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*St. Paul's Lutheran  
The Church On The Hill*

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## Pastor's Message

*"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples." <Psalm 96:1-3>*

December 1st begins a new year in the Church called the season of Advent. This is a time we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. It is also a time spent looking forward to the Christmas celebration of Jesus birth.

These are two wonderful promises we have been given by God that he declared would bring great change to the world he created and you, his beloved children whom he loves. Jesus birth and life on earth changed everything. Jesus transformed a sinful and dying creation into a thriving and forgiven world filled with the true life only God could give us through his abundant grace.

As God in Christ Jesus came to dwell among us, he taught us how to live in the new creation, called the Kingdom he brought near. He taught us how to love one another, even if we were not too fond of each other. He taught us to forgive in the same way he would forgive us. And then God took away the sin of his beloved children as the Son hung on the cross.

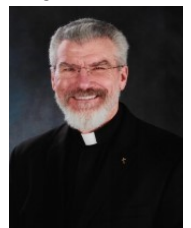
This was the first promise of salvation that has been fulfilled through Jesus birth, death and resurrection.

Now we look forward to the second promise that Jesus proclaimed: "they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven." This is the Advent, the return of Christ when all of God's beloved children will unite with loved ones in the heavenly kingdom Jesus called 'Paradise' as he hung on the cross.

On the day of Jesus birth, the lowly shepherds saw and heard "a great company of the heavenly host appear with the angel, praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.""

Now as we look to the Advent of Christ, let us join the psalmist and "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples."

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor David



**DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to you!*

- 3 Alan Schepeler
- 8 Bill Wyss
- 10 Thea Fischer
- 11 Miranda England
- 11 Madison Williams
- 12 Gage Ferrell
- 12 Natalie Kalaf
- 16 Elda Pistel
- 16 Leroy Plochberger
- 19 Adam Grunden
- 21 Albin Linsenhardt **102nd**
- 24 Mark Meller
- 25 Jana Thompson
- 28 Larry Koestner
- 30 Julie Carel
- 31 Tony Miller



**DECEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 Maxwell & Victoria Neenan 2017
- 13 Jim & Cynthia Loesch 1975
- 13 Bill & Sharon Wyss 1996
- 16 Brian & Leann Hager 1989 **30 Years**
- 26 David & Carol Driemeier 1999 **20 Years**
- 27 Tony & Connie Miller 1997
- 28 Dave & Debbie Boyce 2011
- 29 Wilfred & Jennifer Plochberger 1990
- 29 Don & Becky Weber 1973

*Happy Anniversary*

**Special Offerings for December:**

**Christmas Eve** – 50% designated to Oaks Indian Center and 50% to River City Habitat for Humanity.

**Christmas Day** envelopes designated to Heisinger Bluffs Benevolence Fund.

**“Christ in Our Home”** devotional books for Jan., Feb., and March are in the Narthex document rack.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Date	Attendance	Offering
November 03	98	\$2,429.50
November 10	108	\$2,113.37
November 17	86	\$1,772.97
November 24	103	\$2,238.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>\$8,554.81</b>

**In addition to the financial totals:**

Sunday school received \$13.54

Mission envelope for Lutheran World Relief received \$235.00

Reformation envelope for Samaritan Center received \$355.00

Olivia Linhardt Memorial Gifts:

St. Paul's Church \$1,280.00

St. Paul's Cemetery \$1,670.00

St. Paul's WELCA \$ 250.00

**Continued prayers for healing.** Gert Strobel, Joan Stubinger, Adyson Wykes, Vanessa Pyatt, Amy Buechler, Donna Viles, Virginia Linhardt, Chris Russell, and Julie Carel.



Congratulations to Vanessa and Keith Whitworth, married in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 17, 2019

## Ask the Pastor

**Question:** On All Saints Sunday, the tradition has been for deaths of members to be remembered with a rose placed on the altar by a family member. Is that changing?

**Answer:** *It is changing in the sense that we are adding to the tradition and making it new.*

This is a change I requested. I believe when God called me to be a Pastor to minister to people in need, the people God sent me to care for are not restricted by a set of man-made rules or laws. When God called me to be a Pastor at St. Paul's on the Hill, I was not called to only care for those people in need who are designated as members of St. Paul's but also to care for all people who enter our church doors and the community around our wonderful congregation.

In past years we have restricted our memorial service on All Saints Sunday of placing a rose on the altar in remembrance of congregation members who have died during the past year. It is a wonderful tradition that I appreciate and I know is appreciated by the family and friends of those who have died. But I see members of our congregation who have been unable to memorialize the loss of loved family because they were not 'registered' members of St. Paul's. This hurts my heart and grieves my soul.

Some of our members have spouses and children who are not 'registered' members of our congregation. I cannot imagine a member of our church not placing a rose on the altar in remembrance of a husband, wife or child because they are not on our membership roll. I also find it sad that parents of our members are not honored in the same way.

Therefore, on November 11, 2019 during the Church Council meeting, a continuing resolution was approved to include member's spouses, children and parents to be memorialized with the placing of a flower on the altar during All Saint's Sunday. The continuing resolution adopted by the Church Council reads:

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Be it resolved that the Church Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lohman, approved including non-members of the immediate family members of the church to include parents, spouses and children to be recognized on All Saints Sunday. Those non-members will be honored in the same way as members who have passed which may include placing a flower on the altar and/or by any means determined by the presiding Pastor.

Blessings to you, your families and all of God's beloved children.

Pastor David

**Ice Skating in the USA- Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the GoFundMe campaign for Wyatt and his partner, Mylee Hawkins as they went to USFS Pairs Nationals in Allen, TX. All of us appreciate your generous support. Though they finished off the podium, they skated well, learned a lot, worked together as a team, and qualified for the USFS High Performance Development Camp in January. Gina & Rich Prosch



**Congregational Council Meeting, November 11, 2019**  
Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Church Council Secretary

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:35pm, on Monday, November 11, 2019 by Council president Zola Finch. Present were council members Laurie Koestner, Delores Vlach, Kathy Meller, Dan Tschirgi and Becky Weber. Absent were Paula Linsenbardt and Mitch Plochberger. Also present were Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles, followed by a devotion from: John 10:11-15, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Pastor David shared that he is our shepherd and would lay down his life for each of us members here at St. Paul's. Pastor shared that Jesus includes everyone, and he to, as our pastor, cares for each one of us. He added that he also cares for people who are not our church members, those who do not belong to our sheep pen. Pastor calls for each one of us, as church council and congregation members, to care for all people, both inside and outside of our sheep pen.

President Finch called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2019 Council Meeting. Two changes to the October 2019 minutes were offered by Delores Vlach and accepted by the council members. These changes will be made to the October 2019 minutes and a copy of these changes will be posted in the church Narthex. The motion to approve the revised October 2019 minutes was offered by Dan Tschirgi, seconded by Kathy Meller, and passed via voice vote.

The President called upon Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe, to present a review of the past month's expenses and incomes. A two-page review was presented and accepted. A motion to approve the past month's expenses was made by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Kathy Meller, and passed via voice vote.

President Finch then asked Pastor Viles for the October 2019 mileage and activity report. Pastor's October mileage totaled 156 miles. A motion to approve the mileage was made by Kathy Meller, seconded by Dan Tschirgi, and passed via voice vote. The amount is \$90.28.

Pastor reported attendance at several meetings, to include Lions Club, Food Bank at Trinity in Russellville, Church Council, Weekly Adult Forums, Weekly Confirmation Classes, Weekly Bible Study Classes, Ministerial Alliance, Junior Lutherans at Wasserlauf, STARS presentation, St. Paul's Fall workday, Bishops Convocation at the Lake, and three days of working with Lifetouch to take photos. He also spent several hours of photo-shopping the twenty-two submitted photos, and uploading these photos to Lifetouch. He created the October Epistle, emailed it and it was also sent via postal mail. He set up the basement for Trick or Treat and attended in place of Trunk or Treat. Pastor conducted one wedding rehearsal, and performed one wedding. Pastor performed two communion and two non-communion services, and one funeral. He made four hospital visits, one nursing home visit and one family visit.

**President Finch then called for the Standing Committee Reports which are included below.**

President Finch then called for discussion of Old Business.

Old Business: President Finch the new co-chairs for the Safety and Security Advisory Council will be setting up a standing meeting time shortly.

Pastor David reports Lifetouch loved our congregation, and we had a decent turnout for our directory. We are thankful to Pastor David for the many hours he worked on photo shopping and submitting photos to Lifetouch for people who were unable to come to church for their pictures. We also appreciate the hours Laurie attended as the hostess to get people registered and Jana Thompson filling in during Laurie's absence part of one day.

New Business: President Finch reports she received a letter from Cole R1 High School regarding contributions for Project Graduation. After some discussion, council decided we will ask for contributions via a free will offering in the Narthex following church services after the first of the year.

Regarding All Saints Sunday recognition of deaths during the year, Pastor David proposed that we include non-members who are the immediate family members of church members to include; parents, spouses and children, to be in recognition of All Saints Sunday. These non-members will be honored in the same way as member deaths with a flower placed on the.

After discussion President Finch called for a Continuing Resolution to include aforementioned immediate family non-members of church members to be included in recognition of All Saints Sunday. A motion was offered by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Kathy Meller and passed via voice vote. The Annual Meeting will be January 26, 2020. A reminder was made that reports are due by December 15, 2019 for the Annual Report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Koestner, and seconded by Dan Tschirgi. Council was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.

#### **Evangelism:** Delores Vlach

Delores reports the Evangelism Committee wishes to thank Shawn and Jessica Stoermer, Gary and Audrey Bunch, and Richard and Rosemary Heidbreder for serving the delicious brunch for Fellowship Hour on November 3, 2019. She reports God's Work, Our Hands event was held October 26, 2019. The workers met to help improve the appearance of some of the Lohman side streets. The few, but hard working, energetic people were able to completely fill Frank Pascoe's truck bed with brush, tree sprouts, and vines before rain called a halt to our efforts. Thanks to all who helped.

Laurie Koestner reports Living Windows is on track for December 6, 2019, from 6 to 9pm on High Street near Central Trust Bank in downtown Jefferson City, MO.

#### **Technology:** Dan Tschirgi

Dan reports the speakers in the fellowship hall will hopefully be in place and working by the December Advent Dinner. There was some discussion regarding the microphone and speaker at the podium near the altar. People are asked to remember to please speak into the microphone. President Finch offered that we still need someone to be a backup person for the Epistle in the event Pastor David is unable to do it, Dan Tschirgi offered to do this.

#### **Worship & Music:** Kathy Meller

Kathy reports All Saints Sunday went well. As a committee they decided to keep track of those who have passed away in our congregation, including members as well as members' spouse, parents, and children. These people will be recognized on All Saints Sunday. Zola Finch will play the organ throughout November. The choir will rehearse on Sunday evenings to prepare for the Advent / Christmas season. The WELCA Thank Offering Service will be November 17. WELCA members will lead the service with a women's choir presenting a special anthem; Pastor will be gone. The altar will be decorated November 23 for the Thanksgiving service. Christ the King Sunday ends the church

year on November 24, and the Sunday School children will sing at this service. The Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm. Advent Services begin December 1, and Setting 3 will be used and continue until Lent. The Advent Dinner will be December 8 at 5:30pm. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex and those attending will be asked to bring vegetables, salads, and/or desserts. The program will be: Advent-A Season of Blessings. The Children's Christmas Program will be during the 9:00am service on December 22. Following services, bags of treats will be distributed to the children, and Laurie Koestner offers that Sunday School will sponsor a Fellowship time with treats to celebrate a Jesus's Birthday Party. Regarding publicity for our Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas Services, Kathy said she will submit a notice to the California Democrat and Erika Gerth will submit it to Jefferson City News and Tribune.

**Parish Education:** Laurie Koestner

Laurie reports plans are being made to order next season's Sunday School material. She said Pastor David shares the gospels with her and one is picked for the students that coincides with that Sunday's gospel reading so as to assist them with a better understanding of the gospel. Laurie said their goal is to increase family participation in Sunday School, with possible plans to have a Family night sometime early next year. Laurie may ask parents to come and share their personal experiences as they pertain to a specific gospel reading.

**Church Improvement:** Mitchell Plochberger

Absent. President Finch has contacted two building contractors concerning our remodel project and neither has gotten back with her. She asks for any suggestions on possible contractors; Becky Weber offered the name of Jude Markway. President Finch will contact him.

**Stewardship:** (Paula Linsenbardt) Absent, No Report.

**Mutual Ministry:** Vacant (Pastor David Viles)

Pastor reports there are plans to update the Church Handbook. Pastor spoke with Paula Linsenbardt concerning staff evaluations for budgetary concerns.

**S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints]:** The STARS GROUP meet on Wednesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m. A large array of casseroles was the main course of the lunch with a wide variety of salads, vegetables and desserts. Thanks to all who brought the food.

Attendees were treated to a viewing of old time SILENT movies which had been taken by John Schepeler and now were transferred to DVD. We enjoyed the 125th Anniversary of St. Paul's church celebration including a parade, the work day in the church basement chipping out rock in the north corner and hauling it out. Several past 'Family Day' activities, the 1976 Bicentennial Parade beginning on the church hill and proceeding through Lohman. There were lots of reminiscing recalling "older times". Thanks so much to Pastor David for setting up and showing the movie.

The collection of \$106.00 taken at the lunch was donated to the Children's project of 'Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes' going toward the shipping costs. The group received a nice Thank You card signed by all the Sunday school children. There is no December STARS planned.

**Fruendschaft Gruppe:** Jeannette Fischer, Chair

We will enjoy The Hanging Of The Greens on Wednesday evening, December 4th, beginning with dinner at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeannette at 782-4594 by 9 PM Sunday evening.

On Friday, December 20, we will bring in the Christmas Tree and decorate it starting at 1 PM. We welcome anyone interested in these activities to join us. Thanks.

**Jr. Lutherans:** Donita Stubinger

Jr. Lutherans met October 27, 2019 at Wasserlauf at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy a beautiful evening with perfect weather for riding horses and carving pumpkins. Over 100 people were in attendance, probably one of the biggest crowds we have had. We send a special Thank You to Alfred Heinrich for bringing us a big load of pumpkins and adding to our 25 pumpkins so everyone had more than enough pumpkins to carve and paint. Pastor received a carved pumpkin with a cross on it. William Gardner picked out the biggest pumpkin to carve, ask him how much it weighed, it was huge.



It was a fantastic evening to enjoy Lauren Stubinger showing her horse 'Dreamer' and her jumping skills. We all appreciated her time and special talent as we gathered to watch her ride.



We also send out a big thank you to Craig and Angie Stubinger and Mark and Misty Schroeder for hauling their horses over for everyone to ride. The best rider we had was Lindsey Plochberger being quite honest and repeating with every step the horse took how scared she was but she did a great job for her first horse ride. She finally quit saying SCARED and wanted to ride more.



The hotdogs were grilled over an open fire which Angie brought over a grate to use on it. So thanks to the guys who did the grilling, Mark and Glen. Hotdogs, chili, muffins, rice krispies, cookies, brownies and caramel apples were enjoyed by all. As the evening came to a close S'mores were roasted over the open fire.

On November 17 the Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation class will meet after Sunday school to paint a snowman for our craft. The menu will be soups and snacks and should be completed by 12:30. Families are invited for lunch and crafts. Calls will again be made to see how much food is needed.

We will not meet during the month of December due to Christmas practice.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Audrey Bunch

The November 12th Mobile Food Pantry went good with it being cool and a little wind to serve 92 families with 287 people in those families. The truck was loaded with lots of good food to share. Some of the items are produce: corn on the cob, lettuce, oranges and sweet potatoes. Other items frozen meat, egg rolls, cereal, cup of soup, chick a boom popcorn, rice and milk. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, from St. Paul's were Rosemary Heidbreder, Becky Weber, Debbie Raithel, Emily Raithel, Lauren Stubinger, Lexie Plochberger and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be December 10th at 1:15 P.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help in the cold.

**WELCA:** Amber Gardner

St. Paul's Cookie Sale and the Ham and Bean Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 1st from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Lohman Community Building.

**Paul the Mouse:**

It's time for Paul the Mouse to report on the past month. The Mouse family is thrilled to know Gert Strobel is finally back home. We have joined our prayers with those of St. Paul's congregation and are thankful for our prayers being answered. We look forward to seeing Gert attend worship services soon.



We missed Pastor and Donna while they were away on vacation but the WELCA Thankoffering service was terrific. All of the women made the worship service a wonderful and meaningful experience. We watched from under the pulpit as Amber Gardner gave an amazing Children's sermon and those kids are smart. They knew what to drink when they are thirsty. We are looking forward to all the

Advent activities and Christmas goodies you might share with us..."Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

**Margaret Circle:** Erika Gerth

Margaret Circle will meet at the home of Erika Gerth on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Amber Gardner will lead us in the study of a Christmas carol, a tradition at our December meetings. A light dinner will be served. Those attending are asked to bring a few cookies to share with the group. All are welcome! Please RSVP by phone (573-635-6681) or email ([erikagerth@embarqmail.com](mailto:erikagerth@embarqmail.com)).



**Poinsettias for the Sanctuary**

We will be using Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season again this year.

The cost is \$8.75 each if you would like to purchase one as a remembrance or to honor someone in your family. Please give your order to Kathryn Linsenhardt by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also include information if you want to remember or honor a loved one. Call 573-782-4683

**Friday Family Fun Movie Night:** The movie for November was Breakthrough, a true story of Missouri teenager John Smith. In 2015, John was submerged underwater for 15 minutes following a lake accident. Rescuers bring John back to the surface and rush him to the nearest hospital. While doctors fear the worst, the 14-year-old boy continues to fight for his life as Joyce, her husband, and their pastor stay by his bedside and pray for a miracle. John made a full recovery.

Friday Family Fun Movie Nights are scheduled for the first Friday of every month. Set up starts at 6:30 with snack and fellowship and the movie starts at 7. Our movie for December 6<sup>th</sup> is Flywheel, a true story of a car salesman that turns his life around as he trusts in God.



## ST. PAUL'S TRAVEL – Marie Schepelerle

St. Paul's Lutheran Travel group had quite an adventure on our recent trip to Branson on November 20 & 21, 2019. The trip seemed to be going just fine with beautiful weather, great conversations among friends traveling down Highway 65.

Several miles north of Branson with just about 10 minutes from reaching Godfather's Pizza for our noon lunch, our Motorcoach actually died! Yes - DIED!! Our awesome bus driver, Mike Driskell, slowly coasted



the bus onto the shoulder of the highway.

After a number of tries to revive the smooth sound of a running engine with no positive results, Driver Mike made phone calls for HELP. A bus was ordered to transfer our group from our crippled bus to Godfather's. Actually the manager of Godfather's had driven to check on us as he offered to bring pizza to the bus for its hungry passengers. Bless him! Then the rescue bus took us to enjoy the pizza lunch after which yet another bus came to take us to check in at our motel and on to the Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner and Show which was enjoyed by all.

After the show, we arrived back at the motel and was glad our luggage had been safely rescued from our crippled bus. We then were able to have a good night's rest.



By Thursday morning, an Arrow Coach replacement had arrived from Kansas City and was ready to take us on our final leg of the trip by seeing the Doug Gabriel and the Dutton's Family Christmas Shows.

We had 51 passengers on our bus with 20 being St. Paul's members. We thank all our members who helped with the trip. We certainly thank ALL the passengers for their patience and endurance of this sometimes stressful trip. Everyone seemed to be content having extra time to visit with everyone while waiting for buses to arrive and assuring us tour guides that all will eventually be OK and it was. God is good.

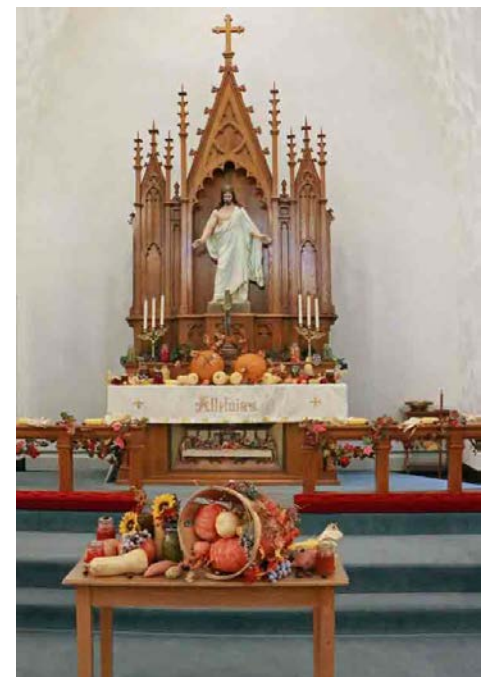
Thanks again to Ashley Meyer for designing the bulletins for us. Thanks to Pastor David for sending a message and prayer with us

as we departed from church. McDonald's gift certificates were given away and Larry Loesch won the grand prize of a gift certificate from "Steve's". Plans are to see the production of NOAH at the Sights and Sounds Theatre on the 2020 Branson Trip on November 18 and 19.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** – was moved to the basement inside this past Halloween night because of the extreme cold. Most spooky visitors and their families seemed to linger because of the warmth inside. It was a special time for fellowship and having a wonderful time. Special thanks to all who participated.



**These ladies do an amazing job decorating the sanctuary for the Thanksgiving season. We are so thankful for your work and dedication.**





**Sunday School Children** – During the worship service on November 24<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday school children sang for the congregation. The hymn was “Peace Like a River” and they did an amazing job. Amber Gardner led them through cute hand motions while they sang and Alan Scheperle played the music over the sound system. The congregation enjoyed this wonderful treat and hope we can see more of them in the coming year.

Pictured left to right: Oliver Stoermer, Kiefer Freiner, Kara Freiner, Lucas Plochberger, Emma Gardner, Dylan Gardner and Jackson Scheperle.

Photo by: Jason Plochberger

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes** – Our Sunday school children participated in this program that provides a Christian message along with small gifts to children in over 100 countries around the world. This is also an awesome way to teach our children the joy of giving and helping others in need



St. Paul's 2019 Schedule Read Through the Bible		
Date	Day	Daily Reading
Dec-1	Sunday	John 3 & 4
Dec-2	Monday	John 5 & 6
Dec-3	Tuesday	John 7 & 8
Dec-4	Wednesday	John 9 & 10
Dec-5	Thursday	John 11&12
Dec-6	Friday	John 13 -15
Dec-7	Saturday	John 16-18
Dec-8	Sunday	John 19-21
Dec-9	Monday	Acts 1 & 2
Dec-10	Tuesday	Acts 3 & 4
Dec-11	Wednesday	Acts 5 & 6
Dec-12	Thursday	Acts 7 -9
Dec-13	Friday	Acts 10-12
Dec-14	Saturday	Acts 13 & 14
Dec-15	Sunday	Acts 15-17
Dec-16	Monday	Acts 18-20
Dec-17	Tuesday	Acts 21-23
Dec-18	Wednesday	Acts 24-26
Dec-19	Thursday	Acts 27 & 28
Dec-20	Friday	Romans 1 & 2
Dec-21	Saturday	Romans 3 & 4
Dec-22	Sunday	Romans 5 & 6
Dec-23	Monday	Romans 7 & 8
Dec-24	Tuesday	Romans 9-11
Dec-25	Wednesday	Romans 12 & 13
Dec-26	Thursday	Romans 14-16
Dec-27	Friday	I Corinthians 1-3
Dec-28	Saturday	I Corinthians 4-6
Dec-29	Sunday	1 Corinthians 7 & 8
Dec-30	Monday	I Corinthians 9-11
Dec-31	Tuesday	I Corinthians 12-14

## Reading Through the Bible

St. Paul's Bible Scholars meet each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Last month we completed Job and started reading the book of Psalms.

← [New Schedule for the Month.](#)

**Some of what we have learned the past 4 weeks.**

We finished the Old Testament on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and shouted halleluiahs and amens. Although it can be a difficult reading it is well worth knowing the background as we read the New Testament.

In celebration of this great task, Pastor David provided a cake to mark the occasion and everyone enjoyed.



Matthew, Mark and Luke have given us three similar but slightly different views of Jesus life and teachings. Matthew was speaking to the Jews and used old

testament scriptures to point to the coming Messiah and how Jesus was fulfilling those scriptures that proved he was the long awaited savior.

Mark was writing to the Gentiles and probably more specifically the Romans. Luke was not one of the

original apostles but instead a physician who was meticulous in gathering information from witnesses who were around Jesus. He has a lot more details concerning the birth and death of Jesus and his medical abilities show through on his descriptions.

Matthew details the genealogy of Jesus to show he descended from Abraham, the father of the Jews to show the connection to God's chosen people. Luke on the other hand details the genealogy of Jesus back to God, to show the connection of being the Son of God and therefore God himself.

All three gospel writers document many of the well-known miracles and teachings but they also have unique stories and descriptions not found in the other writer's gospels.

If you are living outside of this area and can't attend, feel free to send questions or comments to Pastor David's email address. [davidviles@cox.net](mailto:davidviles@cox.net)

St. Paul's Calendar December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<a href="#">Calendar Online Link</a>						
1 9am Worship  11:30 am WELCA Cookie sale and Ham and Bean Dinner	2	3 9 AM Worship & Music Meeting  6:00 pm Margaret Circle at Erika Gerth's Home	4 Bulletin Printed 5:30 pm Freundschaft Gruppe Hanging of the Greens	5	6 Pastor's Day Off  6:30 pm Movie Night "Flywheel"	7
8 9am Worship Communion  5:30 pm Advent Dinner and program	9 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	10 1:15 pm Food Pantry	11 Bulletin Printed  7pm Santa Claus at Community Center (Lion's Club)	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 9am Worship  4pm Bible Reading Group	16	17	18 Bulletin Printed 6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	19	20 Pastor's Day Off  1 pm Put up and decorate Christmas Tree.	21
22 9am Worship Communion  Children's Play Fellowship Hour By Sunday School Children	23 Epistle Deadline	24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Bulletin Printed Christmas Day	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 9am Worship  4pm Bible Reading Group	30	31 New Year's Eve				

#### Date

#### Ushers

December 01 Zola Finch | Laurie Koestner  
 December 08 Paula Linsenbardt | Kathy Meller  
 December 15 Mitchell Plochberger | Dan Tschirgi  
 December 22 Delores Vlach | Becky Weber  
 December 24 Laurie Koestner | Paula Linsenbardt  
 December 29 Dan Tschirgi | Delores Vlach

#### Acolytes | Communion – Youth - Adult

Lexie Plochberger  
 Kylee Scheperle | Matthew Miller | Laurie Koestner  
 Lexie Plochberger  
 Kate Freiner | Landon Plochberger | Audrey Bunch  
 Mattson Stoermer | Kaitlyn Finch | Rosemary Heidbreder  
 William Gardner

#### Date

#### Greeters

December 01 Don Buchta | Audrey Bunch  
 December 08 Gary Elliott | Richard Heidbreder  
 December 15 Laurie Koestner | Jerry Koestner  
 December 22 Frank Pascoe | Don Weber  
 December 24 Stacy Bubach | Abby Bubach  
 December 29 Gary Elliott | Richard Heidbreder

#### Readers

Trish Russell  
 Tony Miller  
 Jessica Stoermer  
 Delores Vlach  
 Marie Scheperle  
 Michelle Collins

#### Communionware For Month

Stacy and Abby Bubach

#### Flower Chairperson For Month

Kathryn Linsenbardt

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 8618 Church Hill Drive – Lohman, Missouri 65053**

**10:15 a.m.: Sunday School & Adult Forum**

**11:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class**

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