close @ 12p	24  NO SPK  Christmas Eve Advent Service 6:30p	25  Christmas Day	26	27
28	29  Word Ahead 9:30a	30	31  NO SPK			



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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.

### **December 7, 2025**

Psalm 72:1-7

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

### **December 14, 2025**

Psalm 146:1-10

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Epistle Lesson: James 5:7-11

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-15

### **December 21, 2025**

Psalm 24:1-10

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17

Epistle Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

### **December 24, 2025**

Psalm 110:1-4

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

### **December 28, 2025**

Psalm 111:1-10

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23



## December BIRTHDAYS

Matthew S.

Kay L.

Adriana O.

Tammie P.

Rod B.

Alison B.

Joy Van C.

Shayne S.

Judy F.

Penile K.

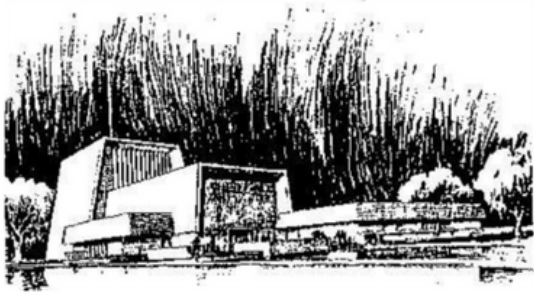
Lauren T.

Jocelyn Hernandez-R.

Breanne L.

Liam F.

Richard S.



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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

December is upon us, and the Advent season has arrived. Each year we ponder Advent, the coming of our King, Jesus. Why do we put such emphasis on the idea of king? Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. Romans 13:1 reminds us, *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.* Our Lord God is over all things. Jesus coming into the world as a child to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise of restoring a more complete relationship with the people he has created. Because of Jesus coming into the world, we have a real relationship with God. We can talk to him. Express our cares and concerns, and share our fears with him. The kingdom of God is now, in baptism, forgiveness of sins, and as God rules in the hearts of His children in this world in preparation for the next. The Love of a God who graciously loved us first, and has destroyed the power of sin, death and the devil, so that we can live in his kingdom now, and forever more! Christmas is not just a celebration of the coming of the Lord Jesus, but recognizing the rule of God now in all things!

Many Blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin



## LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

This year our Advent follows Visiting Change looking at the various places where God arrives and brings change and transformation. We also have a daily devotion book that we can email to you for the month of December. Come join us for Advent Cocoa and Cookies at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 3rd and 17th! We begin with a HYMN SING where you pick the Christmas/Advent song you want to sing.

## DECEMBER WORKDAY

Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is the next scheduled workday. We will be clearing leaves from the parking lots and doing general cleanup. We greatly appreciate your help whether you spend an hour or four with us on the workday.

Dale Crisp, Properties Chairman

## MADRIGAL SINGERS CONCERT

On December 10th at 7:00 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting Christmas Carol Concert by the Davis High School Madrigal Singers. This is a free community wide event since 1972. The performance starts at 7p, 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.

CONTACT: JOY VAN CAMP 406-0611  
<https://www.davismadrigals.org>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*December*

**12/03** - 6:30p Advent Service, Cocoa & Cookies  
**12/06** - 9a-1p December Workday  
**12/07** - Congr. Voter's Meeting After Service  
**12/08** - 2:30p Board of Ed Meeting  
**12/10** - 7p Madrigals Singers Performance  
**12/11** - 12:30p Ladies Luncheon  
**12/12** - 6:30p Preschool Christmas Program  
**12/20** - 5p Secret Pal Christmas Gathering  
**12/17** - 6:30p Advent Service, Cocoa & Cookies  
**12/24** - 6:30p Christmas Eve Advent Service

## 2025 YEAR TO DATE

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income	\$+11,155/OCT31	\$+195,676 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-18,936/OCT31	\$- 101,969/YTD

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool enrollment is open for fall! We are open 7am-5:45pm for ages 2-5 years old. Contact [preschool@stpaulswoodland.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulswoodland.org) for more information, or check out our website [stpaulswoodland.org/preschool](http://stpaulswoodland.org/preschool).

## SPERO ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOTIQUE

Spero (formerly Pregnancy Support Group PSG) is hosting their annual Christmas Boutique. Sale items include vintage, upscale, and handmade decor by local artists. All proceeds go directly to support Spero, families in need, and local artists. If you have upscale items to donate, they would gladly welcome your help. Boutique hours are Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm until Dec 31. Special events include: Nov 29 Sip'n'Shop with door prizes. Dec 20 Cookies, Cocoa, and visit with Santa.

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BERHANU

I have exciting news to share with the congregation. One generous family donated funds for us to purchase a special gift for one of our staff members, Shaun Stocker. Shaun has served with us for the past four years and has given 3,500 free haircuts to our brothers and sisters on the street. He now has his own car. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Please see the attached photo of the vehicle.

Our December schedule remains the same. Shower ministries will continue at their regular locations. On December 19, we will celebrate our Christmas Party at Town and Country Lutheran Church.

I will also be teaching about Mercy Holistic Ministry's mission work in the community at one of our partner churches. Additionally, I will be giving a presentation via Zoom for church leaders and pastors in the Arcade area.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Warm regards,  
Berhanu

