

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

Weekly Announcements

December 1, 2024



St. Paul's

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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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Holy Baptisms

During the 8am Worship Service, we welcome **Emery** into St. Paul's church family. She is the daughter of Brent & Brooke (Thompson) **Leiterman**. Her sponsors are Summer Thompson, Amy Johnson and Brennan Johnson. Also, during the 10:30am Worship Service, we welcome **Alanna** into St. Paul's church family. She is the daughter of Stephan & Megan **Gieschen**. Her sponsors are Andrew & Lauren Fratzke. We will keep Emery and Alanna in our prayers

Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.

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Midweek Advent Worship Services

Advent is a time of preparing for Christ's coming. It seems like a simple sentence, but we aren't just talking about getting ready for Christmas. As the Church, we are also preparing for Christ's coming at the end of all things.

As we prepare for THAT day this Advent Season we will consider three questions and the key doctrines that accompany them. First, on December 4th, we ask what makes us the Church "*While We're Waiting*"? Then on December 11th, how does He continue to prepare the Church for his return in "*Proclaiming His Promises*"? Finally, on December 18th, how do we (the Church) reflect who we are, and what we've already been given in the "*Wonder of Worship: Receiving Restoration and Giving Grace*"?

In these three questions we get a clearer picture of The Church, The Office of Holy Ministry, and the mission given to them. Come join us this Advent Season as together we anticipate the Coming of Christ and rejoice in Christ who continues coming to us now.

St. Paul's Youth Group

December Events

- 1 HS (7:00-8:30pm), Room 219Y
- 8 MS (5:30-7:00 pm) & HS (7:00-8:30 pm), Room 219Y
- 15 Deliver Christmas food bags after the 10:30am service
- 15 ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (5:30-8:30pm)
- 22/29 NO YOUTH GROUP

Race for Education "THANK YOU!"

Thank you, St. Paul's Family and Friends, for your support with the 2024 Race for Education. Your donations helped us raise \$22,107. Praise be to God! The money raised will directly benefit our students with classroom resources, enhanced school safety measures, parent and family engagement, and other school activities. We are grateful for your support.

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Ladies Aid

Ladies, don't forget the date change for our Ladies Aid Christmas party. The festivities will be on Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 4:30pm at The Rosenkrans Pub located in Shorehaven. At 5pm, we will be seated at our table in Rockwell's Restaurant for dinner and our party. If you haven't already done so, please contact either Mary Lou at 262-308-8184 or Pat B. at 262-354-4203 by Sunday, December 8th, to make your reservation and dinner selection. The evening is bound to be one of good food, fellowship and lots of fun. Don't forget to bring a wrapped white elephant gift for exchanging.

Lord's Cupboard (LC) is very thankful

The Chocolate Fundraiser that we participated in on November 14th, was a huge success as we raised \$770.55! Thank you to everyone who ordered some of their delicious subs and ice cream.

Thank you to everyone who donated food, gift cards and money for our Thanksgiving Food Bags (TFB). Thank you to all the volunteers who packed the food bags, handed out the food, delivered the food, made the to go turkey meals, picked up the food from Kwik Trip, ALDI, Feeding America, Brownberry/Bimbo, the kids that colored Thanksgiving flyers for the food bags, the parking lot guys (Journeymen). See more specifics about the LC food distribution and TFB distribution on the flyer posted on the LC cabinet just outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to pray for all of our LC guests and for our volunteers. We are blessed, thank you!

Journeymen Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-A-Long

Journeymen Denny Zastrow Christmas Sing-A-Long will take place on Saturday, December 14th, starting at 7:30am, at Maxim's at the Depot. This will be a morning of fellowship, singing, and recalling the story of the birth of our Lord. This event is open to all men of the congregation regardless of age! We will then carol to our shut-ins (*tentative*).

Lutherans for Life – Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days are coming (Jeremiah 33:14), redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28), and none who wait upon the Lord shall be put to shame (Psalm 25:3). Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust, hope, and rejoice.

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Lord's Cupboard

This holiday season, the Lord's Cupboard will be providing a Christmas meal food bag to those in need in our community. We will be requesting Christmas gifts for our pantry families' children and to Shorehaven residents who may not have something under their tree on Christmas morning. We anticipate that we will be helping more people than ever before, with the current economy.

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOOD BAGS

Please support Christmas meal food bags with a \$15 gift card to Metro Market/Pick 'n Save or ALDI. Please put your gift card or a cash/check donation in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. You can also give a monetary donation online by going to www.splco.org, click on "**Donate**" button, scroll down to Lord's Cupboard. We appreciate your consideration of the donation of those items.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Christmas Caring Trees will be located in the Narthex and in the school entryway starting November 16th. This is where you will find the ornaments with the gift requests and this is also the place to return the wrapped gifts.



Green Ornaments— Gift cards (\$25 increments) to Walmart, Target, or Amazon will help 30+ seniors at Shorehaven and the families from our pantry who are most in need. Please put your gift card in an envelope marked "**Lord's Cupboard**" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office **by December 9th**.



Red Ornaments— support the gifts asked for by families with children under the age of 18. Please put your wrapped gift under one of the **Christmas Caring Trees by December 9th**.

**Your generosity helps us serve the people in our community,
and we truly appreciate ALL your help in celebrating our Lord this holiday season.**

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The First Sunday in Advent: *When Love Comes to Town*

December 1 - 8, 2024

When Love Comes to Town

Advent is about remembering that Jesus came, that He still comes to us, and that He will come again to complete the New Creation. We begin this season remembering His triumphal entry on the way to His death. As we gather for the Supper we sing “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!” (Lk 19.38) We remember that He came because we are un-righteous. We need what only God can give: His righteousness (see Jer 33.16) We remember His love for us, and—receiving His forgiveness—we live toward His promised return, (So help us, God!) “abounding in love for one another.” (1 Thes 3.12)

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: Christ rides into the world, abounding in love for us, that we might then love one another.

Verse: John 10:27-28 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

Psalm: Psalm 25 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Second and Third Petitions

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Second Petition)</i> Thy kingdom come.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, So that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.</p>	2 nd Grade +
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Third Petition)</i> Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.</p>	3 rd Grade +

The First Sunday in Advent: *When Love Comes to Town*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Jesus Walks on Water: Matthew 14	Psalm 24, 25, 110	Luke 19:28-40
Mon.	The Transfiguration: Mark 8-9	Psalm 122, 40, 67	Ex. 5:1-6:30
Tue.	Jesus Heals a Blind Man: John 9	Psalm 33, 85, 91	Ex. 7:1-25
Wed.	The Beatitudes: Matthew 4-5	Psalm 50, 14, 16	Ex. 8:1-9:35
Thur.	The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-6	Psalm 18:1-20, 126, 62	Ex. 10:1-29
Fri.	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People: John 6	Psalm 102, 130, 16	Ex. 11:1-12:51
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-20	Psalm 90, 80, 72	Ex. 13:1-22

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

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father 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 – Kelly Edwards–knee replacement surgery (12/3); Dale Jaeger; Dorothy Duchow–shoulder surgery; Carole Schmeda–colon cancer; Ruth Polcha; Bill Anderson; John Lindemann; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Romback; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–Aurora Summit; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; George Menden–prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling–cancer; Marcus Pankow–cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Bruce Bojko; Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Tim–friend of Duke & Debbie Maynard; Rhonda–breast cancer; Hailey–13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)–Leukemia; Jeff–non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Jayne Roberts' husband–lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher–cancer; Tanner–2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast

cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer’s dad); Jim (Laura Grubba’s brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob’s daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona’s daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman’s cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Trish Lederer—vision issues; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Bob (Sheila Rams’ brother-in-law)—broken arm and pelvis; Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Katy—HG w/ pregnancy; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Joe; Sam Duggan; 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: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; the family of Dave Lederer (Trish’s husband), who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Baptisms: Alanna Sue Gieschen – December 1st
Emery Grace Leiterman – December 1st

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

Hymn of the Week: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Advent

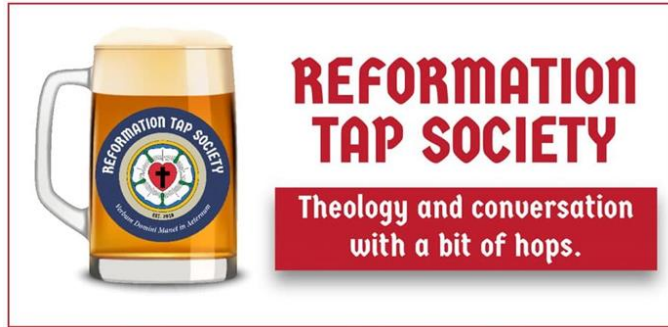
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Hymns: 511, 344 (354, 353, 346) 347

Defending and Confirming the Gospel (Pastor O’Donnell)

Christians should expect their pastors to “have a little John the Baptist in them,” for the Word the pastor brings, “like a refiner’s fire,” (See Mal 3.1-7b) should reveal injustice and call people to repentance. But the pastor, like John the Baptist, knows that “he is not worthy to untie the sandals” of the Savior. Jesus is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, who dies and rises for the sins of the world. Jesus is the final judge. (See Lk 3.1-20) Thus, in humility, pastor and people have a “partnership in the Gospel,” a ministry for themselves and for the world, to defend and confirm the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (See Phil 1.2-11)

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Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. The 2024-2025 RTS season explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme “Unshakeable Joy in Christ.” Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won’t be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards adults. Parents of young ones should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5 p.m., have a “beer talk” from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you’re welcome even if you’re not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.) For more information, visit <https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/>.

December 15

An Adult Child of God Reflects on Holidays in a Broken Home

Presenter: Nathan Meador

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

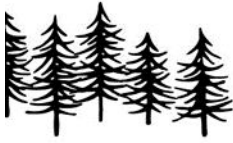
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St. Paul's ECC Silent Auction



We invite you to support the St. Paul's Early Childhood Center Silent Auction, which will be held December 11-18, 2024. Our auction runs for one week in our early childhood center and is supported by auction items from St. Paul's families, staff, and the surrounding community. We aim to make improvements to our center including ECC playground renovations and classroom flooring replacement. The total funds needed to complete these projects is \$28,000. You can help us attain our goal of raising \$7,000 for our center renovations by donating an auction item or making a financial contribution.

In past years, funds raised at this event have allowed us to make many positive changes in our center, including replacing flooring in 2 of our classrooms, replacing lockers, adding shade equipment to our playground, and repainting classrooms. Please help ensure the continued success of this fundraiser by becoming a sponsor or financial donor. In appreciation for your support, you will receive recognition on our website, social media, and printed publications.

*Please fill out the information below and return it to the church or ECC office.
For questions, email Christine Flores at christine@splco.org.*

Thank you for your support!



Silent Auction Item In-Kind Donation Financial Donation

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY December 2	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY December 3	LWML	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY December 4	Midweek Advent Worship	Church	12:15 pm
	Advent Supper	Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm
	Advent Hymn Sing	Church	6:15 pm
	Midweek Advent Worship	Church	6:30 pm
THURSDAY December 5	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	7:30 pm
	Church Choir Rehearsal	Balcony	6:30 pm
SATURDAY December 7	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	7:30 pm
	Divine Worship	Church	3:00 pm
SUNDAY December 8	AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall	8:30 pm
	Divine Worship	Church	8:00 am
	Sunday School	Meet in Gym	9:15 am
	Public School Confirmation Class	Room 219	9:15 am
	Life Application Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	9:15 am
	Divine Worship	Church	10:30 am
	Parent Partnership Workshop	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
	Middle School Youth Group	Gym/219Y	5:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Gym/219Y	7:00 pm	

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application 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

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym

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A Resurrection Sign

Bible Truth: Jesus Overcomes Death

John 11:1-44

NEXT WEEKEND

3:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Mal 3:1-7b	Ps 66:1-12	Phil 1:2-11	Lk 3:1-20
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Ingrid Kowieski Amber Butler Tina Gartzke		Karen Dentice
Elders	Dave Meyer	Pat Smith		Tom Showen
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Roxie Gerlach	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieve		Al Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky		N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke		N/A
Ushering Team	Joel Tesch	Dan Friedrich		Tom Showen

DECEMBER 8, 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Defending and Confirming the Gospel*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

December 2024



MITES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 75¢	2 Cyber Monday 15¢	3 Get your Christmas Cards ready to mail 25¢	4 St. Nicholas Day 20¢	5 International Volunteers Day 15¢	6 Bake some Brownies just for fun 15¢	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 50¢
8 Pray for your family 20¢	9 Read and memorize Psalm 37:5	10 Do you have a Poinsettia yet? 20¢	11 Thank a Salesperson today 50¢	12 Share a Knock-Knock joke with a child 25¢	13 Remind a neighbor or friend that God loves him/her 50¢	14 15¢ for each Family birthday this month
15 Play a game or make a puzzle this week 30¢	16 Children's Day Have children? 10¢ each No Children - 10¢	17 Prefer Milk Chocolate - 10¢ Prefer Dark Chocolate - 15¢	18 Have your Turkey? Yes- 20¢ No -25¢	19 Have an adopted pet? Yes - 25¢ No - 20¢	20 Cookies baked? Yes - 25¢ No - 20¢	21 Winter Solstice-shortest day of the year. 15¢
22 National Cookie Exchange Day 20¢	23 National Roots Day 20¢	24 Christmas Eve 25¢	25 Christmas Day \$30	26 Play a game of cards 30¢	27 St. John, Apostle, 25¢	28 Holy Innocent's Day 25¢
29 Commemoration of King David 25¢	30 National Bacon Day 25¢	31 New Year's Eve 25¢				

MITES MAY BE RETURNED in the Large Mite Box in Narthex. Additional Mite Boxes for personal use are also available.

*Commemoration Days are examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made manifest to the glory of His holy name and to the praise of His grace and mercy

Crossing the Bridge of Mathematics in First Grade

This year grades 5K through fifth grade have chosen to pilot a new math curriculum called Bridges to Mathematics. It is a fantastic curriculum that weaves multiple concepts and skills together in every lesson. Often, we as teachers share that we are also taking a math course this year as we read and study the lessons in the program to feel prepared to effectively teach.

Each day begins with what is called Number Corner. During this time in first grade we add a card to our calendar. Each month of the year has its own set of cards that has some type of pattern. We begin by making predictions of what we think the card for the day might look like after seeing the patterns that are evolving each day as the cards are added to the calendar. For the month of November our calendar cards have pictures of food; a cookie, then a sandwich then a pizza, and a cracker. The food then has fractions written on them and the next day an animal is on a card ready to eat that part of the food. The number of animals matches the number of fractions. We write number stories about the cards as well. One of our number stories was “Two dogs each ate one half of a sandwich”. Another story was “Four mice ate one quarter, or one fourth of a pizza”. We see the patterns but also are learning about fractions as well. We also have seen the food pattern alternating between circle shaped food and square shaped food. At lunch the first graders showed me their sandwiches and said they were going to eat half of their sandwiches. Another routine of our Number Corner is counting the days that we have been in school. We add an ‘x’ to a 100 square grid to mark the number of days. We then count the days using strategies such as counting by 10’s and 5’s to determine the total number of days. Every ten days we have a “Decade Day” to celebrate adding another set of numbers to our number line. When we celebrate a frog named TAD (Ten Adds a Decade) shows up to celebrate with us and help us count the numbers. Each month we also have something we are collecting. In November we are collecting hours on a clock. Each day the minute hand is moved forward another hour and two cards are posted showing the time on a digital clock and an analog clock.

After Number Corner we move into our Bridges Math curriculum. We begin each day with a Warm Up activity that is engaging and has the first graders involved in practicing a previously taught math skill. We then move into the Problems and Investigations portion of our lesson. A new mathematical concept is introduced and then often a game is taught to allow students to practice the mathematical concept. The games we learn during the lesson time then become what are called Math Workplaces. Each morning as the students come into the classroom there are six different math workplaces out for them to choose from. They have folders with a workplace log where they can keep track of which workplaces they have visited. The first graders are eager and excited to play the games at each workplace and are often wanting more time when I say that our time is up.

In our new curriculum first graders are learning a variety of mathematical skills and concepts in fun and engaging ways. Most importantly we are learning that math is all around us and part of our everyday lives. Below are some pictures of the first graders at their math workplaces.



ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

The First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28–40

When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

† Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. † *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor 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.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 71 **Total: 330**
8:00 am – 139
10:30 am – 120

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



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	Ryan Edwards	TBD
Altar Guild	Michelle Wilson	Pam Kroupa Wendy Tesch	Marcie Nelson
Elders	Jim Juneau	Chuck Laabs	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Char Binney	Dave & Bonnie Schlieue Jim & Judy Braatz	Anne Fait
Live Stream	N/A	Alec & Delaney Heffern	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Bob Bratz	Mike Neff

Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Altar Flowers: Jim & Anne Fait in praise to God for their 60th wedding anniversary on December 4th

Radio Broadcast: Dutch & Lynda Holland in praise to God for blessings received

ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

† **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**
† **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)**
† **Web: Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube**

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To you, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame;*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love;*

for they have been | from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

Good and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

He leads the humble in | what is right;*

and teaches the humble | his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness;*

for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning;*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

When Love Comes to Town

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The 1st Sunday in Advent
1 December, A.D. 2024
Jer 33.14-16; Ps 25.1-10; 1 Thes 3.9-13; Lk 19.28-40

Introduction

I was there when they crucified my Lord
I held the scabbard when the soldier drew his sword
I threw the dice when they pierced his side
But I've seen love conquer the great divide.
When love comes to town...

(U2, "When Loves Comes to Town." 1988)

When Love Comes to Town

What are some of the reasons that the Church begins the season of Advent with the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem? (See Jer 33.16; Jn 3.16; Lk 19.28-40)

What is our part in the crucifixion of Jesus? How the phrases from "When Loves Comes to Town" and "Were You There" (below) help us to remember this?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

"Were You There" (LSB 456)

Above all, what is Advent is about?

The love of Jesus does two eternity-altering things:

It _____ us to God (2 Cor 5.19). (What does this mean?)

It reconciles us to _____. (See 1 Thes 3.12-13. What does this mean?)

Conclusion

How does Jesus still come to us?

In Advent we also remember that Jesus will _____. In light of all this, how can "redeem the time" (Eph 5.16) before Christmas?

CCT: Christ rode into the world, abounding in love for us, that we might then love _____.

Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays: December 4, 11 and 18

12:15pm & 6:30pm (hymn sing at 6:15pm)

**A meal will precede the evening service at 5pm
(free-will offering)**

Children's Christmas Service

Tuesday: December 17

9am & 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve

3pm: Songs of Christmas

5pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight

8pm: Christmas Midnight

Christmas Day

10am: The Nativity of Our Lord

