

DECORATE  
the Church

Saturday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30 AM

Please consider helping, thank you!



*Christmas*  
**CONCERT**

FEATURING MUSIC BY  
MICHAEL W SMITH

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023  
6:30 PM

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
1330 North Carpenter Rd  
Brunswick, OH

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Free-will offerings  
to support  
Oaks Family Center and  
Project Angel Tree



ST. PAUL   
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

## ***Welcome to our Guests!***

**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, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

**Ushers are standing by to assist you** in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

**Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under.** An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

**Kids' Church** Families please join in the 10AM Worship Service, and kids will be excused to leave for Kids' Church, then return to parents at the end of the service.

**Kids' Activities** to keep little ones busy during the worship service – There are cloth bags filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center hanging on a small coat rack.

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP** As we gather on the last Sunday of the Christian Church year, we renew our future orientation as Christians. "We look forward to a new heaven and anew earth ...," wrote St. Peter guided by God the Holy Spirit. As this Church year is now "filled full," so will come the time when history itself is fulfilled. Then Christ will return in glory.

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**PLEASE PARDON THE DUST** A contractor is working several weeks in the worship sanctuary to install our new Audio/ Video/ Live-Stream system. This may cause some dust and some disruption through the process. We hope all goes as planned and brings a big improvement to both in-person and live-stream worship.

**The Redeemer Crisis Center (Iglesia Cristiana Hispana), Cleveland, Ohio** (ENG) is asking for your help with their bag packing events for the upcoming holiday season. The Christmas bag packing event will take place December 13, 14 & 15, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Register with Diane Zellmer at: 216-219-3325. Prayerfully consider giving your time and use your abilities to assist where the need is great. Thank you!

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>11/26</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kid's Church 10 AM	<b>12/3</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kid's Church 10 AM
<b>11/28</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	<b>12/5</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
<b>11/29</b> Advent Midweek Worship Service 5 PM Fellowship Supper 6 PM	<b>12/6</b> Advent Midweek Worship Service 5 PM Fellowship Supper 6 PM
<b>12/2</b> Decorate the Church for Christmas 9:30 AM	

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Elders</b>	David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Sue Werner (L)
<b>Acolyte</b>	Steve Warnock
<b>Greeters</b>	Ed & Gerri Deidrick (E) Ron & Tina Muska (L)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Donna Kemmerle
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Clyde Strader (L)

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## Sundays in Advent

Advent is a 4-week period before Christmas when Christians prepare their hearts and lives for Jesus to come in. He brings stronger faith, love, and we follow Him more closely. **The Clothing of the KING** is the theme we will follow this Advent in our Sunday worship services on Sunday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Pick Up Your Clothing of the KING Advent Devotion Booklet TODAY

Take a booklet home today for you and your family to use throughout Advent. The daily devotions begin on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Wednesdays in Advent

Wednesday Worship Services in the season of Advent will be **Conversations with the Angels**. Each Wednesday an angel will appear and the dialog will reveal to you the wonder of God keeping His promises through the centuries to send His Son, Jesus, to become a human like you to save you.

### ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Evening, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM

Wednesday Evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM

Wednesday Evening, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM

**Fellowship Suppers will be held AFTER each midweek Advent service.**

Join us for good food and friendship, Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM & 7PM

There will be NO worship services Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ~ 8:30 AM & 10AM

There will be NO New Year's Day service on Monday, January 1, 2024.

### Prayer Requests this Week: "The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM." Psalm 148:18

- Pray for Coralie Swanzer who fell and is in pain with 7 broken ribs.
- Pray for Clyde Strader's family on the death of his Aunt Hazel in West Virginia.
- Pray for Nancy Wilbur, Amy Akosi's mom, who will have aortic valve replacement surgery on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother, as he is in hospice care.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering from surgery at home.
- Pray for Sue Brabander who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klentz's lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Pray for Jeff Howells who had a brain bleed and is in the hospital.
- Pray for Geri Deidrick and Ed as Geri has begun chemotherapy to follow up surgery removing cancer.
- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber, who is now home doing rehab therapy and she will start chemo soon.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit as he is home recovering and pray that his immune system can fight off an infection.
- Pray for Ron Klein that he keeps getting stronger.
- Please pray for Paxton Roby as she has cancer; Bill Przbilowicz (neighbor of Don & Diane Lamoreaux) who has bone cancer; Priscilla Harden's sister in California who has cancer; Pat who has a brain tumor; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who has pancreatic cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck's mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Christa Josupeit, Michael McHugh, Pat Echko, Ben Kirschner, Priscilla Harden, Barb Gula, Katie Steindl, William Rice, Theresa Strader, Brandon Hite, Jonas Pacheco.