

# THE TOWER TALK

St. Paul Lutheran Church

12 Park St, Box O, Treynor, Iowa 51575

Tel: 888-487-3880

December  
2021

## Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 2:30pm, 4:30pm, and 7:30pm



Saturday, Dec. 25th - 9:00 am: Christmas Day Communion Worship

Sunday, Dec. 26th - 10:00 am: First Sunday of Christmas  
Christmas Carol Communion Liturgy

Sunday, Jan. 2nd - 10:00 am: Second Sunday of Christmas  
We will have a Carol Sing

*\*\*\*Please contact the church office if you would like to provide special music for our Christmas Eve worship services! \*\*\**

### **Children's Christmas Program**

**Sunday Dec. 12th during 10:30 worship**

Come & hear the story of Jesus' birth from our children through their Christmas from A-Z Program! After the program, stay for a soup lunch with the free will offering going to those in need.



### **Soup Lunch, Sunday, Dec. 12th**

Join us for a soup lunch after the children's Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 12th in the fellowship hall hosted by our SPY youth & families! Free will offering will go to those in need.

Take out lunches will be available after our 8 a.m. Worship service. Please contact Denise Wilson if you would like to place an order to pick up soup at 9 a.m.

### **Christmas gifts for youth in need**

SPY Youth are collecting donations of items for teens for New Visions' Christmas give away. Please consider buying an item or two to donate and place your donations in the Christmas wrapped box in the downstairs entryway by Sun., Dec. 12th. Suggested items are: footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, sweatshirts, backpacks, shower kits & deodorant, perfume & cologne kits, arts & craft kits, gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, gift cards (iTunes, fast food, etc.), games (all ages), college or professional sportswear.



**Poinsettia  
Orders**

If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia for worship for \$10 in honor or in memory of a loved one, fill out an envelope from the church entryway or the green bench by the office, or contact the church office. Orders are due by Dec. 10th.

**See page 3 for an important message from Linda Eitmann, our Preschool Director, and an update on our lift progress!**

**“Knowing Jesus, Telling about Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves”**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church information...

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Office hours: 8:30 am - 12:30pm

Monday - Friday

Preschool Tel: 712-796-1177

**Mission:**  
"Knowing Jesus,  
Telling about Jesus,  
Loving as Jesus  
Loves"



## STAFF

**Pastor Sharon Worthington**

pastorstpaultreynor@gmail.com

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**Denise Wilson, Youth Minister**

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Monday - 9am-12pm  
Wednesday - 9am-12pm  
Thursday - 9am - 12pm  
Friday - 9am - 12pm



**Pastor's  
Office Hours**

Or call the church  
office to schedule  
an appointment  
888-487-3880

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Corey Vorthmann, President  
Tracy Flathers, Vice President  
Katie Weis, Secretary  
Dave Key, Treasurer  
Erica Schnepel  
Cory Young  
JJ Pote



## MINISTRY TEAMS

The following is a list of contact persons that you can ask questions or get involved:

Praise Team - Deb Schmidt

Prayer Chain - Church Office

Stewardship Team - Ken Andersen, Jan Meis, Patty Walter, Glenrose Meier

Hospitality Team - Diana Andersen

Maintenance Team - Roger Andersen

Library - Adrienne Karr

SPY (High School youth) - Denise Wilson

Confirmation - Pastor Sharon

Sunday School & VBS - Denise Wilson

Preschool (Volunteers, Governing Board) - Shirley Chambers

Holy Communion - Lynell Vorthmann

Weddings - Shirley Chambers

Funerals - Ann Vorthmann & Lynell Vorthmann

Companion Congregation Team - Roger Andersen

Technology Team - Roger Andersen, Denise Wilson

WOW - Cory Young

Jr. Lutherans - Denise Wilson, Carrie Radford

Cemetery Committee - Josh Lammert, Dennis Deitchler, Ron Thomas, Jim Karr

Bingo Team - Julie Sealock

Quilting - Berni Bichel

Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary—Norma Vorthmann



God's Blessings on Harrison Robert Keyser and Buck Joseph Blankenship who were baptized on Nov. 14th. Parents are Jordan & Morgan Keyser and Madison & Dylan Blankenship and they are each other's baptism sponsors.

Congratulations to Megan & Thad Nelson on the birth of their baby, Silas Dean, who was born on November 20th! He joins big sister, Emme, at home. We pray God's blessings on their fami-



**Offering Envelopes for 2022:** We are doing these a little bit different this coming year. We are not going to use the numbered envelopes like we have in the past. We have decided to go with plain giving envelopes where you can write your name and date on the outside and they never go out of date. Envelopes will be in the pews and in the church entryway if you want to take some home.



Treynor's Blood Drive will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, December 16th from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. All blood types are needed. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [REDCrossBlood.org](http://REDCrossBlood.org) and enter: TreynorIowa to schedule an appointment. Contact Helga Calkins by calling or texting 402-250-4086 if you can provide sandwiches or bars to help with this blood drive.



**Administrative Assistant:** Liz Rogers is no longer serving as the Administrative Assistant for St. Paul Lutheran. She served in this position for two years. We pray God's blessings upon her as she moves into a new phase in her life. Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward to help with various projects in the office while we are between Administrative Assistants. We will be utilizing people in various ways during December.

**Quilting Needs:** Our quilting ladies are in need of old blankets, sheets, and any fabric and/or remnants that you can donate for making quilts. Please drop them off to the church marked for quilters. Thank you!



Warm the Homeless

There is a box inside the door by the church office to put your new or lightly used donations of warm clothes and items. We will collect these items throughout the winter and they will be delivered to those in need. Thank you for your donations!

The Preschool Governing Board has asked me to provide the following information to the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church:

As the year 2021 comes close to ending, my role as director of St. Paul Lutheran Preschool must come to an end too. I have notified the Governing Board of my intention to step down as the Preschool's director. This decision was not an easy one. However as influential cultural changes occur, the necessary decision making processes as the director have become mentally and physically taxing. I see this as God's way of saying it is time for me to allow others the opportunity and the privilege to lead.

Coming out of my initial 2012 retirement to serve the Preschool for another five years has been very rewarding. It has been amazing seeing young students benefit from the Preschool's vision and the staff embrace the mission of "love the children, teach God's wonders and discover the love of learning".

I am very appreciative of the guidance provided by the past and present Governing Boards and for the many ways the members of St. Paul congregation supported the Preschool ministry since 2005. Only God could have seen the potential in this church and in this community for an early childhood ministry. I will continue to advocate and pray for the Preschool's continued influence in the community.

May God be praised for the Preschool's past endeavors, and may the future of the Preschool rest in His mighty hands.

God's blessings,

Linda Eitmann

**Lift update:** Our contract crew has begun work on the new lift! It will take a while but we are thankful the process has started!



**Christmas Hat and Mitten Drive.** Help us give to the children of Council Bluffs!

Bethany Heights is collecting **new** hats and mittens of all sizes to donate to the Phoenix House, Micah House, and Children's Square. Drop off at the Heights, 11 Elliott Street, before December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Amanda Richardson, Activates Director at the Home,** tells about the activities there: a Veteran's Day Party, an Ice-Cream Social, a Turkey Bingo, a Tailgate Party, and a Book Club with Cece. In December the residents will be making Christmas snow globes.

**Michael Thomas, Activities Director at the Heights,** shares their activity schedule: on the 6<sup>th</sup> a music performance with Denell Danner, a thanksgiving religious service with Pastor Scott from Underwood Lutheran Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a dine-in Pizza King dinner, a huge Thanksgiving day party (fry a turkey, bake a turkey, ham with side dishes provided by the staff) on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a Monkey bread social in the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by a trip out in the countryside, and a do-it-yourself charcuterie (cooking involving prepared meats, such as ham, sausage, bacon, confit, or other pork products) board and a Iowa @ Nebraska viewing party.

**The big news** at the Heights is that they have **resumed their shopping bus** which they haven't done since March 2020!

**PREPARATION**

Preparations are underway for Christmas! It seems Thanksgiving is barely behind us when we press on towards the Christmas celebration. Decorations begin to light our way. Christmas cards start to arrive. Christmas sales kick in earlier every year! The pace picks up as we try to fit parties and programs and caroling in to already busy schedules. The season is exhilarating and exhausting.

That is why I recommend celebrating the Advent season before plunging into the Christmas festivities. Advent is a time of preparation, both externally and internally. As we thoroughly clean our houses for Christmas entertaining, we also do some internal house-cleaning to prepare for the coming of the most important Christmas guest – Jesus.

The external preparations mirror the internal preparations we make along with them. We may need to sweep up a lot of seemingly small sins that have accumulated in our lives like dust balls. We may need to mend torn relationships as we realize our reluctance to send a Christmas card. As we dust off unused items, we may realize the need to dust off some quiet time reading God’s Word and praying. As we wash windows and realize how the dirt build-up has cut down on our visibility and the light coming into our homes, we may realize our need for the cleansing of forgiveness to let in God’s light to our lives so we may see more clearly.

Advent preparations are not just more things to do in **addition to** Christmas preparations. They are intended to be done **along with** the Christmas preparations! The internal preparations help us see the meaning and purpose of Christmas. We are better able to keep our priorities straight on what the celebration is all about. We may decide to lay some things aside or approach some things differently. We may do everything the same, but our attitude will have changed.

The joy and anticipation of Christ’s coming can replace the depression and drudgery. And that’s what Christ’s coming is all about anyway. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. . . on them has light shined. . . You have increased its joy. . . For to us a child is born.” (Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6)

May you each have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Pastor Sharon

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Besides our monthly missions we use special offerings to support other missions. Our Thanksgiving offerings are given to Deaf Missions which originated in Council Bluffs in 1970 to work with deaf people. Did you know that if all the deaf people in the world were put in one country it would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest country in the world! There are 70 million deaf people and zero complete Bibles in sign language.

Deaf Missions exist because only 2% of these people have been introduced to Jesus. It is their mission to transform the lives of deaf people through God’s Word in their native and best language—sign language.

This vision drives 3 ministry priorities. The first is to translate the Bible into (ASL) American Sign Language by 2020. This will be the first complete Bible for Deaf people in sign language. The second is train and equip people to be more effective church leaders, teachers, Bible translators, etc. The 3<sup>rd</sup> is the have students and staff utilize the ASL bible and other resources to reach deaf people.





## Council Minutes for November 15, 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church met at 6:30 on Monday, November 15, 2021. All members, except Erica, were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Corey V. Pastor Sharon led us in devotions and prayer based on Psalm 127.

Pastor Sharon gave a report of some recent events happening here at St. Paul. This included the Confirmation Banquet, Rite of Confirmation service, All Saints Sunday, and two baptisms. CREW also had a special gift for the Veterans in the congregation and returned and filled the children's activity bags.

The Sunday School Ministry Report was given by Denise Wilson. Denise reported about numbers in Sunday School, Jr. Lutheran's, W.O.W., and CREW.

Tracy made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by JJ. The motion passed.

Discussion was had about upcoming worship times for the Holiday Season. It was decided that the Sunday School program would be held at the 10:30 service on December 12th with an inclimate weather date of December 19th. A soup luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall after the program. Three Christmas Eve Services will be offered at 2:30, 4:30, and 6:30. Christmas Day service will be held at 9:00. There will only be one service on December 26th and January 2nd at 10:00.


The maintenance team will begin work removing the old projector in the sanctuary. The church council will not have a December meeting and will instead combine items with the January meeting. The December/January meeting will be January 13th at 6:30 PM.

JJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tracy. The motion passed.

With no other business the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine (Katie) Weis, Secretary



**Council Meeting**

**The next Church Council meeting will be Jan 13th at 6:30 pm**

Ministry Team Council Report Schedule  
 December - Stewardship  
 January - Health Ministry  
 February- Preschool



**Call Team Update:** The Call Team met Tuesday evening, November 25th, with Pastor/Assistant Bishop, Mike Kroona, from the synod office via Zoom. Pastor Kroona walked the team through the call process and a sample ministry site profile. The call team members will be talking to and listening to a lot of members of our congregation. We will be meeting twice a month and will keep everyone informed of our progress. Please pray for us and our congregation as we strive to do God's work.  
 From Berni Bichel, Call Team Chair



*We Pray for You!*

Request the Prayer Chain

Contact: church office at 888-487-3880 or  
lutheranchurchspl@gmail.com

**PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN?**

The prayer chain is activated when a situation arises in which immediate prayer support is requested. A request made to the prayer chain is kept in absolute confidentiality and is not published. Individuals may be on both the prayer chain and the prayer list if desired.

THE  
**POWER**  
OF PRAYER

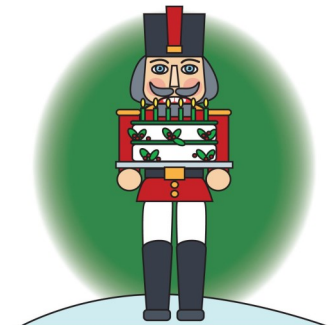
**Prayer Board-Prayer List**

*(The following are on our prayer list and also posted on our new prayer board in the church entryway. Please stop by the prayer board to read the updates, say a prayer for them and/or to write them an encouraging note or card. You may place the completed cards and or notes in the basket and the church will be glad to deliver them for you.)*

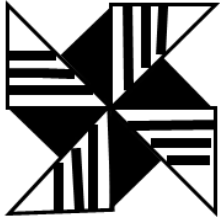
**Andy Anderson, Marilyn Lustgraaf, Betty Schmidt,  
John Sealock, Bryce Behrens Jr., Aubrey Greiner, Norma Voss,  
Ed Collins, Trent Casey, LaJean Wehring, Kya Hackett,  
Dennis Nelson, Jackie Stephens, Norma Vorthmann,  
LuAnn Miller, Roy Maguire, Susan Goos, Bill Jackson,  
Karen Jackson, LaVonne Sidebottom, Marla Bentley,  
Marlon McKenzie, Nixon Quick, Ann Roof, Jan Young,  
Bruce Bentley, Palmer Vorthmann, Jack Smith,  
Herb Sudmann, Wendy Vorthmann,  
Logan Young and Kaelin Bruning,**



Roger Schmidt	December 01	Kaelin Bruning	December 14	Justin Andersen	December 27
Trista Pitt	December 02	Galen Carpenter	December 14	Kathy Torneten	December 28
Perry Vorthmann	December 02	Mitchell Deitchler	December 14	Shirley Chambers	December 29
Edward Calkins	December 03	Thad Nelson	December 14	Jennifer Eitmann	December 29
Breanne Chambers	December 04	Nathan Mass	December 16	Jamison Keysor	December 29
Lexi Woods	December 05	Lane Eitmann	December 17	Rod Henderson	December 30
Kate Bazzell-Johnson	December 06	Lisa Dunbar	December 18	Chaley Hempel	December 30
Kent Floerchinger	December 06	Roger Andersen	December 19	Brad Von Weihe	December 30
Brandon Vorthmann	December 06	Sydney Burmeister	December 19	Karen Moss	December 31
Bruce Bentley	December 07	Jim Karr	December 19		
Jeremy Clausen	December 07	Nolan Waterman	December 19		
Lorene Huddle	December 07	Brooke Flathers	December 20		
Eleanor Temeyer	December 07	Maggie Hough	December 21		
Levi Young	December 07	Summer Goss	December 22		
BJ Dreyer	December 10	Bradley Klahn	December 23		
Kaylee Stutzman	December 10	Ruth Mass	December 23		
Emma Flathers	December 11	Carl Swalwell	December 24		
Peggy Sukup	December 12	Tom Duysen	December 26		
Patty Walter	December 12	Carla Nielsen	December 26		



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



## The PINWHEEL

December 2021

Our mission is  
*to love the children, teach God's  
wonders and discover the love of  
learning.*

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:** This past month the Preschool students have been learning about being thankful for God's many blessings! We are grateful for the beautiful weather that has allowed us to play in the falling leaves!

Students took a walking field trip to deliver many items they donated to the Treynor Food Pantry. Some students sang a special song to recognize St. Paul's Maintenance Team. Teachers met with parents for their child's fall conferences. Students also enjoyed a visit from Kindernature, who presented a program about seasons.

For our service project, the Preschoolers showed their appreciation by coloring thank you cards to be distributed to veterans. Thanks to all who serve!

**ACTIVITIES:** The Preschool Staff has spent time creating an outline in each curriculum area as a focus for the month. The December\_classroom activities include the following:

**Theme:** Holiday Cheer / Hibernation

**Bible Verse:** Jesus is God's gift to us. Matthew 1:18; Luke 2

**Bible Truth:** God sent baby Jesus; Jesus is God's Son, born in a stable.

**Bible Stories:**

An angel messenger Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 1:26-33/ A special Gift Luke 2:1-20/ Angels tell Jesus' birth to shepherds  
Luke 2:8-20/ What God wants for Christmas/ Advent

**Concepts:** Parts make whole—Nativity/ Retelling the Christmas story/The Lord's Prayer/ Big and Little

**Fine Motor:** Lacing/ Pouring/Stress balls/ Scissor grip

**Gross Motor:** Freeze dance/ balance (balance beam)/ climbing stairs

**Colors:** Red and Green      **Shape:** Star

**Numbers:** 9, 10

**Cooking:** Chef Combo-Warm Tummy Cocoa

**Nursery Rhyme:** Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star / Little Jack Horner

**Service Project:** Students are collecting winter gear for Mohm's Place shelter

**Resource/ Field Trip:** visit St. Paul Lutheran Church Sanctuary; Kindernature-Winter Wonderland

**Special Event:** Christmas Program

If anyone has some means of supporting the December themes, subjects or various concepts, please tell one of the Preschool Governing Board or a Preschool Staff member.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** If you would like to sponsor a child by assisting with preschool tuition for a week, month or school year, please contact the Preschool (796-1177). Any amount would be appreciated.

**Preschool Staff**—Norah Beekhuizen, Payton Chapman, Audrey Clark, Julie Cramer, Judy Cryer, Linda Eitmann, Elsie Hrasky, Alyssa Johnson, Sonya Kinnison, Rachel Kinsella, Carrie Radford, Stephanie Vogt and Kaylie Williams

**Governing Board**— Shirley Chambers, Carol Deitchler, Alice Falk, Sheryl Henderson, Karen Swalwell, Annie Vorthmann, Sharon Weis

*The Preschool wishes you all a  
Merry Christmas!*





## Stewardship News!

Greetings from the Stewardship Team

Happy December! December can be a busy time of the year but a sad time for those who have lost someone. We are thankful that God has provided us comfort and sanctuary. We are thrilled to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and being able to reunite with family and friends. Our getting together with family and friends may be tempered this year with the COVID-19 raging around us. This virus does not stop us, however, from celebrating Jesus's birth, even if it just us with our immediate family.

The stewardship team is hoping that you were able to participate in our "Heart Work" display. Isn't it amazing how many people contribute to the smooth running of our missions and work teams. Thank you to those who turned in your pledge cards on Consecration Saturday Sunday (Nov 21 & 22). Thank you to those that were able to increase their pledge for the next year. Please consider taking part in the Give + program. Taking part in the Give + program means a continuous source of income for the church independent of your attending each Sunday if you are able to.

Due to increase in COVID-19 cases in Pottawattamie County we have decided that our annual Christmas Caroling will not take place this year.

### December Mission Information

Our December Mission is Lydia House - Lydia House is a part of the Open Door Mission in Omaha. It is an emergency shelter for women and families who are homeless or escaping domestic abuse, or recovering from drug addiction. It is open 24 hours a day.

Lydia House provides emergency and transitional services for single women and families in need of assistance. Food, shelter, clothing and other basic needs are provided.

Case managers are assigned to guide women and families through opportunities for life changes. These may include drug rehabilitation, counseling, classes, etc.

There are special services for children, domestic violence and family reunification.

You can call 402-829-1531 for shelter availability.

Joy and prosperity. Happiness and peace. Of these I wish thee a blessed increase. I bear you in memory this Yuletide and say "God bless you and grant you a bright Christmas day."

Thank you to everyone who turned in their 2022 giving commitment cards and their Spirit Given Gifts form to help support our church and ministries this coming year! If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so soon to the church office.



**Wedded Band update:** The ballots are in! The existing officers, Mark Sornson, Berni Bichel, Doug Wehring and Glenrose Meier have been re-elected for another term!

Our next event is the **January 16th spaghetti dinner** - mark your calendars!





**Health/safety procedures:** We are not requiring masks at this time but they will be available at all entries into the church and youth center. We ask parents to please follow the same health/safety guidelines as the school, that if your child is not feeling well or has a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, that you please keep them home. Thank you!

**Junior Lutherans and WOW for December**

**Junior Lutherans, Weds., Dec. 8th, 5:30-6:30pm:** Jr. Lutherans is for 2nd thru 4th grade students and is held in the youth center. Bring your bible and come a little early to play the game tables! Contact the leaders, Denise Wilson and Carrie Radford, if you have any questions.

**WOW (Walk One Way), Weds., Dec. 15th, 5:30-6:30pm:** WOW is for 5th and 6th grade students and is held in the youth center. Contact the leader, Cory Young, or Denise Wilson if you have any questions.

**Sunday School**

**3 yr. olds– 8th grade**

Something for all ages on Sunday mornings at 9:15am!!

**Preschool through 5th grade** classes are in the classrooms upstairs in the church building.

**6th thru 8th grade** are in the youth center.

**We hope to see you on Sunday mornings!**

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**Christmas Program Info:**

**Sun., Dec. 5th & 12th** – the kids will practice for the Christmas program during the SS hour.

**Sun., Dec. 12th at 10:30am**  
Children’s Christmas program during the worship service - the children will share about Jesus’ birth in their Christmas from A- Z program. *(In case of inclement weather on Dec. 12th, the program will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 10:30am).*

**Sun., Dec. 19th** - special Christmas activities with middle school students helping.

**Sun., Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd** - No Sunday School

**Confirmation Schedule for December**

**Weds., Dec. 1st** - 6:30pm: Potluck Dinner and church decorating

**Weds., Dec. 8th**–7:00-8:15pm: Learning Event

**Weds., Dec. 15th**– 7:00-8:15pm: Learning Event

**Weds., Dec. 22nd & 29th** - No confirmation since No school for the holidays: Students and mentors are asked to schedule a time to meet for the Dec. 29th mentor discussion.

**Confirmation update:** We were glad to have 9 kids attend Okoboji Bible Camp recharge weekend in November! Thank you to our drivers! Most of the new 7th graders have now acolyted at least one time - thank you to all our 7th and 8th grade students for serving our church in this way!

**Cell Group schedule for December 7pm - 8:15pm**



High School youth!! Come for fun group games, read & discuss God’s word with your peers, and have some snacks! We will have 1 meal a month on the last Wednesday of the month in the church fellowship hall & have projects or activities.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1st and Dec. 8th:** We will meet in the youth center.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15th:** We will meet in the church library for our annual soup dinner, gingerbread house contest and hot chocolate bar!

**Weds., Dec. 22nd & 29th:** No Cell Group - have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Sunday Morning CREW for High School Youth**

9:15am on Sunday mornings in the youth center! Come & join us for devotion time, prayer and service projects.

**Upcoming projects:** In December we are adopting a family for Christmas & helping with the soup lunch on Dec. 12th.

Contact our student leaders, Mira Dreyer and Avery Dyke, or Denise Wilson if you have any questions- we hope to see you on Sundays!

**C**hristians  
**R**eady  
**E**quipped  
**W**illing



# December 2021

Missions: Lydia House



**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			<b>1</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Potluck & Decorate  7pm Cell Group	<b>2</b>   7pm AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8am Worship 9:00am Fellowship 9:15am SS/CREW 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  5:30-6:30pm Jr. Lutherans  7pm Confirmation & Cell Group	<b>9</b>  6:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program Fhall reserved  7pm AA	<b>10</b>  Preschool Christmas Program Snow Date—fhall reserved	<b>11</b>   5pm Basement Rental
<b>12</b> 8am Worship 9:00am Fellowship 9:15am SS/CREW No Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Sunday School Christmas Program & Soup Lunch 4-8 Fell Hall Rental	<b>13</b> 9:00am Staff mtg.	<b>14</b> PS Kindernature in Fhall	<b>15</b> PS Kindernature in Fhall  5:30-6:30pm WOW  7pm Confirmation & Cell Group	<b>16</b> 11:30am-5:30pm Bloodmobile at Community Ctr  7pm AA	<b>17</b>  6:30pm Goss Rehersal	<b>18</b>  All of church reserved for wedding  3pm Goss Wedding
<b>19</b> 8am Worship 9:00am Fellowship 9:15am SS/CREW No Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship (Christmas Program snow date)	<b>20</b> 9:00am Staff mtg.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>   No Confirmation or Cell Group	<b>23</b>   7pm AA	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 2:30pm 4:30pm 6:30pm	<b>25</b>  9am Christmas Day Worship
<b>26</b> <b>10:00am Worship</b> No Bible Study/SS/CREW	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>   No Confirmation or Cell Group	<b>30</b>   7pm AA	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>
<b>Jan 2</b> <b>10:00am Worship</b> No Bible Study/SS/CREW		<i>Sunday, Jan. 16th— mark your calendars for Wedded Band's Spaghetti Dinner!</i>				



*December*

**December 2021**  
**Volunteer Schedule**  
**Worship Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Musicians</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Welcome Team</u>
12/5/21	8:00am	Brett Allen	Patty Walter	Lanee Wasenius	Poinsettias	Ken & Coretta Andersen
12/5/21	10:30am	<b>Praise Team</b>		<b>Henry Wise</b>		<b>Pote Family</b>
12/12/21	8:00am	Ruby Bentley	Erica Schnepel	Ethan Chambers	Poinsettias	Ken & Coretta Andersen
12/12/21	10:30am	<b>Megan Dreyer</b>		<b>Colton Clemsen</b>		<b>Pote Family</b>
12/19/21	8:00am	Brett Allen	Ken Andersen	Sophia Pedersen	Poinsettias	Ken & Coretta Andersen
12/19/21	10:30	<b>Praise Team</b>		<b>Brady Dyke</b>		<b>Pote Family</b>
12/24/21	2:30pm 4:30pm 6:30pm	Deb Schmidt Ruby Bentley Deb Schmidt		Lila Eitmann Livia Schroeder Shaylee Smith	Poinsettias	Church Council & volunteers
12/25/21	9:00 a.m.	<b>Deb Schmidt</b>		<b>Lane Eitmann</b>	<b>Poinsettias</b>	
12/26/21	10:00am	Ruby Bentley	Cheryl Henderson	Karlie Miller	Poinsettias	Ken & Coretta Andersen
1/2/2022	10:00am	<b>Praise Team</b>		<b>Henry Wise</b>	Poinsettias	

**2022 Flower Chart:** The new flower chart is hanging up in the church entryway. Please consider signing up to provide the altar flowers on a Sunday. You can have them in honor of someone for a birthday, an anniversary, in memory of someone, or just because! Live flowers on the altar add a lot to our worship service and space and you can take them home after the 10:30 service.

***Acolyte Reminder:***  
***Be sure to check the calendar above for dates and services you are scheduled to acolyte. If you are unable to acolyte be sure to find a substitute and let the church office know of the change.***

St Paul Workday Nov 4, 2021

There were 8 people helped with the work day – Coretta and Ken Andersen, LaJean and Doug Wehring, Kay and Dennis White, Steve Owens, and Roger Andersen.



The church staff and preschool staff/governing board prepared a great “appreciation breakfast” for the maintenance team – two egg casseroles to choose from, cinnamon rolls, a fruit bowl, juices, and coffee. What a great way to start the day.

Things that were done included:

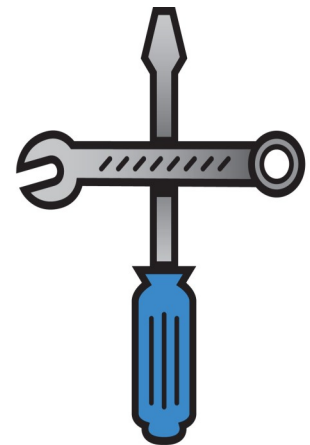
- Checked the AED and oxygen tank
- Cleaned heat pump fins monthly
- Separated the nickel deposits from recycled plastic bottles
- Repainted the sidewalk corner marker post crosses – Ken did at home
- Covered the hose spigots for the winter
- Covered Pastor's A/C unit for the winter
- Put the parsonage hoses in garage plus 1 from church
- Entry thermostat hooked up for the winter (disconnected for construction)
- Entry furnace filters checked and oiled where appropriate
- Replaced a burned out bulb in 2nd overflow
- Took the pressure washer to sub-basement for the winter
- Added 100 pounds of water softener salt to the preschool water softener
- Helped Denise eliminate some old road signs that are no longer needed for past events

We schedule the work day for the first Thursday of every month so join us Dec 2 for some “fun” and probably homemade cookie and brownies.

Other tasks performed since the last Tower Talk update includes:

- Ken and Coretta have been taking the recycle cardboard and plastic to the recycle center
- Burned the limbs in the fire ring several times
- Dennis mowed weekly to keep the lawns looking great
- Turned the heat on in all parts of the building
- Made shelves for under and on the tech table
- Larry Andersen painted them black
- Moved all the sound cables from floor to new shelf under the tech table
- Ran a new Ethernet cable to the sanctuary camera (old one had two broken wires)
- Jason Burmeister ran a sound cord from the mixer to sanctuary camera for Facebook live
- Drained the hoses and put them away for winter
- Preschool rain barrel put away for winter
- Unlocked and locked the sanctuary doors daily for the concrete workers
- Raked leaves - 11/9, - Dennis White, Doug Wehring, Steve and Roger Andersen
- Doug spent many hours measuring and drawing plans for the lift area
- Cleaned up the entry before the Sunday services following weekly concrete work

The OMG (Old Maintenance Group)



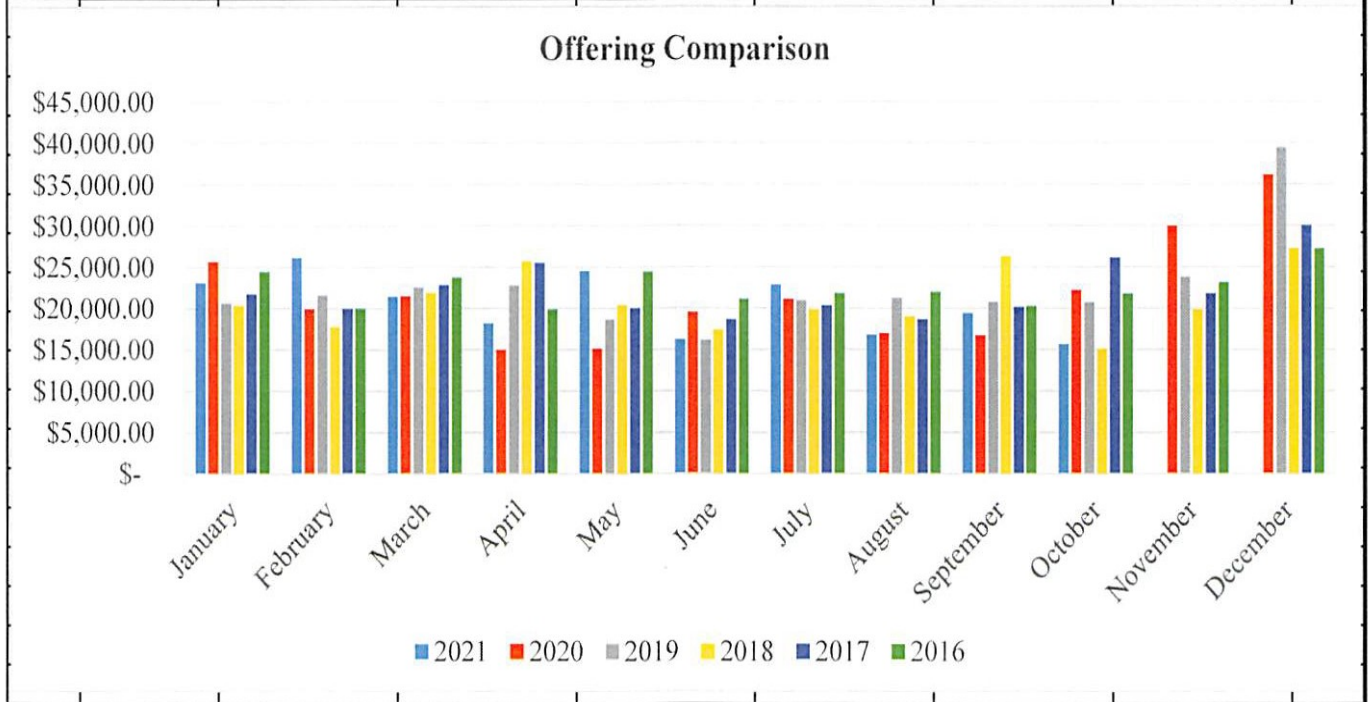
**CHURCH  
MAINTENANCE**



**Thursday, December  
2nd at 8:30 a.m.  
All are welcome to come  
and help!**

### Offering Comparison

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
January	\$ 23,094.00	\$ 25,729.17	\$ 20,644.30	\$ 20,432.25	\$ 21,715.46	\$ 24,458.12	
February	\$ 26,114.00	\$ 19,966.65	\$ 21,605.00	\$ 17,879.50	\$ 19,957.47	\$ 20,043.57	
March	\$ 21,405.50	\$ 21,560.35	\$ 22,577.43	\$ 22,001.66	\$ 22,840.75	\$ 23,779.97	
April	\$ 18,169.00	\$ 15,001.35	\$ 22,789.78	\$ 25,807.50	\$ 25,525.00	\$ 19,880.75	
May	\$ 24,482.00	\$ 15,156.35	\$ 18,638.50	\$ 20,467.50	\$ 20,048.75	\$ 24,423.42	
June	\$ 16,179.00	\$ 19,511.35	\$ 16,112.21	\$ 17,450.44	\$ 18,639.00	\$ 21,147.75	
July	\$ 22,845.00	\$ 21,145.84	\$ 20,942.90	\$ 19,910.00	\$ 20,317.00	\$ 21,841.00	
August	\$ 16,762.00	\$ 16,973.35	\$ 21,209.93	\$ 19,111.00	\$ 18,662.50	\$ 21,974.00	
September	\$ 19,385.62	\$ 16,726.00	\$ 20,736.98	\$ 26,363.67	\$ 20,147.50	\$ 20,288.72	
October	\$ 15,637.00	\$ 22,191.00	\$ 20,691.37	\$ 15,122.64	\$ 26,130.13	\$ 21,766.91	
November		\$ 30,022.00	\$ 23,788.63	\$ 19,938.30	\$ 21,767.58	\$ 23,115.98	
December		\$36,209.07	\$ 39,371.67	\$ 27,298.19	\$ 30,006.98	\$ 27,210.94	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 204,073.12</b>	<b>\$ 260,192.48</b>	<b>\$ 269,108.70</b>	<b>\$ 251,782.65</b>	<b>\$ 265,758.12</b>	<b>\$ 269,931.13</b>	



**TOWER TALK**

St Paul Lutheran Church

Box O 12 Park St

Treynor, IA 51575

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DATED MATERIAL**

December 1 , 2020

**WE ARE BLESSED AT ST PAUL!**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Morning**

**8:00 am Traditional Worship**

**9:00 a.m. Fellowship, coffee & treats**

**9:15 a.m. Sunday School/High School CREW**

**9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**December 24th 2:30pm, 4:30pm & 6:30pm**

**December 25th 9:00am worship**

**December 26th 10:00am worship**

**January 2nd 10:00am worship**

**WE HAVE AN AWESOME GOD!**

