

## *News and Notes of Interest*

**POINSETTIA** on the piano in the basement is a gift from Westlake Ace Hardware.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We will be Christmas Caroling to shut-in members of St. Paul's today. Meet in the church at 1:30. Following caroling (approximately 3:30pm) we will gather in the church basement for a time of socializing, while enjoying hot chocolate, hot apple cider and cookies.

**MERCY MEALS:** Mark your calendars: The date has been set for our next Mercy Meals packing event at St. Paul's Lutheran School. We will be packing on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help with packaging and supervision of students, please let Mrs. Duever know at 402-223-3414, or e-mail her at [aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org](mailto:aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org). We hope to pack 6,000 meals to feed starving families around the world!

**2017 Contribution Envelopes** are ready to be picked up in the church basement. Be sure not to use them until January 1, 2017 since numbers changed.

**ADULT CHOIR:** Anyone wishing to sing in an adult choir for St. Paul's Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend rehearsals Thursdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to furnish a Poinsettia for our chancel at Christmas, call Kelly in the church office at 228-1540. Cost per poinsettia is \$15.

**SECRETARY POSITION:** St. Paul's Lutheran School will need a new secretary beginning in January 2017. Necessary skills for the position include: knowledge of computer programs for word-processing and record-keeping, strong organizational skills, and the ability to use office equipment including copiers and fax machines. This is a part-time, paid position. For more information or to apply, please contact Mrs. Duever at (402) 223-3414, or drop by the school office in the mornings. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2016.

**STEWARDSHIP: Matthew 11:10** "This is he of whom it is written, " Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out his disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our pet sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** The Boutique has cards for Christmas and Holiday table napkins. Stop on by to see their selections. The Boutique is open between services on Sundays.

**Pastor Irmer would like to greet** each person as you leave. Please wait for him as he greets those using the elevator and then allow him to reach the door before departing. **Please exit by general dismissal** and greet your neighbors as you leave.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers to assist the hearing impaired.

**KIDS BULLETINS & BUSY BAGS** for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** Make sure you visit the church website from time to time at [www.stpaulbeatrice.org](http://www.stpaulbeatrice.org) to see what is new.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... that Individual (Private) Confession and Absolution is available upon request here at St. Paul's? If you have questions about this practice, read LSB 326 and look at the Rite in the hymnal (LSB 292). If you have questions, and/or desire Private Confession and Absolution, contact Pastor Irmer.

**The LYF** is collecting items for the local Coat Pantry. This is a service to members of our community who are not fortunate enough to have items to get through the cold weather. A container is in narthex to drop off your coats, stocking caps, scarves, gloves, and mittens. The Pantry is especially in need of children's items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



Third Sunday in Advent  
December 11, 2016

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**WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church:** We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact Pastor Irmer, 402-228-1540.

**The Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive the Lord's Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, St. Paul's follows the Biblical and historic practice of closed communion.

**ALL GUESTS** must visit with our pastor before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** We pray for ...

- We celebrate with Richard & Marian Weishahn in honor of their 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Judy Braun, Irene Daubendiek, Berniece Pfingsten, Darlene Scheideler
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Loren Daubendiek, Leonard Esch, June Martin, and Ann Kelley.  
Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

### *In His Service*

Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Irmer (Cell 402-239-0283)

Organist: Carolyn Brott

**8:00am Service**

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Faith Kelley, Connor Kelley

Elders: Cliff Kumm, Rod Aden

Greeters: Geri Heist, Loretta Mohling

Ushers: Dale Rickers, Dennis Wallman

**10:30am Service**

Acolytes: Logan Glynn, Xander Glynn, Josiah Wallman

Elders: Craig Wallman, Wilferd Deke

Greeters: Carlyn Koenig

Ushers: Larry Huls, Steve Norton, Larry Weishahn, Lyndon Wiegand

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored in honor of Wayne Kaeding's birthday, which was September 14, by Barbara & Ian Duncanson and Family.

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored in honor of Archie Morris 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is today, by Sarah Morris.

## *The Lord's Week*

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| Today     | 8:00  | Divine Service   |
|           | 9:15  | Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class  |
|           | 10:30 | Divine Service   |
|           | 1:30  | Christmas Caroling   |
| Monday    | 7:00  | Weekday Service of Holy Communion  |
| Tuesday   | 12:00 | Ladies Quilting/Tying  |
|           | 7:00  | Elders   |
| Wednesday | 10:00 | Advent Matins  |
|           | 11:00 | Advent Soup Luncheon (Elizabeth Circle)<br>Serving "Chicken Noodle Soup"                       |
|           | 2:30  | Catechism Class  |
|           | 5:30  | Vespers Supper<br>Served by the Evangelism & Stewardship<br>Serving "Ham & Scalloped Potatoes" |
|           | 7:00  | Advent Vespers   |
| Thursday  | 12:00 | Ladies Quilting  |
|           | 7:00  | Choir Practice   |
| Sunday    | 8:00  | Divine Service   |
|           | 9:15  | Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class  |
|           | 10:30 | Divine Service   |
|           | 3:00  | Children's Christmas Program   |
|           | 5:00  | Children's Christmas Program   |

**Church office hours** are 8:30am-1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

**Quote from Martin Luther - Matt. 11:2-10 (11)**

"Grace is ineffective if the sin is not first revealed and recognized through the Law. In Matt. 11:5 the Lord Jesus says Himself that He preaches the Gospel to the poor and to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, that is to those who because of the Law feel they are lost." Luther's Works 15:331

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