



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

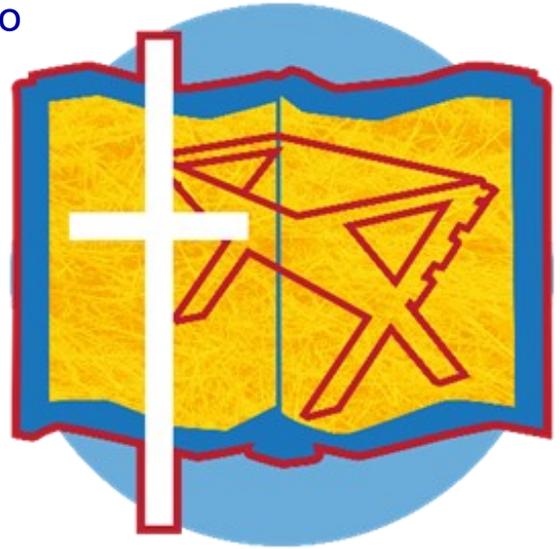
December 2021

2021 Advent Midweek Services

"When Heaven Met Earth: Advent Answers to Hard Questions Hardly Anybody Is Asking"

We all have questions, though for a variety of reasons some choose not to ask them. It is true in a classroom and in various aspects of life, and it is also true in our lives of faith. Some teachers tell their students, "There is no such thing as a bad question," and for the most part that encouragement and attitude is a good one. Our heavenly Father would carry the same sentiment as He invites whatever we bring before Him, including our questions. This Advent season, a few hard questions will be asked about our Lord, and our answers will be found in His Word & through the awaited Savior born for us.

(There will be a meal provided following the 6 p.m. Service)



Date	Time	Theme
Dec 01	12:15 & 6 PM	The Birth of God: How . . . and Why?
Dec 08	12:15 & 6 PM	The Obedient Child: Did He Know? Luke 2:41-52
Dec 15	12:15 & 6 PM	The Man's Man: Why Would Jesus Ever Cry? Luke 19:41-44; John 11:30-36

Special Holiday Services

Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec. 24th at 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Saturday, Dec. 25th at 9:00 a.m., There is no 6:00 p.m. Service but there is Regular Sunday Services on Dec. 26

New Year's Eve: Friday, Dec. 31st at 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: Sat., Jan. 1st Regular service at 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Program
 Saturday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. and
 Sunday, December 12 at 10:45 a.m.
 Cookies and Cocoa will be served following the 6:00 p.m. program in the church basement.



*Away
in a
Manger*



St. Paul's School Christmas Program

Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church Sanctuary



If you ask our society these questions, many will tell you it is about families gathering, enjoying food and presents, but few of them would tell you it is about Luke 2 in the Bible. So, if

reflection of what the limited human mind would think and do. They



did not know how to appreciate God's Christmas present for them. They have only opened the present halfway. They only saw the human side of Jesus born in a manger, but did not see God Himself among them and what it meant. Therefore, we should not be surprised to see, even before Christmas season is over, the overnight transformations of merchandise displays in the stores from red, white, and green Christmas decorations to pink, white and red Valentines' theme.

How about us? We know that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus for us. Furthermore, this Christ child has come, not only to be born in a manger, but He died for us on the cross, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. We thank God and praise Him for His precious Christmas present for us. Amen.

*Christmas Blessings,
Pastor Kenny Hsu*

December is here! I know many of us have already shifted our mindset for Christmas even before we cook our Thanksgiving meals.

We already have a very long list of the things to do: gifts to buy, vacations to plan, cookies to bake and parties to attend. Oh, don't forget to decorate your house! Otherwise, your neighbors and friends will think you are Mr. Scrooge.

This is certainly a true reflection of American commercial culture today. It is interesting to see the overnight transformations of merchandise displays in the stores from orange and black, purple and gray Halloween spookiness to red, white, and green, silver and gold dazzling Christmas tree twinkles. That's the Christmas spirit! Don't be a Scrooge.

So, we follow whatever the society tells us. We put up more decorations around our houses, we bake more cookies, we buy more presents, and we watch more Christmas movies. It's the most wonderful time of the year. You certainly don't want to be like Mr. Scrooge who stayed in his mansion all by himself, lonely and isolated.

But what is Christmas? Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is about a baby born in a manger two thousand years ago, then shouldn't everything we celebrate today be connected to this child?

Have you ever carefully and thoughtfully prepared a very precious present for someone special, but they didn't appreciate it? Do you know God, even before He laid the foundation of the world, has been thinking about what

to give you for Christmas? He could have given you more cookies, bigger houses, or nicer cars for Christmas, but He gave us His Son! As the Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." (John 3:16) Apparently, this is not attractive enough according to this world's standard. So, they added other characters and charms to this season.

This is certainly a true



GIVING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2021

Camp Okoboji has been blessed with a \$12,000 matching donation by a friend of Camp! This November 29 & 30, every \$2 donated to Camp Okoboji will receive a \$1 match, up to \$12,000. Help support Camp Okoboji's goal in building up youth &

household discipleship – plan to donate to Camp Okoboji this Giving Tuesday! To learn more, visit campokoboji.org/giving-tuesday.php

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 15! Give the Gift of Camp! From December 15 (12:00am) -January 15 (11:59pm), all summer registrations have the 20% Christmas Rate Discount!



DCE Deep Digs

Greetings,
It has been getting darker earlier these past few weeks. Sunset here is at five o'clock. It has also gotten colder. Such is the season of fall

into winter. December is a time of preparation in the church year. Advent is what we call this time of year, which means 'coming towards' in Latin. We are waiting for the birth of Jesus! There are five candles that are lit throughout the season of Advent. Three are blue, one is pink, and one is white. They stand for hope, love, joy and peace. The white one represents the birth of Christ. Candles are a part of a divine worship whether it is Advent or not. They remind us of God's unwavering presence and light. From John 1:5,9 we read: *"The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not understand it. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."* Light takes on a new meaning when we literally walk in darkness because of the time of year.



Light can mean security, comfort, visibility, and warmth. People like to have a motion sensor light outside by their buildings to protect their property. The warmth of a campfire on a cool summer night is hands-down one of the best feelings ever. There is nothing like it, especially when you watch the fire burn down to coals and embers and feel the heat it gives off. It's amazing how dark and chilly your surroundings can be when you turn away from the campfire. Kids, and adults, appreciate a night-light in a hallway or bathroom in the middle of the night. It can help you find your way in the darkness or bring peace of mind to rest your eyes on something through the darkness of the night. In the hymn, *"Savior of the Nations, Come,"* we sing this verse: *"From the manger newborn light shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; in this light faith now abides."* This light is filled with warmth and love for us sinners. In Him we can rest eternally because His light protects us from the darkness.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings, DCE Intern Grace

YEAR END ANNUAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL FUND DRIVE

Each year at this time St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School holds its Annual Fund Drive. All of the dollars given will be used for past, current and on going expenses. Your gift will help children to "Learn the Faith" and then to "Live the Faith." Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by the end of the year.

It is our hope and prayer that as fellow Christians we take this opportunity to generously give of our earnings to support our mission to teach and serve His children here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

You may mail your gift to the church office or place it in the offering labeling it as Annual Fund Drive.

We thank you for your prayers, support, and generous monetary gifts knowing God will bless our efforts to lead His children to know and love Jesus.—Lonnie Stuhr





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



Friends in Christ,

Christmas Blessings! People have been anticipating the celebration of the coming of Christ since God first made the promise of a Savior in the Garden of Eden. Let's take time this Christmas season to get more acquainted with Christ (take time for prayer & reading the Bible...read Luke 2 as a family) and spread the Good News of the saving Gospel in Jesus Christ. *"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord."* Phil. 2:10-11.

Wow! This semester is going fast! Please, write these dates down:

Dec. 3rd— Professional Development, Early Out @ 1:00 PM

Dec. 7th—Picture Retakes

Dec. 9th— Christmas Program in the Church/7:00 PM **Students meet at 6:45 PM in the basement.

Dec. 22nd- Christmas Party in the gym (9:00 – 10:50 AM) **Room Parents needed! (You may send \$1-\$5 for the Lutheran World Relief instead of a gift. We are going to vote on an animal to send to a village in Africa. More info coming.)

Dec. 22nd-Last day before Christmas Break, Early Out @ 1:00 PM "Merry Christmas!"

Jan. 3 — Classes resume "Happy New Year!"

In January, we are collecting Hershey Kisses, Laffy Taffy, Mint Patties, Lollipops, gum, 100 Grand bars, caramel & lifesavers (all individually wrapped) for police officers. We are also collecting 5"x7" or smaller note pads, 5" x 7" coloring books, 8-boxed colors, yo-yo's, 4"-6" stuffed animals, pencils, gummies, and stickers for children in need. Bring these items to the large box by the trophy case. May God bless our efforts. During Lutheran School Week, we will be making care bags for the Police officers & children they help.

During December, we are still collecting hats, mittens, scarves, gloves of all shapes & sizes for the Mitten Tree. (There have been pajamas, socks and underwear donated, also.) These will go to Women's Shelters in Sioux City. Thank you for your donations.

On behalf of the staff at St. Paul's Lutheran School, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year! Enjoy sharing Jesus this Christmas season!

A Fellow Worker in Christ,
Alyce Strong Davis



2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR



January 12-
Teacher
Workday—
No School

December 3-Professional Development
Early Out—1:00 p.m.

December 7 - Picture Retakes

December 9 - Christmas Program 7:00 p.m./
Church

December 22 - Christmas Parties (9:00-10:45
a.m./Gym)

December 22- Last day of classes before
Christmas Break Early Out—1:00 p.m.

December 23—Jan. 2 Christmas Break

January 1-Holiday – New Year’s Day

January 3 - Resume Classes

January 11- End of 2nd 9 weeks – 46 days

January 23 -Possible Choir tour

January 23- 29 - Lutheran Schools Week

January 25 – Science Fair (5:30 p.m. Food)

February 4- Professional Development
Early Out—1:00 p.m.

February 6 – Movie & PTL Meeting
(Lunchroom)/5:00 pm Pizza Potluck &
5:30 pm Meeting

February 14 - Valentines Parties 1:00-2:45 p.m..
in Classrooms

February 24 - Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup
11:00 am-6:00 pm/Gym

February 25-No School

March 4-Professional Development Early Out—
1:00 p. m.

March 6- Waffle Brunch/Gym (8 - 1:00 p.m.)

March 17- End of 3rd 9 weeks – 45 days

March 18- Snow Make Up Day/or No School

March 21- 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher
Conferences—Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.



St. Paul’s Teacher’s
gaining great
knowledge at the
Iowa District West
2020 Vision
Teacher’s
Conference in Oct.

Staff and Teacher Emails

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[Suzy Awe](mailto:sawe@stpaulssiouxcity.org): 3rd grade teacher

[Pam Zirpel](mailto:pzirpel@stpaulssiouxcity.org): 1st and 2nd grade teacher

[Deb Chellow](mailto:dchellow@stpaulssiouxcity.org): TK and Kindergarten teacher

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Support Our School



Support our School with Scrip!

All you need to do is buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. We carry a variety of cards in the office. You can call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office to order.

The next order date will be **Friday, December 10**. Shop



RaiseRight

by ShopWithScrip

www.shopwithscrip.com with our school code online and at local stores with the new app RaiseRight found on the app store or google play.

BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.



All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

Hy-Vee Receipts Program:

**Hy-Vee
Receipts**

We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts once again. Please save all receipts dated from now to **April 25, 2022**, exceptions include: no fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts. Drop-offs are located in the church office, in the church or Narthex or can be sent with St. Paul's students. The receipts accepted are from the Sioux City Hy-Vee locations and the South Sioux City Hy-Vee location or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Thanks for your support.

Casey's Rewards App

**Casey's
REWARDS**

Give back to St. Paul's Lutheran School with Casey's Rewards. We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up St. Paul's to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students.

The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school. Turn your Casey's purchases into donations to St. Paul's. Sign up for Casey's Rewards in the Casey's app and turn points earned on everyday purchases into a donation. Get started today! Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at www.caseys.com/schools.

The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) Help Make Lutheran Schools Affordable .



The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization has been established to assist families who want a Christian education for their children. Join me and help schools by giving a donation through the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Your gift will receive an Iowa Tuition Tax Credit for 75% of your donation. Additional information is available online at www.iowalutheransto.com or contact Dewey Torkelson at deweytorkelson@gmail.com or 712.260.2991.

Thrivent Financial Action Cards and Choice Dollars



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL**

Did you know that all Thrivent members can apply for two Thrivent Action cards a year? The Action cards are \$250 gift cards that can be applied to educational needs, service events or fundraiser needs in your community.

There are many opportunities to use the cards at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Just ask Mrs. Strong Davis for a list of events and apply at www.Thrivent.com. Thank you for your generosity, Alyce Strong Davis, principal (712)899-3396

Thrivent Choice Dollars are waiting to be directed. In order to direct Choice Dollars by phone, eligible members may call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or members can also go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice and direct your choice dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Thank you for your support.

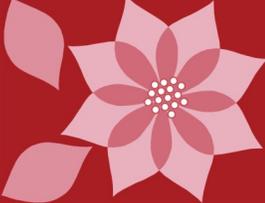


Junior Youth Gathering



Senior Youth Gathering





DECEMBER

Anniversaries

12/01	David and Valerie Lethcoe	37
12/05	James and Jodi Becks	34
12/06	Michael and Angela Piklapp	26
12/09	Ron and Karen Sherrill	61
12/11	James and Jean Wetrosky	50
12/12	Richard and Patty Sulzbach	51
12/17	Mark and Lori Treft	33
12/18	Wilbur and Frances Westhoff	39
12/20	Ethan and Chaney Neff	7
12/23	Wally and Marge Delzell	60
12/27	Joe Jr. and Sheryl Rose	22
12/27	Brian Davis and Alyce Strong Davis	7
12/28	Matthew and Megan Beck	8



Open the Door of Your Heart

It's December and preparations for Christmas are underway. Unfortunately, for some, this is a period of great stress, inadequate sleep, and too much busyness. Is this what Advent is all about? Jesus said, *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me"* (Revelation 3:20). What a pleasant request! Shut the door of the world. Open the door of your heart. Let the King of Glory come in! He is the One we honor and proclaim! He is the One due our allegiance and our service. Enjoy fellowship with Jesus!

Prayer: Lord, thank You for sending Your Son to show me how much You love me. Help me to respond faithfully to Your love. Help me to minimize the distractions during my Christmas preparations so that I can focus on You. In Your name precious name I pray. Amen.

"O come let us adore Him."





DECEMBER

Birthdays

<p><u>Dec. 1</u> Nancy Carter Marrisa Dodds Kaydence Jager</p> <p><u>Dec. 2</u> Joyce Haines</p> <p><u>Dec. 3</u> Cassie Mahaney</p> <p><u>Dec. 4</u> Ryan Bratvold Cynthia Olson Thomas Worden</p> <p><u>Dec. 5</u> Jessica Bliven David Kyte McKenna Sulzbach</p> <p><u>Dec. 6</u> Chris Conlon Brad Figge Kelsey Orr Beverly Rabe Doug Schuldt</p> <p><u>Dec. 7</u> Clarence Anderson Mia Hogan Jennifer Marks Kenneth Sherman Sr. Mary Winckler</p> <p><u>Dec. 8</u> Randi Hood Brady Lyons</p> <p><u>Dec. 9</u> Darin Grohs</p>	<p><u>Dec. 10</u> Amanda Swearingen</p> <p><u>Dec. 11</u> Mark Durio Patsy White</p> <p><u>Dec. 12</u> Rich Schuldt Sharon Sparr</p> <p><u>Dec. 13</u> Bonnie Knutson</p> <p><u>Dec. 14</u> Debra Blanford Dawn Hindman Kale Larson Liz Roscovius Judy Seaman Zach Swearingen</p> <p><u>Dec. 15</u> Elion Hodges Earl Horlyk Violeta Jordan</p> <p><u>Dec. 16</u> Kevin Godwin</p> <p><u>Dec. 18</u> Zoey Ford Jane Yingst</p> <p><u>Dec. 19</u> Larry Herbst Christine Ramirez Richard Ramirez Connie Spahn Fauna Tuttle</p> <p><u>Dec. 20</u> Jerrica Barnes</p>	<p>Frankie Rabe</p> <p><u>Dec. 21</u> Nancy Arndt Marci Burton Mary Ann Goulette Sandra Johnson Lisa Jurries Madison Meek</p> <p><u>Dec. 22</u> Tracy Yingst</p> <p><u>Dec. 23</u> Connie Hancock Michelle Winkel</p> <p><u>Dec. 25</u> Darrin Dodds Wendell Simmonds</p> <p><u>Dec. 26</u> Angela Trefth Miley Van Etten</p> <p><u>Dec. 27</u> Laura Sulzbach</p> <p><u>Dec. 28</u> Bill Wheatcraft</p> <p><u>Dec. 29</u> Gilbert Nelson</p> <p><u>Dec. 30</u> Ryleigh Shine</p> <p><u>Dec. 31</u> Kevin Bock Sr. Kim Bowser Barbara Hageman Nolan Shook</p>
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(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)



Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

After our Spanish Divine Service in celebration of Reformation Day on October 31, we held a special “Trunk or Treat” event in our church parking lot for the first time. Hope Lutheran is surrounded by Hispanic families and we are always on the lookout for new ways to connect with our neighbors and build a reputation of trust and love in our community. We have seen the fruits of this approach slowly and steadily — three recent confirmands and two new Bible studies started with two of our ESL (English as a Second Language) students. In addition to handing out treats and enjoying the clever costumes and decorated cars of several of Hope’s members, we had a special drawing for two children’s bikes and a scooter. Pictured above is Ximena, one of our lucky winners! She is ten years old, but very small for her age because she was born with a heart condition. She has already had two heart surgeries and need one more when she is older. Keep Ximena in your prayers!

This month, I also had the opportunity to go on vacation to Mexico with my sister Kaia. We had a wonderful time together



and it was a joy to get to know the country from which so many of Hope’s Hispanic neighbors come. The majority are from the state of Jalisco — Guadalajara is the capital. Kaia and I were in Mexico for the celebration of Día de los Muertos (“Day of the Dead”). Like many traditions, this celebration mixes elements of both pagan and Christian beliefs. The idea is that on November 1 and 2, the spirits of the dead are allowed to roam the earth. Your family members who have passed will come for a visit if you prepare an altar to draw them home: pictures of the family, colors and candles to light the way, and their favorite foods and drinks to entice them back. Experiencing this deeply-rooted Mexican tradition first-hand led me to preach a sermon the following Sunday clarifying the biblical position on “saints,” how to “remember” them properly, and what happens at death. As with many ideas and customs, a careful diagnosis and precise discussion allow us to separate the elements of truth from false teaching. In spite of the much-needed clarification, it was certainly a beautiful time to visit the wonderful country of Mexico! I highly recommend a visit.

Our next quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be **Monday, December 6** at 6:00 pm. Add it to your calendar and come join us. May our Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

—*Pastor Paul Flo*

Beckendorf’s USA Travels

Dear Friends,

Greetings again, this time from Seward, Nebraska, where we have just done a campus visit of Concordia University with Aaron. It was an interesting visit and Aaron really liked the smaller school size, but he’s still weighing the pros and cons of all the places we have visited so far and not made any decisions yet -- which is fine since he won’t graduate high school until 2023 and he may find other colleges or universities he would still like to investigate before then.

Since our last update we have done some traveling, though not quite on the schedule we had originally planned. We



were held up in Wisconsin due to dental visits, and then were held up again by some vehicle problems which needed to be taken care of.

We finally made it to Minnesota for a very short visit, and then on to Nebraska where we got to spend ten days (not nearly long enough!) with the congregation where we spent Tim’s vicarage. It is always such a pleasure to go back there and see the friends we made while there. I think the highlights for the boys was getting a ride in a Camero in Minnesota (thank you, Mark!), getting spoiled with cookies and bars from ladies in the congregation and a goodies plate from the Ladies Aid in Osmond, and getting a ride in a Tesla (thank you, Aaron!). Andrew also enjoyed showing the knives he’s made to anyone who was interested, and managed to make a few sales as well.

Next we are on our way to Concordia, Missouri, to visit the Lutheran Bible Translators offices for a few days and have a couple of meetings. After that we head back down to southern Illinois where we will stay until we fly out to Botswana. During the few weeks in Illinois before we fly back, Tim will be keeping busy by starting to get the Khwedam panoramic Bible ready for typesetting! How exciting to finally be at this stage of the project! It has been a long time coming, and we are so thankful to finally be starting this stage.

Praise Reports:

- Thanksgiving for the wonderful visits we have had in Minnesota and Nebraska.
- Thanksgiving for safety during travels and that our van is still running.
- Thanksgiving that we are finally starting to get the panoramic Bible ready for typesetting.

Prayers:

* Please pray for Splash and Moronga, that they would continue their work in Botswana.

* Please pray that the typesetting process would go well and that the Bible launch would happen this coming year (2022).

* Please pray for Botswana; that the number of Covid cases would go down and that Covid 19 vaccines would continue to be made available.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

(The 95 Theses Door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg)

I've been in Lutherstadt Wittenberg on a half-dozen occasions, but never on Reformation Day. What a privilege to be there for the first Intensive Course of the Riga Luther Academy's English Studies Program.

Our first cohort of students were in Wittenberg to take a one-week course, but the dividends were not just academic credit but a wonderful occasion to get to know fellow Christians studying for ministry along with teachers and staff.

The Intensive ended on Saturday (11/6) and on Monday (11/8) our regular classes resumed via Zoom. TH200- Overview of the Bible, has finished the units on the Old Testament and is beginning our look at the New; TH400- Introduction to Dogmatics, is continuing its study of the doctrine of the Word. We are entering the final weeks of our first official semester: please pray for blessings on our students, staff, and teachers as we continue.

But thank you to you as well. All of those involved at the Intensive are the beneficiaries of faithful and faith-filled folks like you who give of your prayers and treasures in support of the Gospel.

Together we are forming pastors and church workers to bring Jesus to Eurasia. The Lord's blessings to you.

Charles & Connie Cortright
Eurasia Branch Office -
Sheboygan, WI" -

HERE I STOOD...ON OCTOBER 31st!



CORNUCOPIA GIVING

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to give huge amount to the Gospel Mission of Siouxland to help those in need this holiday season.

Support Our Missionaries

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (www.TheTrumps.org) **Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright** (charles.cortright@lcms.org)
Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)
Rev. Paul Flo (Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com)

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League Minutes

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League—November 4, 2021

The November meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Stuhr. The hostess for the October Meeting was Connie Hancock. Seven members and Pastor Kenny were present. Grace gave the devotion based on Psalm 139— Wellness is skill that can be learned. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were accepted as written.

Circle Reports:

- Anna Circle – Making Quilts and more are being sent to Orphan Grain Train.
- Elizabeth Circle – Prayer Chain
- Mary/Martha Circle will meet at Perkins on December 20th.

In the business meeting we discussed the Fall Rally which was held in October and was well accepted. A new Christmas tree will be bought for the Church Fellowship Hall. Bernice and Marlis will be in charge of buying it. Set up date is scheduled for December 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Our December 2nd meeting will be a Christmas Party with a Potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Marlene Mertens will provide the dessert. There will be no January meeting. We sang the hymns "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator" and "Come Ye Thankful People, Come". The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Vernice Seebach, Secretary



DECEMBER

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

***Education Hour:**
Adult Bible Study,
Sunday School,
Youth and Praise
Team all meet at
9:30 a.m.

1 9:30 a.m.
Lamp-lighters— Faith
Lutheran
12:15 & 6:00 p.m.
Advent Service
Dinner after 6 pm
3:30 p.m.
Homework Huddle
5:15 p.m.
Confirmation

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8:30 a.m. Bible
Study, Church
basement
12:30 p.m.
Women's League
Meeting Church
basement

3
Early Out—1:00
p.m.

4
6:00 p.m.
Worship/
Communion

5
8:15 a.m. Worship/
Communion
9:30 a.m.
Education Hour*
10:45 a.m. Worship/
Communion
12:15 Christmas
Program practice

6
9 a.m. Sewing Club

7 Picture Retakes
4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting



8
12:15 & 6:00 p.m.
Advent Service
Dinner after 6 pm
3:30 p.m.
Homework Huddle
5:15 p.m.
Confirmation

9
8:30 a.m. Bible
Study, Church
basement
7:00 p.m. School
Christmas Program/
Church

10

11
6:00 p.m.
Worship/Sunday
School Christmas
Program

12
8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m.
Education Hour*
10:45 a.m. Worship/
Sunday School
Christmas Program
12:15 p.m. Youth
Christmas Party

13
6 p.m. Mary Martha
Circle

14
4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting
6:30 p.m. Youth
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Board of
Ed Meeting

15
12:15 & 6:00 p.m.
Advent Service
Dinner after 6 pm
3:30 p.m.
Homework Huddle
5:15 p.m.
Confirmation

16
8:30 a.m. Bible
Study, Church
basement

17

18
6:00 p.m.
Worship/
Communion

19
8:15 a.m. Worship/
Communion
9:30 a.m.
Education Hour*
10:45 a.m. Worship/
Communion

20
9 a.m. Sewing Club

21
4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting



22
School Christmas
Party 9:00-10:45
a.m. /Gym
Christmas Break
Early Out—1:00
p.m.

23 No School
8:30 a.m. Bible
Study, Church
basement

24 No School
6:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve
Service



25
9:00 a.m. Christmas
Morning Service
No 6:00 p.m.
service



26
8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m.
Education Hour*
10:45 a.m. Worship

27 No School

28 No School
4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting

29 No School
3:30 p.m.
Homework Huddle
5:15 p.m.
Confirmation

30 No School
8:30 a.m. Bible
Study, Church
basement

31 No School
6:00 p.m. New
Year's Eve Service



December News & Notes

LWML Mites offering will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of each month. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

Friends of Christ: We will meet at Pizza Ranch on Floyd for dinner on **Sunday, Dec. 5** at 5:00 p.m. and then come back to the church to sing Christmas carols and play games.

Siouxland Hispanic Ministry: the next quarterly meeting will be **Monday, December 6** at 6:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City.

Advent at St. Paul's: Mid-week Advent Services will be on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. **December. 1, December. 8, December. 15** with a meal provided after the 6:00 p.m. services each week. Dec.1 and 15 will be provided by the Youth and Dec. 8 will be provided by the Elders.

St. Paul's School Christmas Program: Will be on **Thursday, Dec. 9th** in the Church at 7:00 PM. Students meet at 6:45 PM in the church basement.

Sunday School Christmas Program: The program will be presented on **Saturday, December 11th** at 6pm and **Sunday, December 12th** at 10:45am. Following the 6pm performance there will be hot chocolate and cookies to enjoy in the church basement.

Youth Christmas Party: The youth in 6th grade through High School will be celebrating Christmas on **Sunday, December 12** at 12:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Special Holiday Services are as follows: Christmas Eve: **Friday, Dec. 24th** at 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day (one service only) **Saturday, Dec. 25th** at 9:00 a.m. Regular Sunday Services on Dec. 26. New Year's Eve: **Friday, Dec. 31st** at 6:00 p.m. New Year's Day: **Saturday, Jan. 1st** Regular service at 6:00 p.m.

Evangelism Committee: - Marlis Hilden, Evangelism Committee

Mercy Meals of Siouxland: Our December packaging events will be at Faith Lutheran Church on **Saturday December 11** at 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. If you would like to schedule a special event, please let us know at 712-258-0808 or mercymealsofsiouxland@gmail.com.

Annual Church and School Fund Drive: We are in the final months of this year and we need to reach our goal in order to continue providing great Christian Education to children in Siouxland. As Of Nov. 22, we've raised \$21,209.96 leaving us \$28,790.04 left to meet the goal of \$50,000. Please consider donating to help meet our goal. All donations are tax deductible. Envelopes can be placed in the offering or mailed to the church office.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Anna's Circle/Sewing Group meets on the second and fourth Mondays each month. The next meeting is **Dec. 13 and 27**, at 9 a.m. in the church basement.

Board of Ed Meeting: The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec 14** in the school lunchroom.

Confirmation Classes: each **Wednesday Night** at 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Elders Meeting: The Elders will be making chili for advent dinner **Tues., Dec. 7** at 7:00 p.m.

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Pastor's Office.

Homework Huddle: 6th-8th graders, those who are in confirmation, meet on **Wednesday afternoons** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the church basement!

Lamplighters: Meet **Wednesday, Dec. 1** at 9:30 a.m. This month they are meeting at Faith Lutheran call Connie Elliott at 899-7189 or Charlotte Grothaus at 277-2167.

Mary Martha Circle: Meets the third Monday of every month for food, fun, fellowship and Bible Study. The next meeting will be on **Monday, Dec. 20** at Red Lobster at 6 p.m.

Morning Bible Study: Thursday morning Bible Study will be meeting in the church basement at 8:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: The ladies meet the first Thursday of the month in the church basement. This month they will meet at 12:30 p.m. **Thurs., Dec. 2** for a Christmas Party Potluck Luncheon.

Youth/Parent Board Meeting: Youth Parents and Committee Members meet the 2nd **Tuesday, Dec. 14** at 6 p.m. in the Church basement.

Servants for the Month of December

Altar Guild: Dallas and Pam Schulz

Communion Elders for December

12/4	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
12/5	8:15 a.m. Service	Tim Draube
12/5	10:45 a.m. Service	Frank Tenuta
12/18	6 p.m. Service	Randy Johnson
12/19	8:15 a.m. Service	Bob Greene
12/19	10:45 a.m. Service	Don Lantis

Ushers for December

12/5	1st Service	Steve Segebart
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
12/12	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Tim Draube
12/19	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Dallas Schulz
12/26	1st Service	Nick Gunn
	2nd Service	Tim Draube

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services Traditional -Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service -10:45 a.m.

Disciple Training Hour: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. on www.Facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool

DISCIPLE TRAINING HOUR-Sun. 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the Church basement.

Youth and Sunday School meet in the Sunday School Rooms

Lesson of the Day with Frank Tenuta will meet in the Church office.



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