



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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December 7, 2025
Second Sunday in Advent

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

Sunday, November 30th: Church Attendance: 40 Wednesday, December 3rd: 4pm 32; 6:30pm 19

Contributions: General Fund 11/30: \$ 5,147.00
Money Market Interest 11/30: \$ 50.92
General Fund 12/1: \$ 350.00
General Fund 12/3 4pm service: \$ 172.00
General Fund 12/3 6:30pm service: \$ 59.00
Total: \$ 5,778.92

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144
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Happening this Week...

Sunday, December 7th, Worship Service 9 a.m.

Wednesday, December 10th Midweek Advent Service at Ascension 4 p.m. 1st Service, 5 p.m. Meal, 6:30 p.m. 2nd Service

Friday, December 12th Bible study with Pastor Stolle at Ascension 10 a.m.

No Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries. If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Fred Reifsteck; Steve Reynolds (brother-in-law to Becky Reynolds); Ruby Shinn; Linda King; Bev Garr.

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those who have cancer. **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

Come and visit the sixth annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt in Concordia, Missouri. Come the weekend of December 12-13th. The market will be open from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, Dec. 12th and from 11am to 7pm on Saturday, December 13th. More information on the bulletin board.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School will be performing its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. The performance will feature the Saint Paul Instrumental Ensemble and the Singing Saints Concert Choir. The concert is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. Come hear your favorite Christmas carols sung and played by the talented musicians at Saint Paul. There is no admission fee but a free-will offering to support the school is appreciated. For more information, please visit the website at www.splhs.org or the Saint Paul Lutheran High School Singing Saints Facebook page. There will be a cookie reception following the concert across the street in the St. Paul's Grade School gym.



The Joy of Christmas: A Taste of Christmas

In the Word ~ *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!* (Psalm 34:8a).

Of the Word ~ Christmas is surely a season of the senses. We see the lights and the evergreens, and we hear the strains of carols almost every place we go. We reach out to hug our loved ones, and from the kitchen come familiar aromas, meaning we'll soon get to taste our favorite holiday treats.

Jesus knows what it's like to see, hear, touch, breathe, and taste because He did those things Himself. He saw suffering people, He heard their cries for help, and He reached out and healed them. He invited His disciples to taste the bread and the wine in remembrance of Him. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus breathed on them, and they received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today, Jesus invites us to use our senses to know Him through Word and Sacrament. We listen as His Word is spoken, and we bring to our lips His body and blood. As our prayers lift up as a sweet fragrance to Him, we see, physically and spiritually, His love at work in our lives. The Lord of all invites us to come and taste, see, hear, and touch the real meaning of Christmas.

Walking with my Lord~Lord Jesus, grant that I may know You more deeply. Amen.

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CARD CRAFTING

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Join us for a girls day of card crafting!

Join us Dec. 20 from 9:30-11:30, you pick the card occasion when you arrive and all the materials are included!

Contact Coral: (816)591-0366 to RSVP



\$30 for one kit.

\$20 for each additional kit.

Bring a friend to be entered into a free Christmas mug giveaway!