

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services**

**9:30-10am Zoom Bible Study**

**Monday, December 7, 2020**

Financial Count (Roessler, Essert, D. Nowak)

**Tuesday, December 8 2020**

**7:15am Men's Bible Study** (Narthex)

3:30pm In Person Confirmation

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**11:00am & 6:30pm Advent Services**

6:00pm In Person Confirmation

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

5:30pm Board of Stewardship (Fellowship Hall)

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

Deadline for Jan/Feb Newsletter

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

**11:00am Communion Service**

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services**

9:15am-10am Zoom Bible Study

**WE THANK THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Sat., Dec. 5, 11:00am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Roger Stechmesser

Usher: Roger Stechmesser

Worship Screens: Josh Colyer

Sun., Dec. 6, 8:00am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Levi Ottwell

Ushers: Lisa Schmidt & Glenn Grebing

Worship Screens: Karl Nowak

Sun., Dec. 6, 10:30am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Bob Thoma

Ushers: Joydean Beatty & Lynn MAuliffe

Worship Screens: Martin Mueller

**Chancel Flowers** last week were given to the glory of God by Leroy and Marilyn Kisro in celebration of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- †For Joanie Weinrich niece of **Jeanine Consolino**, recovering from surgery
- †For Bill Dame, retired Columbia teacher diagnosed with Stage 4 bladder cancer
- †For **Pastor Sievers** recovering from a recent infection
- †For Bob Granzow, brother of **Alberta Spradling** for rapid healing of health problems
- †For Eunice Greer, mother of **Don Greer**, recovering from illness
- †For Ed Rehmer, brother of **Wanda Gross**, recovering from cancer surgery
- †For **Marge Drexler** for strength and healing
- †For Hazel Behr, friend of **Marge Drexler**, who had open heart surgery
- †For Matt Schaefer who is home recuperating from serious injuries after a fall
- †For Roy Spradling, twin brother of **Ray Spradling**, recovering from a stroke

†**For those with Covid-19**

Tom and Pam Thompson, Food Pantry patrons in the hospital

Zack Borders, friend of the Pruden family, hospitalized

Debbie Jordan, adult confirmation student; **Ellen Schorr** with Covid/pneumonia

Lois Heise, mother of **Mark Heise**, at St. Clare Hospital, Bonnie Ribbing

†**For those undergoing cancer treatments/living with cancer**

Carol Toenjes, sister of **Mike Arras** Jean Landgraf, friend of the congregation

Jan Hoffman, friend of **Sandy Roessler** Carrie Yates, friend of **Donna Lake**

Marian Ritter, daughter-in-law of **Dale and LaVerne Ritter**

David Mehrtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense** Debbie Kern

Hal Brinkman, friend of **Charlie & Jeanine Consolino**

Anne Marie Barks, friend of **Charlie Consolino**

Dale Vaughn, son of **Barbra Schneider**

Jason Kellenberger, son of **Judith Kellenberger**

Dennis Krump, brother of **Judith Kellenberger**

Cheryl Neace, friend of **Jackie Haberl**

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

--For local businesses --For those who are lonely \_\_For families

**OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS**

Haley Herbeck Peyton Herbeck Caroline Herbeck Tucker Herbeck

Hazel Herbeck Harper Herbeck Henry Herbeck

**Our Response To His Love With Our Attendance**

Worship Services: 11/26 – **38**; Sat. 11/28 – **16**; Sun., 11/29– **50**; Wed., 12/2 – **28**

(Thanksgiving)

Men's Bible Study: **3**

Sunday Bible Study: **6**

**Our Response To His Love With Our Offerings**

General Fund

Building Repair Fund

Received 11/29/2020: **\$3579.07**

Received 11/29/2020: **\$30**

Donations Received for the new Church Signs - **\$12,780** Goal - **\$10,000**

## Announcements **December 6, 2020**

**Weekend Worship:** This weekend's worship theme for this, the second Sunday in Advent is titled "Repentant Preparation" based on Mark 1:1-8.

**Mid-week Advent Services:** This year's advent theme is titled "Isaiah Hope". This week's sermon title is "Personal Comfort". The services will be held at 11am and 6:30pm. We are asking those who will be coming to the 11am Advent service to mask for the whole service. Those coming to the 6:30pm service are invited to take off their masks once they sit down.

**Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Study:** Please contact Pastor Krenz if you would like to be part of this study, and he will send you the link. The time for this study is 9:30am-10am, so that people attending either Sunday worship service can either get home in time after the early service or make it to the late service. Our discussion this week will be over Isaiah 40:1-11, and 2 Peter 3:8-14.

**Christmas Program:** While we will not be having our regular Christmas program this year, every week during Advent a few young people will be assisting with an early reading in the service, and during the children's message reciting and reading key parts of the Christmas account.

**Christmas Eve Services:** At our last Elders meeting we decided to add a third Christmas Eve Service (2pm), and that service will be an all masked service. We ask everyone who plans to attend the 2pm, 4pm or 6:30pm services to sign up ahead of time online or call the church office so we do not over fill any of these services. Each service will have a limit of 50 people, and while people are still asked to wear their masks in and out of all the services, the 4pm and 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service will not require wearing a mask after one sits down in the pew.

**Sign Update:** The sign on Goodhaven Street should be up in the next two weeks. It was hoped that the sign on Route 3 would be up before Christmas, but it now looks like that will be installed the first part of January. Thank you to all who have donated toward the purchase of the sign. We have met the \$10,000 goal.

**Christmas Gift Guide:** On the back table in the narthex is a Christmas catalogue from Concordia Publishing House. If you would like to order Christian books or other faith centered items please pick one up.

**Weekend Service Covid Note:** Recently we have decided to make the 10:30am service a masked service from start to finish. At the 8am service people can remove their masks once they sit down in the sanctuary.

**Sunday School:** Recently the Sunday School distributed lessons for December to a number of Sunday School families and a "Jesse Tree" kit for the Advent season. If you know of others who may like either the lessons or the "Jesse Tree" kit call the church office.

**Advent Devotions:** So far over 60 advent devotions have been distributed. We have a few left in the narthex.

**Bell Choir:** Due to the rising Covid-19 cases in our area, the bell choir will not be meeting for the rest of the year. The present plan is to start practices again the first Wednesday in February.

**The GIVING TREE is back!** The Board of Christian Caring had previously announced that they would not be doing the Giving Tree this year. However, after discussion with Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis, we will be having a small Giving Tree for seven kids. The display is in the Narthex if you would like to provide a gift for a child in need. Gifts need to be returned to the collection box in the Narthex NO LATER THAN December 16th. For any questions, please call Stefanie Newbill at 618.719.2369

**Life Night:** The board of youth has tentatively set Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm for a 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade evening of food, devotion, and activities. We are planning to do this on the second Sunday of every month between January and April of 2021. Watch the bulletin for further details.

**Christmas Basket Fundraiser.** The youth are having one more fundraiser and will be bringing back the gift basket giveaway for the Christmas season. The 2 themed Christmas baskets will be open to the congregation for entries starting on December 6th and ending on December 20th. We will not be selling tickets but accepting donations instead (like what we did for Valentines Day). The youth are asked to be present on each of the Sundays during the giveaway time to help. All proceeds will go towards the youth group 2021 mission trip.

**Food Pantry:** On Nov. 4 the Food Pantry served 26 households – 52 adults and 7 children. On Nov. 18 we served 34 households – 64 adults and 13 children. Presently our biggest need is TOILET PAPER. We cannot buy in bulk as Costco and Sams are sold out and most retailers have limits on amount we can purchase.