

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	84	\$1,822.00
10:30 AM Service	80	\$4,521.00
3:00 PM Children's Christmas Program	432	\$751.00
5:00 PM Children's Christmas Program	280	\$480.00
Monday Night Service	10	\$610.00
Advent Matins	15	\$300.00
Advent Evening Prayer	53	\$672.00

COINS FOR CHRIST: All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 4th quarter are designated to the Community Food Pantry. Total amount collected so far \$107.81.

The Lord's Week

Today 8:00 Divine Service
 9:15 Birthday Party for Jesus
 10:30 Divine Service
 4:30 Families Gather at the Manger
 7:30 The Word Was Made Flesh

Monday 9:00 Christmas Day Divine Service
 No Evening Service

Sunday 8:00 Divine Service
 9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
 10:30 Divine Service
 5:00 At the close of the Year

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

Pastor Reek will be in the church office on Monday's from 2:30pm until after service and Wednesday's from 9:30-1:00pm. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office. Pastor Reek can also be reached at 402-476-2828 or at Dirk.Reek@cune.edu.



Fourth Sunday in Advent
 December 24, 2017

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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 the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice 'close' Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it's best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- Dennis Hartig, Marie Kitt, CoraLee Rahe (aunt of Pat Nave), Elda Riekenberg, Brian & Amanda Snook (grandson of Virgil & Sharilyn Anderson)
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Ruth Johnson (mother of Beverly Duensing), Ryan Loseman, June Martin, Marjorie Rogge, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler) and Ann Kelley.

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek (Home: 402-476-2828)

Organist: Beverly Duensing

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Joseph Wright, Jenna Junker, Alex Holle

Elders: Rod Aden, Kenneth Loemker

Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright

Ushers: Jeff Junker, LaVern Malchow, Roger Mohling, Dave Taylor

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Noah Hagemeyer, Sydney Southwick, Shelbi Ankersen

Elders: Duane Delozier, Bob Frerking

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz

Ushers: Gerrad Busboom, Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in honor of Evelyn Wortman's 90th Birthday on January 1st, by Leonard Wortman.

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Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

<p>25 Christine Morris Susan Schouboe Allison Smith</p> <p>26 Lynette Hartman Chance Helmick Trevor Sedlacek</p> <p>27 Preston Jurgens Eldred Lohse Justin Smith</p>	<p>28 Bryleigh Boltz Collin Hartig Chloe Lerma</p> <p>29 Edith Ray Martin Seckel Jr. Eric Klaus</p> <p>30 Brian Riekenberg Gregory Sunderland Alexander Venneman Craig Wallman Aaron Zimmerman</p>
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Anniversaries:

28 Norman & Cheri McConnell, 38 yrs.

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

Divine Service Setting One

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Invocation..... 151

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen