



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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**Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 7:45am & 10:15am**

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November 27 & 28, 2021	Advent 1	Hymns
<p><b>Order of Service</b></p> <p><b>Sermon</b></p>  <p><i>The Curious Case of the Baffling Branch</i></p>	<p><b>Service of the Word (p38)</b></p> <p><b>Jeremiah 33:14-16</b></p>	<p><b>Gathering Rite</b> (cf. insert) <b>Psalm 25 p74</b></p> <p>2 6 21 12</p>

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available on the information center in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Both male & female facilities are equipped with baby changing stations.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.

**Ushers** this weekend are (Nov. 27 & 28) Team 7 (M. Hintz), 8 (M. Ewerdt), and 9 (J. Laudolff). Greeters will be B. Oelke, B. Ewerdt, and K. Sebestyen. Next weekend will be (Dec. 4 & 5) Team 10 (D. Preissner), 11 (C. Williams), and 12 (J. White). Greeters will be J. White, K. Fischer, V. White.

## God's Word This Week

## Advent 1

When the Lord Comes Near, He Humbles Himself. What will it be like to meet God? We know He is almighty and holy. He loathes sin. No wonder when God appears to His Old Testament people, their first response is typically terror. But when Jesus Christ came into our world, He hid His glory and power. He humbled Himself so sinners would be drawn to Him rather than driven away in fear.

*Special thanks to our Senior Choir for singing at our late service this week. It is always uplifting and a joy to hear their voices praising their God! There is always room in the choir! Show up on a Monday at 6:30pm or contact Kathy Thurow, our Choir Director.*

### November 27-December 5, 2021

11/27	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30pm	Worship (team #7)
11/28	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45am	Worship (team #8)
		9:00am	Adult Bible Class (no Sunday School)
		10:15am	Worship (team #9)
11/29	<b>Mon.</b>	6:15pm	Public School Catechism
		6:30pm	Choir (all voices welcome)
		7:30pm	Chimes
12/1	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45am	Adult Bible Class (At Home with the Psalms)
12/4	<b>Sat.</b>	8:00am	Christmas Decorating at Church
		6:30pm	Worship with Communion & Junior Choir (team #10)
12/5	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45am	Worship with Communion (team #11)
		9:00am	Sunday School (pre-8) & Bible Class
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (team #12)

### A Note on our Gathering Rites in Advent

This year we will once again make use of gathering rites in the season of Advent. The first two weeks will utilize hymn #323 from our new hymnal: Creator of the Stars at Night. In the last two weeks, we will sing hymn #311 from the new hymnal: Dawning Light of Our Salvation. Once we learn these two Advent hymns in worship, we will have sung all the melodies for the Advent hymns of the new hymnal except one! Most of the hymns are in our red hymnals, and the vast majority of the new ones were in our supplement. Well, check off Advent in the new hymnal, that was easy!

### Did you miss church this week?

Recorded services and live-streams are available. Find all the links at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com).

## **Christian Victory in Christ**

The Lord in His infinite wisdom and grace took home to heaven the soul of our brother, Raymond A. Brinkman on the evening of Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Visitation and Christian funeral were held on Tuesday, November 23 and his committal at Union Cemetery in Theresa took place on Wednesday morning. <sup>13</sup> *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."*

We keep Ray's family and friends in our prayers as they mourn their loss but rejoice in the victory Ray now enjoys and the reunion which will come one day in heaven.

### **A few offering opportunities are drawing to a close.**

- ***New Christian Worship Hymnals:*** We hit our mark and plan on ordering soon. If you still want to get a gift in, please drop it by the church office this week.
- ***Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student Christmas Offering:*** In order to get the gifts to seminary students before Christmas, these gifts will need to be asap. If you still want to get a gift in, please drop it by the church office this week.
- ***Mortgage Commitment Cards:*** We would like to begin the process of entering and making reports for Mortgage commitments so that things are up and running for the new year. To keep this process efficient, please get your mortgage commitment cards in as soon as possible. Extras are available in the information center in the entryway.

## **Ushering List Update**

It's hard to believe but it's time to update the Ushering Schedule. Please let Pastor Kampman know if phone numbers, names, etc. need changing in your group. *Work will hopefully be finalized this coming week.* Want to help us keep worship orderly each week? Let a pastor know to have your name placed on the ushering list.

## **2022 Calendars**

The ladies of our WInGS (Women In God's Service) group have once again made 2022 Calendars available for \$5.00 each. There are only a few left on the information center in the entryway. We do ask that you only take a calendar if you pay for them. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's WInGS.

## **Christmas Decorating**

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season on December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am. The more the merrier as we get the church ready for all the Christmas celebrations. Come join us for all the fun and fellowship as we "deck the halls" here at church.

## **Poinsettias for Christmas**

The envelopes to order poinsettias for our Christmas Services (Eve and Day and beyond) are available in the church library. As usual, a list of plants given in memory or in honor of loved ones will be placed in our service folders on Christmas Eve and Day. A 6 inch poinsettia is \$12 and a 8 inch poinsettia (2 plants in a pot) is \$28. Please return envelopes with payment to the marked box in the library.

## **Advent By Candlelight**

WinGS will again be hosting Advent by Candlelight, an opportunity to focus on the reason we celebrate Christmas. This year's program will feature "eyewitnesses" taking us through the life of Christ. This precious little baby was a gift from God, given to us to save us from our sins. Let us ever be joyful for that greatest gift! *"Moments with the Savior" will be presented Tuesday, December 7. We'll start with fellowship at 6:00 pm, followed by the program in the church at 6:30.* Members and guests are welcome! Please sign up in the narthex so we have an approximation of how many guests to expect.

## **Children's Christmas Service Practices (ALL CHILDREN)**

Once again, this year we will be able to combine St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School and our Sunday School for our Children's Christmas Service. The Service itself is scheduled for Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the church (doors will open 1 hour beforehand). Practices are Scheduled for the two Saturdays preceding the service: Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

## **Preschool Christmas Service**

We wouldn't want to leave out some of our smallest voices! St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool is scheduled to have their service between services on Sunday, December 12 at 9:00am. They work hard every year and always conduct a joyful and possibly one of the cutest services of the year. All are welcome to attend! Some cookies will be available in the fellowship hall following their service.

## **Joyful Witness Christmas Concerts**

Joyful Witness is back!! Once again Joyful Witness will be with us to proclaim the triumphant truths of Christmas in song. Join them as they reflect on the Savior's birth. This year the Concert Theme is Once Upon a Night. They will be here Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Come join in the joy of the birth of Jesus!

## Adult Bible Classes in December

Please watch the calendar closely throughout the month of December. Various services and festivities make Bible Class times a little hit and miss this month. Classes are scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and again the 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. No Classes on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the remainder of the year.



## Holiday Worship Recap

Advent By Candlelight –	6:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Joyful Witness Concerts –	7:00pm on Friday, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Preschool Christmas –	9:00am on Sunday, Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Children’s Christmas –	4:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Eve Worship –	4:00pm & 6:00pm Friday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day Worship –	9:00am on Saturday, Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>
New Year’s Eve Worship –	6:30pm on Friday, Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Thanksgiving Stewardship Thought

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country." – C.S. Lewis

## Christmas Cards

There are a variety of greeting cards available in the church library at very reasonable prices. However, as the Holidays approach, we have stocked up on Thanksgiving & Christmas Cards. Feel free to check them out and while you’re at it, see the great books we have available in the library.

## **Offering Plates are back!**

Our Thanksgiving Services marked the return of the passing of the offering plate once again in services. This practice allows us to begin using new pew cards to collect information from our visitors and our communing members once again. A guest book for visitors and a communion register (on communion Sundays) are already available at the podium in the Narthex and will continue even with the pew cards.

## **Offerings**

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Give your offering during worship as the plates are passed around.
- Drop it off in the “birdhouse” post near the office/school entrance.
- Send it to St. Paul’s Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Electronic Options: (use a checking account, debit card, or credit card.)

NOTE: Search for Fond du Lac or North Fond du Lac to find our church

- online giving at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings)
- “Vanco Mobile” app found through your phone’s app store.
- Paper sign-ups are also available at the information center the table in front of the office, or on our website to set up automatic withdrawal. Contact the office if you require any assistance.

## **Last Week’s Offerings**

God’s people joyfully brought these gifts: Current – \$14,558.42; Missions - \$1065.96; Improvement - \$89.14; Mortgage - \$2603.00; Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$805; Preschool Tuition - \$222; Extended Care - \$737.50; Seminary Couples - \$125; Hymnal Fund (354/350) - \$3650.00; Organ/Piano Fund - \$100; Gym Improvement \$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$5,673.17; all offerings totaled \$18,906.92; Weekly target \$16,770). 290 people attended worship (137, 56, 36, 61). Our live-stream/video had 32 views.

**Memorials:** \$100 given to Piano Fund in Honor of all of the organists/accompanists for Thanksgiving.