

## December 2018 Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

We are called and gathered into this family of faith by God's Holy Spirit, to be equipped to be witnesses of His love and grace in our daily lives. We are committed to be a welcoming place where the love of Jesus is lived out in service to one another and to our community and world.

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Don't forget to check out our church on Facebook.

### November 2018

	ATTENDANCE (POTENTIAL 160)	OFFERING
Sunday, November 4	104	2706.00
Sunday, November 11	103	\$2217.00
Sunday, November 18	91	\$7009.00
Sunday, November 25	107	\$2125.00

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM has been installed. Please switch your hearing device to T-Coil mode. If you do not have T-Coil mode, see an Usher about portable hearing device we have in the Sound Room.

You can now listen to the weekly sermons via Podcast or right on our website! Just go to [www.stpaulreedcity.org](http://www.stpaulreedcity.org) and click on "Sermons". From there you can listen to the sermons and subscribe to our podcast if you wish to have new content automatically downloaded to your computer or mobile device.

## Lutheran World Relief – Fair Trade Exchange

All kinds of cookies, candies, fudge, breads and other goodies get made in December as gifts or a way to celebrate Christmas. Many are family traditions. As a way to support Fair Trade Farmers at Christmastime, try the following cookie recipe using fresh ground coffee. This is the simplest recipe I found. I will share other coffee-cookie recipes in 2019.

### Coffee Cookies

#### Ingredients

½ cup shortening	½ cup chopped walnuts
1 egg	½ teaspoon vanilla
2/3 cup granulated sugar	1 ¾ cup flour
2 Tablespoons freshly ground coffee	

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease your baking sheets.
2. Cream together the shortening, eggs, and coffee.
3. Beat in egg and vanilla.
4. Add flour and nuts. Mix until well blended.
5. Drop by teaspoonful on greased baking sheets.
6. Bake at 350 degrees F for 10-12 minutes.

Calories: 75      Fat: 4.9 g  
Carbs: .9 g      Sodium: 3 mg

I hope you enjoy these cookies. If they are good, please share at our hospitality hour after church.

Christmas is a time of giving from "Gifts for Kids" to our family members. Your donation to Fair Trade is another way to give. Many thanks for your support of Fair Trade... Merry Christmas! Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!



Greetings from Pastor Matt's Desk

**December Birthdays**

Date	Name	Date	Name
Dec 3	Judy Marsh	Dec 15	Bryan Pontz
Dec 3	Eleanor Pullen	Dec 17	Steven Stange
Dec 4	Shana Pullen	Dec 18	Marilyn Marzolf
Dec 4	Bud Larson	Dec 18	John Rehkopf
Dec 5	Heather Blanchard	Dec 19	Katie Vincent
Dec 6	Johnelle DeLine	Dec 26	Deanna Snider
Dec 6	Luke Omilian	Dec 27	David Dahlquist
Dec 7	Cindy Roberts	Dec 27	Jerry Wright
Dec 9	Roxy Montague	Dec 28	Shelly Pontz
Dec 9	Taylor Rehkopf	Dec 29	Paula Mom
Dec 9	Paige Roman	Dec 29	Steven Roberts
Dec 13	Irene Raab	Dec 30	Bill Yost
Dec 14	Mary Anderson	Dec 31	Christie Wilson
Dec 15	Scott Cendrowski		

**December Anniversaries**

Name	Date	Years
Larry & Marsha Warren	December 5, 1964	54
Humphrey & Cindy VanderVlugt	December 18, 1971	57
Terry & Holly Gerber	December 19, 1995	23
Mark & Marilyn Marzolf	December 20, 1980	38
Mick & Angie Reed	December 31, 1995	23

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

Date	Name
Dec 10	Trinity Rayburn
Dec 12	Lauren Roberts
Dec 15	Boone Pontz
Dec 15	Camden Coon
Dec 20	Paige Roman

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul,

As we enter into this season of Advent and approach Christmas Day, I would like to remind you of some very special worship opportunities happening during the month of December here at St. Paul, to help prepare you and your family to more fully experience the birth of Christ.

First is our midweek Advent series, "The Coming Messiah," which is taking place on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7 pm. A simple meal is also being prepared before the service by various team and council members, beginning at 6. Each Wednesday evening, we will explore some of the biblical characters connected to the Christmas story. A five-minute video will be shown, followed by a reflection on the text. The schedule for our Advent series is as follows:

Wednesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Zechariah and Elizabeth
Wednesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph and Mary
Wednesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	King Herod
Wednesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Innkeeper

Also on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, we will conclude our Advent series on Christmas Eve with a focus on *The Shepherds* and a sermon entitled: "The Wonder of It All.

Also, please join us for a special worship service on December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 am, as our Sunday school students and teachers present their annual Christmas program: "The Christmas Story" – as a part of regular worship on that day.

Finally, on December 30<sup>th</sup> (the First Sunday after Christmas) we will have some fun as we sing together Christmas carols and also learn some of the history of how these carols came into being.

I look forward to seeing you in worship. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Prayer requests concerning our church family may be given to Wendy Brown. Prayer requests for Sunday worship need to be to Wendy by Saturday if possible.

Please remember in your prayers, Vickie Hall and family upon the death of her mother, Bonnie Hochstetler

Another way to help, the Food Pantry is in need of bags/boxes to handle groceries for the clients. The need is great. Please contact Paula Mom for more information.

#### ADVENT FLOWERS

Envelopes used to purchase Advent Flowers are on the table in the narthex. Please fill out appropriately and drop it in the offering plate or the church office. Cost is \$10.00.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Reed City Senior Citizens are sponsoring a Christmas Dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Pere Marquette Bistro and Catering at 11:30 AM. This dinner is free to all Reed City Seniors. Please call and make a reservation with Sally at 231-832-9662, Joan at 231-832-4395, Shelly at 231-832-3178.

#### MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Supper at 6:00 PM. Worship at 7:00 PM.

#### SUPPER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday, November 28—Worship Team

Wednesday, December 5—Witness Team

Wednesday, December 12—WELCA

Wednesday, December 19 – Council

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** The church office will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 as well as Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 in observation of Christmas/New Year's holiday.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Church Council will not meet in December. Instead they will be meeting on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM after the holidays. The regular January meeting will be held on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.