

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday in Advent

6 December 2020

**Welcome! Welcome! You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord.** *"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"* (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"* (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, *"the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together"* (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd *"will gather the lambs in his arms"* (Is. 40:11). He speaks *"tenderly to Jerusalem,"* and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises *"new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"* (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He *"is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Tamshaw Becker*

*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*

*Tim Hartfield-recovering*

*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

*Kenneth Lorenz*

*Chris Miertschin-recovering*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)*

*Lil Robertson-recovering*

*Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)*

*Melvin Schulze-recovering*

*Becky Weise-recovering*

*Reagan Wilhelm-recovering (fiancée of Bradly Schautschick)*

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Joyce Bise*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*

*Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

*Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)*

*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*

*Harold Krause*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Mike Maass*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Amy Wagner Bryant (niece of Joan Gersch)*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

#### Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

*Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause's brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX*

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training*

*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

#### Those who mourn:

*The family of Bernell Teinert (mother of Glenn Teinert)*

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

## The Order of Service—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 352, 344, 725, 733  
Sermon Text: 2 Peter 3:8-14  
The Sermon: “It’s Time”

### Weekly Church Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Private communion is available and we ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. Social distancing guidelines continue to be followed and we ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on Facebook live on the school Facebook page or the Church’s Website. All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website for the foreseeable future. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID you are required to stay home.** We pray God’s protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Martha Lorenz’s birthday by Kenneth Lorenz.
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **LWML.** The LWML will meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the church after the Advent Service.
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 13, 2019, the Voters set our 2020 Mission goal at \$35,000.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$28,290.60. We are **\$6,709.40** away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- ✠ **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886. Cards are also available in the church office.
- ✠ **Poinsettias:** The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths this year. We met our goal, so every veteran grave will receive a wreath. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., at the cemetery, and will be done safely with social distancing and masks required.
- ✠ **2021 Offering Envelopes.** The **2021 adult** offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the church office meeting room. The **children’s** envelopes will be sent home with the children at a later date. **Please continue to use the 2020 envelopes until the end of the year and then discard**, since offering envelope numbers often change from year to year. If you wish to give an offering to the 2020 church year, please give this before the New Year’s Day service. If you failed to receive your 2021 envelopes or have any questions, please contact the financial co-chairmen, Glen Albrecht or Johnathan Noack.

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	<b>English Communion Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Circuit Meeting @ St. Michaels, Winchester – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. <b>Advent Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.</b> LWML Meeting – 7:45 p.m.
Thursday	Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class – 9:30 a.m. LAF Set up Christmas Trees – 2:00 p.m. Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Cody Mertink; 8<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Fritsche, Cherie Oltmann; 9<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey Robertson, Reagan Zoch; 11<sup>th</sup> – Emily Eindorf, Brooke Lehmann, Gloria Smith; 12<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Engler, Lisa Schmidt, Jenna Wenke. God’s Blessings to you.

**As we gather at the Lord’s Table**, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

**Serving today: Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, “**The Prophet’s Paradox**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends. (Daniel 10, 11 and 12). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Through the Church Year:  
 December 6 – Advent II**

No greater comfort speaks to hearts broken by abortion than the Gospel of God’s forgiveness (Isaiah 40:1-2). He holds the lives of those who permit, promote, or participate in abortion just as precious as the little lives lost to it (1 Peter 3:9). And whatever relief abortion proposes for surprise pregnancy cannot compare with the Savior who will “gently lead those that are with young” (Isaiah 40:11).

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Thanksgiving- 86; Morning Worship- 103; Bible Class; 31.

**Offering Last Week:** \$12,277.00

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$6,614.00	Mission	\$573.00
Thanksgiving	\$4,300.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$595.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$598.00</b>
<b>Received 11/29/2020</b>	\$11,509.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		Building Fund	\$150.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Scholarship	\$20.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$89,449.47</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		
		Total	\$12,277.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Adeline Melcher - \$25.00. In memory of Lorene Fischer by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. In loving memory of our son Michael Matthijetz who is with the Lord 10 years by M/M Marvin Matthijetz - \$100.00 (for Lutheran Witness). **Lutheran Hour:** In honor of Lawrence & Bernies Richter’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Charles Arldt and Gus Schramm, Jr. by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00. In memory of Gussie Schramm, Jr. by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Gussie Schramm, Jr. by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$500.00.

## 2020 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 2	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec.20	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Thurs	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Fri	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Thurs	Dec, 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Fri	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General



### **“Faith at Christmas” Program**

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Masks are required for those in attendance. Please join us!!!

\*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **End of Year Giving**

In Proverbs 2:6, God’s Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ’s wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

### **Accreditation Visit**

FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on November 8th - 10th. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies from both the visiting team and the Texas LSAC Board. We are awaiting final approval from the National Accreditation Board next week. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!