



Welcome to our worship today! St. Paul is here to serve God and all those who seek Him. If you are looking for a church, we would be glad to have you join us.

**Please sign the Record of Fellowship pads in the pews.**

**Secretary:** Hilary Klevesahl: 920-621-4569; klevesahlh@gmail.com

**Elder:** Jack Schmoll

**Organist:** Louise Reisler

**Altar Guild:** Judy Specht & Jane Runge

**Acolyte:** Brody Lohff

**Greeters/Ushers:** Chuck Milis & Brad Rudesill

Dec. 8: John & Jane Runge

Dec. 15: Dan Schutt & Ron Wians

**Order of worship:** Divine Service 1 w/Communion (p. 151)

**Opening:** 343 Prepare the Royal Highway; **Sermon:** 332 vs 1-4 Savior of the Nations; **Communion:** 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born; 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice; **Closing:** 332 vs. 5-8 Savior of the Nations

**Offering from Nov. 24th**

Current: \$420

Mission: \$30

Loose: \$22

**Parish Weekly Calendar**

Monday, Dec. 2 7p – Choir @ IM  
7p – SP Dartball @ Hintz

Tuesday, Dec. 3 9a – Pastor @ Circuit Winkle

Wednesday, Dec. 4 9a – Matins @ IM  
9:30a – Bible Study @ IM  
7a – Advent Worship @ SP

Thursday, Dec. 5 8a-12p – Pastor Office @ SP  
9a – Matins @ SP  
6p – Chimes @ IM  
7p – LWML @ IM

Friday, Dec. 6 5-7p – Bell Ringing @ Charlie’s Market

Saturday, Dec. 7 9-11a – Bell Ringing @ Charlie’s Market

Sunday, Dec. 8 8:30a – Cantata @ IM  
9:45a – Brunch @ IM  
10a – Worship @ SP (9:10 Sunday School)  
1-3p – Open House @ Parsonage  
4p – Adult Education @ IM  
5:45 – Evening Prayer @ IM  
6p – Confirmation @ IM

Please keep in your prayers: **David Korth, Lois Weisnicht, Judy Specht, Chuck Milis, John Bauer, Brice Huntington, Rebecca Bonnin, Judy Manthei, Steve Olson, Mary Ellen Fisher, Troy Westphal, Pam Beilfuss, Bryan Poirier, Lavern Styczynski, Ernie Pelky, Jason Kor, Luke Torbeck, Carissa Baker, and Katherine Krause and Jamie Cannon & their babies.**

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time spent at the beginning of the church year reflecting upon the coming, the "Advent," of our Lord Jesus. We spend this time preparing our hearts and ears to celebrate the greatest event this world had ever seen from its creation – the Incarnation, the taking on human flesh by God Himself, the eternal Son entering into history so that He might bring an end to sins condemnation and death's destruction of His good creation.

Because of that, like Lent, Advent is a penitential season: a season of reflection and prayer and confession, where we slow ourselves down, strip away aspects of the Liturgy, and become more deliberate in directing our ears to that simple manger where once laid the Creator of the world. This is hard to do in our world, where December 1st becomes "25 Days of Christmas," a world that is just as ready to be rid of the season as soon as the 26th arrives. But for the Church, December is just the beginning, leading up to our 12 days of Christmas, a time of joy and celebration as we come out of our Advent preparations.

So it is practice to remove aspects of the Liturgy like we do at Lent, primarily the Hymn of Praise. Our starkness isn't as severe as Lent – Luther Reed states that Lutherans "*regard it as a time of sober penitence mixed with holy joy.*" Instead, we are to spend these four weeks gaining anticipation of what Christmas declares: that indeed, Immanuel, God is with us, coming from the lowliness of the manger to die on the humbleness of the cross, and doing it, all for our salvation.

**Church & Parish Announcements:**

Thanks to all of you who donated 13 (very full) bags of groceries to the Food Pantry for November!

Please let PC know the dates of the kids' school **Christmas Concerts** (band & choir) so he can get them on the calendar and try to attend as many as he can. Also, pass along any winter sports schedules so he can do the same.

Check out the following sign ups in the Narthex:

- \*Check out the list of **Gift Card** vendors and place your requests.
- \*We'll be **Ringing Bells** at Charlie's Market this Friday & Saturday.
- \*Purchase a **Poinsettia** to decorate the church for Christmas.
- \*Check out the **Christmas Lights** in Chippewa Falls
- \*Available slots for **Fellowship Sundays**

Similar to last year, PC has an **Advent Devotional** produced by 1517 for you if interested. Let him know and he will print off a copy for your devotions.

St Paul is assigned to work at the **LCFS Thrift Store** on Sat., Dec 14th from 9:30a - 3p. Anyone interested in helping or seeing what we do, pop in or call Nancy Baumgartner at 715-851-7070.

If interested in being added as an **Usher** in 2025, please let Hilary Klevesahl know. There are also many **Council** positions open that we'd love to see some new faces in. Speak with Ron Wians if interested or would like more information about the following positions: **Chairman, Recording Secretary, Elder, Trustee, and Finance Board**. Many hands make light work!

Here is the start (more may be added!) of our **Advent & Christmas Schedule** at our parish – gathering to share the joy of our celebrations of Christ's birth, as well as seeking to serve others.

- Dec. 6: Ringing Bells for Salvation Army @ Charlie's- 5-7 pm
- Dec. 7: Ringing Bells for Salvation Army @ Charlie's- 9-11 am
- Dec. 8: Christmas Cantata @ IM- 8:30 am
- Dec. 22: Shut-in Caroling (tentative date)
- Dec. 24: Children's Christmas Program @ SP-4 pm  
Children's Christmas Program @ IM-6 pm  
"Silent Night" Worship @ IM-9 pm
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Worship @ IM- 9 am
- Dec. 29: Christmas Light Trip to Chippewa Falls

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#### **Community Announcements:**

The **Take-Them-A-Meal** sign up is active on sam25.org. Please consider signing up to bring a meal to the shelter. SAM25 also has an urgent need for the following items: **Coffee, Pudding Cups, All Purpose Cleaners, Disinfecting Wipes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, and Baby Wipes**. Donations can be put in the box in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity!

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#### **District Announcements:**

The **2025 WI Youth Bible Bowl** will be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E Green Bay St., Bonduel. This event is open to youth in grades 6-12 and will be based on "The Life of King David (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2)". Details and registration information can be found on the North WI District website under "Events and Info" at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org).

# December 1, 2024

## 1st Sunday in Advent



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*The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to serve the members of the congregation through the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments, to encourage Christian fellowship and charity, to share the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with the unchurched, and to support the work of the North Wisconsin District and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*