

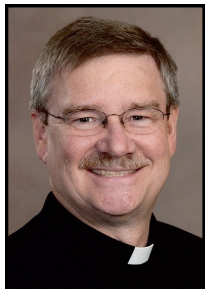


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“The Dark Season of Advent”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The day with the least amount of sunlight (winter solstice) falls each year just a few days before Christmas. The Advent weeks before Christmas draw on the theme of darkness and the Light of Christ breaking in. As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth, we realize that our sinful lives have so much darkness in them. We and this world need some Light. In the beginning, the uncreated Light created light in the darkness, “*Let there be light!*” At Christmas the uncreated Light breaks into the darkness around us, darkness that will not last forever since the End is coming (another Advent theme). St. Paul encourages us in these dark days: *The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light* (Rom. 13:12).

In the dark days leading up to the Second World War, a German Lutheran man married to a Jewish widow with a daughter, Jochen Klepper (1903-42), wrote “The Night Will Soon Be Ending” (LSB 337). A new translation from German to English was prepared for *Hymnal Supplement 98*, a book in preparation for *Lutheran Service Book*, our “new” hymnal (which turned 17 years old in October). The tune originally set to the text was considered difficult enough that it would likely prevent congregations from learning it, so a Welsh melody of the 19th century was set to it. Though the hymn is not scheduled to be sung this year, I encourage you to meditate on it throughout Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

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|---|---|
| <p>1 The night will soon be ending;
 The dawn cannot be far.
 Let songs of praise ascending
 Now greet the Morning Star!
 All you whom darkness frightens
 With guilt or grief or pain,
 God's radiant Star now brightens
 And bids you sing again.</p> | <p>3 The earth in sure rotation
 Will soon bring morning bright,
 So run where God's salvation
 Glows in a stable's light.
 As old as sin's perversion
 Is mercy's vast design:
 God brings a new creation—
 This child its seal and sign.</p> |
| <p>2 The One whom angels tended
 Comes near, a child, to serve;
 Thus God, the judge offended,
 Bears all our sins deserve.
 The guilty need not cower,
 For God has reconciled
 Through His redemptive power
 All those who trust this child.</p> | <p>4 Yet nights will bring their sadness
 And rob our hearts of peace,
 And sin in all its madness
 Around us may increase.
 But now one Star is beaming
 Whose rays have pierced the night:
 God comes for our redeeming
 From sin's oppressive might.</p> |
| <p>5 God dwells with us in darkness
 And makes the night as day;
 Yet we resist the brightness
 And turn from God away.
 But grace does not forsake us,
 However far we run.
 God claims us still as children
 Through Mary's infant Son.</p> | |

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*In Christ,
 Pastor Bertram*



Weather Policy

If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at www.splfairmont.org or call the CHURCH OFFICE (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

Gala Committee Sends Their Thanks

Our third annual Gala was successful once again. We wish to thank all of you who bought tickets and attended the Gala, donated items for the silent and live auctions, or made cash donations. Special thanks are due to Dylan Kallemeyn and Tyler Garrison who helped create a most memorable evening! "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart." (LSB 806)

The Gala Committee



Annual Gala

DEADLINE

JANUARY
NEWSLETTER/
CALENDAR
DEADLINE

Sunday, December 17

Email splcoffice@splfairmont.org

Worship Services & Bible Studies:

Worship Services:

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Bible Class & Young Family Bible Studies

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.



Other Worship Opportunities:

Sundays, 9:00 am

Worship Service Livestream
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

Sundays, 10:00 am

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

Saturdays, 12:00 noon

Worship Service on
local cable access channel 12

This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.splfairmont.org

Altar Guild

Dec. 2-3 Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Karen Leiding, Kathy Wedel
Dec. 9-10 Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
Dec. 18-19 Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders
Dec. 23-24 Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka
(Christmas Eve & Christmas)
Dec. 30-31 DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert

Ushers

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart

Sunday, 9 a.m.—Bruce Peymann, Merle Boesch, Doug Closs, Terry Leiding, Chuck Schaefer, Chuck Schrader, Don Wohlrabe, Jeff Zarling, Rob True, Larry Behrens, Forrest Hungerholt, Justin Jobe, Ben Rosol, Dale Ruschy, Matt Singleton, Ryan Singleton, Jacob Singleton

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. Larry Behrens, Rob True
Sun., Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m. Brad Appel
Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m. Advent TBA
Sat., Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m. Jeff Eversman, Jon Eversman
Sun., Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m. Jamie Tordsen
Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. Advent TBA
Sat., Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m. Matthew Northwick, Rob True
Sun., Dec. 17, 9:00 a.m. Dylan Kallemeyn
Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m. Advent TBA
Sat., Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. Dave Kumm, Charles Northwick
Sun., Dec. 24, 9:00 a.m. Josh Laven
Sun., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. Matt Northwick
Mon., Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m. Josh Laven
Sat., Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. TBA
Sun., Dec. 31, 9:00 a.m. TBA

Acolytes

December Willow Singleton, Cadleigh Jobe

Sunday Greeters

Dec. 3 Linda Feely, Chris Engelby
Dec. 10 Rob & Ruth True, Larry & Kris Behrens
Dec. 17 Nathan & Amy Anders, Deb DeBoer, Marv Goebel
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) Stan & Sharon Block, Terry & Judy Leiding
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) Norm & Vi Gratz, Deb Bertram, Pat Hall

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

Dec. 3 Sarah Becker
Dec. 10 April Tordsen
Dec. 17 Chris Engelby
Dec. 24 Angela Preuss
Dec. 31 TBA

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders
(Ruth Engelby and Richard Schultz, Subs)

Saturday Funeral Volunteers

Josh Laven and Brian Kube

Council of Deacons

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

POSITION

Name (Years) Phone

CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

Richard Eyerly (2) 238-1802

BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (3) 605-480-1982

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Dan Driscoll (3) 525-4490

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Richard Behrens (1) 236-4955

CALLING DEACON

Jamie Tordsen (3) 230-0186

EVANGELISM

Rod Elbert (1) 320-894-6882

PARISH MINISTRIES

Duane Rosburg (1) 920-9797

SCHOOL

Matt Singleton (2) 848-0324

STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Eversman (3) 236-9140

TRUSTEES

Merle Boesch (2) 236-4641

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Matt Northwick (2) 236-1531

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Chuck Northwick 236-0257

SECRETARY

Pam Carlson 236-5347

TREASURER

Brad Appel 236-8455



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR December 2023 — May 2024

December

21No School, Unless Make-Up
Snow Day Needed
22-29 Christmas Break

January

1 & 2 Christmas Break
15No School, Unless Make-Up
Snow Day Needed
19 End of 2nd Quarter

February

16 & 19 No School

March

15 End of 3rd Quarter
21P-T Conferences, 3:15-8:00 p.m.
22No School (P-T Conferences 9-noon)
28 & 29No School, Easter Break

April

1No School, Easter Break

May

10Field Day
24Last Day of School (Half Day)



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars received during November 2023 to SPL Church totaled \$739.00. SPL School also received \$81.00. If you are eligible to give Choice Dollars, please consider designating to SPL Church, SPL School, or MLHS. Brochures are located in the Welcome Center from Thrivent with information on the steps to give online or by phone. For more information, contact Scott Fuhrman at 235-9877.



SPL School Basketball Schedules

Basketball Practice Schedule

A BOYS: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., SJL Northrop

B BOYS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m., SPL Fairmont

A GIRLS: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., SJL Northrop

B GIRLS: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-4:45 p.m., SPL Fairmont

Days and times of practices may change during the season

DECEMBER

12-5 Home vs. Imm. Courtland—B girls, B boys, 4:15 p.m.
12-7 Away vs. Imm. Lakefield—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:15 p.m.
12-8/9 Away at SJV Fairmont B team boys/girls tournament
12-11 Away vs. Imm. Courtland—A girls, A boys, 4:15 p.m.
Away vs. SJV—B girls, 4:00 p.m.
12-12 Away vs. SPL Truman—B girls, B boys, 4:00 p.m.
12-14 Home vs. Mt. Olive—B girls, A girls, 4:30 p.m.
12-18 Away vs. SJV Fairmont—B boys, 5:00 p.m.
12-19 Home vs. Worth. Christian—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:00 p.m.

JANUARY

1-4 Home vs. Imm. Courtland—A girls, A boys, 4:15 p.m.
1-8 Away vs. Imm. Courtland—B girls, B boys, 4:15 p.m.
1-9 Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—B girls, A girls, 4:30 p.m.
1-11 Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—B boys, A boys, 4:30 p.m.
1-12/13 Away at SPLT—A girls, A boys tournament
1-16 Home vs. Fairmont Public—A girls, A boys, 4:30 p.m.
1-18 Home vs. Imm. Lakefield—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:15 p.m.
1-23 TBD vs. GHECT—A girls, A boys, 4:30 p.m.
1-25 Home vs. SJV B girls, B boys, 4:00 p.m.
1-26/27 Away at Imm. Lakefield—A girls, A boys tournament
1-29 Home vs. SPL Truman—B girls, B boys, 4:00 p.m.
1-30 Home vs. T. Janesville—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2-1 Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—B boys, A boys, 4:30 p.m.
2-2/3 Home SPL Fairmont B team tournament
2-5 Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—B girls, A girls, 4:30 p.m.
2-6 Away vs. Mt. Olive—B boys, B girls, 4:30 p.m.
2-8 Home vs. Imm. Mankato—B girls, B boys, 4:30 p.m.
2-9/10 Away at Imm. Courtland tournament—A girls, A boys
2-12 Away vs. Worth. Christian—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:00 p.m.
2-15 Away vs. Trinity Janesville—B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys, 4:15 p.m.
2-16/17 Away at RCLS tournament—A girls, A boys ???

If you open up the Small Catechism, you'll find a shortened version of the Third Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." But if you look up the list of the Ten Commandments in Exodus, you'll find the full version:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:8-11)

Why did Luther shorten this commandment for the Small Catechism? Was it so that the kids wouldn't have so much to memorize? No, it was



because Luther knew that all the details of the Third Commandment were part of the "shadow" of the Old Testament (Col. 2:16). Or as St. Paul puts it, there is "letter" in the Old Testament law and "spirit" (2 Cor. 3:6). The details of not working on Saturday were fulfilled by Christ. That part of the Sabbath regulation no longer applies. But the spirit of the law does

Remember THE SABBATH DAY

remain: We need to dedicate sufficient time each week to hearing God's Word and giving it honor and respect. Or as Luther sums it up in the Small Catechism's explanation to the Third Commandment: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

The same sort of analysis applies to our giving. In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give a tenth of their income to the Levites so that those men could dedicate their lives to serving in God's house, teaching the people, conducting worship, etc. In the New Testament, there is not a rigid requirement listed about handing in your tax forms to church to make sure you've given enough. But the mandate to have a full-time ministry, which is the spirit of that law concerning tithing to the Levites, is right there in 1 Corinthians 9:14: "The Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel."

The New Testament church's job is significantly larger than the job of Old Testament Israel. We are commanded to preach the Gospel to all nations. There was only the temple to maintain in the Old Testament, but we have churches, schools, universities and seminaries, plus missionaries everywhere. So you tell me: Can we really undertake the work of the ministry if our giving doesn't even measure up to Old Testament levels of generosity?

~LCMS Stewardship Ministry
lcms.org/stewardship

Mark Your Calendar

Dates/times subject to change

Circles

Clara Circle

December 13, 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Room

Eve Circle

December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

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LWML

December 9, 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Brunch, Ch. B.

*Each woman of the LCMS
is a part of the LWML*

**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League,**
as the official women's auxiliary
of the LCMS, encourages
and equips women to live out
their Christian lives in active
mission ministries and to
support global missions.

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Lutheran Laymen's League

December 2
9:00 a.m.

The Ranch Restaurant

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Charity Club

(Subject to change)

Activity Days

No December Activity Days



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Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org. The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at www.mnsdistrict.org, then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



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Automatic Giving: It's easy to give your offering automatically through a program called Give+ Online. You may set up regular giving or give one time. There are also options for giving to other funds in the drop-down list. Enroll or give online at splfairmont.org (click on "Church" then "Give+ Online.") There are also one-time and automatic giving opportunities available through PayPal on various pages of our website. (Please use your envelope number as your Member ID number when setting up your account; contact the church office if you need that information.)

LWML Mite Box: The Mite Box will be in the narthex for the collecting of mites the first Sunday of the month. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

Free small catechism mobile app: Luther's Small Catechism with explanation is available free at Google Play (Item 223203DRD) or at Apple App Store (Item 223203APP). You can find other apps by searching "Apps" at www.cph.org,

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be part of the SPL **email** prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact them at prayerchain@splfairmont.org.

Please Let Us Know: If you have a change of address, telephone number, etc.; if you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill; if you have had a recent death in the family.

Lutheran Singles on Facebook: This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused.

Contemplating Marriage? If you are contemplating marriage in the coming months, be sure to contact the church office first before setting any wedding dates. The wedding booklet is available on our website, as well as other useful information.

Wanting to Earmark a Gift? On occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, at the loss of a loved one, or when estate planning, members have asked for ideas to earmark their gifts. Here are some suggestions if you want to give an earmarked item (a complete list is on our website):

- SPL Church & School Operating Budget;
- Sanctuary Repairs;
- Debt Reduction;
- Church Endowment;
- School Endowment;
- Church or School Upkeep & Repair;
- Vernon H. Harley Scholarship;
- Anna Keck School Tuition Aid Fund;
- Operating Reserve Fund; or
- Ask in the church or school office for current special "wish list" items.





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This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

The **MLHS Music Department** will present "The Joy of Christmas in Concert" on Saturday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m., in the high school gymnasium in Northrop. The band will give a debut performance of a special piece commissioned exclusively for MLHS, written by Veggie Tales Composer Kurt Heinecke, who will be the guest speaker at the concert and will give insight to the design of the piece. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will be under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a freewill donation.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



School Fundraisers

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING: Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3-15%, depending on the retailer. Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition and other school expenses. Go to RaiseRight.com and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started. Questions? Contact Joan Abel, jabel@splfairmont.org or 507-236-9521.

HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS: Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$200,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

SUBWAY CARDS: If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at www.subway.com or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

OTHER PROGRAMS: Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

THE SCHOOL ALSO collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.



December

HAPPY Anniversary

Warren & Cheryl Tabatt	Dec 2
Matthew & Melissa Stusse	Dec 4
Verlyn & Kay Sandersfeld	Dec 16
Joshua & Elizabeth Harris	Dec 18
Curtis & Terie Larson	Dec 20
Richard & Shirley Johnson	Dec 20
Jason & Steph McFarland	Dec 22
Matthew & Mary Hardt	Dec 22
Matthew & Katherine Osborn	Dec 30
Jason & Cassandra Holtz	Dec 30
Tracy & Rochelle Bremer	Dec 31





God's Blessings on Your Birthday!

Erin Johnson	Dec 2	Jerome Bulfer	Dec 18
Odette Fast	Dec 3	Debra Eversman	Dec 18
Jamie Winter	Dec 3	Carole Joeckel	Dec 18
Julie Wolf	Dec 4	Natalie Taylor	Dec 18
Brian Wille	Dec 4	Hudson McKean	Dec 18
Cindi Eitzen	Dec 5	Adylen Laven	Dec 18
Brett Williams	Dec 5	Isaac Taplin	Dec 18
Paisley Driscoll	Dec 5	Mary Schmitt	Dec 19
Debra DeBoer	Dec 6	Bruce Peymann	Dec 20
Cecilia Roderick	Dec 6	Brennan Busse	Dec 20
Hans Hinrichsen	Dec 7	Delaney Irwin	Dec 20
Dorothy Malo	Dec 7	Jonathan Soucek	Dec 21
Benjamin Zaring	Dec 7	Tanner Thiesse	Dec 21
Debra Bulfer	Dec 8	Lori Mueller	Dec 21
Jeff Laue	Dec 8	Lucille Steiner	Dec 22
Susan Hackett	Dec 8	Avery Sundeen	Dec 22
Tyler Schleining	Dec 9	Rick Schaefer	Dec 23
James Cone	Dec 9	John Fritchman	Dec 24
Ardis Schleining	Dec 9	Hayden Bultman	Dec 24
Ethan Hurn	Dec 9	Karla Marley	Dec 24
Andrew Bents	Dec 10	Virgil Berkland	Dec 24
Deloris Lutz	Dec 10	Pamela Carlson	Dec 24
Nicholas Moeller	Dec 10	Carol Nowicki	Dec 25
Joshua Mueller	Dec 10	Cadon Clow	Dec 25
Renee Benschoter	Dec 11	Don Brammeier	Dec 26
Sarah Krause	Dec 11	Joe Amy	Dec 26
Tyler Jensen	Dec 12	Sasha Bertram	Dec 26
Gayla Miller	Dec 13	Rose Rosenberg	Dec 26
Ramona Cody	Dec 13	Joe Stauffer	Dec 27
Ashley Engelby	Dec 13	Jesse O'Sell	Dec 27
Emily Engelby	Dec 13	Angela Preuss	Dec 27
Jodi Hackett	Dec 14	Susan Olson	Dec 28
Freya Preuss	Dec 14	Nathan Closs	Dec 28
Carter Halverson	Dec 14	Amy Anders	Dec 29
Abby Roderick	Dec 14	Todd Steuber	Dec 29
Martin Krause	Dec 15	Thad Leiding	Dec 30
Eric Langhofer	Dec 15	Kevin Schleining	Dec 30
Dawn Waterbury	Dec 16	Ryan Nelson	Dec 30
Lisa Irwin	Dec 17	Elaine Hurn	Dec 30
Scott Janssen	Dec 17	Sutton Timm	Dec 31
Kirk Morris	Dec 17	Renae Janssen	Dec 31
Cadleigh Jobe	Dec 17		
Kyle Steuber	Dec 17		

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY: ChB = Church Basement FR = Fellowship Room ABC = Adult Bible Class YBC = Youth Bible Class YFBS = Young Family Bible Study SS = Sunday School AC = Adult Catechumenate DL = Deadline	<div>Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ~Matthew 11:29</div>				1 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Goldfinch Comm.	2 9:00am-LLL, The Ranch 9:00am-Parish Ministries Setting up Christmas Tree 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
		5 8:25am-School Chapel	6 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:15pm-School Bd., FR 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Advent Service After Sve-Trustees, ChB After Sve-Choir	7 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL	8 8:25am-School Chapel <i>Clara Circle decorating for Christmas party, ChB</i> 2:00pm-Ingleside Service	9 10:00am-LWML Christmas Party, ChB 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
10 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	11 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off 7:00pm-Eve Circle	12 8:25am-School Chapel 6:30pm-Stewardship, FR	13 8:25am-School Chapel 1:30pm-Clara Circle, FR 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Advent Service After Sve-Choir <i>No B&F</i>	14 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 10:00am-Pastors' Circuit Meeting, Truman	15 8:25am-School Chapel	16 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
17 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	18 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	19 8:25am-School Chapel 10:00am-Goldfinch Memory Care	20 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism (5-6 grades only) 5:30pm-Bells 5:30pm-Deacons, FR 6:30pm-SPLS Christmas Program After Sve-Choir	21 <i>SPLS No School (unless make-up day needed)</i> 9:00am-Messenger DL	22 <i>SPLS No School</i> 3:00pm-LMHCC	23 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM TBA-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS 5:30pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>SPLS No School</i> Christmas Day Service	26 <i>SPLS No School</i>	27 <i>SPLS No School</i> <i>No Weekday Catechism</i> <i>No Bells</i> <i>No Choir</i>	28 <i>SPLS No School</i> 9:00am-Messenger DL	29 <i>SPLS No School</i> 3:00pm-LMHCC	30 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 6:30pm-HS Youth (or TBA)						

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And behold,
I am
with you
always,
to the
end of
the age.
~ Matthew 28:20

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December Worship Schedule

Regular Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

Advent Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

December 6 (Topic: The Book of Ruth)

December 13 (Topic: The Book of Ruth)

December 20 (School Christmas Program)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Monday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

No Evening Service



*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US
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