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# THE VOICE

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Postville IA**

**DECEMBER 2019**

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Please call the Parish Office  
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Please be sure to leave a voicemail if we  
are not in.

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[www.stpaulpostville.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.stpaulpostville.org/newsletters.htm)

**Saturday Casual Worship ~**  
5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday Worship ~ 9:00 am in the Sanctuary**

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Please let the church office know if you have an  
address change.

If you would like a visit...Call Pastor or the church  
office at 864-7643. If you are hospitalized...Please  
call and let us know if you or a family member is  
hospitalized; also remember to use the hospital  
chaplain if available.

If we can pray for you...Please let us know if you or  
a member of your family would like to be included in  
our prayers; in the bulletin and in the prayers during  
worship.



Friends of St. Paul,

On behalf of the Generosity Committee, I would like to thank all of you who have returned your Pledge Cards and Time & Talents sheets. I would also like to thank everyone who participated in our potluck on Consecration Sunday! It was a joyous time of food and fellowship! A reminder that it is not too late to turn in your Pledge Cards if you haven't done so. Our Finance Committee will continue to collect & tally them while preparing next year's budget. You can mail them to the church, put them in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

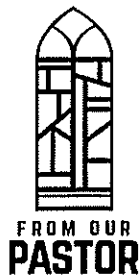
Blessings,  
Isaac Jacobson, Generosity Committee Chairman



Christmas being only 4 weeks away, it reminds us that the "Spring Festival" is

now only 4 months away. The "Spring Festival" is scheduled for **April 19, 2020**. We will be looking to secure raffle items before the January 15<sup>th</sup> Voice Newsletter deadline. If anyone has any donations toward the raffle, please contact Joyce Christofferson or Travis Koenig so we can determine our future listing. Also, the committee is in need of various replacements in the areas of: salads, carry outs, kitchen assistants and bake sale. We would love to have people volunteer for these areas by contacting Joyce or by attending our organizational meeting on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 following church and "Cookie Walk" in the Library**. Please consider your participation in this church activity. The more people involved the better!

The "Spring Festival" Committee



As we prepare for the season of Advent and the celebrating the birth of the Christ child, we are also preparing for the time when Jesus will come again. It is perhaps the waiting and preparation that is the hardest part of such momentous occasions. Making travel arrangements, decorating the tree, hanging Christmas lights, writing Christmas cards, baking cookies, and of course there is the shopping. We cannot forget the shopping, can we? It would seem that “Black Friday” has eclipsed “Christmas” for being the true reason for the season!

I am finding out as I get older, I am settling into a time of contemplation and silence as we approach Advent and Christmas. I am yearning for a voice that gives me peace. The peace of God’s Spirit speaking to me in the silence; not the voice of advertisements speaking to me saying: “buy me and you will find joy, happiness, and fulfillment.” Rather it is a voice speaking to me: “watch and wait – look and listen. For I am sending my Son, my beloved to love you. and to redeem you.” You see my friends, it is a message we do not hear enough of, or perhaps, we do not yearn for. The month of December is much more about than the receiving of gifts; rather it is about receiving the Christ child who calls us by name, loves us, and died for us. This is the most precious gift of all!




It seems that almost every child knows of Santa Claus and associates Santa with gifts and Christmas, but can the same be said of Jesus? Isn’t the true gift of Christmas the gift of hope in what Christ has done, is doing, and will do for you and me? This gift is not to be found under a tree or in a stocking, but rather in a lowly cattle stall. There wrapped in swaddling clothes, lies our Savior, the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world. God has given the world the most precious gift of all—God has given God’s Son to live and die for you and me.

This is the true gift, receiving the gift of the Advent – watching and waiting for the promise to come. It is my hope and prayer that each of us can experience the true blessing of Christmas this year and in the years to come. On behalf of the Noel family we would like to wish you all a very Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!



Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lynn and Jane

 PRAYING FOR YOUR  
**RECOVERY** Please call the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized, would like Pastor to visit, or are in need of prayers and would like to be listed in the prayer section of the bulletin.

**Calling all members!** Pastor Lynn desires to meet with members of the congregation. He is looking forward to coming to visit you in your home for a cup of coffee or any beverage. Don’t be shy, and don’t think you need to feed him. This is a way for him to continue to meet people of the church. Also, if you would like to receive communion in your home please call the church office or let Pastor Lynn know so a visit can be scheduled.

WEEKLY  BROADCAST

Be sure to watch our Sunday Morning Service on NEIT Cable TV. It is shown twice a week on Channel 4: on Tuesday at 2:30 pm & on Thursday at 7:00 pm. This is a free service from NEIT.

**DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING ARE MONDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>!! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL NEED AN EXTENSION.**



For the November New Traditions Service, five of our youth performed a skit that was titled, "Overflowing with Thankfulness". This skit talked about everything we have going on in our lives such as; school, homework, sports, hanging out with friends and family, work, taking care of our families, meetings, etc. Our weeks are crammed pack full of activities and work, we are constantly busy. The skit then went on to mention how when our lives get so busy, we often leave important things out because we think we don't have time for them. Those things include; worship, prayer, time alone with God, studying the bible, or talking about your faith with your friends and families. We (and when I say we, I'm talking about our youth AND the adults of St. Paul, including myself) need to start/continue making God a priority in our lives. Our faith needs to be the foundation in which we build our lives on. We need to remember our priorities in this busy, hectic world we live in. God needs to be our number 1 priority and when that happens, we will see all the wonderful things God has given us and we will be overflowing with thankfulness.

As we move into December and the Christmas season, we need to be reminded of what that actually means. It doesn't mean it is the season of shopping. It doesn't mean getting everything on our Christmas wish lists. It means the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior, has come and what a miracle that was! It is about doing what Jesus would want us to do, which is reaching out and helping those less fortunate than us. Our Sunday School children will be performing their Christmas program on Sunday, December 15th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Every year, these children work so hard practicing for this program. It would be great if we could have a full church to show our support and hear the incredible story of the birth of Christ.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from my family to yours,  
Christa Jacobson

## Sunday School Christmas Program

Please join us Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Come and see the children of St. Paul act out the Nativity story and retell the story of the birth of Christ.



\*\* Practice for the program will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School (**All PreK-6<sup>th</sup>**)

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:30 am Dress Rehearsal (ALL PreK-6<sup>th</sup>)**



### Sr Youth Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

10:30am-12:30pm

Freewill Donation

Serving: chicken noodle soup, chili, open-faced sandwiches, bars, milk, & coffee

*\* Half of the profits will be donated to the Postville Food Pantry! \**

### Jr/Sr Youth Annual Cookie Walk



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Following worship

*Let us do your holiday baking for you!*

# december Volunteers



## December 1 - 9:00 am

### Holy Communion

**Council:** Mike Jacobson & Linda Zuercher

**Communion Server:** Neal Horns

**Reader:** Sandie Helgerson

**Video:** Kathy Ohloff

**Acolyte:** Hannah Nielson & Nora Malcom

**Cross bearer:** Hunter Hangartner

## December 8 - 9:00 am

### Cantata

**Council:** Dean Ohloff

**Video:** Ken Upton

**Acolyte:** Audrey Ruff & Adam Kirkestue

## December 15 - 9:00 am

### Christmas Program / Holy Communion

**Council:** Eric Meyer & Jessica Deering

**Communion Servers:** Youth

**Reader:** Youth

**Video:** Beth Snitker

**Acolyte:** Koby Bohr & Kiele Eberling



## December 22 - 9:00 am

**Council:** Conner Meyer

**Reader:** Amy Henry

**Video:** Beth Snitker

**Acolyte:** Marleni Soy & Cheyenne Ruff

## December 24 - 5:00 pm

### Christmas Eve

**Council:** Charlie Meyer & Roger Mathews

**Communion Server:** TBA

**Acolyte:** TBA

## December 24 - 7:30 pm

### Christmas Eve

**Council:** Sharon Drahn & Mike Jacobson

**Communion Server:** TBA

**Video:** TBA

**Acolyte:** TBA

*Happy Holidays!*

## December 25 - 9:00 am

### Christmas Day

**Council:** LaRae Schutte

**Acolyte:** TBA



## December 29 - 9:00 am

**Council:** Mike Jacobson

**Reader:** Sharon Dean

**Video:** Sandy Koenig

**Acolyte:** Rojelio Loera-Upton & Marianna Soy

## Saturday Night Worship - 5:30 pm

### November 30

### Holy Communion

**Council:** Dean Ohloff

**PowerPoint:** Nora Malcom

### December 7

**Council:** LaRae Schutte

**PowerPoint:** Greyson Guerrero

### December 14

### Carols by Candlelight / Holy Communion

**Council:** LaRae Schutte

**PowerPoint:** Gabby Xiya

### December 21

**Council:** Roger Mathews

**PowerPoint:** Hannah Nielsen

### December 28

### Holy Communion

**Council:** Roger Mathews

**PowerPoint:** Kiele Eberling



### December Usher Team

Daryl & Dolly Schultz (leaders), Randy Gunderson, Leigh & Gwen Rekow, Doug Anderson, Lorraine Lenth, Dick Helgerson, Randy & Cindy Plaht

### December Tellers

Bunny Fox, Ronald Fox, Becky Fritz, Valetta Radloff

### December Altar Guild

Kim Deering & Cindy Schultz

### **\*\*Deadline for VOICE\*\***

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Bulletins Deadline**

Each Wednesday

**Council Deadline**

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

*the Deadline is...*

### **December Special Offering**

World Hunger

**Loose Quarters** go to

World Hunger

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> &

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

# ADVENT WORSHIP

*All are invited to worship on Wednesday's, December 4, 11, 18 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a time to gather as we will use service of the word to worship during the season of Advent, and a time for fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish or salad to share and join us for lunch following worship.*



## WORSHIPING AWAY



Bonnie Moellers attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Gerald & Vada Guyer attended Norway Lutheran church, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Marshall Hahn's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (of being Pastor at Norway Lutheran) Celebration Service & dinner. Reva Prestemon worshiped at Community Presbyterian Church on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Ron & Bunny Fox attended Faith Lutheran Church on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the First Communion of great granddaughters Mia & Mollee Kautman. On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Ardie Kuhse worshiped at St. John Lutheran Church in Tripoli. Vada Guyer attended Pr. Harold McMillin's Retirement Service at St. John's Lutheran. On Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luther & Cindy Schutte and Dwayne & Inez Moon worshipped at Decorah Lutheran church for grandson/great grandson, Bennett's Confirmation. Harlan & Darlene White and Sara White also attended Decorah Lutheran for the Confirmation of their grandson/nephew, Drew White.



**THRIVENT**  
FINANCIAL<sup>3</sup>  
*Connecting faith & finances for good*

## Attention Thrivent Members

The end of the 2019 year is at hand. St. Paul Thrivent members need to allocate accumulated funds for 2019. We will have a brief meeting on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30** following church in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend as your input is important. Also, please check your Thrivent accounts for available "Choice Dollar" funds to disburse for 2019. Thank you and hope to see you on the 1<sup>st</sup>!

### Operating – General Fund

|            | October 2019  | Y-T-D         |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income     | \$ 14,567.56  | \$175,400.27  |
| Expense    | \$ 26,402.06  | \$228,203.39  |
| Difference | \$(11,834.50) | \$(52,803.12) |

Country Garden, in Decorah, has 6" Poinsettia wrapped in foil & bow for \$12 plus tax delivered to church.  
Call 563-382-1148 to order.

## Poinsettias

Would you like to share a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one/s? Please, do NOT bring them more than a week before Christmas so they will be at their best for the Christmas services. Plants may be left in the Library.

**If you would like the name/s or person/s the plant is in memory or in honor of included in the Christmas bulletins, please leave the name/s, and also who it is from at the office. Names are needed in the office no later than Monday, December 16th.**

This information may be left on the church's voicemail at any time. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

**You are welcome to take your plant home after the 9 a.m. Christmas Day Service.**

Those left will still be used in later worship services.  
Thank you for helping us decorate St. Paul this Christmas!

Any WELCA questions please contact  
Sharon Dean or Sharon Drahn  
WELCA co-Presidents

**\*General Meeting\***

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm

Executive Committee serving

Program: Mary's Soliloquy

A monologue – lines in a drama are by Mary as if to herself. The Christmas after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Cluster Report.

**\* December Circle Meetings\***

**Mary Circle** at East Park Terrace

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm

*Potluck*

**Eve Circle** in Alcove

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

*Potluck*

**Priscilla Circle** in Alcove

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

*Potluck*

**Ruth Circle** at Grand Meadow

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> (?) at 1:30 pm

*Potluck*

**WELCA News:**

Please donate to the local food pantry during December Circle members, as well as all members of the congregation, are reminded to bring donations for the local Food Pantry (Postville Community Support) during this busy time of the year as the need continues to be great. Items that would be greatly appreciated include flour, sugar, and as always, monetary gifts as the pantry is able to purchase \$10 worth of food for each dollar donated. However, all non-perishable food items are always appreciated. For your convenience, donations may be left at the church (marked for the food pantry or put in the grocery cart) or taken to the Postville Herald. Know that your generosity does not go unnoticed.

**Merry Christmas  
from LSI**



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5*

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Whether you have lifted up our organization through a financial or in-kind gift, volunteered your time to our programming, or supported us as a ministry partner this year, you have helped bring the light of Christ to others.

At LSI, we know many people experiencing deep darkness. We know parents who feel hopeless, with little resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a family to love them.

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for our most vulnerable neighbors. In the spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, let us stand with them and lift them up this Christmas season.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563.676.2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**"With You Every Step of the Way"**

When Lexi found out she was pregnant, she felt scared. She didn't have a job or an apartment, and she was overwhelmed as she tried to prepare for her baby. She knew she needed guidance and support, and she knew where to turn.

In high school, Lexi utilized LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services, where she developed skills like anger management and healthy communication through regular meetings with her LSI worker. LSI had been in her corner before, and she needed help again now. She enrolled in LSI's Early Childhood Services.

The services provide in-home parenting education for families of young children or parents who are expecting. Each week, Lexi's LSI worker, Gretchen, brings resources and helpful tips and tricks to help Lexi feel confident as she starts her new family.

Now, Lexi is thriving. She found a job she loves and she moved into her apartment earlier this spring. On May 14, she welcomed baby Javeah into the world.

"LSI has always pointed me in the right direction and given me support, and they've really pushed me to where I need to be," Lexi says. "I always have someone to call when I need help."

## Church Council Meeting ~ November 11, 2019

Overview of Minutes (not approved by council yet)

**Roll Call:** Charlie Meyer, Sharon Drahn, Jessica Deering, Roger Mathews, Dean Ohloff, Linda Zuercher, Mike Jacobson, Eric Meyer; **Absent:** Theresa Johnson, Mindy Rose, Drew Lubka, LaRae Schutte, Conner Meyer, Pastor Lynn J. Noel;

**Guest:** Christa Jacobson

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes in October were approved as read. M/S/C

**Correspondence:** None

**Worship Attendance – Weekend Averages**

| 2019 to date | Last Month | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------|------------|------|------|
| 154          | 149        | 173  | 175  |

**Requests for Use of Church Facilities / Contact Info:**

Judy Hyman, Fair Board Meeting, 11/24, 2-4 pm, FR

**Requests for Transfer of Membership to St. Paul,**

**Reactivation and Affirmation of Faith:** M/S/C

Request to join St. Paul – Brooke Holthaus

**Committee Reports:**

EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP – Met November 7<sup>th</sup>

FINANCE – Met November 7<sup>th</sup>

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Met October 8<sup>th</sup>

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Met October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:**

- Approval of Confirmation students: Emily Frey; Jacob Kirkestue; Robert Kober III; Luis Santoyo Hernandez; Sierra Mohs; Diego Vega; Joseph Xiya; Tyler Zuercher. M/S/C
- Custodial help – ad has been in the paper; applications have been picked up & two have been returned

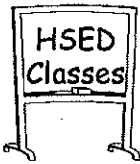
**New Business:**

- Miller / Palas Trust – Fund Withdrawal Request. Motion to accept the process and procedures policy for the Miller/Palas Trust. M/S/C
- Following a motion, it was approved that Pastor Lynn cover hospital calls and other emergencies for St. John, Luana and St. John, Farmersburg during the time in which they seek their ministerial leader. M/S/C
- Motion that Pastor Lynn be the supervisor for Daryl Schultz as he serves West Clermont Lutheran because of Pastor Phil Olson's health. M/S/C

Sharon Drahn, Secretary



### HSED Classes [formerly GED]



Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa. There is no cost until you are ready to take the exams.

If you have questions, please call Jennifer at 563 379-1036 and if calling during the business day, leave a message that you are calling about HSED classes.

### ESL Classes



Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:00 PM or Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 12:00PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa. There is no cost for this class.



### Free Movie Matinee St. Paul Lutheran, Postville



**When:** Sunday, December 8th at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Paul Fireside Room

**What:** We will be showing the movie, *The Nativity Story*

A powerful story of Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem that is filled with hope and discovery. This movie is a beautiful telling of why we celebrate Christmas and the true meaning behind it.

There will be Free Popcorn and bottled water for everyone

**Come and enjoy an afternoon movie and bring a friend!**

# Thank you for your GENEROSITY!!

## God's Gifts – My Gifts

### World Hunger

As part of the Generosity Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church we support ELCA World Hunger, a most noble cause.

*The information printed below is taken from the ELCA website:*

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, our gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

*Printed below are some facts about Hunger. Please take a minute to think about those in need:*

#### Hunger facts

868 million people — that's 1 in 8 — are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives. 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from. 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.



#### Special Monthly Offering

|                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|
| Jan. — Postville Food Pantry - \$903.00      |
| Feb. — EWALU - \$820.00                      |
| Mar. — Barnabas Uplift - \$702.00            |
| Apr. — Hospice - \$375.00                    |
| May — Scholarships - \$462.00                |
| June — Black Hills Cares - \$212.00          |
| July — Campus Ministry - \$312.00            |
| Aug. — Shepherd of the Hills - \$188.00      |
| Sep. — Postville Child Care - \$597.00       |
| Oct. — Lutheran Services in Iowa - \$1552.00 |
| Nov. — Camp Courageous -                     |
| Dec. — World Hunger -                        |

## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

### CONFERENCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

100 West Hill Street, PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, Iowa 52072-0036 Hours: 9am-12 and 1-4 pm. Monday-Fridays

#### Greetings from the Hill:

As we are nearing the end of the tax year, I would like to remind everyone, any donations received at SOTH by 12/31/19 at noon, will still be recorded in 2019. All other donations, will be coded as a 2020 donation on the SOTH record books for receipt purposes.

We are just a week or so from the Annual **Christmas Just 4 Kids Giveaway**. You can still join us as a volunteer on Setup or Giveaway Days. Donations can be brought to the Auditorium on Dec 9-10, with Giveaway Dates, **Dec 11 -12**. Special thanks to all those who've sent or brought up your donations already. ☺

Shepherd will be sponsoring the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Worship Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on January 22, 2020 at Peace United Church of Christ, Elkader, IA. Supper will be served at 5:45pm. Worship will begin at 6:30pm. This year's theme is *"They showed us unusual kindness", Acts 28:2*. The offering collected will benefit the Clayton County Food Shelf. This service will be held in the Elkader Community annually. ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for this Ecumenical Service! The **Annual Conference Assembly** will be held on **February 16, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church, Oelwein**. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. If the Assembly needs to be rescheduled due to weather, the reschedule date will be 2/23/20 at Zion, Oelwein.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                                             |
|---------------------------------------------|
| Dec 11-12 ~ Christmas Just 4 Kids Giveaway  |
| Dec 24-Jan 1 ~ SOTH CLOSED                  |
| Jan 22 ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Worship — Peace UCC, Elkader                |
| Supper 5:45pm, Worship 6:30pm               |
| Feb 16 ~ Conference Assembly — 2pm          |
| Zion Lutheran Church, Oelwein               |

*Many Blessings — Heather*





St. Paul Lutheran Church

**(B)irthdays and (W)edding Anniversaries  
December 2019**



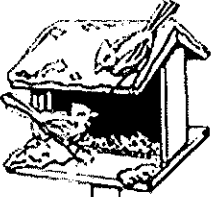
| Sunday                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                           | Thursday                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                               | Saturday                                               |
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| <b>1</b><br>Leonard Althouse (b.)<br>Toryn Timp (b.)                                             | <b>2</b><br>Sandra Goeke (b.)<br>Eric Meyer (b.)<br>Tennis Mork (b.)                                                                                    | <b>3</b><br>Richard Heins (b.)<br>Kay Ruckdaschel (b.)<br>Tony & Pamela Schlee (w.)                                                                  | <b>4</b><br>Steve Eryart (b.)<br>Shane Fox (b.)<br>Ida Heins (b.)<br>Kendal James (b.)<br>Diane Kruse (b.)<br>Michael Ruckdaschel (b.)<br>Nile & Donna Ziemann (w.) | <b>5</b><br>Robyn James (b.)<br>Gabby Xiya (b.)<br>Becky Ziemann (b.)             | <b>6</b><br>Ellen Althouse (b.)<br>Becky Fritz (b.)<br>Judy Hyman (b.)<br>Andy Jacobson (b.)<br>Kira Johnson (b.)<br>Terry Lenth (b.)<br>Mary Reiersen (b.)<br>Laura Roney (b.)<br>Nancy Turner (b.) | <b>7</b>                                               |
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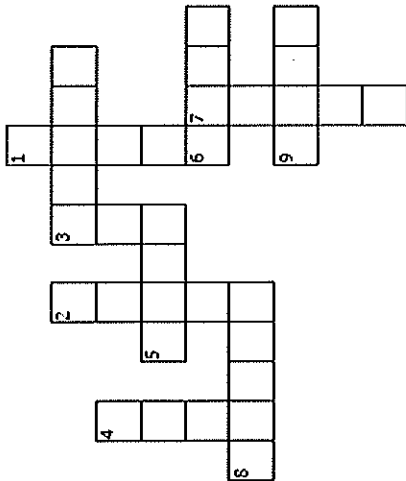
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# Christ Is Coming Again

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 3. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- 5. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- 6. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth
- 8. To rise to an upright position on your feet
- 9. To make a request to God

**DOWN**

- 1. To observe very carefully
- 2. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky
- 3. The earth's source of heat and light
- 4. To raise from a lower to a higher position
- 7. The planet on which we live

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| earth | moon  | cloud | pray | head  |
| sun   | stars | watch | lift | stand |