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**Worship Schedule: Saturdays at 6:30pm & Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am**

December 2 & 3, 2017	Advent 1
Order of Service:	Page 15, <i>Christian Worship</i>
Psalm of the Day:	Hymn 4 v. 1-3
Sermon Text & Theme:	Mark 13:32-37
<b><u>Still Watching...</u></b>	
1. Is this a question?	
2. Or is it a statement of hope?	

Hymns
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<b>489 v. 1-2</b>
<b>5 &amp; 315</b>
<b>30</b>

**Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's!**

- **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 entry. These may be helpful to visitors as well because they contain the whole service.
- A **Child Training Room** is available for parents with small children. You can hear and see the service from this special area.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you leave the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along in the pew. It's always good to get to know each other better!
- **Service Note:** We will stand and sing **489 v. 1-2** after the offering.

**God's Word this week:** Advent reminds us: Jesus is coming soon. The world will end soon. If we seriously look at our sins, we have plenty cause for worry. But our lessons focus on the faithfulness of God who calls himself our Father and takes care of all the details. Instead of feeling down about the end drawing near, by God's grace we see the richness we have in Christ and the gifts we have to serve him in these last days.

**Meditations**, everyday devotions for everyday Christians, are available from the tract rack in the narthex. If you would like to help offset the cost to the congregation, a receptacle slot is in a locked drawer below. "*Faith comes from hearing the message...*" (Rom 10:17).

**Ushers** this weekend are Teams Weigand, Wilhelms, and Hill. Next weekend (*Dec. 9/10*) ushers will be Teams 8 (M. Ewertdt), 9 (J. Laudolff) and 10 (D. Preissner). Our **greeters** this week are Kim Geisthardt, Don & Kathy Thurow, and Nathan & Meliza Lane. Next week they will be Beth Ewertdt and Barb Taddey.

### December 2 - 10, 2017

(12/2)	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with Communion (Choir)
(12/3)	<b>Sun</b>	7:45 & 10:15am	Worship with Communion
		9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
(12/4)	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
(12/5)	<b>Tue</b>	6:00pm	<b>Advent by Candlelight</b>
(12/6)	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Getting to Know Your Bible</i>
		6:30pm	Jesus Cares Bible Class (at the ARC)
(12/7)	<b>Thu</b>	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
(12/8)	<b>Fri</b>	7:00pm	<b>Joyful Witness Concert</b>
(12/9)	<b>Sat</b>	3:00pm	<b>Joyful Witness Concert</b>
		6:30pm	Worship
(12/10)	<b>Sun</b>	7:45 & 10:15am	Worship
		9:00am	<b>Preschool Christmas Service</b>
		9:00am	Sunday School
		11:15am	Board of Elders

**Sunday School:** This week we study “Esther.” In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. Consider discussing, *“How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?”*

**Advent by Candlelight:** The Women of WInGS invite all confirmed women of the congregation to join us for Advent by Candlelight **this Tuesday**, Dec. 5, in the fellowship hall. Refreshments and desserts are served at 6:00pm, and ***Prepare My Heart, Lord Jesus*** begins at 6:30. Please gather with us for an evening of the Word, music, fellowship, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing. There is no cost, but please sign up on the table near the Martin Luther Room if you will attend. Thank you!

**St. Paul’s Little Pioneers Preschool** Christmas service will be at 9:00am (between the services) **next Sunday**, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> in the church. We look forward to our three and four-year-old students joyfully sharing the Christmas Gospel in Word and song! Everyone is welcome.

**Decorations:** We thank the volunteers who helped with decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We are so thankful for your work!

**Student Christmas Practices** are scheduled for two Saturdays: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00am. All students K-8 (public and parochial) and Sunday School preschool students are asked to attend so that we are prepared to proclaim the glory of the Savior at our Student Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

**Joyful Witness Concerts Here This Week!** Our area WELS Lutheran adult choir, *Joyful Witness*, will present **two concerts** here at St. Paul's! They are **Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, and Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.** This year's theme is "*How Far Is It to Bethlehem?: A Choral Meditation on the Coming of Christ.*" Please invite neighbors and friends as we reach out with the good news in song to our community!

**Our Bible Study: *Getting to Know Your Bible.*** Whether you're new to the Bible or a seasoned veteran, everyone will benefit from these lessons about the structure and content of the living gem we call the Bible. Classes are Wednesdays at 8:45am and Sundays at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. Come as you are and feel free to bring a friend!

**Poinsettias** may be purchased for Advent/Christmas to beautify our sanctuary and narthex, and then be taken home after holiday services. The price remains unchanged from last year at \$12 (single) and \$28 (double). If interested, please pick up an envelope from the library and deposit payment in the marked box. Please feel free to indicate if your poinsettia is given as a memorial.

**Church Cleaning:** If you would like to help clean the church, but don't want to do it alone and would be willing to be on a "cleaning crew," please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

**Christmas Cards** with Christian greetings in them are available from the church library at our cost. If you find something you like, a marked box is nearby to leave your payment.

**Second Impressions Thrift Store:** Second Impressions has truly been blessed! Our customer base continues to grow and quality donations continue to be received! We are adding another shopping day and are also open every Tuesday from 10am to 6pm (in addition to Wed-Sat). In order to keep our shelves stocked with merchandise and provide quality customer service, many hands are needed! Please stop in or call us at 907-9900 for more information on how you can lend a hand! The store, which benefits WLA students, is located at 325 Winnebago Ave., Fond du Lac, near the A&W.

**Communion:** Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you would like more information about what the Bible teaches about Communion, please speak with a pastor. Register for the Lord's Supper in the entryway or pew folder. Helpful preparation questions may be found on page 156 in the hymnal.

**Malawi Mission Communiqué:** Read about Missionary Rob Wendland and family's farewell to Africa and move to Mequon to teach at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His wife, Rebecca, authored the book "*Bloom Where God Plants You*," which is in our church library (*Miscellaneous Section*).

**The family of Marian Jeffers** is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, Dec. 9 with an Open House from 2:00-4:00pm at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home, 244 N. Macy Street (second floor), Fond du Lac. Marian is a former teacher at St. Paul's School. Friends and colleagues are invited to stop in and wish Marian well. Light refreshments will be served.

A **memorial** for the parsonage mortgage was generously given by Mark & Beth Ewerdt in loving memory of Mark's parents, Arnold & Ruth Ewerdt.

**Flowers** on the altar this weekend are from Don & Kathy Thurow in celebration of Christ's coming, and in memory of *Cliff Becker* on his Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday from his family. Our **Food for Families** free-will offering over the Thanksgiving holiday totaled \$1,123. May the Lord bless the sharing of these gifts.

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### Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday	Dec. 10, 9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
Sunday	Dec. 17, 4:00pm	Student Christmas Service
Sunday	Dec. 24, 4 & 6pm	Christmas Eve Services
Monday	Dec. 25, 9:00am	Christmas Day Festival Worship

**Please note:** *Regular weekend services before Christmas will be **Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am (one Sunday morning service)**.* Also, since New Year's Eve Day is a Sunday, our weekend service times will be as normally scheduled and our worship will contain a New Year's emphasis. There will be **no New Year's Eve service** this year because of that. Also, there will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

