

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 10, 2023**

### Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering	Connie Bryngelson
Welcome	Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	"Meditation on "The Coventry Carol" Connie Bryngelson
Acolyte	Izzy Perez
Advent Candle Lighting	Connie Patterson & Cindy Mason
Hymn:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel p.211 verse 2
Hymn	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" p. 213 Congregational Singing
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Kathy Neary
Lord's Prayer	
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts
Offertory Music	"Come, Emmanuel" Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" p.94 Congregational Singing
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38 Connie Patterson
Sermon	"Take Time to Be Perplexed" Pastor Kathy Neary
Hymn	"Emmanuel" Praise Team and Congregational Singing
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving Prayer After Communion
Hymn	"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" Praise Team and Congregational Singing
Benediction Unison Prayer	
Closing Song	"Thanks God" Jerry Shively, Praise Team and Congregation
Postlude	Connie Bryngelson

**Helping with worship today**

Worship Leader	Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher	Pastor Kathy Neary
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Jerry Shively and Connie Bryngelson
Choir Director	Jason Peters
Liturgist	Connie Patterson & Cindy Mason
Lead Usher	Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader	Nancy Copp
Sound and Video Tech	Mosy Moran
Acolyte	Izzy Perez



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**Sunday Worship Service**  
**11:00 am**

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*"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"*

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## CONNECT

### Thank You!

This past Saturday, Dec 2nd was the Christmas Tea Party. It was a fun and joyous event. Thank you to everyone who helped, and brought cookies, and ornaments. It was a very fun and special time. Thank you Lacey Moon for all your hard work.



### **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL OPEN-MEETING**

**December 9th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

We'll be discussing Simple Governance and St. Paul's Goals.

Council members will give updates and Pastor Kathy will be joining us.

The meeting is open to all.

### **FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO**

## **2023 CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**at 4:30pm**

**and online at [www.firstlc.com](http://www.firstlc.com)**

**Free-will monetary offering to benefit**

**Meals on Wheels will be taken.**

### **SNAKE RIVER RADIO PLAYERS PRESENTS**



## **Twas**

**AN ORIGINAL VARIETY SHOW IN  
THE STYLE OF A 40S RADIO SHOW**

**DEC 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH AT 7PM**

**DEC 9TH MATINEE AT 2PM**

**AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Join us for dinner on Christmas day at the  
Shively's.**

**gather at 2:00 p.m.**

**Bring a favorite Christmas dish to share and plan  
to enjoy food, fellowship, games and the puzzle!**

**See Ann Shively or call 208-520-2982.**

## **LET'S GO CAROLING**

**You are invited to go caroling with the choir on  
Sunday, December 17.**

**We will leave the church at 3:45 to go to Morningstar, Fairwinds  
and Lincoln Court.**



**FELLOWSHIP GROUPS****Men's Coffee Group:**

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

**Women's Coffee Group:**

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's UMC.

**Ladies Luncheon:**

December 12th at 1:00 pm at Sizzlers. All Women are invited.

Contact Sharon Evans or sign up in the information hall.

**Soup for the Soul:**

December 14th at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC. Chicken Stew will be served.

**COMBINED****YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY****REHEARSAL**

**Saturday December 16th**

**at 11:00 am**

**at St. Paul's UMC**

**A pizza lunch will be provided .**

**No memorization required**

**come and have fun.**

**GO****THE HABITAT HOME BUILD PROJECT UPDATE**

**This home is looking great!**

**The siding is going on the house. This week the insulation should be installed and the water and sewer hooked up.**

**URGENT OUTREACH PROJECT**

**Our Women's group has an opportunity to help a local school in need. A majority of the students qualify for free hot lunches and their families may not have money for warm clothes or food for their kids while their kids are on break.**

**Their Christmas break begins after school on Friday, December 15, We will be collecting the below items until until Wednesday, December 13.**

**We will collect underwear, warm socks, slipper socks with non-skid bottoms, hats, gloves, mittens, hygiene items . Fruit cups, Breakfast bars, Mac and cheese, beans, (foods that are quick to prepare and easy to haul home) and reusable fabric bags with handles, . The school has received coats, and toothbrushes from other sources.**

**Please bring all items to the church before Wednesday, December 13. We'll run them to the school for dispersal.**

**We are blessed to be a blessing!  
If you have any questions contact  
Michelle Jones.**

## Christmas Adopt-A-Family 2023

St. Paul's Church is excited to offer Christmas Adopted Family program this year with a Giving Tree located in the Church entry area. Christmas is a time to bring ALL of St. Paul's Family together as the Light of Christ within our community. We are planning to accept up to 20 families this year.



The Christmas Adopt a Family tree is up in the foyer. If you would like to bless an individual or family this Christmas then come grab an ornament off the tree.

### How You Can Help

- You can purchase gifts for the adopted family members, or donate money through St. Paul's UMC to purchase gifts and food. Make a note on your check "for Christmas families".
- **\*\* If you are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Mary Bash before November 12th.**
- **The Christmas Giving Tree will be available by Sunday, November 12th.** It will be available a little early this year due to the service we will be attending at Trinity on November 19th.
- If you would like to purchase a specific gift, but can't get to the church to choose from the Giving Tree, you can call and I would be happy to help you identify a gift you wish to provide.

### RETURN GIFTS TO ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE BY SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Shoppers may be needed!** If you like to shop, please volunteer now!

Shoppers will be provided with a list of items needed and a gift card with funds for those items. Contact Connie Dobbins to volunteer.

**Holiday Food for our Adopted Families!** One of the most important gifts we give this Christmas is food! Each adopted family will receive a Gift Card in the amount of \$175 to purchase their holiday foods at WinCo.

**Wrapping party:** There is a wrapping party scheduled on December 13th, in the Sunshine room at the church from 10:00 a.m. until we finish. If you would like to help, contact Connie Dobbins.

**Gifts will be handed out to the adopted families on Saturday, December 16th, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Families are asked to Drive by and pick up their gifts in St. Paul's Parking Lot. If any family is unable to come and pick up their gifts, delivery volunteers may be needed. If you are interested in providing a delivery if needed, please contact Mary.

In this season of preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the Light of God's love shine brightly into a dark world, bringing Hope to the world.

**Mary Bash**  
**Jerry Cass St. Paul's Mission Coordinator**

## This Week At St. Paul's UMC & Trinity UMC

### Thursday, December 7th

Twas An Original Variety Show at Trinity UMC at 7pm

### Friday, December 8th

Twas An Original Variety Show at Trinity UMC at 7pm

### Saturday, December 9th

**Church Council Meeting at 9:00am all are welcome**

Twas An Original Variety Show at Trinity UMC at 2pm & 7pm

### Sunday, December 10th **Second Sunday in Advent**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Choir Practice at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Monday, December 11th

Scouts BSA Female Troop 6:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Tuesday, December 12th

**Ladies Luncheon at Sizzler at 1:00pm**

N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, December 13th

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9 am @ Perkins

Women's Coffee Hour at 9:30 am.

**Adopt a family Christmas Wrapping Party at 10 am at St. Paul's**

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Prayer Group at 12:30 pm in the Parlor at St. Paul's

Gather at the Table @ 6:30pm at Trinity UMC

Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Praise Band Practice at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

### Thursday, December 14th

**Soup for the Soul at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's**

Women's AA Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Friday, December 15th

N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC

Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Saturday, December 16th

**Christmas Adopt a Family Gift Delivery 9am-noon at St. Paul's**

**Youth Christmas Play Rehearsal at 11:00am at St. Paul's UMC**

### Sunday, December 17th **Third Sunday in Advent**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

Choir Practice at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

**The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.  
Psalms 29:11**

## 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

**Pastor:** Pastor Kathy Neary

**Council Chair:** Chris Holden

**Member Delegate:** Joni Pace

**Trustees:** Jim Mason  
Jeff Bell  
David Lively  
Cindy Mason

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