

REPENT! THE LORD IS COMING

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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *John was the kind of preacher who didn't mince words. He spoke out boldly against sin and warned of the coming fires of judgment. The people listened and confessed their sins. John's message wasn't half a message. He also baptized for forgiveness and pointed the repentant to the gracious coming Savior. These things, law and gospel, are what everyone in this entire area – including us – still need to hear: "Repent! The Lord is Coming."*

Stand

Opening Responses

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. *Isaiah 9:2*

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only!
He came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

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Soloist:

1 Long in darkness Israel wandered;
long in mortal shadows we
walked in bondage and self-pity,
trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words he told us,
long the God of Israel spoke;
he alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.
Ev'ry valley be exalted!
Ev'ry mountain be made plain!
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
all creation bend in praise!

Confession

Our God is a God of grace, for which we give thanks, for we so desperately need his grace. Humbly we confess:

O Gracious God, I have so often stumbled in the darkness of sin. I have failed to appreciate your grace; I have failed to reflect your goodness.

Have mercy on me, O Savior, for I have sinned!

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

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2 He shall raise a might - y Sav - ior; born of Da - vid's
lin - eage, he comes in cov - 'nant love to claim us, from our
sins to set us free. Light to those who dwell in dark - ness,
life to those from death who flee, joy un - to the earth, and
glad - ness, to your path - ways dawn - ing peace!

Refrain

Ev - 'ry val - ley be ex - alt - ed! Ev - 'ry moun - tain
be made plane! Crook - ed ways re - pent and straight - en;

all cre-a - tion bend in praise!

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Assurance of Forgiveness

God has forgiven all of your sins. Showing the greatest act of grace, Jesus, the promised Savior, came to this earth and took your place. Graciously he died for you, and graciously he gives you forgiveness, day after day!

Thank you, O Savior, for your grace!

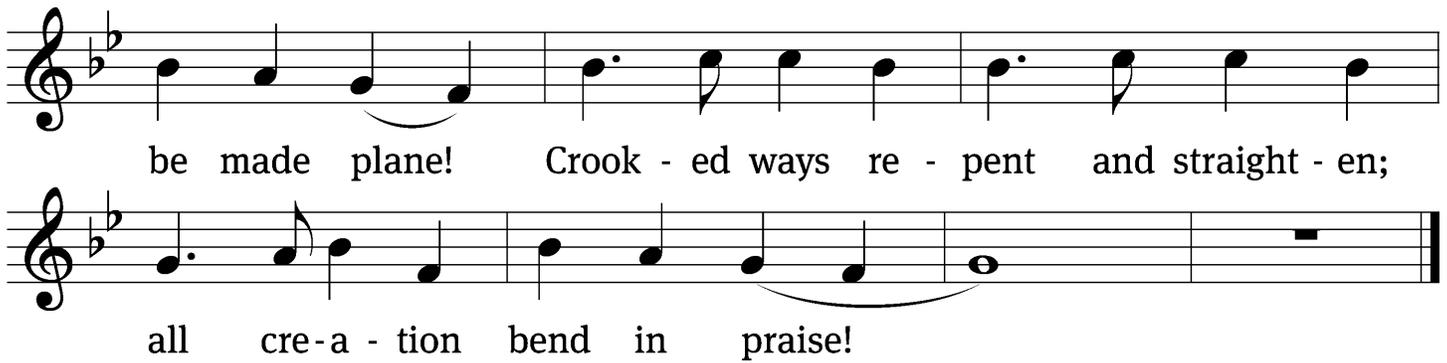
Dawning Light of Our Salvation

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3 Je - sus, Lord, and might - y Sav - ior, Da - vid's son and
 yet his King, dawn - ing light of our sal - va - tion, of your
 sav - ing pow'r we sing! Stand, O lame, and dance, ye bro - ken;
 know the Sav - ior's heal - ing grace. Come, O deaf, and hear him
 sing - ing; turn, O blind, be - hold his face!

Refrain

Ev - 'ry val - ley be ex - alt - ed! Ev - 'ry moun - tain



THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 4:19–37

The LORD warned King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream to repent and then humbled him.

¹⁹Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you.”

Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! ²⁰The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, ²¹with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds — ²²Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

²³“Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.’

²⁴“This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³²You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: "What have you done?"

³⁶At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 130

We cry out to the LORD for mercy; we repent and put our hope in his unfailing love.

Soloist: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord, I cry to you, Lord.

All: Refrain

Out of the depths, I cry to you,
Lord, I cry to you, Lord.

S: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. LORD, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

All: Refrain

S: If you, O LORD, should mark our guilt, LORD, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

All: Refrain

S: My soul is waiting for the LORD, I count on his Word. My soul is longing for the LORD, more than watchmen for daybreak.

All: Refrain

S: Because with the LORD there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

All: Refrain

Second Reading

Acts 3:19–26

Peter preached repentance so that sins may be wiped out and times of refreshing will come.

¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²²For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. ²³Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’

²⁴“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. ²⁵And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ ²⁶When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Soloist: Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All:

Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

John preached and baptized, urging fruits in keeping with repentance, for the Lord is coming.

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’ ”

⁴John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

CW 316



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin and fur - nished
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and lift us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; come, then, and lis - ten,
 for a Guest with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 up to fall no more; O make your face on
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings good news a - bout the King of kings.
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 us to shine, and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Acts 3

¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

You Can't Fix It!

A turn of the mind * A turn of the heart

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us

during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and to long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Special intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Comfort, Comfort All My People

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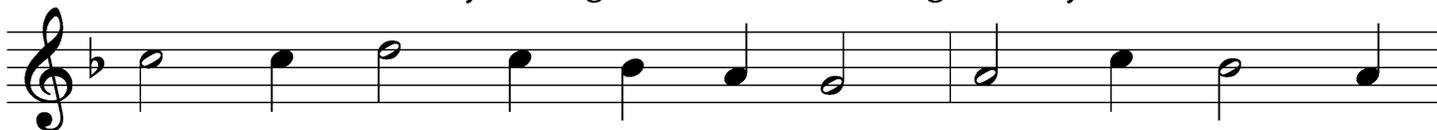
1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; speak of peace," so
2 All their sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each
3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
4 Then make straight the crook - ed high - way; make the rough - er



says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, groan - ing
dark mis - deed; all that well de - served his an - ger he no
far and near, call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance for the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, read - y



from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. They have suf - fered man - y a day;
king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
for his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their
now their griefs have passed a - way. God will change their
Now pre - pare for God a way; let the val - leys
now o'er earth is spread a - broad, and all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, that their war - fare now is o - ver.”
ach - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

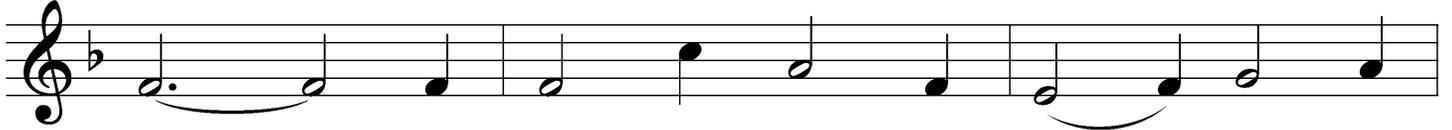
Be seated

Arise, O Christian People

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1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him, pre - pare for him the
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -



day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who
best; cast out what would of - fend him, this
high; be - neath his feet in ter - ror the
side, and help me to re - ceive you this



takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -
great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the
haugh - ty soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and
bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger



lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised
way: the low - ly val - leys rais - ing, the heights of
right, that heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion and makes true
low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your



Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.
pride a - bas - ing, his path all e - ven lay.
prep - a - ra - tion— it is the Lord's de - light.
prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Marilyn Toepel

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Eirich, Sandy Bolz, Stefani Leverenz, Jenny Walleser.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Eric Specht, Doug Mattek, Payton Specht, Mike Austreng.

10:30 a.m. Chad Hayner, Mike Heilman, Tom Ehrenberg. 6:00 p.m. – Dexter Porter

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

OFFERINGS: 11/27 & 11/28 - \$14,450 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$12,312 GROWING FORWARD.

ATTENDANCE 11/27 & 11/28 8:00 A.M. – 180. 10:30 A.M. – 127. 6:30 P.M. – 27.



PRAYERS

1. Jim and Debbie Van Alstine celebrated 35 years of marriage on Nov. 28th!
2. Marlene Roeseler, whose husband, Galen Frysinger, was called home to heaven at the age of 91 on November 27.

This Week at a Glance:	
Sunday, December 4	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Grades 1-4 Sing at Calvary*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. Living Nativity
Monday, December 5	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 6	6:30 p.m. 3K Teacher Call Meeting
Wednesday, December 7	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 7	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms - Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Church Council
Thursday, December 8	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
Saturday, December 10	9:00 a.m. Christmas Service Practice in Church
Sunday, December 11	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	9:15 a.m. Christmas Service Practice in church
	3:00 p.m. MLHS Jr. Lancers Band & Choir Concert

1. **Sunday Bible Study:** We have gathered several individual topics for study. This Sunday we finish up our look at *Demons and Satan* and begin the next topic of *Baptism*. Come and grow!! [Also feel free to submit ideas for study to any of the church staff.]
2. **3K Teacher Call** - The voters will be placing another call for a 3K teacher on Tuesday evening, December 6, at 6:30 pm.
3. **2nd Grade Teacher Call** - Our voters met during the Bible study hour and extended a call to Miss Deborah Doletzky for the 2nd grade teaching position. She has about 30 years of teaching experience and currently serves Grace Lutheran School in St. Joseph, Michigan. Feel free to reach out to her and offer encouragement by email at: debdole21@gmail.com.
4. **Advent Devotions** - Martin Luther College (MLC) has been producing devotions for Advent each year. If you would like to use them for your personal or family devotions this month, they can be accessed at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions
5. **Called Worker Gift Box** - If you would like to remember our Called Workers with a monetary gift for Christmas, a box is located in the narthex for you to do so. This box will remain out for the month of December.
6. **Shut-in Gifts:** We would like to provide each of our shut-ins with a small Christmas gift from our St. Paul's family. If you'd like to make a donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office or put it in an envelope in member mailbox B1. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.

7. **Christmas Service Practices/Notes:** Christmas at St. Paul's is fast approaching! Here's a link to an online Google Drive folder where you can find the recitations/narrations as well as links to the service songs: <https://tinyurl.com/48yfbrzh>
Here's a link to the event on Facebook. Share away, and invite friends and family to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! <https://tinyurl.com/ftv9p2k9>

Important Dates/Times:

- Saturday, December 10 - practice from 9:00-10:30 a.m. (only child participants in church)
 - Sunday, December 11 - practice from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (only child participants in church)
 - Saturday, December 17 - practice from 9:00-10:30 a.m. (all participants in gym)
 - Sunday, December 18
 - 1st-8th grade service @ 8:00 a.m.
 - 1st-8th grade arrive by 7:40 and go into Sunday School classrooms
 - PK-8th grade service @ 10:30 a.m.
 - PK & K arrive by 10:10 and go into Sunday School classroom
 - 1st-8th grade will stay between services for snacks and activities
8. **The St. Paul's Lutheran Pioneers** is launching a new program in January 2023! The new program will meet weekly right after school, with various sessions running for 6-8 weeks. The program will involve girls and boys 1st - 8th graders, possibly kindergarten depending on leaders and helpers. Activity sessions will include archery, hiking, gardening, cooking, painting, and more! If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call or text Mike Heilman at 920-698-1654 or email heilman_2004@yahoo.com. Additional information and signup for the first session will be provided around Christmas.
9. **St. Paul's Lutheran Pioneers** will be selling Christmas Cards, again. They will be available soon in the narthex. Cards are sold per box and the cost is on each box. Please put money in the basket provided. We also have a variety of greeting cards available in the church library. The cost for the cards in the library is \$1.00.
10. **Sheboygan River Circuit "Mingles Group" Activity** - They are creating Christmas cards for Shut-Ins December 10, at 10am, at Calvary Lutheran in Sheboygan. All high school grads and older are invited. Cards and treats will be provided. Contact Matt Olson at 608-354-5937 or mattolson5@gmail.com for more info.
11. **Poinsettias for Christmas:** A CCB request went out on Wednesday to sign-up for a poinsettia for Christmas. There is also a printed sign-up sheet in the member room. **Please only sign up in ONE of these places.** The cost is \$11.00 and exact cash or a check can be made out to St. Paul's. There is a designated drawer in the member room marked POINSETTIA PAYMENT. Please place your payment in an envelope and then into the marked drawer by December 11th. Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Day service. There is also a sign-up sheet in the member room if you do not have access to a computer.

12. **Mr. Andrew Dais**, our 5th-6th grade teacher and athletic director, has returned his divine call to serve at Zion - South Milwaukee. We are grateful for his continuing ministry among us at St. Paul's!
13. **Building Project Update** - This past week saw a 20,000 gallon water holding tank installed for the circular system. Block was delivered and soon the fire wall will be built this next week. Our pre-engineered steel tentatively arrives Dec. 13. Metal decking for the roof has already arrived!
14. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
15. **Scrip gift cards** make the perfect gift to give or use yourself for your Christmas shopping (and all year long).

We currently have the following cards on-hand:

- Festival Foods \$50
- Meijer \$50
- Miesfeld's \$25
- Pick 'N Save \$100
- Piggly Wiggly \$25, \$50, \$100
- Culver's \$10
- Kwik Trip \$25, \$50, \$100
- Walmart \$25, \$100

Gift cards can also be ordered for many retailers nationwide in various denominations. To ensure delivery before Christmas, orders must be in by December 18th, 2022. You can purchase your scrip cards in the school office or at the scrip table in the narthex.