

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

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

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

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

Financial Court (Stechmesser, M. Roediger, McCann)

**Tuesday, December 15 2020**

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

3:30pm In Person Confirmation

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

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

1:30pm Food Pantry

6:00pm In Person Confirmation

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

**Friday, December 18, 2020**

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**11:00am Communion Service**

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

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

9:15am-10am Zoom Bible Study

**WE THANK THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Sat., Dec. 12, 11:00am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Elder: Bob Thoma

Preacher: Aaron Beckman

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Usher: Marvin Luedeman

Worship Screens: Josh Colyer

Sun., Dec. 13, 8:00am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Elder: Mark Eischer

Preacher: Aaron Beckman

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Usher: Jonathan Busch

Worship Screens: Karl Nowak

Sun., Dec. 13, 10:30am

Pastor Stephen Krenz

Elder: Toby Search

Preacher: Aaron Beckman

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Ushers: Toby & Trey Search

Worship Screens: Dylan Neils



**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 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**

Debbie Jordan, adult confirmation student; **Ellen Schorr** at Memorial Hospital

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

Susan Doiron, daughter of **Bob Schneider** who is hospitalized and Barbara

Vernier and Hannah Vernier, daughter and granddaughter of **Bob Schneider** and all others of our church and community who have Covid-19

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

Tracey VanLeuven, friend of **Sandy Roessler** exploring treatment for breast 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**

In Thanksgiving for Judy Sifford's good health

**OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS**

Gloria Hertz John Hertz Cynthia Hill Randy Hill

Eric Hofstetter Shari Hofstetter Kelci Hofstetter Kylie Hofstetter

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

Worship Services: Sat. 12/5 – 17; Sun., 12/6– 58; Wed., 12/9– 28

Men's Bible Study: 4 Sunday Bible Study: 6

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

General Fund

Building Repair Fund

Received 12/6/2020: **\$9,125.00**

Received 12/6/2020: **\$515.00**

Donations Received for the new Church Signs - **\$12,980** Goal - **\$10,000**

## Announcements December 13, 2020

**Weekend Worship:** This weekend's worship theme for this, the third Sunday in Advent is titled "A Time to Rejoice". Seminarian Aaron Beckman will be preaching.

**Mid-week Advent Services:** This year's advent theme is titled "Isaiah Hope". This week's sermon title is "Clothed and Rebuilt" based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11. 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 can 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 61:1-11 and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

**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. This week we thank the Nowak children and Hogan & Byron Story for helping with the service.

**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.

**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.

**The Giving Tree:** Thanks to the people who retrieved all the tags from the tree. Several youngsters will have their wishes granted due to your generosity. Please return the gifts to the collection box in the Narthex NO LATER THAN December 16th. For any questions, please call Stefanie Newbill at 618.719.2369

**Christmas Basket Fundraiser.** The youth are having one more fundraiser and will be bringing back the gift basket giveaway for the Christmas season. The 3 themed Christmas baskets will be open to the congregation for entries through 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.

**The Board of Communication** is looking for someone to update our Facebook page a couple of times a week with information from our church and various encouraging messages we could send from our congregation. If you or someone you think might be interested, contact Julie Greatting 314-330-6727 or the church office.

**The Board of Communication** is looking for someone to help maintain the literature board across from the mailboxes. This task would involve updating various brochures and literature that will help keep people informed on various religious topics. Please contact Julie Greatting 314-330-6727 or the church office if you or someone you know might be interested in this task.

**Cemetery Road:** This past week the roads in the cemetery were paved. This is the first of many improvements that will be made to our cemetery in the near future.