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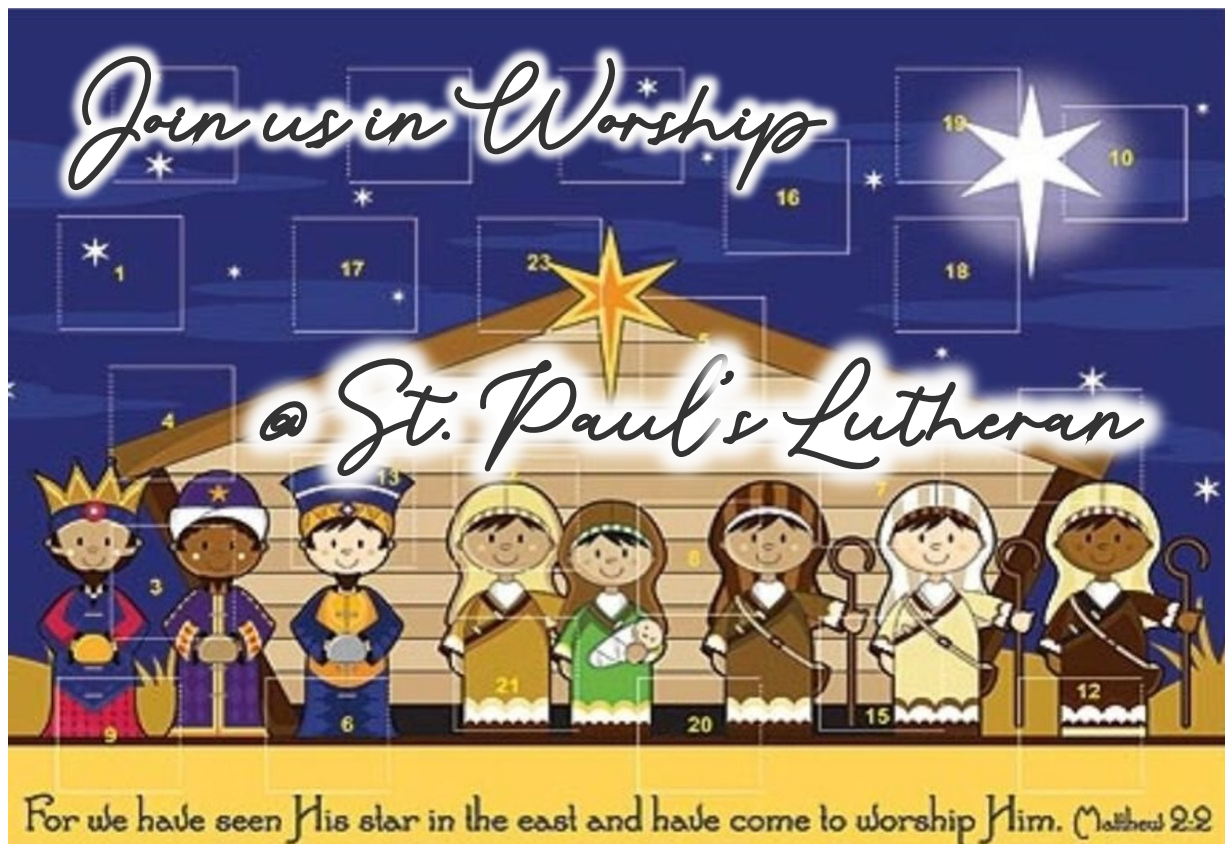
Mondays

6:30 pm

**Advent
Services**

Wednesdays

12/3, 12/10, 12/17
11 am & 6 pm



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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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28 9 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)	29 Count (Team 1)	30 9 am Quilters	31 New Year's Eve 5 pm Service	2026 January 1 Church Office Closed		

"...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Cassen Woolley Eddie Luedeman Gina Search Jennifer Gradl Jennifer Housewright Willia Bates	Marilee Schueler	Glenn Woodcock Joel Greeting Larry Murray	Jamie Moeslein Leroy Kisro	Don & Corla Greer ♥ Melissa Roessler	Bert Fulk Jordan Holten
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Gianni Glasco		Bill Luther Jr Sandy Roessler	Stephanie Holten		Carole Hancock Gale Toolen Jack & Carol Wayland ♥ John Wallace Ruth Nelson Sue Housewright	Samantha Mueller
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bohdon Lubarda	Alex Blum Allison Ramsey	Aaron Essert Martin Mueller	Danielle Arras Derek Niehaus Jana Eytchison	Brianna Elms Robert Rauh	Judy Ostendorf Tony & Cindy Troup ♥	Dean Schorr Denise Nowak Joshua & Samantha Mueller ♥
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Reid Glaenzner	Gregory Woolley Hezekiah Douglas Katherine & Gabe Bierman ♥ Kyle Kremmel Sarah Zavadii	Anna Earl Ruth Camp	Erin Glaenzner Sherry Smith	Joshua Thompson		Doug & Donna Tolbird ♥
28	29	30	31			
Beckett Grider Oliver Kremmel		Cayden Kritz Debbie Caldwell	Jonathan Duvall Molly Dietz			



**In appreciation:**

Lisa and I would be delighted to welcome you to a **Congregation Thank-You Open House** at our home on **Sunday, December 14th from 4-6 PM.**

May the God of all hope continue to bless each of you richly as you continue to serve the Savior who never ceases to serve us.

-Pastor and Lisa

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-For Becky Stevens who has recently stepped up to help coordinate many middle school and High School youth activities in our congregation.

-For Kevin Koenigstein who for almost two decades has served as a wonderful congregational President.

-For the Trustees who work behind the scenes making sure all things are up and running with our church and property.

-For Dianne Bush and her work with the cradle roll and Helen Nowak for all her efforts in our new church library.

-For Randy Moeckel, Robert Glaenzner and others who make sure that our cemetery is cared for.

-For the Ladies League, and their tremendous work of raising mites, helping at funerals, making quilts, decorating the church, and being prayer partners to our confirmands.

-For Marilyn Snider, with her continuous office support, and tasks for the church body.

-For Karen Shimkus and Mark Eischer who lead our choir and bell choir.

-For Lisa Schmidt, Dennis Kruse, the finance board and all those who make sure our finances are in order.

-For Carleigh Ottwell and all those who assist with Vacation Bible School.

-For Pastor Sievers and the outreach committee who help us better share the gospel with others.

-For our seminary field workers, Josh and Austin, who help bring new life to our congregation.

-For Joshua Colyer, his family, and the board of communications who attend to our YouTube channel, bulletin boards, outdoor church sing, and the monthly newsletter.

-For those who have faithfully served on many committees and boards of the congregation, and for those who will take their place in the year (s) to come.

-For a particular "Lisa" whose support for her husband, service to her family and the church along with her work at CPH is quite impressive.

"Partners in the Gospel" every one of them.

Thanks be to God.

A Blessed December to all,
Pastor

CHRISTMAS
Blessings

Our Mission Statement:

To Provide Parenting Resources & Christ-Centered Spiritual Care in a Residential Setting, to Mothers Whose Children are Currently in Foster Care, Empowering Them to Rebuild & Reunite Their Families.

DID YOU KNOW...

Eve's Restoration Ministries is a start-up non-profit 501(c)(3)

organization affiliated with our church?

DID YOU KNOW...

as a charitable organization, your gift is tax-deductible.

DID YOU KNOW...

our 2025 goal is to raise 55,000.00. So far, we are at \$41,000.00.

Amanda Douglas 314-221-6700 or evesrestorationhome@gmail.com

**UPCOMING**

Prayerfully consider supporting Eve's Restoration Ministries' fundraising goal through a **GIVING TREE** located in the Narthex. Simply choose an ornament with a specific dollar amount as your gift. Thank you for your support! **Nov 28th - Dec 31st.**

**STATISTIC**

As of late-2025, national data shows approximately 414,000 children were in foster care in the U.S. A majority in non-relative family homes, with an average age of 8-years-old. About 51% of children are reunified with their parents.

EDUCATION FACT

Eve's Restoration Ministries' goal will be to provide a safe environment where mothers to live in, free of charge, that will help facilitate positive change in their lives.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

We would love for you to join the Eve's Restoration Ministries' Committee of St. Paul's. The committee meets every other month for one hour, with the **next meeting being held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Please reach out to Amanda Douglas at 314 221-6700 for more information.

Together,
we can empower mothers
to rebuild and reunite
their families!



**Preschool News December 2025**

As we continue reflecting on our many blessings during this Thanksgiving season, our preschoolers have been joyfully adding leaves to our classroom "Tree of Thanks," and sharing the special things they are grateful for.

Throughout November, we explored themes of families and traditions, turkeys, gratitude, and God's many blessings. Our learning centers have been filled with activities that extend and deepen these themes. The children have also been practicing the songs they will share with their families at our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast. We look forward to this time of fellowship as we gather to celebrate God's goodness together.

Looking ahead to December, our preschool will be embracing the joy and wonder of the Christmas season. The children will discover the meaning behind familiar Christmas symbols and learn about the greatest gift of all— the birth of Jesus. They will create special gifts for their families, make Christmas cards for members of our local nursing home, enjoy festive activities in our Christmas-themed centers, and end the month with our annual gingerbread house decorating during our Christmas celebration. This is always such an exciting time for the children.

♥ We are grateful to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Board of Education, and all those who continue to support our preschool ministry, whether through time, resources, or prayer, especially during this season of gratitude and giving. As we close out the month of December with a break for the holiday season, we want to wish everyone a blessed and joy-filled Christmas!

Preschool will resume on January, 6, 2026.

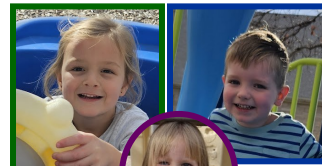
Blessings, Shelly Augustin, Preschool Director

December Jesus Lessons

★ God Gets Ready to Send a Savior

★ Jesus is Born

★ Angels Tell the Shepherds



BREAKFAST WITH Mary + Joseph



Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025
9am - 11am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
227 N GoodHaven St
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OOPS - Know someone who has a PreK thru 4th grader?
Pick up a flier in the narthex today and invite them to
our
**December
13th
BREAKFAST
WITH MARY
AND JOSEPH.**

Celebrate the reason for the season: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Meet Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, and others who will lead you through the Bethlehem account.

We are collecting non-perishable food items/free will offering to benefit St. Paul's Food Pantry

Breakfast buffet for all: 9:00-9:30 AM

Christmas themed craft: 9:40-10:00 AM

Photos: 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Christmas account with Mary, Joseph, Gabriel & others: 10:15 - 10:30 AM

Christmas carols and Finale: 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Scan code to register - or fill out form on back and return to our church office





CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule SS hour is 9:25 to 10:15 am.

- In December, the Sunday School children are learning from the books of Matthew and Luke...
- Matthew 16:13-23 "Peter Confesses Christ"**
Peter confesses Jesus but quickly resists the prediction of His suffering.
- Luke 9:28-36 "Jesus' Transfiguration"**
Jesus's face shines brightly and the disciples hear God's voice declaring "This is my Son" & "Listen to Him".
- Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 "Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two"**
The disciples are called to action and reminded that true joy comes from belonging to Christ.
- Through these Bible stories we are encouraged not only to know Jesus, but to listen, surrender, and serve Him, even when life gets hard.

- Last month, all ages were invited to join in fellowship and music prior to Sunday School/Adult Bible classes.
- Thanks to all who shared their voices and talents! We look forward to doing this more in the future. Stay tuned!



Joy to the World!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY for 9-12 GRADE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 from 5 - 9:30 pm
Food • Games • Carols • Cookies • Devotion
Bring at least \$10 to help bless a local family in need.
We'll shop for gifts from their wish list and wrap them
together that night.
Meet in Fellowship Hall!



Merry and Bright!
5th - 8th Christmas Party
December 7th (4-7pm)
In Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate the joy of Christmas together! We'll share dinner, play some fun games, make a craft or two, and take time to reflect on the true Light of the world — Jesus. It's a night to laugh, create, and celebrate the hope and joy that He brings.



Adult Bible Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We have been looking at the Weekly Scriptures in the Worship Service.

Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

10 to 11 am Wednesdays - SS room at end of hall
We will take a break until the second Wednesday of January when we will begin a study on some of the women of the Bible. Call Nancy Radentz or email her for more information. 618-340-2995 donan9@sbcglobal.net

Fridays, Once a Month: 2026 EYES on Isaiah

Our **Not-for-Couples-Only Bible Class** led by Pastor Sievers will focus on the OT book of Isaiah in 2026, meeting monthly on a convenient Friday. Learn how the Holy Spirit used Isaiah not only to predict with amazing detail our Savior's birth, death, and resurrection, but also to warn and comfort God's people. First class is February 13 at 6:30 p.m. For more info or to order your \$12 study guide, call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097).

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:25 am to 10:15

Luke/Learning to share our faith- Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 as we continue to walk through the book of Luke,

Youth 8th - 12th grade
Sundays: 9:25—10:15 am
In the Loft upstairs

**youth
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

December UPCOMING events

YOUTH BOARD/PLANNING MTG **2ND**
5:30 PM

Grades 5-8 Christmas Party **7th**
4-7 PM

SET UP FOR MARY AND JOSEPH BREAKFAST **11th**
5-7 PM

MARY AND JOSEPH BREAKFAST **13th**
9-11 HELP WITH THE CHILDREN

GRADE 8-12 CHRISTMAS PARTY **13TH**
5 - 9:30 PM SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS



Find more details at
these places or call/text
Becky at 618-550-3552





OOPS – Have a MARY Christmas!

According to Luke 2:19 “**Mary treasured up all the things** (that happened that first Christmas Eve) **pondering them in her heart.**” So, no! The title of this OOPS article is not misspelled. Your Board of Christian Outreach wishes every reader of this newsletter a **MARY Christmas** and suggests every reader wish everyone they see this holy-day season a **MARY Christmas** too. In other words, make time this Christmas as you come-and-go here, there, and everywhere to **treasure** and **ponder** what the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ means to you and encourage others around you to do likewise. You and they will be glad you did!

**That's this month's OOPS
from your Board of Christian Outreach.**



The stewardship committee will host a Chili Supper next year on February 1st. Hope to see you there. Watch your January newsletter for more details.

GOOD NEWS - Number of Christians Actually Increasing

Did you know that the number of Christians in our world today is actually INCREASING according to an article in the summer edition of THE Lutheran Layman. According to the article “Christianity is growing at an unprecedented rate in several regions around the world, particularly in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, known as the Global South. Christianity’s geographic center moving away from the West to the Global South presents expanded opportunities for sharing the Gospel. There is a great need to partner with Christians in the Global South to make Christ’s Name known among the billions of people worldwide who still live in spiritual darkness.”

The article concludes “LHM (Lutheran Hour Ministries) stands ready to embrace the exciting future of global ministry as a strong, emergent, future-focused ministry that harnesses new opportunities, research, and resources to fulfill its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church.”

For more information or to become a financial supporter of this internationally known outreach ministry of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, call 800-876-9880.



The 2026 Intention Forms

Please prayerfully consider filling out your 2026 Giving Intention forms. If you did not pick one up at church or receive one in the mail, feel free to stop by the church entryway and pick one up or call the church office. In addition, there are ways to give through retirement accounts and/or using stocks and other non-cash accounts. Please talk to your financial advisor about giving through these types of assets.

First DCE Call Meeting

On Thursday, November 13th the call committee met to go over the “how to” of calling a DCE to our congregation with Jeff Fick from the Southern Illinois District Office. The committee is now looking over the material and will soon start considering various names. The committee members are Scott Peery (chair), Patrick Grandt, Becky Stevens, Mitch Essert, and Carleigh Ottwell. Feel free throughout this process to talk to them about how things are going. The next meeting of the committee will take place on January 8th.



LADIES LEAGUE/ LWML

Our November meeting was on Nov 6. Jane Stumpf, President, led us in a devotion entitled "What Color Are You?" This devotion was based on Jeremiah 1:5 and compared the various colors of the Fall leaves to individual people. Every person is unique and special in God's eyes. After the devotion and the common table prayer, we enjoyed the lunch we each brought and the desserts provided by our Hostesses. Stefanie Newbill and Judy Ostendorf chose the theme "Happy Birthday" and several of us brought in our baby pictures. We were cute babies.

LWML and committee reports were given during the business meeting.

Confirmation friends' sheet was handed out with what member has what confirmand. We met with them on Nov 12 and spent time getting to know each other.

Decorating committee will put up Christmas decorations on Nov 30, after the 10:30 service. Ladies League and congregation members are asked to bring nativity scenes to church to decorate the windowsills. Thank you to Marilyn Snider for this idea again this year. An announcement states "larger ones will be on tables in the back of the sanctuary. They will stay in place until Sunday January 4. Drop them off in the church office by Sunday Nov 30. Or better yet place them on the tables in the extra Sunday school room just immediately past the library. Please label with your name and phone number."

Several of us are going to the Zone Fall Workshop at Holy Cross, Wartburg on Nov 15.

The nominating committee brought the following names to be voted on for next year's Vice President and Treasurer: Susan Housewright for Vice President and Wanda Gross for Treasurer.

Both were voted into office by acclamation. Discussion was held about where to have our Christmas party on Dec 4. It will be at Mr. BBQ from 11:30 to 3pm. We will have a buffet with fried chicken and roast beef. Our December hostesses will bring dessert. Discussion was also held about next years hostesses and speakers. After the meeting we signed Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for our shut ins.

The Ladies League/LWML looks forward to a new year of Serving the Lord with Gladness.

ALL ladies in the church are invited to our monthly meetings.

Monthly mtgs are on the first Thursday of the month, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.

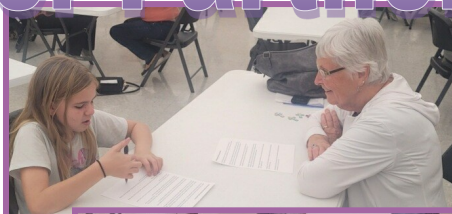
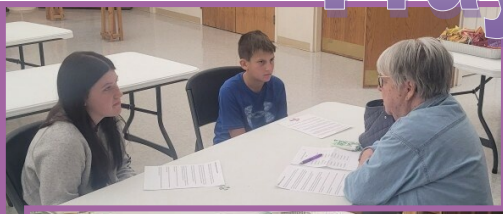
Our January meeting will take place on January 8 instead of the 1st.

If you have questions please contact Jane E Stumpf at 314-852-8776.



LWML Mission Statement As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Prayer Partners



*Member Spotlight***Brenda Appel**

Due to a personal conflict, and to help my parents, I moved from Collinsville, IL. to Columbia, IL. In 2000. I transferred from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jan. 2001.

I have four children: Eileen, Donald, John, and Emily. I've been blessed with four grandchildren: Adia, Jaden, Laila, and William. I enjoy spending time with my family. I also love nature, flower gardening, reading, singing, & watching T.V. I like antiques, and learning about Archeology.

I enjoy coming to church at St. Paul's. I enjoy, and learn from listening to the sermons, and enjoy singing with the music.

I sing with the Adult Choir, at St. Paul's. I'm involved in Eve's Restoration Ministries, and I'm on the Stewardship Committee. I'm also a mailbox member of the LWML.

My favorite Bible Verses are:

John 3:16

"For God so loved the World that He gave his one, and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Mark 12: 30

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Official Acts of the ChurchFunerals:

Patsy Powell (9/25)

Lisa Kaye Feinerman (10/25)

Ellavee Pulcher (11/25)

Weddings:

Donald & Audrey Sparks (11/1/25)

Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am - 10:30 am

Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!

Thank you for all your support! Questions?

contact Marianne May or Marilyn Snider.

Current Pantry Needs:

**Canned Fruit
& Cereal**

MONTHLY: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 1:30 -3 pm 2nd Wednesday: 4-5:30 pm

Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

December Wednesdays: Dec. 3, 10, & 17

1st & 3rd Wed - 1:30-3pm 2nd Wed - 4-5:30 pm

Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)

for January 2026 Newsletter: 12/16



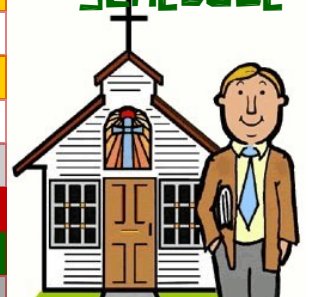
Open House- All are invited to an Open House at Pastor and Lisa's home (239 Elizabeth Drive) on Sunday, December 14th 4-6pm. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 8 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Monday 6:30 pm

Dec 3rd Advent	Advent:	11 am Bob Thoma & 6 pm Levi Ottwell
December 7 and 8	David Greatting	& Toby Search Scott Peery
Dec 10th Advent	Advent:	11 am Toby Search & 6 pm Mark Eischer
December 14 and 15	Mark Eischer	& Charlie Consolino Glenn Grebing
Dec 17th Advent	Advent:	11 am Mark Eischer & 6 pm Levi Ottwell
December 21 and 22	Scott Moeslein	& Levi Ottwell Bob Thoma
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve:	3 pm David Greatting & 6 pm Scott Peery
Dec 25 Christmas Day	Christmas Day:	9 am Charlie Consolino
December 28	9 am	Mark Eischer & Bob Thoma
Dec 31 New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve:	5 pm Scott Moeslein

**DECEMBER
ELDERS
SCHEDULE**Monday evenings at St. Paul's...

5:15 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm Divine Service

Wednesday evenings at St. Paul's:

4 & 7 pm Jr. Confirmation

& 6:45 pm

Handbell Choir





The Epistle

2025 December

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3-5

Dear friends and members of St. Paul's,

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Pastor Stephen Krenz 618-363-0121 Josh Gillespie 405-570-5464 Austin Kudray 586-295-5524	

Thanks be to God, our walk with Christ is not a solo endeavor. He has graciously provided this congregation as a vehicle through which his Word is proclaimed and his mission accomplished in Columbia and the surrounding area.

In lieu of Thanksgiving it seems appropriate to thank our gracious Savior for the many servants who help keep this congregation functioning well. I write this with two caveats. First, our service to the Lord is not limited to congregational life, lest anyone think that service in the church is "higher" than other types of service. Second, whenever names are listed inevitably people are missed, and for that I apologize ahead of time. Thanks be to God for these partners in the gospel.

-For Dianne Miller, as she is now in her fourth year of being our congregational secretary. We are blessed to have one who faithfully and joyfully keeps up with publishing the weekly services, announcements, the monthly newsletters, and many other daily tasks that keep our congregation humming along. The eleventh commandment is oh so true. "A good secretary covers a multitude of sins."

-For Jeanine Consolino, our organist, whose planning ability and musical talent help us "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4)

-For Michael Roediger and his wife Debra who continue to do a great job keeping our church clean and running well.

-For Steve Lake who continues to mow our beautiful property.

-For Marianne May who takes care of our outdoor flowers, and makes sure the inside flowers are attended to.

-For Shelly Augustin and Anna Matecki, who help our preschoolers praise Jesus and learn many new skills.

-For Lillian Koenigstein who assists in making sure that our congregational float is ready for the Columbia Days and Christmas parades and who organizes our annual congregational rummage sale.

-For our head elder David Greatting, and the rest of our congregational elders, who help in making sure that our public worship services are done decently and in good order, and who

help me shepherd the members of St. Paul's.

-For Karen Mueller, and our Sunday School teachers who week after week bring God's Word to the lives of many.

-For Nancy Radentz, who continues to lead our Wednesday Women's Bible Study.

-For Carol Ericson and those who assist in our food pantry so that many in our community can be served.

-For Amanda Douglas, and those who are part of Eve's Restoration Ministries, as they involve our congregation in this new outreach project. (continued on page 7)



December Sermon Schedule:

8 am & 10:30 am & Monday 6:30 pm

December 7th (Sunday) Romans 15:4-13

"Advent Encouragement & Endurance"

December 14th (Sunday) "Advent Patience" James 5:7-11

December 21st (Sunday) "Eternal Light" Daniel 12:3

Christmas Eve: "Our Immanuel" Matt 1:18-25 **3pm/6pm**

Christmas Day: "The Preeminence of Christ" **9 am**

Hebrews 1:1-6

December 28th "Christmas Heirs" Galatians 4:4-7 **9 am**

New Years Eve: "Staying awake in the New Year" **5pm**

Luke 12:35-40

Midweek Advent Series: Wednesdays, 11 am & 6 pm

Arise and Shine

In this Advent series we welcome the Christ Child, who is the light of the world, arising in our lives this season. In celebration, we, in turn, shine with the light of Christ in various ways for all the world to see the brightness of his love. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives.

Wednesday, Dec 3rd- Rising Light Isaiah 60:1-6

Wed. Dec. 10th

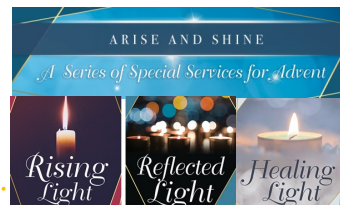
Reflected Light Philippians 2:14-16

Wed. Dec. 17th

Healing Light 2 Peter 1:16-19

Sunday Dec. 21st-22nd *8 am; 6:30p

Eternal Light Daniel 12:1-3



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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word & Reflect Christ's Love to All!**