

2nd Weekend of Advent December 4 & 5, 2016

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall 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! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
JESUS IS NEAR – REPENT!

Worship Participants

- Liturgist.....Pastor Brian Adams
- Preacher..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
- OrganistMrs. Marie Becker
- Grade 3-5 Teachers..... Miss Heather Schmidt & Mr. Randy Willms

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway”

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
 2 God’s peo - ple, see him com - ing; Your
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It

King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
 own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
 greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
 comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and

val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
 God’s prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
 All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness

sa - cred sto - ry:
 doubt as - sail you!
 now a - dore him! Ho - san - na to the
 so a - bound - ing:

Lord, For he ful - fills God’s Word!

Please stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

GRADES 3-5 ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY) “The Moon with Borrowed Light”

*The moon with borrowed light gives witness to the sun,
 Discreetly fading with the night when morning has begun.
 John’s borrowed light was drawn from heaven’s vibrant rays,
 His life a witness to the dawn of Christ’s approaching blaze.*

*The clouds of sin yet mask Earth’s tangled, stubbly ground,
 And, oh, how many hearts still ask where God’s clear path is found.
 For borrowed light we pray, so we may be a sign
 That points to Christ, the truth, the way, the life, the light divine.*

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
⁶The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
⁷The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will
be glorious.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 14

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Refrain



Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone



The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**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

THE SECOND LESSON.....Acts 3:19-26

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²² For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.²³ Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’

²⁴ “Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. ²⁵ And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ ²⁶ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God’s salvation. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4,6)

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

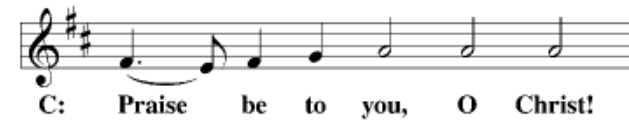
“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem

and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



Please be seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

THE SERMONMatthew 3:1-12

Straight Talk: From God, For God

Please stand

THE 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 will 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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 dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

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



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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.

Please be seated

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 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you
 3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, Who sit in
 4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your
 5 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror

you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you,
 down to me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion
 deep - est gloom, Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed
 souls dis - tress; Your guilt the Lord will par - don
 to his foes, A light of con - so - la - tions,

My Hope, my heart's De - light. O Je - sus, let your
 Pro - cured my lib - er - ty. Oh, love be - yond all
 And trem - ble at your doom. De - spair not; he is
 And cov - er by his grace. He comes, for you pro -
 And bless - ed hope to those Who love the Lord's ap -

Word be A lamp to light my way, To show me
 tell - ing That led you to em - brace In love, all
 near you, He's stand - ing at the door Who best can
 cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n, His chil - dren
 pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come, Send forth your

how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
 love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
 help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.
 thus se - cur - ing A her - i - tage in heav'n.
 beams most cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

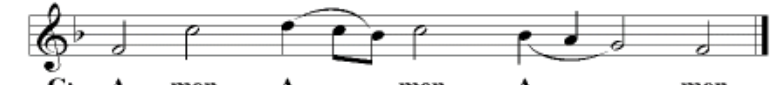
THE BLESSING

P: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

Christian Worship #321



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DECORATING: As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes at St. Paul's and their families are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place today beginning after the 2nd service at around 11:30 AM. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 15th at 11:30 AM.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 7th, we will be having our **only** Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir and Junior 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 5:30pm. 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 are desiring 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. (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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Advent 2 - December 4 & 5 - 8:00am & 10:30am; 6:30 pm Monday
Special Midweek Advent – December 7 at 6:30pm (Meal at 5:30 pm)
Advent 3 - December 11 & 12 - 8:00am & 10:30 am; 6:30 pm Monday
Advent 4 - December 18 & 19 - 8:00am & 10:30 am; 6:30 pm Monday (Song Service)
Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Service - December 24th - 4:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24th - 10:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship - December 25th - 10:00 am (Please note only 1 service)
December 26th - No Worship Service - 6:30 pm
New Year's Eve - December 31 - 6:30 pm
New Year's Day - January 1 - 10:00 am (Please note only 1 service)
January 2nd - No Worship Service - 6:30 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Anyone, adults and children, are welcome to join us as we once again go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 11th in the neighborhoods around church. It is a great opportunity to meet and share the message of Jesus' birth through song to our neighbors. It also gives us an opportunity to invite them to join us for Christmas. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM. After caroling, anyone

is invited to come to Pastor Adams' house for chili and snacks. If you would like to join us, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the back of church. You can also email the office at: Office@stpaulsfranklin.org. Please come and join us!

LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be held on December 17th & 18th. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00 pm each night. Following each performance, there will be refreshments and crafts. There are various ways that you can help;

- Sign up to help on the easel in the back of church.
- Support the Living Nativity event with a monetary gift. We are also thankful that we have received two Thrivent Action Team grants (totaling \$500) to pay for new outdoor banners and most of the cost of the yard signs. Yet, there are opportunities for anyone to help further with any gifts.
- Invite people to this event through the use of yard signs, invitation cards and personal invitations.
- Come!

For more information, please talk to one of the pastors or Caleb Manske (Chairman of the Board of Outreach) at 262-442-4286 or clmanske@hotmail.com.

LIVING NATIVITY "CHOIR": As part of the Living Nativity program, we have invited anyone to come and help us sing a couple of carols. Anyone may join us. We will sing a couple verses of "Away in the Manger," "Silent Night," and "Joy to the World." If you are able to come, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church.

MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located in the narthex at church 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 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 10th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 11th and 12th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

MARY MARTHA CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mary & Martha will be having their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13 beginning at 6:00 PM. Husbands are also invited. Bring a dish for the potluck dinner and 6 cookies to share. Everyone should bring a white elephant gift and Mary & Martha members should bring Secret Pal gifts. New This Year: Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join us. Just bring a dish to share and a white elephant gift. Contact Sherry Kosovich at 761-7664 if you plan to attend.

2017 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE: Have you seen the news lately? It's crazy out there. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world with the theme, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS." Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Pastor Mike Novotny from The Core in Appleton), the relevant, thought-provoking sessions (20 to choose from) or the worship experience with 600 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you. The 8th annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 650 men (\$40 by January 29th; \$50 from January 30th - February 5th). Please join us for a day in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

NEW BIBLE CLASS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer has been a part of the Christian Church for the past 2,000 years. Christians know it well. Many a Christian have begun their day or ended their day with the words of the Lord's Prayer. It is a part of nearly every worship service at St. Paul's. Yet, do we always focus on the wonderful things that we are asking God in each of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer? We continue our new Bible Class on The Lord's Prayer, meeting each Sunday morning at 9:15am. Please come and join us!

GREETERS: Thank you to everyone who greeted before worship services this year. Please let Cory in the office know if you no longer wish to greet, otherwise you will be placed on the schedule for the new year. If you have not greeted before, please consider signing up to greet a couple times this year. We especially need people to greet at the 10:30 a.m. and Monday evening services. If you are interested in signing up to greet, please place your completed form in the Greeter bin on the narthex counter by the end of December.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, December 10th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "God's Messengers".

IF YOU ARE THE AGE OF 70 ½ OR OLDER, PLEASE READ: The IRS has made a deduction permanent for you that may benefit you and St. Paul's. The Qualified Charitable Deduction (QTD) is connected to retirement money like Traditional IRAs. If you coordinate with a "Qualified Charity" like St. Paul's, you can have your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) paid directly to the charity. The **benefit to you** is that this distribution isn't reported as taxable income. The **benefit to St. Paul's** is the use of these funds to carry on its mission. In addition to confirming this QTD with your tax advisor, you can **coordinate this process with the treasurer** of St. Paul's **OR coordinate with the Planned Giving Committee**. The Planned Giving Committee will add this to the Gift Trust Fund (GTF). You may recall that the GTF's mission is to **provide tuition support** to students pursuing the WELS Pastor or Teacher degrees. Donn Johnson is the main contact for the GTF. You can call him at [414-427-5868](tel:414-427-5868) or email him at Donn44@wi.rr.com.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: We are still in need of a few more members for our Refreshment Committee to help out in both services. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex counter, or you may can contact Tony Tripoli at (414) 232-5817 if you would like to help!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: December 15th, January 5th & 19th, February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert, titled "How Great Our Joy!" will feature the 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 THIS WEEK (December 4 & 5)

- 8:00 AM – Bob & Carol Goelz
- 10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (December 11 & 12)

- 8:00 AM – Pete & Sherry Kosovich
- 10:30 AM – Steve & Irva Baade
- 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE (December 7)

- 6:30 PM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

ALTAR GUILD

- Nov 30-Dec 6 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade
- Dec 7-13 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Dec 4: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli
- Dec 11: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Vanessa McKee

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible 3019:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM
- Church Decorating by Confirmation Classes.....11:30 AM

Monday, December 5

- Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 6

- Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7

- Advent Dinner 5:30 PM
- Advent Worship 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 8

- Board of Education 6:30 PM

Friday, December 9

- School Devotion8:30 AM

Saturday, December 10

- Bible Class8:00 AM
- Mary Martha Cookie Pack.....9:00 AM
- Living Nativity Setup10:00 AM

Sunday, December 11

- Worship Service8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
- Worship Service10:30 AM
- Neighborhood Caroling..... 6:00 PM

Statistics – Last Week

- Thanksgiving Eve – 340, Thanksgiving Day – 37
- Total Thanksgiving Attendance – 377
- Sunday Attendance: 8:00 AM – 86, 10:30 AM – 126, 6:30 PM – 33
- Total Attendance – 245
- Bible 301 Class – 10