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Worship: Saturday at 6:30 PM & Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15 PM

December 10/11, 2016	Advent Three
Order of Service:	Service Folder
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 146
Sermon Text & Theme:	James 5:7-11
<u>Wait for Jesus with Patient Faith</u>	
1. Remaining patient is not always easy	
2. Jesus makes patient waiting possible	

Hymns
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Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's! Your presence is a blessing!

- **Assistive listening devices** for the hearing impaired, as well as **children's bulletins**, are on the information centers.
- **Large-print service folders** are available in the entryway. These may be helpful for all because they contain the words of the entire service.
- A **Child Training Room** is close by for parents with small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** in the pew and pass it down the pew. We hope this will help us all to get to know one another better!
- **Service Note:** Please be sure to get a service folder for worship today.

God's Word this week: In the Messiah's kingdom things are not always what they seem. Appearances can be deceiving and lead to doubt. Today the Church asks Christ to drive the darkness of doubt from our hearts and fill us with the light of the knowledge of Christ. Faith in Christ leads us to hope patiently in the Lord and trust his caring plan despite any appearances to the contrary.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Williams, White, and Schwefel. Next weekend (*Dec. 17/18*) ushers will be Team 14 (D. Babler), Team 15 (S. Schwartz), and Team 16 (P. Welch). Our **greeters** this week are Jeff Richardson, Vicki White, and Ray Brinkman. Next weekend greeters will be Trish Babler, Keith & Joyce Kovalaske, and Pam Eckert. Thank you!

December 10-18, 2016

Saturday	6:00pm	Blood Pressure Checks (Martin Luther Room)
	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship
	9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
	9:00am	Sunday School (no Adult Bible Study)
Monday	6:10pm	Confirmation Instructions
	6:30pm	Senior Choir
	7:30pm	Chime Choir
Tuesday	6:00pm	Board of Christian Education
	6:00pm	Lutheran Girl and Boy Pioneers
Wednesday	8:45am	Bible Study
Thursday	6:30pm	Church Council
	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
Friday	9:30am	Worship at The Lutheran Home
	10:15am	Worship at Grancare
Saturday	8:30am	Christmas Practice & Assemble Treat Bags
	6:30pm	Worship with communion
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship with communion
	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	4:00pm	LES & SS Student Christmas Service

Bible Study: On Wednesday (8:45) and Sunday (9:00) mornings we offer Bible study for adult and teen members. This week we will discuss how “religion” can actually become a false god! We will not have Bible Study *this* Sunday morning between services so we can participate in the Pre-school Christmas Service. We will finish up Lesson 8 next Sunday, Dec. 18th instead.

Sunday School: This week the children learn the story of “Jesus Changes Water into Wine” at the wedding in Cana. Through his first miracle, Jesus revealed himself to be true God. Discuss the story with your children: *“How are we like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt him and his Word?”*

Our Preschool Christmas Service is **this Sunday at 9:00am** (between the early and late services). Welcome to everyone, and thank you to our students, parents, and staff (Teacher Susan Wright and Julie Kemnitz)! Our Sunday School and Lutheran Elementary School student Christmas service will be, God-willing, next Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 4:00pm. What a privilege to be able to praise the Lord through Word, song, and prayer.

A student Christmas practice will be held again next Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8:30am. We ask that all students please attend. Parents, we could also use your help to put together Christmas treat bags for a few minutes that morning. We'll do that in the fellowship hall at 8:30. Thank you!

Upcoming Worship: Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00 & 6:00pm (Sat) and Christmas Day service will be 9:00am (Sun). New Year's services will be on Saturday evening at 6:30 and Sunday morning at 9:00 (the same service at both).

Poinsettias: You can beautify our sanctuary with a poinsettia by picking up an order envelope from the church library. You may also indicate memorials if you would like. The cost from our supplier is the same as last year. Following Christmas, please feel free to take yours home.

Bowl-a-Thon: Aloha! Come escape the cold winter for one night and join us at the 6th annual Bowl-a-Thon. The luau-themed event will be held on Friday, Jan. 20th, 6:30pm at Parkway Lanes. Contact Cyndi Hintz with any questions: 960-3983 or chintz@HubertyCPAs.com. The committee is also looking for donations for door prizes and/or silent auction prizes. If you would like to be a donor, please contact Emily Bechler at 517-4096 or bechlere@gmail.com. Donations could be monetary, gift cards, craft projects, services, or something as simple as pens/pencils or other fun trinkets for the kids to take home as prizes. Thank you for helping us gather gifts for St. Paul's gym project and ensuring the children have a memorable time doing it!

History display cases for December: Mrs. North is featuring her Kindergarten classroom in one, and Sharon Adams has historical items pertaining to the season of Christmas in the other. Please take a look.

Offering envelope packets for 2017 are ready to be picked up this weekend. They are on tables across from the mailboxes and are arranged alphabetically. Please don't use them until January 1st. Thank you!

We can use some volunteers to help clean the church -- and it's also time to ask members to help with **snow removal** from the sidewalks. We have two powerful walk behind blowers. Can you choose a week and sign your name on the sign-up list? If you have questions, please contact the Board of Properties (on the list) or office. Thank you very much to those who have been so faithful in helping clean and remove snow in the past.

Thank you to our 5th-8th grade students for delivering outreach cards to the community this past Friday afternoon. They are invitations to Christmas services and a reminder that Christ is the reason for it all. If you'd like invitations to share with others, please ask a pastor.

The Lord took home to heaven our sister in Christ, **Sharon Kemnitz**, wife of Dan and a member of Faith Lutheran. Sharon played organ for us at St. Paul's monthly for many years and we appreciated very much her gifts and willingness to share them. She has many relatives in our congregation, including her son, Joshua and his wife Ashley (and their children Hannah and Alex), and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Louis & Lucille Kemnitz. May the Lord comfort them with the knowledge that Sharon is enjoying life fully and perfectly with Jesus and all her believing loved ones who have gone before. We anxiously await our reunion.

WLA Updates

Second Impressions **Thrift Store**, 325 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac is accepting donations drop offs every Tuesday (2 to 6pm) and Saturday (8am to Noon) through December. Please see the information center or the WLA website (www.wlavikings.org) for a list of Items that are *not* being accepted. Second Impressions is looking for volunteers and would welcome any help! A couple of items on the wish list are washer, dryer, and a safe. For further information, please contact Fay Boelk at 517-7442.

Make the WLA **Christmas Concert** part of your Advent preparation. The WLA Christmas Concert welcomes Joey Schumann (2000) and his Lutheran Ceili Orchestra as guest artists. They will play for ½ hour before each concert and accompany choir and congregation pieces during the concerts. The concerts are Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7pm and Thursday, Dec. 22 at 1pm.

Congratulations to our **Academy Kids** for being selected to compete in the Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) Midwest Quarterfinals! Their audition video can be seen at <https://youtu.be/KLvH-rEvj2w>.

The pastors would be glad to begin another Bible Information Class (BIC) after the 1st of the New Year. These classes prepare people for membership and the Lord's Supper. There is, however, no obligation or cost. If you or someone you know has an interest, please let the pastors know. It's also a great "refresher course" for current members.

