

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Spoken Divine Service (reservation only)	7:30 am
	Divine Service	9 am
	Sunday School/Bible Study	10:15 am
Mon:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
Tues:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
	Junior Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
Wed:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
	Private Confession & Absolution	8:30-9 am
Thurs:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am

Our Gifts to the Lord Last Week

58 people (total) worshipped the Lord at the 7:30 and 9 a.m. services.

\$2,998.00 was received in regular offerings last week.

\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Care – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well; call Erich Kittlaus at (630)210-1171 or Ken Gerk at (815)263-0199.

Mr. Lance Thies, Congregation President

Mr. Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

The Sunday Messenger

November 15, 2020

Good morning to all gathered here today at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost follows:

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

Upon Entering the Sanctuary – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the beginning of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

The Lord's Supper – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please read

over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

Manna Program – Pick-up is today, November 15.

Attendance Slips – In each pew, there are small slips which we are using for attendance. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate as you leave.

Autumn Clean-up – The Junior Youth would like to help you with your yardwork this fall, including raking leaves and tidying your garden in exchange for a donation to help us buy Christmas gifts for children served by MorningStar Mission. Please contact Laura Wetherbee to arrange.

Visitor Slips – There are “visitor” forms available in the narthex. Please don’t hesitate to fill them out and place them in the offering plate if you’re a visitor.

2021 Flower Calendar - Please see the calendar outside the church office to sign up for 2021 altar flowers. Arrangements are \$30/each payable to St. Paul’s. Also, please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring flowers for a remaining weekend in November. Poinsettia information is coming soon!

Storm Damage? – From the Northern Illinois District: “Lutheran Church Charities sent a notice to their LERT groups yesterday on the storms which impacted our area. Please keep an eye on your community. Our churches and schools are the first line of contact in a community. If you know of anyone in need - your church workers, your congregation or school families or anyone in your community - please contact LCC. They will take it from there. Thank you for your willingness to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus where you live.”

Spoken Service For Those Who Prefer a Smaller Gathering – Held every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The service is limited to 25 members, and members must reserve their space by contacting either Pastor Antonetti or the church office by phone at (815) 838-1832 BY

THURSDAY of each week. This service will be shorter, to limit potential personal exposure. We hope that this provides an opportunity for our members who may be concerned about attending the later service. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Antonetti.

Next Weekend’s Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the appointed texts are Ezek. 34:11-16; Psalm 95:1-7a; 1Cor. 15:20-28; Matt. 25:31-46.

Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher: Rev. Christopher Antonetti; **Organist/Pianist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Erich Kittlaus & Ken Gerk; **Trustee:** Richard Czimer; **Hannah Guild:** Rita Saxon, Kristina Wojciechowski, Jill Briese.

This Week We Lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Michael and Tracey Bachmann, Mike Benson, Daena Hinkelman, Heidi Kopp, Marge Fischer, Barbara Ferrentino, Denise Pilz, Sharlene Thomason, Carol Thompson.

Family and friends including: John St. Aubin (Thies); The Rev. Ron Rock; Annie Picard (Gerk); Pastor Dan Teller (Johnson); Gail Ruesch (Jarosz); John Benson (Gudgel); Jeanne Irvine (Wetherbee); Erica Doerfler (Fox); Parker Vicich (Lemke); Jackie Fox (Loucks); Rita Cunningham (Gudgel).