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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday In Advent

Pastor	Kene Whybrew	Secretary	Sue Bowers
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Organist	Muriel Merriman		Strasburg Illinois
Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir sings
	9:30 AM	Sunday School-Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School
	5:00 PM	WLS Christmas party
TUE.	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:00-8:00 PM	WDS Christmas practice
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin deadline
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
THUR.	8:30 AM	Blanket making
FRI.	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Pre-Service
	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service
SAT.	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Joint Service with Communion-choir sings
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School

December 12 8:30: 131 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 40

Welcome Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church on this fourth Sunday of Advent. In worship, Christian education, fellowship and service, we continue to look toward the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook*

Christmas Eve Musicians Christmas Eve musicians needed! If you would like to sing or play an instrument before our children's program, please let Marlene Wirth know by December 22 (217-728-4373 or 217-259-8090). This preservice music will be from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Please share your talent with us!

Election meeting results The newly elected church officers for 2022 are President: Gerry Schlechte, Vice President: Jim Weiss, Secretary: Lisa Rincker, Financial Secretary: Daniel Vogel, Evangelism: Charlene Telgmann. Head Usher: Dalton Storm, Elder: Mark Luce, Trustee: Don Telgmann, Board of Education: Diane Jack and Sunday School Superintendent: Karen Kull. We thank all who volunteered to participate in the election. We also thank those who have served as officers during past years including Gary Kull who has served as our President for the past 7 years, Gary Schultz who served as Trustee for 3 years, Virginia Vogel, Jacob Schultz and Jay Vogel.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
December 12	\$ 3,436.00	\$2,066.00	\$-1370.75
year-to-date	\$ 173,996.00	\$185,946.98	\$ 11,950.98

SYNOD OFFERINGS

December 12	\$ 423.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 102.00
year-to-date	\$21,573.00	\$20,820.00	\$ -753.00

TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000 Total to Date \$10,055.00

Building \$725 Trinity \$110 Sem. Student \$200 Bell Tower Renovation \$110

Rev. Alex Gordon \$100 Cemetery \$200 LCMS World Relief \$100

December 12 \$4,136.00

12/28 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

12/29 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

12/31 6:30 PM New Year's Eve Service @ St. Paul's with Communion

1/1 10:00AM New Year's Day Service @ Grace with Communion

Thanksgiving offering in the amount of \$3210.00 was distributed this year to the following organizations. Lutheran Care Center (20%-\$642.00), Lutheran Hour Ministries (15%-\$481.50), LWML Mites(15%-\$481.50), KFUE Radio (10%-\$321.00), Bethesda (10%-\$321.00), LCMS World Relief (10%-\$321.00), Food For The Poor (10%-\$321.00), Dakota Ranch (10%-\$321.00).

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2022 please do not begin using them until January 2022 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly.

LYF Christmas Cards are available to purchase in the Nursery/Choir room. Prices are as marked and money can be deposited to the church office. LYF appreciates your support!

January Newsletter If you have articles for the January Newsletter, please get them to the church secretary as soon as possible.



BIRTHDAYS

- 20- Ellen McCoy
- 21- Mark Kull; Christian Merriman; Shelby Wirth; Cody* Logue
- 22- Jennifer* Wirth
- 23- Molly Gilbert; Gentry Fender
- 24- Luke Wetherell; Phyllis Weiss
- 25- Chris Tabbert

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Neva & Ken Hagan, Susan & Gerry Hanfland, Katie & Chris Harley, Dwane & Maude Hartman, Sara & Kenny Hayes, Kathy (Stodden) & Jacob Helmuth, Randy Stremming, Richard & Cathy Stremming, Robert & Betty Stremming, Sharon Stremming, Shirley Stremming, Hannah & Levi Sudkamp

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

HEALING

Kay Dust	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Joe Oakley	Wayne Wirth
Glen Spannagel	Nick Hanfland

LIMITED MOBILITY

Noma Huddleston - Lakeland Healthcare Center
 Imogene Lading - Villas of Holly Brook
 Bill Orr
 Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
 Mildred Rincker - Heartland, Neoga
 Doris Stremming - Villas of Holly Brook

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-cancer)
 Geoff Kowalczyk (Jesse Wallin's cousin)
 Tammy Gebben (cancer-friend of Scott & Lori Pieper)
 Christie Dust (Howard & Kay Dust daughter in-law)
 Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
 Gloria Fortkamp
 Erica Stollard (cancer)
 Matt Durbin
 Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley' daughter)
 Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)
 Karl Zalman (cancer)
 Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother, health)
 Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)
 Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading's gson.)

Seminary Student

Jacob Barber
 6454 Wise Ave.
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Fourth Sunday in Advent December 19, 2021
Liturgy – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47

- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 10:5–10

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Sings – My Soul Glorifies the Lord (David Foley)

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children's Message- Children up to and including Grade 6 are encouraged to come forward.

Apostles' Creed

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain
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Sermon Luke 1:39-45 "Blessed"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from
me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy
free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional Hymn When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

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