

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Cheryl Street & Eric Bender recovering from surgery.
- Gene Rak (Wade & Marilyn Hubbard's brother-in-law) under hospice care.
- Beth Blackburn (Barb Becker's daughter) under hospice care.
- Barb Becker, Joan Curran, Jack Green, Wade Hubbard, Martha Jamie, Helen Lau, Lois Manes, continued prayers.
- Dorothy & Richard Mitiska, Claudia Moore, Ruth Pasta, Jeff Phan, Roberta Ruhl, Andrea Schwartz (friend of the Dever family), Yvonne Squires, continued recovery.
- Diane Coffman, Ed Downy, Christopher Graf, Marilyn Green, Jim Hamilton, Jim Heimann (brother of Debbie Peck), Don Lamoreaux, Jim Myers, Luella (Deby Lasko's mother), Mirren Staudt, Ann Marie Wester, Amy Ziehm

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
12/16 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM	12/23 Worship 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Holy Communion/SS Christmas Program 11 AM Next Step 12:15 PM
12/17 BOD Meeting 6:30 PM 12/18 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Preschool Program 6 PM NA 7 PM	12/24 Christmas Eve Family Worship 4 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 10 PM
12/19 Advent Worship 7 PM No H3	12/25 No Worship Service 12/26 No H3
12/20 Hand Bells 6 PM Choir 7:30 PM	

Our Stewardship Attendance

Sunday: 12/9/2018 83 + 36 = 119

Advent Worship: 39

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Music Director** Rick Fortney
- Elders** Harold Gibson (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
- Readers** Marty Offineer (E) James Steindl
- Acolytes** Shane Hargreaves (E) Ruari Dever (L)
- Greeters** Harold & Debbie Gibson (E) Emma Sekerak (L)
- Sound Room** Laura Kregger (E) Darren Conley (L)
- Altar Guild** Donna Kemmerle, Diane Coffman, Linda Hargreaves
- Head Usher** Dan Koch
- Ushers** John Kirschner, Ben Kirschner, Mark Kirschner, John Cartmell, Ron Klein (E)
Dean Koch, Dave Timbs (L)

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Third Sunday of Advent



St. Paul

Lutheran Church & Preschool

115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001

Sunday, December 16, 2018

WELCOME! We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, please fill out the white Communications Card in your pew, along with an email address. And please join us again!

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: Christmas is a time of gift giving. The greatest gift is from God who sent His Son, Jesus, to be born as your Savior. In response to God's gift of love to us, we gift to Him. In the past weeks we've seen Mary give herself to God to carry out His mission. Joseph gave by joining with Mary to become a partner in God's mission to save the world. Today we will see the shepherds respond to the angels' news that Jesus is born. They gave their hearts to worship Jesus. May you respond to God's gift of Jesus by giving your loving worship today.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Jesus, as the Shepherds went quickly to give their worship at your crib, may I also respond to Your grace by giving my active, joyful worship. Make my giving of finances and time to no longer be given under obligation or fear, but given from my heart as acts of worship to You. Amen

Altar Flowers Given To God's Glory by

- Ralph Ehliert in memory of Pat Ehliert
- Donna Kemmerle in memory of her father, Charles Draga

Mitten Tree - A mitten/hat/scarf tree will be in the narthex beginning the first Sunday in Advent through Christmas. The items will be donated to "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts". This is a joint project of Willing Workers and our preschool.

Choir Rehearsal Time Change We invite all singers to join Rick Fortney for rehearsals on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:45 PM.

Hand Bells Rehearsal Hand Bells rehearse at 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings. You are invited to come and try out this very easy way to play an instrument to glorify God in worship.

Christmas Worship Services

Preschool Christmas Presentation Tuesday, December 18 @ 6 PM
Wednesday Advent Worship December 19 @ 7 PM

Christmas Eve Family Worship Monday, December 24 @ 4 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Monday, December 24 @ 10 PM

There will be no worship services Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, & New Year's Day

INVITE FRIENDS, RELATIVES, & NEIGHBORS!



Ask around in our community for a recommendation of a preschool for children and you're likely to hear that St. Paul's Preschool has a reputation for quality. Three classes of 3 and 4 year-old children meet each week, and the classes are all full to capacity.



We see our Preschool ministry as more than just a place to teach young children how to get ready for kindergarten and the years following. Instead, St. Paul's Preschool teaches about God and His love in every activity and every lesson. Half of the families have no local Christian church they attend. The Preschool ministry may be their only encounter with a church and their only chance to discover the hope and love of Jesus. We try hard to make the most of these opportunities.

Your financial support of St. Paul's church enables our staff to interact with the kids and parents to share Jesus. This Tuesday evening the Preschool children will present their Christmas program. The program is a worship service where our pastor shares Jesus with kids, parents, and grandparents.

We want to insure that ministries like these will keep going strong because of the Gospel impact they have. Thank you for your support in the past, and we invite you to participate in "Gift fit for the KING" with a special Christmas offering, above and beyond your normal gifts to God.

Won't you ask God to guide you to determine a gift that is fitting for you to express your love to God? Consider a sacrificial gift. "Gift fit for the KING" offering envelopes are in the back of the church, and you can use St. Paul's website to give electronically before the end of this year of 2018.

May we together give a "Gift fit for the King" who is our new born Savior, Jesus.