

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

~ December 3, 2017 ~ First Sunday In Advent

The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with All People.

~ Please Sign The Welcome Folders Located In The Pews ~

ORDER OF WORSHIP - LBW 1 (pages 56-76)

Lector Reading: Daniel 3:1-7 p. 1374

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:8-30 pp. 1374-1376

Hymns - *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* (LBW p. 34)

- *When Peace, like a River* (LBW p. 346)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **Lector:** Ezekiel 37:1-8 p.1345-1346 **Scripture Reading:** Ezekiel 37:9-14 p. 1346

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Acolyte:** Payten Lode
Sound Tech: John Sachen **Power Point Tech:** Karen Appleton **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber **Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Kirk Sneiderman, Jake Jacobsma **Coffee Fellowship:** Adalene Callenius **Greeters:** Jeff and Jeana Wollmuth, Don and Donna Koepnick
Communion Set-up: Nancy Woelber, Kathy Seivert **Communion Servers:** Brian Honkomp, Melissa Noack, Tom Whorley, Nick Stallmann **Receipt Recorders:** Brian Honkomp, Tom Whorley

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Lector:** Phil Grove
Acolyte: Thomas Badberg **Sound Tech:** Larry Smit **Power Point Tech:** Dawn Smit **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber **Ushers:** Kevin Roth, Dan Klein, Richard Noack **Coffee Fellowship:** Shanise Brockshus **Greeters:** Dennis and Lesa Kruger, Lyle and Cynthia Vanden Berg **Receipt Recorders:** Melissa Noack, Nick Stallmann

PRAYER REQUESTS: Duane Kooistra, Arlyn Holtrop, Marilyn Karley, Carol Luepke, David Hegenbarth (*brother of Rob Hegenbarth*), Dean Van Riesen (*brother-in-law of Cynthia Klatt and Kris Meyer*), Richard Krause (*father of Shanise Brockshus and Shanelle Matus*), Emmett Carter (*son of Meredith and Adam Carter*), Barb Vanden Berg (*sister-in-law of Lyle Vanden Berg*), Walter Pangburn (*cousin of Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Mandi Rodger, Tina Hall (*daughter of Denise Hall*), Aidan Birks (*great grandson of Frank and Carol Luepke*), Alice Crayton (*sister of Nick Stallmann*), Calvin Van Beek (*father of Lisa Fischer*), and Jan Moore (*daughter of Lillian Green*). The Iowa Mission Church (2017) - Faith Lutheran Church of Sibley, IA.

The Radio Broadcast for today's worship service is sponsored by Mike and Lisa Vander Berg in loving memory of Dr. E.H. and Margorie Vander Berg.

Thank you to Susie and Gabrielle Herbst for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle and special reading during today's worship service.

A Special Thank You to Thrivent, Socials, Evangelism Committee, JAM students, Jr./Sr. High Youth, Brooklyn Grady, Michael Paulsen, Jan Rolston, Susan Lichty, Melanie Roemeling, Tami Roetman, JoAnn Den Beste, Kristi Hegenbarth, Bill and Carleen Kehrberg, Mike and Lisa Vander Berg, and Mark and Brenda Richards. **St. Paul packaged 31 College Care Packages for our college students!**

TODAY: It's time for our church family to gather and **decorate St. Paul** for the Christmas Holiday Season after worship.

The **Christmas Eve Offering** will go to: \$50 Sheldon Unity Meal, \$1500 Camp Committee (Camperships), \$300 The Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD, and the balance will go to the General Fund. The **New Year's Eve Offering** will go to the Roof Repair Loan.

Sunday School - Today we begin our practices for the Christmas Program. We will be assigning readings and roles to the kids and practicing their music. The readings will be assigned to the 4th and 5th graders. If your student will not be in the program or they do not want to read during the program, PLEASE let me know as soon as possible. **All students** will have a role in the program and will be singing. The Lord's Musical Children will also be playing bells. (Some middle school Youth Group members will be doing some general narrating and reading of Scripture.) Please have your student at Sunday School if at all possible this week and next for these rehearsals. **The Christmas Program is during worship on December 17.** After worship, please take your student to their SS room to get their Christmas gift. There will be no Sunday School on December 17, 24, and 31.

The **Sunday School students will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for the Mitten Tree** in the Sunday School wing during the Christmas season. All donations will be taken to East Elementary for their use.

The **JAM and Jr. High youth group are planning a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 10!** A free will donation will be taken and all proceeds will help to cover expenses for the Wednesday night JAM dinners. We are currently serving 14-18 JAM students (1st-5th grade) and 16-20 Jr. High students every Wednesday night plus the Table Parents.

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to the **Cookie Decorating and Christmas Caroling** event! The festivities will begin at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13** with decorating cookies, then go caroling (6:30 p.m.) and return to the church for cookies and hot cocoa or tea. Please feel free to join us for all festivities or just come for the refreshments and fellowship time.

The Sunday School **Christmas Program** will be on **December 17 during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.**

St. Paul has adopted two families this Christmas Season through Upper Des Moines Opportunities **Adopt-A-Family** program. **Family # 8 - Grandmother and 2 children**, Female age 6 (pant size 8, shirt size 10, shoe size 2, unicorns, dolls) and Male age 3 (pant size 4T, shirt size 4T, shoe size 10, trains, cars). **Family # 27 - Father and two children**, Female age 9 (pant size 8, shirt size S, shoe size 4, Barbies, Shopkins) and Female age 4 (pant size 6, shirt size M, shoe size 2, puzzles, Legos).

Annual Report Deadline: All reports for the annual report are due in the church office **NO LATER than Thursday, December 28, 2017!** Reports received after this date will not be published. Please make sure to get your report in on time.

The **last worship service of the year** will be on Sunday evening, **December 31 at 5:30 p.m.** Please remember, final contributions for 2017 year **MUST** be by the 5:30 p.m. Sunday, December 31 worship to be recorded for your 2017 giving statement.

New Year's Eve POTLUCK SUPPER - We will be having a potluck supper after the 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship service on Sunday, December 31 (around 6:00 p.m.) Please join us with a potluck dish and a fun time of fellowship.

Book Lovers! Check out the book rack in the narthex - we put all the Christmas books out to enjoy over the next month or so! There are books for every age on the rack. Enjoy! Also, check your homes for library books. There are quite a few books that have been out since summer or even longer. Please get them back to their library home. Thanks.

Missing: If anyone accidentally wore a ladies grey coat home last Sunday after Worship Service, your coat is here at the church. Please let the church office know so an exchange can be made. Thank you.

Volunteer Drivers are needed to provide rides for members to come to Sunday Worship please contact Pastor Craig. Thank you!

TODAY - The Sibley Christian Reformed Church hosts the *Master's Voice Quartet* concert from Sioux Falls at 3:00 p.m.

Please join St. Patrick Church (Sheldon) for their **Soup and Pie Supper on Monday, December 4 from 5-7 p.m.** Free Will offering will be taken. Serving chili, chicken noodle, and cheesy vegetable soups, homemade breads, fresh baked pies and beverages.

NISYO will present its Fall Concert on **December 9 at 3:00 p.m.** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Sibley Christian Reformed Church invites you to the Cornerstone Quartet concert on Sunday, **December 10 at 3:00 p.m.**

The Sheldon Recreational Trails Committee is sponsoring a Belgian Waffle Supper on **Monday, December 11 from 5-7 p.m.** in the Sheldon Community Services Center. Advance tickets \$7 for youth and adults. Tickets at the door will be \$8. Kids 5 and under are free.

Hope Haven International presents "Rejoice! The Gift of Mobility" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller on **Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$15. A limited amount of VIP tickets are available for \$25 and include a *Meet and Greet with premier seating.* Tickets on sale through the Washington Pavilion Box Office or www.washingtonpavilion.org.

The Hull Chamber is excited to welcome a night of entertainment **Ben Glenn, The Chalk Guy on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Western Christian High School.** Tickets \$5 per person at the Hull Chamber Office, American State Bank and Iowa State Bank.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, December 3 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Stephen Ministers
- 10:00 a.m. Decorate St. Paul For Holiday Season
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School - Christmas Program Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team

Monday, December 4

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

- 12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Worship Team

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. JAM (5-6:30 p.m. - Meal Served)
- 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. High School Students - Community Christmas Party (6-8 p.m.)
- 6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group (6:15-7:30 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Worship

Thursday, December 7

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack #154 - Christmas Party

Friday, December 8

- 12:00 p.m. Offices Close
- 5-9 p.m. Community Theatre Rehearsal

Saturday, December 9

- 5-9 p.m. Community Theatre (Live Radio Performance)

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday In Advent

- 8:30 a.m. JAM Bake Sale (8:30-11:00 a.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team

Adopt-A-Family Gifts Deadline

BIRTHDAYS:

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| 12/3 Roger Drenth | 12/5 Brian Seivert | 12/12 Jaxx Boone | 12/14 Cassandra Beenken |
| 12/4 Dan Klein | 12/8 Jackie Stack | 12/12 Tyler Fischer | 12/14 Jaxon Hegenbarth |
| 12/4 Frieda Meyners | 12/9 Kim Sneiderman | 12/12 Dorothy Grave | 12/14 Fidelis Wiertzema |
| 12/5 Thad Dykstra | 12/10 Cassie Siemonsma | 12/12 Denise Hall | 12/15 Mike Heronemus |
| 12/5 Deb Plum | 12/11 Bailey Buenger | 12/12 Benjamin Lichty | 12/16 Tim Hatting |
| 12/5 Katlyn Redinius | 12/11 Erin Nielsen | 12/12 Marlin Oosterhuis | 12/16 Mark Richards |



GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.
Budget Money Needed Weekly - \$5,979.43

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Thanksgiving Money Received \$ 570.00
Special Money Received \$ 125.00
Worship Attendance: 19

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Budget Money Received \$ 4,940.00
Major Repair Project Money \$ 39.00
Roof Repair Money Received \$ 2,600.00
Thanksgiving Money Received \$ 35.00
Sunday School Attendance: 11 \$ 3.85
Worship Attendance: 127

Boiler Repair Loan:

Total Cost \$ 16,238.73
Balance on Loan as of 11/10/17 \$ 0.00

Roof Repair Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 11/10/17 \$ 27,967.18

E. 9th Street Property Purchase:

Balance on Loan as of 11/10/17 \$ 56,680.46

Operating Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 11/10/17 \$ 5,000.00

OCTOBER

Total Income \$ 24,190.81
Total Expense -\$ 25,805.74
Income Less Expense -\$ 1,614.93
Fiscal Year Income \$214,565.73
Fiscal Year Expense -\$228,357.45
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense -\$ 13,791.72

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be purchased by the Worship, Arts, and Music Committee. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of Poinsettias, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office by **Sunday, December 3.**

I/We will share a Poinsettia in memory of/in honor of: _____

Name: _____

Contribution enclosed: _____