



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

- Restrooms are located down the hallway and to the right from the back of church.
We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
Friendship Registers. They are the red colored books located at the end of each row.
If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Our Lord Jesus is coming, bearing real gifts, profoundly important gifts. He came that first Christmas to win forgiveness and give all the gifts that come with it: hope, peace, joy, love.

THEME OF THE DAY: When you look at the downward spiral of humanity, it is easy to grow cynical. The world seems to grow more dangerous each year. People are more divided than they have been in a long time.

Looking at our world or at ourselves, we could become jaded. But today, Christ Jesus wants us to set that aside and, instead, to live in hope. Our hope is not a naive wish that things will get better.



STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

- M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.
C: But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.
M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23

C: Musical notation for the hymn 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics: 'O, come, O, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!'

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the hope candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption."

C: **We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.** *Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 130:5,7*

C:

O, come, our Hope, who has de-clared "Sal - va - tion's won; do not de-spair." Help us be-lieve that once for all You bore God's wrath, re - deem - ing all. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

M: In the hope of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

C:

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

✠ The Word ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The nation of Israel lived in hope that, one day, a descendant of King David would provide perfect justice, safety, and righteousness. God fulfilled this promise when he sent Jesus, not to be the King of Israel, but to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁴ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."



PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25
Christian Worship page 74

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

We live in the certain hope of being found holy and blameless on Judgment Day. We can be certain in that hope because God promises that through his Word he will strengthen the faith in Jesus that lives in our hearts.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 12:18,21

“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. In his name the nations will put their hope.”

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

There are signs all around us that Christ could return anytime. We hope that he does, because we know that for God's children, Jesus isn't bringing judgment, but redemption.

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED



HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come
Christian Worship #2



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



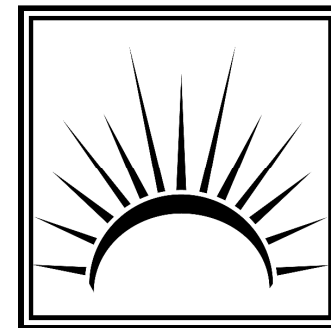
Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

Luke 21:25-36



STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all
things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in
unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: King of grace and Lord of glory, our hope is in your drawing near and our renewal
is in the promise of your coming.

C: We are surrounded by turmoil, trauma, peril. Alone we are helpless and by
ourselves we are lost.

M: At every step we tremble at those things which threaten us.

C: We panic before enemies who pursue us from every side.

M: The devil, the world, and our own humanity shatter us with their power, and we
often give in to their attacks and temptations.

C: Yet we have heard the whispered promise that you are on the way.

M: We are heartened by the distant sounds of your coming to destroy all threats to
our peace and hope and happiness.

C: Come quickly, O King of all, and where there are those among us who shrink
before the remembrance of their sins, who are terrified before the secret
knowledge they have of themselves, lift them up and give them a strong sense
of their worth as citizens of your kingdom and subjects of your realm.

P: We are your sons and daughters. Whatever our weaknesses, with you going on
before, we become a mighty army and each of us a valued soldier in it.

C: Whatever evil has directed our path in days gone by, today we march in the
service of our King.

P: Herein is hope for all, for us and ours and every Christian, that you, our King, are
coming.

C: Come, then, Lord Jesus, King and Savior. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

M: We pray in your name, Lord, and as you taught:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Spoken)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(Spoken)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(Spoken)* **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy
Christian Worship page 22

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Lamb of God
Christian Worship page 23

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes
Christian Worship #9

1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for
pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to
your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your
light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
grace to share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

STAND

- M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C:** (Spoken) His mercy endures forever.
- M:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup.
- C:** (Spoken) we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** (Spoken) Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give † you peace.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

HYMN

Hosanna to the Coming Lord Christian Worship #21



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist
Preacher
Organist

Seminarian Caleb Schaeve
Pastor Brian Adams
Mrs. Miriam Schaeve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING THIS WEEKEND: We thank Seminarian Caleb Schaeve for doing the liturgy this weekend and assisting in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. He is a second-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. We wish him the Lord's continued blessings in his Seminary training.

THANK YOU: "Dear Pastor Adams, Pastor Hoff, and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Thank you all very much for the wonderful opportunity which you kindly accorded me last weekend (November 18/16) of leading you through the Word and song in worship of our loving Savior God. It was indeed an honor for me to be with you again and to serve our Lord in your midst.

Thank you also for you most generous gifts of support which, in your Christian love, you have so kindly shared with my family and me. We are grateful to the Lord for the ministry which He has given us through which to serve Him, and we truly appreciate your support to us in work. We were overwhelmed by your generosity (\$1054)! Thank you most sincerely!

God has richly blessed your congregation with a beautiful "house of the Lord" in which you have opportunity to gather and worship Him, and where you and your children are privileged to study and learn ever more clearly the truths of God's saving Word. In addition, you have been blessed with a fabulous organ to lead you in our songs and melodies of praise and thanksgiving to Him who loves us and sent His Son to save us. Thank you very much for the privilege which you gave me to play this beautiful instrument in glory to God.

May our loving God, in His grace, continue to bless each one of you; and may He cause abundant fruit to blossom and grow as you day by day take your stand on God's Holy Word and share its precious Gospel message with all whom you can, both as a congregation and also individually as ambassadors for Christ our Lord.

Sincerely in our Savior, Charles Bonow."

VOTERS MEETING RESULT: Last week Sunday, the Voter's Assembly of St. Paul's authorized the congregation to issue a call from the field to replace our 1st grade teacher. Mrs. Schaeve's husband will be serving as a vicar (intern) next year in another congregation somewhere in our WELS. The requested duties for this call are now being reviewed and a date for a Call Meeting will be recommended in the near future.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING: We are once again planning to do our "Neighborhood Caroling" on Sunday, December 16. This is a great opportunity to invite our neighbors around the church to our worship services at Christmas. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will meet in the school at 6:00 pm. We will then walk to one of the neighborhoods in the area. Everyone is invited to come to the parsonage and have some of Pastor Adams' chili. If you are able, you are invited to bring some Christmas cookies to share that night as well at the parsonage.

ADVENT SUNDAY SERIES: If you give someone a gift only if they meet certain qualifications, that is not a gift. There is one who is coming at Christmas, bearing real gifts, profoundly important gifts. Jesus came that first Christmas to win forgiveness and give all the gifts that come with it: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.** He is coming again at the end of this world to give you the gift of resurrection to eternal life. In the season of Advent, we connect Christ's first coming with his second coming. We rejoice in the unconditional gifts he gives. Let us prepare our hearts, and the hearts of others, to meet him. Please join us during the Sundays of Advent this year as we focus on these themes:

Advent 1 – December 2-3: **"The Gift of Hope"**

Advent 2 – December 9-10: **"The Gift of Peace"**

Advent 3 – December 16-17: **"The Gift of Love"**

Advent 4 – December 23: **"The Gift of Love."**

ADVENT FAMILY DEVOTIONS: This Advent & Christmas season, our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), has put together a book of daily devotions that correspond to each of our weekend worship service readings, providing families with a daily opportunity to gather together around God's word. Please take a copy home with you!

LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be held this Saturday, December 8th & Sunday, December 9th. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm each night. Following each performance there will be refreshments and crafts. St. Paul's families are encouraged to invite family and friends! There are flyers located in the back of church or on the school lobby bookshelf that you can feel free to take and use for inviting others. Please consider helping volunteer for this important event where we have an opportunity to share the best news this world has ever received with our community. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church and school office.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 12th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir and Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30 pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up on the sheets in the back of church if you'd like to attend the meal. **If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex as well.** (If you are donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

MARY & MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00a.m. on Saturday, December 8th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 8th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 9th and 10th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: The Refreshment Committee is in need of 1 or 2 people to clean up after the second service. Please consider offering your talents for one Sunday per month for 15-20 minutes. The more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed. Duties include: emptying and washing out the coffee makers, cleaning the serving trays and table, putting away the coffee condiments and taking out the garbage. If you are willing to lend a helping hand or you have additional questions, please contact Tony Tripoli 414-232-5817.

THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS": The "Thrivent Choice" program is an easy way for eligible Thrivent members to recommend how Thrivent Financial should distribute a portion of its charitable funds to organizations that have been approved by Thrivent. St. Paul's has been an approved non-profit of Thrivent for nearly ten years. This is a program that is only open to people who are members of Thrivent and have Thrivent products. If you wish to donate Choice Dollars to our Budget, you may do so. St. Paul's only receives a total amount that is directed toward St. Paul's each quarter. It doesn't receive a dollar amount as to what each individual has directed. Up to this point, those dollars have simply been

going into the Escrow Account here at St. Paul's. In order for those dollars to be directed toward our Budget, individual members would need to contact St. Paul's to let us know the amount you wish to direct toward St. Paul's ministry budget.

MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY: We will be conducting a collection of items needed for new mothers and newborn babies on behalf of **Lutherans for Life**— a ministry that unites us in *"...protecting a child's right to live and be loved."*

Items Needed for the Lutherans for Life Christmas Party:

- Pretty Ornaments / Holiday Decorations (new or lightly used - not large)
- Coffee / Flavored Water

Items Needed for New Mothers:

(who attend the Lutherans for Life 'Loving Parents' parenting classes)

- Body Soaps / Lotions (women's or men's)
- Bath Scrubbies
- Lip Balm
- Hairbrushes / Combs
- Soft Slippers / Socks (all sizes)
- Gloves / Mittens (all sizes)
- Scarves / Neck Warmers
- \$10 gift cards (e.g. Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Pick 'n' Save, etc.)
- Any other 'comfort' item you might give to a friend

The above lists of items will be collected now through December 9-10, 2018

Items Needed for Newborns:

- Bottles (like the old-fashioned kind)
- Baby Bath Soap / Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers
- Socks
- Mittens
- Onesies (up to 12-18 months)



- Sleepers
- Stuffed Animals
- Hand-made (crocheted or knit) blankets

This last list of items will be collected now through January 13-14, 2019

A bin is set up in the church narthex to collect these items. (Mary and Martha members will sort through and distribute these items.) We appreciate ANY help you can give in helping us bring the Good News of LIFE – to new mothers and their newborn babies – with the Good News of JESUS. As Jesus says, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."* Matthew 25:40 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT: The second quarter mission project for our school is Feeding America: Eastern Wisconsin. This is the leading hunger-relief organization in the state, operating food banks in Milwaukee and the Fox Valley. They also develop innovative solutions to improve the health of our communities. With the Lord's blessing we will help to provide for the physical needs of many who are in need of help. We have set 2 goals for St. Paul's: raise \$500 in funds and collect 1,000 lbs. of nonperishable food items. **Our food drive will begin tomorrow and will run through Friday, December 21st.** Look for the collection boxes in the narthex and school lobby. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for suggested donations.

The congregation of St. Paul's is welcomed to participate in meeting our 2 goals. If any members would like to give financially towards this, there are designated envelopes on the counter in the narthex. Please place them in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for any support you can give! If there are any questions please contact Heather Schmidt (hschmidt@stpaulsfranklin.org or 262-391-1056).

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: On Sunday, September 9th, we began our Sunday morning adult Bible class for this year. The title of the study is: *"I Can't Believe That's in the Bible."* Below is the list of topics that we will discuss.

- 1) Girl Dismembered Body Parts Shipped Throughout the Country (Judges 19)
- 2) Prophet Marries Prostitute (Hosea)
- 3) Church Benefactors Struck Down After Presenting Gift (Acts 4 & 5)

- 4) Assassin Kills Obese King In His Own Bathroom (Judges 2 & 3)
- 5) Long Winded Preacher Kills Sleepy Parishioner (Acts 20)
- 6) Man After God's own Heart Calls For Revenge On Terrorists (Psalm 109)
- 7) Talking Donkey Rescues Prophet (Numbers 22)
- 8) Police Boat Crashes, Arrested Preacher Among Survivors (Acts 27)
- 9) Biological Warfare Unleashed on World Power (Exodus 7-9)
- 10) Prophet Disappears Not All Believe Successor's Story (2 Kings 2)
- 11) A Father's Plan To Get Rid Of His Future Son-in-Law Backfires (1 Samuel 18)
- 12) God Gets In Wrestling Match (And Taps Out) (Genesis 32)
- 13) Religious Ceremony Used To Wipe Out A City (Genesis 34)
- 14) Think You Have A Sordid Family Tree, Think Again (Genesis 38)

Please come and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

CHRISTMAS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY: The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 and 7:00 PM in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located at 11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wls.wels.net.

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Enjoy early Christmas merriment at the annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (December 2 & 3)

- 8:00 AM – Dave & Marlene Horn
- 10:30 AM – Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (December 9 & 10)

- 8:00 AM – Jacque & Doreen Vallier
- 10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

- Nov 28-Dec 4 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
- Dec 5-11 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Dec 2: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Herson
- Dec 9: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
- NO Public School Confirmation Class
- Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Monday, December 3

- Lutheran Girl Pioneers 6:00 PM
- Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 4

Board of Lutheran Schools..... 6:30 PM
Board of Spiritual Growth..... 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 5

Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM
Men’s Basketball..... 7:30 PM

Friday, December 7

School Devotion8:30 AM

Saturday, December 8

Mary & Martha Cookie Pack.....9:00 AM
Living Nativity.....6:00-7:30 PM

Sunday, December 9

Mary & Martha Cookie Sale..... Before & After Services
Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Public School Confirmation Class.....9:15 AM
Worship Service10:30 AM
Church Decorating11:30 AM
Living Nativity.....6:00-7:30 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 103, Communed – 93

10:30 AM – 122, Communed – 79

6:30 PM – 45, Communed – 36

Total Attendance – 270

Total Communed – 208

Thanksgiving Eve Service – 135 / Thanksgiving Day Service – 43