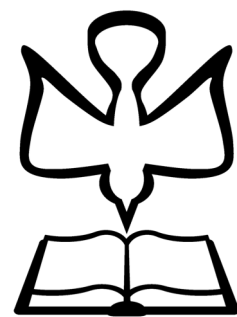


WELCOME FRIENDS IN CHRIST! We are glad you are worshiping with us today! We pray that you are blessed even as your presence is a blessing to us. If you are visiting us, we want you to feel welcome and we invite you to fill out the blue visitor information card in the pew holder and drop it in the offering plate. If we can be of further assistance to you feel free to speak with Pastor Aaron or one of the ushers.

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READ THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

December 12	2 Sam. 11:1-12:31
December 13	2 Sam. 13:1-14:24
December 14	2 Sam. 14:25-16:23
December 15	2 Sam 17:1-18:33
December 16	2 Sam. 19:1-20:26
December 17	2 Sam. 21:1-22:51

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist: Ev Breuer **Deacon:** Lonnie Egdorf
Today’s Reader: Brad Moe
Head Usher: Ken Nielsen
Ushers: Loren Reyelts, Harold Sohl, Jerris Rensink, and Lawrence Sohl

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Sun:	December 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Sunday School
		12:00pm	Lunch and Caroling
Mon:	December 12	1:30pm	The Upper Room (<i>Prayer Team</i>)
Tues:	December 13	6:30pm	Young Adults Group at Pastor Aaron’s Parsonage
Wed:	December 14	6:00pm	Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Fri:	December 16	6:30am	Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study
Sat:	December 17	10:00am	Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
Sun:	December 18	9:30am	Worship (<i>Sunday School Christmas Program</i>)
		5:00pm	Jr. Lutherans

Announcements

Sign Up Sheets: Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheets on the bookshelf in the hallway. We are in need of readers and people to provide refreshments for fellowship.

The **SHARE group** for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Homestead Commons in Hull. Hot sandwiches will be served and you are invited to bring your favorite Christmas side to share. We will also enjoy a time of caroling. Contact Pastor Aaron Deutsch at (605) 742-4469 or Deanna Tiedeman at (712) 439-2229 with any questions.

It’s time to start thinking about the **Annual Meeting Report**. If you have a committee report that needs to be included in the book please have it turned into the office by Sunday, January 1st.

If you still have a **Men’s Ministry Survey** please return it to Pastor Aaron’s mailbox. Pastor will be discerning what Men’s Ministry will look like (day of the week, time, frequency) based on your feedback.

Reminder to Sunday School parents: There will be an extra Christmas Program rehearsal this Saturday, the 17th, at 10:00am here at church. We will conclude at 11:30.

We will be **caroling for some of our shut-in and elderly members** of the congregation this afternoon. Join us for lunch at noon, after which we will split into teams and venture out to spread a little Christmas cheer.

You are invited to come see what's new for the 2017 season of the **Sioux County Oratorio Chorus!** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 10, when rehearsals will begin in B.J. Haan Auditorium on Dordt's campus in Sioux Center. Dr. Benjamin Kornelis, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt, will be leading us this year, and our program will feature Haydn's Missa Brevis 'Sancti Joannis De Deo', also known as the "Little Organ Mass" and an exciting, recent composition of the Psalms of Ascent by Shawn Kirchner called "Songs of Ascent." Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:15pm with the performance scheduled for late April. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com.

Love INC **Giving Trees** are located at the Pizza Ranch in Hull and M & H True Value in Rock Valley. Take a tag from the tree to purchase gifts. Please have the gifts returned to the same tree by December 15. Thanks for your generosity.

The **family of Eldon Techen** would like to thank everyone who sent cards and food following his passing. The family would also like to thank Pastor Aaron for everything he did.

Sioux Center Health is providing a **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** for Patients & Caregivers on Thursday, December 15 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at Crown Pointe Gathering Room. The support group is to empower each member through new information and strategies for challenging problems, finding support or helping others and feeling empowered and more self-confident in coping with challenges. For questions, call Yaby at 722-8378.



Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy

Pastor: Today we gather around the Advent wreath to light our third candle: the candle of joy.

Congregation: Today we continue our Advent journey by reminding ourselves of the angel’s words to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.”

Pastor: Our joy is in God and in his son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

Congregation: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming again, so that all who belong to him might have eternal life. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

Pastor: Like the shepherds who rejoiced at the news of the Savior who was born and went to deliver the Good News of Jesus, we are called to be witnesses of Christ.

Congregation: As we light this candle we pray that God would give us boldness to speak.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Congregation: O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts and lives. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ’s appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds on those things you have done and those things you have promised to do so we may have abundant joy in you alone. As we await for your coming and give thanks for the joy we have in Christ Jesus, bless our worship, strengthen us to do your will, and give us courage to be your witnesses in the world. Amen.

*Pastor Aaron will invite the children to come forward for the Children’s Chat.
As the children come forward you are invited to sing our Advent verse.*

Advent verse *(set to the tune of Away In A Manger):*
A candle is burning, a candle of joy.
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, our eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sharing God’s Word. Caring for His people.

Sunday, December 11, 2016
The Third Sunday in Advent

God Gathers His People

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness.....*LBW pg. 77*
Opening Hymn: Hark, the Glad Sound.....*LBW No. 35*

God Speaks to His People

Advent Wreath Lighting *(see liturgy on back of the bulletin)*
Children’s Chat

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10.....*Pew Bible pg. 1111*
Responsive Reading: Psalm 146.....*Pew Bible pg. 980*
Second Reading: James 5:7-11.....*Pew Bible pg. 1885*

Gospel Response.....*LBW pg. 83*
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11.....*Pew Bible pg. 1512*
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: Jesus Shall Reign (verses 1,2,4 and 5).....*LBW No. 530*

The Apostles’ Creed.....*LBW pg. 85*

Offering
Offertory Response: Create In Me.....*LBW pg. 75*
Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer.....*LBW pg. 91*

God Sends His People

Benediction
Sending Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....*LBW No. 559*
Bell and Postlude