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Proclaiming Christ to Wisner and the World!

New This Month:

2023 Advent Schedule

Worship Times

Sunday at 10:30am

Wednesday at 6:00pm

Wednesday, Advent Services at 6:00pm

Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, December 17th at 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 6:00pm

Christmas Day Service
December 25th at 10:00am

New Year's Eve Service
December 31st at 6:00pm

New Year's Day Service
January 1st at 10:00am

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Special Articles

- Birthday Party for Jesus
- Children's Christmas Service



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“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins” (Isaiah 40:1-2, ESV).

This December, during our Wednesday Evening Advent Services we will focus on what kind of comfort Christmas brings. As God’s people, we need the comfort Christmas brings. Dr. Luther points out,

“God’s people are those who need comfort because they have been wounded and terrified by the Law and they are an empty vessel capable of receiving comfort. Only those who are afflicted have comfort and are capable of it, because comfort means nothing unless there is a malady” (American Edition of Luther’s Works, Volume 17, Page 3).

The comfort Christmas brings is that we are reminded God came down from heaven above and was made man. He took on our flesh in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, to comfort us in the faith that he came to save us from our sin on the cross.

This Advent Season we will have different sermons and settings of the Divine Service on Sunday and Wednesday. I invite you to come to both. Be comforted by God’s promises in Word & Sacrament. For God remembers His promises and leads His people forth in Joy in the Hope of the Christ Child.

Peace be with you as we anticipate and celebrate Christ’s Second Coming and His First Coming this Advent and Christmas Season.

In Christ,

Pastor

Mission-of-the-Month Project December 2023: Direct Support to the St. Paul Youth Group for their trip to the Ark June 2024.



End of the Church Year/December 2023 Service and Activity Schedule

- December 3:** 9:15 AM – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:30 AM – 1st Sunday in Advent Divine Service
11:30 AM – Decorate the church for Christmas Season
- December 6:** 4:00 PM – Midweek Bible Time
6:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
- December 10:** 9:15 AM – Birthday Party for Jesus
10:30 AM – 2nd Sunday in Advent Divine Service
- December 13:** 4:00 PM – Midweek Bible Time
6:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
- December 17:** 9:15 AM – All Children Report for Costumes and Set-up
No Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM – Children’s Christmas Divine Service
- December 20:** 4:00 PM – Midweek Bible Time (last one until Jan. 10, 2023)
6:00 PM – Advent Midweek Service
- December 24:** 6:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25:** 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Service
- December 27:** 6:00 PM – Midweek Service
- December 31:** 6:00 PM – New Year’s Eve Service

Church office Closed: December 22, 2023 – January 2, 2024.

Please call Kim for non-emergencies at 402-380-3168.

Please call Pastor at the Parsonage, 402-529-3468 for emergencies.

You may bring Poinsettias at your convenience. Sign up sheet will be on the Narthex Counter.

Thank you.





DECEMBER 10 – 9:15 AM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY will take place on Sunday, **December 10 at 9:15 am**. The children will meet upstairs for a short devotion and then join the adult bible class in the parish hall for bingo and birthday cake! There will be a servant event also for the children to do.

Hope to see “kids” of all ages there.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

SAVE THE DATES

**Advent Services will begin on
December 6th at 6:00pm.**

**Children's Christmas Service Sunday,
December 17th, at 10:30 AM.**

**Christmas Eve Service Saturday,
December 24th at 6:00pm
Christmas Morning Service Sunday,
December 25th at 10:00am.**

**New Year's Eve Service Saturday,
December 31st at 6:00pm
New Year's Day Service Sunday,
January at 10:30am.**



**Christmas Caroling at the Care Center Chapel
Saturday, December 23rd, 1:30-2:30.**



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - WISNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th - 10:30 AM



PARENTS of SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK CHILDREN –

Please make note of the following important dates in December. These events are in addition to regular Sunday Education Hour & Worship Services.

Wednesday, November 29	4:00 PM	MIDWEEK CLASS MEAL / SNACK FOR KIDS FIRST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE
	6:00 PM	ADVENT WORSHIP
Wednesday, December 6	4:00 PM	MIDWEEK CLASS MEAL / SNACK FOR KIDS
	4:30 PM	SECOND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE
	6:00 PM	ADVENT WORSHIP
Sunday, December 10	9:15 AM	BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS BINGO FOR ALL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP
Wednesday, December 13	4:00 PM	MIDWEEK CLASS MEAL / SNACK FOR KIDS
	4:30 PM	DRESS REHEARSAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRESCHOOL THRU 2ND GRADE JOIN DRESS REHEARSAL
	6:00 PM	ADVENT WORSHIP
Sunday, December 17	9:15 AM	PRACTICE SERVICE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Wednesday, December 20	4:00 PM	MIDWEEK CLASS (last class until January 10)
	6:00 PM	ADVENT WORSHIP

FYI

We Deliver Meals on Wheels on the week of January 8th. Please make sure to sign up and help deliver these meals and maybe even pray with them and for them as you deliver the meals.

Remember Our Homebound

Wisner Care Center

John & Judy Borgelt;

Rose Kindschuh;

Lois Schmidt;

At Home:

Fred & Joan Groninger;

Donna Heller;

Betty Jacobsen;



Stewardship CAMPAIGN

**Home Budget
Weekly Needs:
\$3,723.32**

**Mission Outreach
Weekly Needs:
\$403.85**

November 5		November 12	
General Envelopes	\$3,550.75	General Envelopes	\$4,009.50
Mission Envelopes	\$120.00	Mission Envelopes	\$130.00
Mission of the Month	\$175.00	Mission of the Month	\$1,000.00
Annual Project	\$0.00	Annual Project	\$0.00
Bible Class	<u>\$48.75</u>	Bible Class	<u>\$44.25</u>
Total	\$3,894.50	Total	\$5,183.75
Church Attendance: 142		Church Attendance: 175	
November 19		November 26	
General Envelopes	\$7,044.25	General Envelopes	Not Available
Mission Envelopes	\$1,524.00	Mission Envelopes	At this time.
Mission of the Month	\$150.00	Mission of the Month	We will have
Annual Project	\$0.00	Annual Project	For Voters' Meeting
Bible Class	<u>\$28.16</u>	Bible Class	
Total	\$8,746.41	Total	
Church Attendance: 224		Church Attendance:	

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Dave Hatterman</i>	2 <i>Ethan Buhrman</i>
3 * <i>Jessie Schrad</i> * <i>Lois Schultz</i>	4	5	6 <i>Cindy Bloedorn</i>	7 <i>Nancy Polacek</i>	8	9 <i>Hanna Callies</i>
10	11 * <i>Betty Jacobsen</i> * <i>Lynnette Risor</i>	12 * <i>Cheryl Breitreutz</i> * <i>Sara Hatterman</i> * <i>Shelby Kimble</i> * <i>Nick Marx</i>	13	14 * <i>Dave Bartosh</i> * <i>Donna Heller</i>	15	16 * <i>Laura Borgelt</i> * <i>Lindsey Borgelt</i>
7	18	19	20	21 <i>Lorna Hollman</i>	22	23 * <i>Bob Duncan</i> * <i>Cheryl June</i>
24 <i>Tina Schrad</i>	25 * <i>Helena Borgelt</i> * <i>Eilee Schultz</i>	26	27 <i>Michael Slonecker</i>	28 * <i>Ava Cornett</i> * <i>Jeff Greve</i> * <i>Walker Ott</i>	29 <i>Autumn Schrad</i>	30

31
* *Jeremy Hassler*
* *Joan Liermann*

Wedding Anniversaries

December 2nd—Jon & McKenzie Greve

December 12th - Bob & Carol Duncan and Garrett & Helena Borgelt

December 27th—Nate & Lia Raabe

December 31st—Donna & Ron Heller

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15am Bible Hour 10:30am Worship Service 2:00pm	4	5	6 10:00am Bible Class 4:00pm Midweek 6:00pm Advent Service	7	8 2:00-4:00 Orphan Grain Train Work Day	9
10 9:15am Jesus Birthday Party 10:30am Worship Service	11 1:00pm Busy Fingers 7:00PM Elders' Meeting	12	13 10:00am Bible Class 4:00pm Midweek 6:00pm Advent Service	14	15	16
17 10:30am Children Christmas Service	18	19	20 10:00am Bible Class 4:00pm Midweek 6:00pm Advent Service	21	22	23
24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight	25 10:00am Christmas Day Service	26	27 6:00pm Advent Service	28	29	30
31 6:00pm New Year's Eve						

St Paul Lutheran Church

We invite you to join us for
Worship every weekend;
and Bible Study throughout the week.

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Things to Remember

Worship Times

10:30am Sunday

6:00pm Wednesday

6:00pm Wednesday Advent

Bible Study Times

9:15am Sunday Preschool—Adults

4:00pm Wednesday for 3rd-8th Grades

10:00am Wednesday Bible Class



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COMING NEXT MONTH

- * New Mission of the Month
- * New Annual Project
- * 2024 Budget
- * 2024 Church Officers