

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	72	\$2,091.00
10:30 AM Service	102	\$2,506.00
Monday Night Service	19	\$1,609.00
Advent Matins	22	\$69.00
Advent Evening Prayer	70	\$255.00

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 \$96.03.

The Lord's Week

Today 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

Monday 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Tuesday 12:00 Ladies Quilting

Wednesday 10:00 Advent Matins
 11:00 Soup Luncheon - served by Ruth Circle
 2:30 Catechism Class
 5:30 Advent Supper - served by Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship

7:00 Advent Evening Prayer

Thursday 12:00 Ladies Quilting

Sunday 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

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.



Third Sunday in Advent
 December 17, 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 ...

- In the wisdom of Almighty God Rodney Minzel was delivered from this veil of tears to the nearer presence of the Lord, Jesus Christ.
- Dennis Hartig, Marie Kitt, Joanna Gellermann-Long, CoraLee Rahe (aunt of Pat Nave)
- School Families: Andrew & Nicole Landon, Travis & Toree Lang, Matthew & Ashley Langley, Jessica Leseburg & Troy Stevens
- 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: Aaron Meyer, Brandon Scheer, Sarah Scheer

Elders: Cliff Kumm, Ron Buss

Greeters: Carlyn Koenig, Loretta Mohling

Ushers: Clair Duensing, Mike Duever, Jason Duff, Doug Tegtmeier

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Josiah Wallman, Samuel Wallman, Olivia Hatzenbuehler

Elders: Bob Frerking, Craig Wallman

Greeters: Floice Meyer

Ushers: Rod Aden, Eric Jobman, Robert Pfingsten, Gary Swanson

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of LaVern Meyer, by Carla Meyer.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Kirk & Denise Spilker in thankfulness to God for all His blessings on their family.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

17 Aaron Meyer	20 Craig Fisher
Lois Sohl	21 Micah Busboom
Denise Spilker	Julie Fisher
19 Lee Benash	Mitchel Hager
Lynn Gruis	22 Bryan McAllister
William Kelley	Gary Rogge
Faith Kelley	23 Norma Sohl
Syjlax Lerma	
Michael Lueders	
Teresa Martin	

Anniversaries:

18 Roger & Marjorie Itzen, 52 yrs.
22 Duane & Irene Daubendiek, 60 yrs.

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