



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



SECOND SUNDAY

IN

Advent

Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm traditional • Sunday: 8:00 am traditional

Sunday: 10:30 am contemporary

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | www.splco.org

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus

Jill George, Principal

Volume 24

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director

Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director

Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director

Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 49

Please fill out an attendance card
and place it in the offering plate.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! If you are a guest, the following information may help you:

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, an usher will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

If you have small children, there are activity bags located behind the back pews that might be helpful for your child.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please read our confession found on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.

Those who share in our confession of faith of the Lord's Supper are welcome to receive.

If you hold a confession differing from this congregation, please speak with a pastor or elder.

Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

If you are physically unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion.

Communion Wine

The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are rose in color.

As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

December 9, 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *The Call is for You*

Traditional Worship
LSB, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 96 **Total: 418**
 8:00 am – 129 **Members: 405**
 10:30 am – 193 **Visitors: 13**

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THIS WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Acolytes	Brock Rohowetz	Bobby Edwards	Sami Jo Abel
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Sarah Neff
Elders	Mike Tesch	Dave Meyer	Mark Thurow
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Jamie Stache
Lectors	Chad Eberhardt	Jim Steinberg	
PowerPoint	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Mike Papa	John Melvin

SPONSORS

Radio Broadcast: Ken Dinnauer in honor of all the veterans at St. Paul's

Altar Flowers: Dorothy Duchow in loving memory of Rob Ihling

Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at wtkm.com

Families with small children:
 There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

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2019 Flower Chart

The 2019 flower chart is now posted in the church narthex (west side) for those of you who would like to sign up for flowers for the Worship Services for the coming year. The cost is \$37.50 for two bouquets. You are welcome to split the cost with someone if you wish and each one could take one bouquet. Thank you.

Voice Recital

Angela Bleke's senior vocal recital is at UW Whitewater, Arts Center, Light Auditorium, 950 W. Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190, on December 9th at 1pm. Angela placed 2nd in the State Competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

From the Church Leadership Team Desk

Fellowship Hall Renovation during Christmas Break at St. Paul's

This is to inform the congregation that during the scheduled period of the school Christmas break, December 21st through January 2nd, the Fellowship Hall, at St. Paul's, will be undergoing a Renovation Project.

We are asking for your patience and PLEASE BE AWARE OF SAFETY ISSUES as you are passing through the Fellowship Hall during this construction renovation period.

Christmas Caring Tree gifts

It's here-the best giving time of the year! We are blessed to be able to help those children in need from our community. The tree is in the narthex with the ornaments which have the child's/Bethesda resident's name, age, and choice of asked for gift or clothing items (recommended price range \$20/\$25). **On the back of the ornament are the instructions for this gift with due date of December 10th for the gift to be returned to the church in time for pickup and delivery.** If for some reason you want to participate and are unable to get the gift and wrap it, please consider the idea of offering a gift card (use the Scrip program!) or money to purchase a gift card. Please give this to the church office or in the offering plate (in an envelope marked Christmas Caring Tree). For any questions please reach out to Lynne Lavota at 262-527-4768 cell. ***Thank you for your generosity, prayers for these families and have a blessed Christmas season.***

The Denny Zastrow Sing-a-Long and Journeymen's 14th annual Christmas Party

Once again the Journeymen are having a Christmas Party celebrating the joy the Christ-Child brings to our lives and especially the fellowship for us as Christian men! The 14th Annual Journeymen Christmas party is on Saturday, December 22nd at Pete Sheild's from 7:30 am—9:00 am. All men of the congregation are invited. Pete lives at 15 White Tail Lane, Oconomowoc. Please contact the church office or Dave Meyer at 920-279-5860 or dm202124@gmail.com to RSVP and bring a friend!

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Elder and Usher Schedule

The usher/elder schedule for December through May is now available. There are copies in the podium in the narthex.

A Letter from Your Stephen Ministry Team

Eight years ago Pastor Krug came to me and asked if I would join the re-formed Stephen Ministry Leadership team. I thought he had the wrong man and I told him so. Pastor Krug convinced me that Stephen Ministry is valuable and I could assist to restart the program at St. Paul's to provide church members and non-church members alike with Christian care during their time of need.

We formed a leadership team and were trained. My role is that of the referrals coordinator. I match care receivers with Stephen Ministers. In the past years, we have trained new Stephen Ministers who have gone on to serve dozens of care receivers.

Every couple of years the leadership team conducts a search for more Stephen Ministers and Leaders. Congregation members are asked to prayerfully consider whether they have what it takes to be a Stephen Minister or Leader. Each year we find ourselves in the same position. We have more people wanting Christian care and not enough Stephen Ministers to fulfill the need.

There are people in our community who are in need; people with illness, with sorrow, with pain. The Stephen Ministry Team is once again asking you to consider joining our team as either a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Leader.

We are all led by the Lord. Please pray on whether you are called for this service.

Jeff Stache

Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

Please contact any Leader with questions

Jeff Stache 262-567-1302

Steve Hansen 262-646-0516

Carol Allen 262-468-4292

Bobbie Scheuer 262-354-0033

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

The Gospel of God's grace awakens us to approve what is excellent (Philippians 1:10). Is facilitating a suicide "excellent"? Is experimenting on embryos a "fruit of righteousness"? Is advocating for abortion access "pure and blameless"? These involve ending a life that began by the holy work of God. And even when we cannot foresee how, He will bring it to completion, as sure as Jesus finished His mission, as sure as we ourselves exist. *Gracious Savior, fill our hearts and throats with Your glory and praise. Amen.*

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Funeral arrangements for Dorothy Peterson

Our sister in Christ, Dorothy Peterson, passed away on December 6th. Her funeral will be here, at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, December 11th. Visitation will be from 9am until the time of service at 11am.



Luke 3:4 *"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what is coming, and we do not.*

The graphic for the ECC Silent Auction is set against a background of weathered grey wood. On the left side, there are several brown pinecones of various sizes. At the top, a string of warm white LED lights is draped across the wood. The text is contained within a white rounded rectangle with a thin grey border.

ECC Silent Auction

Opens December 10 @ 6:30am

Closes December 17 @ 12pm

Located in the Early Childhood Center



Basket Themes & Items Include: Family Game Night, Little Baker, Winter Warmth, Cookies, DIY Slime, Date Night and more!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Second Sunday in Advent: *The Call is for You*
December 9-16, 2018

The Call is For You (Pastor Scharnell)

The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. It is for this that we are called too. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our arrogance is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: John 13:35, (Jesus said) “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Verse: 1 Timothy 4:4-5 Every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Psalm: Psalm 13 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	24	122	33	50	18:1-20	102	90	24
Evening	25, 110	40, 671	85, 91	14, 16	126, 62	130, 16	80, 72	25, 110

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer – The Fourth Petition

<p><i>The Lord’s Prayer (Fourth Petition)</i> Give us this day our daily bread.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p><i>What is meant by daily bread?</i> Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of this body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

The Second Sunday in Advent: *The Call is for You*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Signs of Christ’s Coming—Luke 21:25-36	Is. 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24
Mon.	The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38	Is. 26:20-27:13	1 John 4:1-21
Tue.	The Visitation—Luke 1:39-45	Is. 28:14-29	1 John 5:1-21
Wed.	The Magnificat—Luke 1:46-56	Is. 29:1-14	Jude 1-25
Thur.	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:56-66	Is. 29:15-30:14	Rev. 1:1-20
Fri.	The Benedictus—Luke 1:67-80	Is. 30:15-26	Rev. 2:1-29

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Sheila Rams–knee surgery (December 10th); Wilbur Pieper (Aurora); Wayne Gartzke; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow (Shorehaven); Marilyn Roecker; Don Gauerke; Pastor Paul Borgman–Melanoma; Peggy Lauber–liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble–cancer; Laura Gruen–brain tumor; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment; Mary Buss–cancer; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke–Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak–breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz–cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Louise Lang–pneumonia; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: John Henke (Skye's dad) – stage IV Melanoma; Vicki–4th stage esophageal cancer; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)–Multiple Myeloma; Jennifer Lemke (Judy Mueller's niece/Wendy Sallam's sister); friend of Marilyn Roecker–pancreatic cancer; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)–breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager) Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson–pancreatic cancer; Peg–breast cancer; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; John Whitmar (friend of Pastor & Angie Scharnell)–prostate cancer; Daina Boppre–bone cancer; Sandy–kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)–breast cancer; Beth–Lymphoma; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); Tom–stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)–colon cancer; Dylan Coughlin–3 year-old with brain tumor; Mike–bone cancer; Roy Hyatt–cancer returned; Quinn–breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)–brain cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.–breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)–Lymphoma; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain–kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski–throat cancer; Nancy–breast cancer

Other: Audrey (Sheila Rams sister)–Alzheimer’s; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)–stroke; Erick (Linda Hertneky’s cousin)–kidney surgery; Michael George (Jill & Jamie’s nephew)–recovering from injuries; Gracie Brehm; friend of Virginia Meintz recovering from open heart surgery; John Meisenheimer; Bob (friend of Scharnell’s)–Lou Gehrig’s disease; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson’s sister); Anna Mae (George Urban’s mother)–hospice; Jeffery Barney; Susan–memory issues; Sharon– circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble’s niece); Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann–strength in walking; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble’s sister)–hospice; Shawn–vascular problems; Kristal–lung surgery; Doug–CCL; Megan Bertram; Clem–high calcium heart; Bob–prostate problems; Linda–diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)–severe headaches; Sharon–probiotic/kidney problems; Pat–afib; Fred Sturm (Lynda Rades’s brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke’s nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)–MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Justin Michener; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

Those serving God as missionaries: Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; the family of Dorothy Peterson who died; healing of family relationships; those struggling with addiction–Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344

Looking forward to The Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

Hymns: 331, 345 (515, 737, 347) 803

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice (Pastor Emeritus John Kelling)

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning “Rejoice!” For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; “he has cleared away your enemies,” “taken away the judgments against you” and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to “rejoice in the Lord always,” knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even “the dead are raised up” (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up January 6th-13th, 2019

2019-A New Year and a new chance to serve

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's on January 6th-13th. There are currently 3 families in the program, 5 adults and 4 children (13, 11, 1 and 2 months).

Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need.

Please review the service opportunities still available and sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family16>

This link is also on our website: <http://www.splco.org/>

Contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org Thank you!!



Youth Group

This past weekend, the St. Paul's Youth Group went caroling around downtown Oconomowoc. With the snow falling at the perfect time, the youth began their journey around downtown Oconomowoc to share the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the singing of Christmas carols. It was such a great turnout that we had to split them into three separate groups. It was such a joy to watch the youth go up to people's houses and sing, and so confidently introduce themselves as being from St. Paul's! The people were so touched by our youth, and the love of Jesus was shared with many that night. In addition to these wonderful things, the youth received over \$90 in donations and an abundant amount of canned goods for the Oconomowoc Food Pantry.

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Youth Group Reminders

Piggly Wiggly Receipts - Our youth group is still collecting Piggly Wiggly receipts and receives 1% back from each receipt. Please consider saving your receipts and dropping them off in our Piggly Wiggly Receipt box by the fellowship hall at the bottom of the ramp.

The high school youth will be sponsoring the midweek Advent dinners on December 12th and 19th from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. A free-will donation will be collected. Proceeds will go towards raising funds for the National Youth Gathering.

- **December 16th**
 - ❖ Christmas food bags delivered by youth to local community (11:45am-1:00pm)
 - ❖ SNA for middle and high school (5:45pm-7:30pm)

Blessings,
The Youth Leadership Team

Advent Worship Services

What Child is This?

Midweek Worship:

December 12

12:15 & 6:30 pm

(hymn sing 15 minutes prior to service)

Children's Christmas

Service:

December 19

12:15 & 6:30 pm



Midweek Advent meal

On Wednesday, December 12th, the high school youth will be serving chili with fixings for dinner from 5:15pm – 6:15pm. A free-will offering will be collected. Proceeds go for the youth to attend the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Kindergarten



The kindergarten and second grade walked to the fire station in the rain. (Jumping over puddles was almost as much fun as looking at firefighting equipment.) We learned important ways we can remain safe.

Letter recognition and number sense are being developed through play as well as with pencil and paper. Social graces are practiced as we greet one another each morning, shaking hands, looking in each

other's eyes, and asking questions.

Attending chapel with our buddies in 8th and 4th grade is one of the highlights of the week. We have learned many songs of praise and are making friends with others. In kindergarten the children begin to recite the ten commandments and gain some understanding of their meaning. One little girl

explained to me why we should not covet. "God gives us so much! We should be thankful for what He gives us! When we covet, we are saying He didn't give us enough."

Children can teach us so much!



The children decorated over 100 bags for the Lord's Cupboard this Thanksgiving!

We are working on Christmas bags now. This is a wonderful way for the children to give to others, but it also helps them develop the muscles they need for writing!

Kindergarten is a year of growth and change. Children learn to take care of themselves more independently. As the weather gets colder, new skills are needed -- zipping, tying, and pulling on boots and mittens!

The children also learn to take care of their surroundings. Keeping our school neat and tidy is important to all of us, even if we didn't make the mess!

Mission Statement: *Helping God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY December 10	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY December 11	Dorothy Peterson Visitation Dorothy Peterson Funeral Constitution and Bylaws Meeting LWML Christmas Party Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	Church Church Room 209 Fellowship Hall Room 201 Room 219 Church	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY December 12	Advent Hymn Sing Advent Worship Parish Choir Advent Meal Advent Hymn Sing Advent Worship Adult Choir	Church Church Balcony Fellowship Hall Church Church Balcony	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:20 pm 5:15 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY December 13	ECC Children's Christmas Program Praise Team Practice	Church Church	6:15 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY December 15	Women of Joy Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY December 16	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Reformation Tap Society Youth Deliver Christmas Food Bags	Church Lobby Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Brewfinity Meet in Lobby	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 11:45 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall
262-567-5001

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Journeyman

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Zeph. 3:4-20	Phil. 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28
Acolytes	Brigitte Schlomer	Mason Paar	Braden Ratzow
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Dorothy Duchow	Brenda Jacobosky
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Gary Pribnow (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Gary Flanagan	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

December 16, 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: John Kelling

Theme: *The Coming of Jesus Enables
Us to Rejoice*

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Divine Service 2, pg. 167

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READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Malachi 3:1–7b

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.”

Philippians 1:2–11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-14

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”