

# The Epistle

November—December, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
227 Goodhaven Street  
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## Justification

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
and are justified by his grace as a gift,  
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,  
whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,  
to be received by faith..." Romans 3:23-25a*

### Dear friends and members of St. Paul's,

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrate(d) the "Festival of the Reformation."

The Reformation, in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, can be seen in several ways.

- Some see it as a "David (Martin Luther) vs. Goliath (The Roman Catholic Church) story, with David coming out victorious.
- Others see the Reformation as a time when the laity finally gained the ability to read the Bible in their own language (Luther translated the Bible into the German language).
- Still others view it as a time when the message of God's love became much greater than God's judgment.

These are important views, with some truth attached to each one.

However, the ultimate message of the Reformation was not whether God is merciful and loving—most people knew that, rather, it was "Can God's love in Christ really be funneled into my life?" Put another way, "How does a sinful creature obtain a right standing before God?" Too often the answer given, both then and now, involved some sort of human performance.

In the Bible, to be justified means that through Christ Jesus, our Lord acts as a gracious judge in pronouncing the fallen sinner innocent.

This may surprise us, because, in our view, just served means we get what our sins deserve. Isn't Justification all about receiving mercy instead of justice? Romans 6:4 states "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." If the payment for sin is death, then that payment must be served.

My fellow believers, Jesus took us into the tomb with him. This means we have "done the time" that our sins deserve. In our baptism we were both buried and raised with Christ. We not only did the time, but we have been freed! Dr. Robert Kolb wrote in his book The Christian Faith, "Sinners do die, God does justice to them in justification. He buries them. He buries them with Christ. Christ has taken the sins of the world and hides them in his tomb, the only place in his universe where the Father's glance never falls." (Kolb, 161).

How joyous to know that our connection to God is not based or maintained by human performance, but rather on the Savior who has "covered all the bases" when it comes to connecting you to himself. Enjoy the freedom that He brings!

**Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Krenz**

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## New Members Highlight ...



### Douglas Family...

**Tell us where you are from and what brings you to Columbia?**

I (Amanda) am from St. Louis and Tony was born in New York, grew up in Florida,

and has been in St. Louis the last 12 years. We moved to East Carondelet in January 2021 and decided to find a LCMS church close by.

### What led you to become members at St. Paul's?

We found the church online and attended one of the Saturday services this past Spring. We loved the traditional gospel centered service and the friendly atmosphere.

### What is your favorite Bible verse or story about Jesus?

My (Amanda) favorite verses are Ephesians 2:8-9.

### What do you like to do as a family when you are not at church?

As a family we enjoy watching movies, playing outside, and each month we try to have a family fun activity planned.

## Seminary Field Workers...

### Field Worker Michael Ewert...

Born and raised in Milwaukee, WI, I attended Hales Corners Lutheran Church and was schooled there and at Martin Luther High School in Greenfield, WI. I attended Concordia University Wisconsin with a Major in Philosophy and a Minor in Theological Languages, I graduated in 2020 and took a gap year to prepare for Seminary. I am the oldest of my parents three children, I have a younger sister who is a freshman at University of Wisconsin LaCrosse and a younger brother who is a freshman at Martin Luther High School. I enjoy reading, listening to music, and watching television shows when I have a chance, on a nice day you may find me taking a nap in my hammock. I look forward to serving you all and getting to know you better. God's blessings.



*Speaking Christ, Michael Ewert*

### Field Worker Daniel Thaelke...

Hello, I am Daniel Thaelke. I am the son of Mark and Teresa Thaelke, and I have two older sisters Bethany and Rebekah who are now both married. I grew up at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri where my dad is the worship and music director. I attended school there from kindergarten through eighth grade, and then continued at Lutheran High School St. Charles. My parents started me on violin and piano at a young age both of which I still play from time to time. I graduated from Concordia University Chicago this past spring, and during the summer I worked at my church's summer camp program spending my days leading a classroom of 2nd-5th graders. The Lord has blessed and led me in many ways so I am glad to be at the seminary and to serve here at St. Paul's.

**-Daniel Thaelke**

## Preschool News (618-281-4190 Shelly)

After having the last year and a half off due to COVID, St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool is back in session! With a full class this year, the children are adjusting well with every aspect of preschool. This may be the first year that our entire class is new to a preschool setting. While we normally have several returning students each year, with our closure last year, each student is brand new to a school setting. With that being said, they are all doing remarkable! We are very thankful to be back doing what we love.

### Special Thanks to the following...

All who graciously donated much of their time & talents over the last several months to help with the remodeling of the bathrooms, moving furniture, as well as the routine maintenance in and around the preschool. *Your help is very much appreciated.*

*Thrivent members who have donated their Choice Dollars to the preschool:*

Pam Haberl with Memory Lane Floral & Gifts for the nice plant to beautify our classroom. The Women's Ministry group for their donations of the Happy Times Magazine Subscription to our preschool children.

St. Paul's Board of Education for their continued support of the preschool.

### October Jesus Time

Jacob and Rachel  
Have a Baby  
Jacob Takes Care of Joseph  
Joseph  
Baby Moses  
Joshua and Jericho

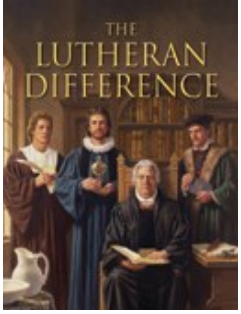
### November Jesus Time

Hannah Prays  
Samuel  
David and Jonathan  
The Angel Visits Mary

**The Lord watches over you. Psalm 121:5  
[God] cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7**

**If you know anyone who loves children and would like to occasionally help out as a volunteer or substitute as needed, please let us know and we will get paperwork to you. 618-281-4190 Shelly  
We are DCFS licensed and must have a completed file on each volunteer/substitute.**

# The Lutheran/Christian Difference: The Small Catechism



Luther's Small Catechism was originally written in the 16<sup>th</sup> century as a response to the minimal understanding of key Christian teachings among laity and pastors. The small catechism was not meant to replace God's Word or even stand beside God's Word. Rather, it was written to bring out in an orderly way the central teachings of the Christian faith as expressed in the Bible. The small catechism clarifies what we are called to do through the Ten Commandments. What we are to believe via the creed. How we are to pray in the Lord's Prayer. How we are to live as saints and sinners in a lifetime of confession and absolution.

Finally, the catechism reveals how the Lord's Supper and Baptism bring the blessings of Jesus' death and resurrection tangibly into our lives. The catechism was intended to be more of a prayer book than a textbook, in that a believer was expected to meditate on it throughout his or her life. The explanation to the catechism is also helpful as it gives an astounding number of Biblical references to various Christian teachings, and it addresses many issues of our day. Go ahead and "dust off" that catechism or better yet purchase a new one. The latest addition came out in 2018 and can be purchased at Concordia Publishing House by calling 1-800-325-3040.

*Thank  
you*



## Thank You:

A special thank you to the Women's Ministry for their decorations in the sanctuary, and providing the children's worship bags. Thank you to Steve Lake who continues to do a great job mowing the church lawn. Thank you to Marianne May for all her work taking care of the outdoor flower beds at church. Thank you to Dorothy Tomlinson who regularly changes the altar paraments. The congregational picnic went well. Thank

you to the stewardship committee for helping to make this happen. Thanks be to God who uses these people and many others to bless our life together here at St. Paul's.

## Thank you:

Lisa and I would like to thank the Board of Elders, the Ladies League and all others who sent us cards for pastor appreciation month. We are truly blessed to be part of this congregation. Pastor Krenz

## Board of Trustees

### TRUSTEES REPORT October 26, 2021 - VOTERS MEETING

- The table & chair project is complete. Tables & chairs were purchased from Sam's Club after a small committee visited local churches for ideas. 140 chairs, 20 rectangle tables and 8 round tables were purchased along with three new storage racks. Final cost was \$ 5750.
- The bell tower needs repair. Contractors are being contacted.
- The shrubs & trees on the church property have been trimmed or removed. Landscaping will be performed next spring. At least 3 of the trees were dead or dying.
- Water damage to the Old Narthex is being repaired.
- Trustees approved the Daisy Troop led by Erin Smoll use of the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.
- The sale of the historic church & school property to Gregg Crawford is scheduled to close on Oct 22. The Trustees hired Attorney Tim Gutnicht to review the sale documents and provide advice on the sale. All donated items have been removed & returned to the owners. Only a few large items remain in the church. An organ, a piano & several other items will be moved to storage. Contact Helen if interested.
- Trustees have been cleaning gutters, repairing base boards, cleaning return air grilles, repairing loose fascia and other maintenance issues.
- Doors of the church have been painted by Volunteers.
- The Preschool/Food Pantry Restrooms was completed in August for a cost of \$9800 thanks to numerous volunteers. Stop by and take a look.
- A new computer program (Church 360) was purchased to replace a record keeping program that was 20-years-old. Much easier to use.
- A painting party is being planned for next spring. Many areas will be painted. Volunteers will be needed.
- Worn entrance mats are being replaced and the floors of the Narthex and Fellowship Hall are scheduled to be cleaned by a contractor.

## Sunday School News

Our Rally Day Theme was Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We learned how we are like sheep and how Jesus is our Good Shepherd who takes care of us. We practiced being shepherds with balloon sheep and learned how difficult it can be to shepherd sheep. We had fun making sheep out of marshmallows and pretzels.

**Jesus Comes For Us** is the theme for this quarter. It is so great to see our class sizes growing. Our teachers for this quarter are:

N/Pre-K - Chloe Hrabusicky, 1st & 2nd - Karen Mueller, 3rd & 4th - Helen Nowak, 5th-8th - Carleigh Ottwell, and High School - Kaitlyn & Kevin Koenigstein. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist in the N/Pre-K class.



The **Christmas Program** will be **December 19th at 9:00 am.**

There will be **only one service** that Sunday. **Practices will be during the Sunday School hour Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec 12.**

Please text or email Karen Mueller to let her know if your child will be participating at (618) 806-4369 or klmueeller\_1969@yahoo.com.



## Adult Information Class:

This class is for those wanting to learn more about what is taught in the Lutheran Church and/or wanting to become members of the congregation. The first of these 10 week classes will be held on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm.** Please call Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) if you or someone you know might be interested in such a class.

### Worship/Sermon Themes from November 7<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>

- November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Poverty Giving Mark 12:38-44
- November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Sievers is the guest pastor
- November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Constructed to stand with Christ Jude 20-25
- November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Anticipating and Rejoicing in the Righteous One Jeremiah 33:14-16
- December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Refined but not consumed Malachi 3:1-7b
- December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Rejoice Philippians 4:4-7
- December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Christ is/shall be our peace Micah 5:5



### Advent Sermon Series "Symbols of Salvation"

Week 1 The Burning Bush

**December 1st 11am & 6:30 pm**

Week 2 The Cloud of the Tabernacle

**December 8th 11 am & 6:30 pm**

Week 3 The Call of Gideon

**December 15th 11am & 6:30 pm**

### Holiday Worship Schedule

**Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 25th 9 am Service**

**Christmas Program: Sunday, December 19th 9 am Service**

**Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th 3 pm and 6:30 pm Services**

**Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th 9 am**

**New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31st 5 pm**



Our activity for September was a service project for Unity Lutheran Christian School. We assembled 17 foldable camp stools for the children. They were delivered along with other supplies and donations from the Historic Church. Our October meeting was held at the Thai House where Pastor Krenz presented an informative topic entitled **"The Lutheran Church in America Today."** We expressed our thanks and appreciation verbally and with a card and gift to Pastor Krenz for Pastor Appreciation Month. Helen Nowak led both meetings with an opening devotion and prayer.

The **November 4th meeting** will be held in the Fellowship Hall - beginning with lunch at **12:00 noon**. Please note the time change for this meeting. After lunch, we will begin planning the service list for 2022 and elect or reelect the Vice President and the Treasurer. Sandy R. and Marilyn S. will be the hostesses for this meeting. We are planning to have a **Christmas luncheon in December**. Plans are not finalized for this yet. We will either have a potluck or a catered lunch.



***You are always welcome to attend our meetings, join, or help with our service projects. If you have any questions, please contact Wanda at 618-281-4691.***

## **OOPS for November and December, 2021**

### **Who was that MASKED Man or Woman?**

What a monkey-wrench the lingering COVID pandemic has thrown into even the most meager of our Christian outreach efforts—our saying "Good Morning" or simply "Hello" to fellow Christians as we gather (not together but still socially distanced) for worship. The fact that we maybe haven't seen each other at church for several months and have been wearing a mask only seems to add to our discomfort and difficulty. **Or, does it actually provide us with an even better OOPS than ever?**

**Yes!** The pandemic has given all of us the perfect opportunity to greet everyone we see at church with a friendly "Hello" or "Good Morning" or "Nice to see you again?" Or, with at least a big smile? Even if it still has to be a MASKED SMILE, our friendly eyes and accompanying warm greeting will give our Christian love away.

**No big deal, right? Wrong!** It is a big deal, especially as we slowly begin to dig out of the pit of isolation we've been stuck in for over a year. So, make a big deal out of it every time you are able to come to church. Go out of your way and greet fellow worshippers and engage them in caring Christian conversation. When you don't think you know who that MASKED Man or Woman is sitting in front of you, or tiptoeing into the service is, dare to reach out in a friendly way. Let no one ever be able to say "I checked out St. Paul's Lutheran Church last weekend and nobody even said "Hello" to me." Here endeth this month's OOPS (outreach opportunity suggestion) from your Board of Christian Outreach.

### **Pandemic Protocols**

As of the end of October those entering the church are encouraged to wear masks. When sitting in a pew, Bible class, or meeting, individuals are able to remove their masks. Watch weekly bulletin and weekly email for changes to these protocols.



Please place your order form, along with payment, in an envelope marked **"Christmas Poinsettias"** and place in offering plate or send to the church office. Make check payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church".

**Thank You.** Contact Kathy Stechmesser, 281-4670 if you have questions.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Ordering DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15**

To be guaranteed that we receive 5-bloom poinsettia plants in time for the Christmas season, we need to place our order by Nov. 15! These will be displayed in our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please complete a form found in the weekly bulletin or in the Narthex and include \$7.00 for each plant ordered.

Orders must be placed by November 15!





**Official Congregational Acts**  
**(August) September & October, 2021**

**Transfers In:**

8/12/21 Tony & Amanda Douglas, and their children Lea, Ava, Ezra, Elijah, Isaac, & Joanna transfer from Christ Memorial Church in St. Louis.  
8/12/21 Tony and Theresa Mancarella along with Nino, Razi, and Matthew transfer from Christ Memorial Church in St. Louis.  
8/12/21 Tom and Jean McLaughlin from Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Oxford, Florida.  
9/8/21 Funeral Service Tom Pierson  
-9/19 Forrest Greatting baptism  
-9/26 Gary Crawford joined via adult confirmation.  
-10/16 Wedding Celebration scheduled here at church for Jeffrey and Emily Pruden.

**Transfers out:**

Joel Krenz to Peace Lutheran Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. Memorial Church in St. Louis.  
Released: Adam Woehlke and his family

# FoodPantry



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The annual **Scouting for Food drive** is coming up. The Boy Scouts will be delivering the donation bags to Columbia residences on **Saturday, November 14th** and will pick up the morning of Saturday, November 21st. Our pantry is the grateful recipient of much of what the Scouts collect in town and this is our **SINGLE LARGEST** donation source each year. Besides leaving a bag out for the Scouts, here are other ways you can help:

**Saturday, November 20th** at 11:15 a.m. Volunteer drivers to pick up food from Scout Hut and deliver to fellowship hall. Usually takes no more than 1 hour. If you can drive, please call Barb Ries at 618.476.1065.

**Saturday, November 20th** from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sort & mark donations. Lunch provided.

**Sunday, November 21st** (times to be determined) to sort & mark donations. To maintain social distancing guidelines, sign up for a timeslot at

<http://stpauls-lcms.org/>  
or call the church office  
@ 618.281.4600.

Additional dates/times  
will be added  
As needed.


- 1 - cereal
- 2 - peas
- 3 - stuffing mix
- 4 - chili beans
- 5 - jelly, jam,  
or honey
- 6 - pineapple
- 7 - tomatoes
- 8 - tuna
- 9 - dessert mix
- 10 - applesauce
- 11 - canned sweet  
potatoes
- 12 - beef stew
- 13 - baked beans
- 14 - canned  
chicken breast
- 15 - fruit cocktail
- 16 - oatmeal
- 17 - canned ham
- 18 - spaghetti sauce
- 19 - canned pears
- 20 - tomato soup
- 21 - canned peaches
- 22 - mixed  
vegetables
- 23 - carrots
- 24 - canned  
oranges


***In lieu of the Giving Tree, this year the Board of Christian Caring is doing a "Reverse Advent Calendar."***

Each day, place an item from the list, into a box or bag. Bring your items to church each Sunday in December or wait and deliver them all at once on Christmas Day or thereafter. Collection bins will be located at the foot of the stairs near the lower entrance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♥ Anniversary	1 Danielle Ratley Jordan Starek Leslie Eckert	2 Brian & Karen Mueller ♥ Evan & Katherine Guebert ♥	3	4 Becky Wallace Joshua & Betheny Brunkhorst ♥ Michelle Mathews	5 Jason Womack Nicholas Boland	6 Clay & Debra Dietz ♥ Roscoe & Michelle Magnuson ♥ William Kleinschmidt
7 Glenn Grebing	8 Brian Kremmel Jennifer Krick Kenneth & Judy Ostendorf ♥	9 Ron & Mona Newton ♥	10 Ray & Rose Anne BenseY	11 Stefanie Newbill	12 Andrea Mastrantuono Doug Feldman Karl & Donna Nowak ♥ Nancy Mergelkamp	13 Chad Sackman Jeremy Offermann
14 Brian & Sierra Russell ♥ Jamie Lyon Rick & Joydean Beatty ♥	15	16 Charles & Paige Farris ♥ Ken Mathews	17 Mary Clyde	18 Charles & Laura Ford ♥ Jill Blattner Lorelei Henerfauth	19 Terry Woodcock	20 Chloe Collet Herbert & Margaret Simmons ♥ Paloma Niehaus
21 Jeremy Housewright Rich Rotnek	22 Hazel Herbeck Samantha Smith Scott Moeslein	23 Ethan Stumpf John Caldwell Stephanie Duvall	24 Cody Phelps	25 Bailee Williams Betheny Brunkhorst Carl & Cristi Bierman ♥ Haley Herbeck Keith Sackman Raymond Holman Rick & Kim Butler ♥ Tammy Grueninger	26 Donald Snow Ronald & Dorothy Tomlinson ♥	27 Mark Eischer
28 Kenneth Sievers Rachel Faries	29 Brittany Mitchell Leroy & Marilyn Kisro ♥	30 Patrick Grandt	November Birthdays and Anniversaries			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♥ Anniversary	December Birthdays & Anniversaries		1 Cassen Woolley Eddie Luedeman Gina Search Jennifer Housewright Willa Bates	2 Marilee Schueler	3 Glenn Woodcock Joel Greatting Larry Murray Luci Washburn	4 Jamie Moeslein Leroy Kisro
5 Don & Corla Greer ♥ Melissa Roessler	6 Bert Fulk Jordan Holten	7 Earlwayne Stumpf Gianni Glasco Ray & Susan Champion ♥	8 Jacob & Allison Ramsey ♥	9 Bill Luther Jr Sandy Roessler	10 Michele & Douglas Nelson ♥	11 Dylan Ray
12 Carole Hancock Gale Toolen Jack & Carol Wayland ♥ John Wallace Ruth Nelson Sue Housewright	13 Samantha Mueller	14 Alberta Spradling Bohdon Luberda	15 Allison Ramse ♥	16 Aaron Essert Martin Mueller	17 Danielle Arras Derek Niehaus Erwin Hofstetter Jana Eytchison	18 Brianna Elms Dan Elbrecht Robert Rauh
19 Judy Ostendorf	20 Dean Schorr Denise Nowak Joshua & Samantha Mueller ♥	21 Lloyd & Patty Pul- cher ♥ Reid Glaenger	22 Gregory Woolley Sarah Zavadil	23 Anna Earl Ruth Camp	24 Erin Glaenger Sherry Smith	25 Rory DeLunas
26 Joshua Thompson	27 Doug & Donna Tolbird ♥	28 Beckett Grider Oliver Kremmel	29	30 Cayden Kritz Debbie Caldwell	31 Jonathan Duvall	

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<p>7 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/ Sunday School Wing) 2pm Community Outreach</p>	<p>8 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Quilters 9 am Pastors Circuit Mtg Elders Meeting</p>	<p>10 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am Confirmation 6:30pm Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Youth Mtg</p>	<p>11 Stewardship Mtg 6 pm</p>	<p>12 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Pastor Out of Town</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/ Sunday School Wing)</p>	<p>15 Financial Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm (Sanctuary) Women's Ministry 6:30</p>	<p>16 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Pastor's Clergy Mtg Noon Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Elders Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/ Sunday School Wing) Adult Info Class 4:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Financial Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am</p>	<p>24 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Service 9 am</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/ Sunday School Wing) Christmas Program Rehearsal During SS Youth Christmas Tree Assembly Adult Info Class 4:30 pm</p>	<p>29 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm Fellowship Hall</p>				

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<p>5 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing) Christmas Program Rehearsal during SS 4:30 pm Adult Info Meeting</p>	<p>6 Financial Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm OutReach 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm</p>	<p>8 Ladies Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 5:15 Advent Services 11 am &amp; 6:30pm Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19 Divine Service 9am only w/ Christmas Program (Sanctuary) Elder Visits 2pm 4:30 pm Adult Info Meeting</p>	<p>20 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm Women's Ministry 6:30pm</p>	<p>21 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am</p>	<p>22 Ladies Bible Study 10 am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Service 3 pm and 6:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Service 9 am</p>
<p>26 Divine Service 9 am only (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27 Financial Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Quilters 9 am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Service 5 pm</p>	



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## PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING



### PSALM 69:30

I will praise the name of God  
with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

### PSALM 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!



### PSALM 106:1

Praise the Lord!  
Oh give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

### PSALM 75:1

We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks, for your name is near.  
We recount your wondrous deeds.



### PSALM 44:8

In God we have boasted  
continually,  
and we will give thanks to your  
name forever.

### PSALM 86:12

I give thanks to you, O Lord my  
God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.



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