

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*"Proclaiming and Serving CHRIST
In the Heartland and Beyond"*

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 07, 2025

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

To aid in your worship at St. Paul's, the following services are available. Just contact an usher.

Large Print Music.

Children's Busy Bags.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired.

The Fellowship Hall serves as our nursery

St. Paul's celebrates Holy Communion at each Worship Service. All who stand in need of God's forgiveness, grace and love are invited to receive this great gift of the Sacrament.

You have a place at this Lord's Table!

(Gluten free wafers available.)

(at this table red is wine, white is grape juice)

Our Order of Worship and Music is from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
(*Red Hymnal*)

The Power Point presentation is Holy Communion, Setting One, pages 94-115.

A synopsis of this Order of Worship is printed inside this leaflet. We have also listed the location of the bible readings and song pages for easy reference.

The Order of Worship S1

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn *“Come, Thou long-Expected Jesus”* **#254**

Greeting/Kyrie *p. 98*

Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” *p. 101*

Prayer of the Day

First Reading *Isa 11:1-10*

Psalmody *Ps 72:1-7, 18-19*

Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Vs 1-4 **#249**

Second Reading *Rom 15:4-13*

Gospel Acclamation *p. 102*

Gospel *Matt 3:1-12*

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day “Hark, the Glad Sound!” #239

Apostles' Creed/Prayers of Intercession

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving/Preface/ Words of Institution *p. 107-108*

The Lord's Prayer/Invitation to Communion *p. 112*

Communion/Song	Lamb of God	<i>p. 112</i>
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Communion Hymns “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” #244

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” #250

Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song "Prepare the Royal Highway" Vs 1,2,4 #264

Dismissal *p. 115*

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	12/08	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	12/09	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
Wednesday	12/10	10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bible Study Cancelled Advent Service at Lighthouse soup supper to follow
Thursday	12/11	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	WELCA Christmas Party Potluck – Bring a friend Columbaruim Committee
Friday	12/12		
Saturday	12/13		
Sunday	12/14	9:00 a.m.	3 Sunday of Advent Setting: Now the Feast and Celebration

This Week's Texts: Second Sunday of Advent (also on web calendar)

Isa 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-7, 18-19 Rom 15:4-13 Matt 3:1-12

Lay Reader: Loralee T.

Next Week's Texts: Third Sunday of Advent (also on web calendar)

Isa 35:1-10 Ps 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matt 11:2-11

Lay Reader: Heidi W.

Candy for Kids

Each year at the women's Christmas party, we fill bags with candy and pass the bags out to the children who attend St. Paul's Christmas Eve service. If you have a few

pieces of individually wrapped candies that you would like to donate, please put them in the basket in the fellowship hall. On behalf of the kids, thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH LEFSE

The lefse makers met the last 2 Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October and the first Tuesday and Wednesday in November. One hundred+ dozen lefse were made.

The Fellowship Committee met and approved expenditures of \$500.00 to each of the Hackensack, Pine River, and Walker Food Shelves. The committee also approved \$500.00 to Faith in Action. (The lefse project contributes to the Fellowship Committee.)

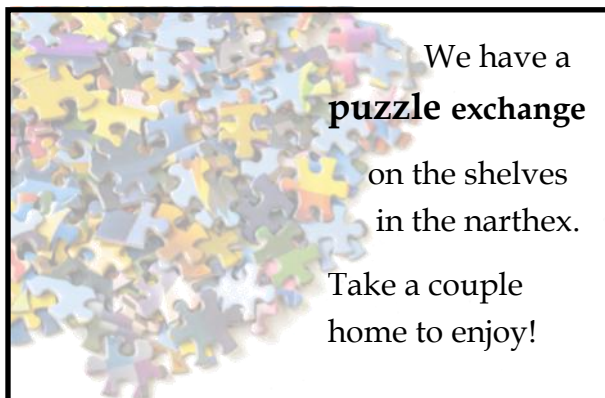
There was a balance of over \$4,000.00 in the Fellowship Fund before the lefse project. The lefse project generated \$1,661.00. The gifted expenditures were \$2,000.00. There is still a balance of over \$3,800.00 in the Fellowship account.

All expenses for the lefse project were paid for with the Thrivent Action Team card.

The church library in the conference room is full of many Christian novels



that you might enjoy reading. Take the ones you want to read and return them when finished.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY and POTLUCK



All women and friends are invited to our annual Christmas party at 9:30 am on Thursday, December 11. Our day will begin with coffee/treats and fun games and activities (and as always: PRIZES). We will also be wrapping gifts for the Family Safety Network Families. If you are able, please bring one dozen individually wrapped cookies and we will fill treat boxes for our shut ins and staff. We will also fill treat bags for children who attend our Christmas Eve service. Prepackaged candies for those bags is appreciated also. Finally, our busy morning will culminate with a potluck dinner. (Dessert will be furnished). You are encouraged to wear festive holiday attire! Please bring a guest and come enjoy an enjoyable time with friends old and new!



Christmas Families 2025

Once again, St. Paul's will be getting names from Family Safety Network of several local families that can use our help. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to provide some joy to make Christmas special for several families.

Thank you!

If you would like to make a contribution for this year's families please mark your donation Christmas Families. Donations will be taken until the first week in December. If you would like to shop for a family please contact Laura R.



2025 Community Advent Services

Hope



Join members of Union Congregational Church, Lighthouse Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and friends from the wider community at 5:00 on Wednesday evenings during Advent to experience Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. As in years past, dinner will follow the service

Peace



Love



Joy



December 3rd St. Paul's followed by a Soup supper
December 10th Lighthouse followed by Soup Supper
December 17th Union followed by Soup Supper

Christmas Eve will be at our respective Churches