



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### **News for Sunday, November 24**

#### **Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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**This morning** we extend a welcome to Pastor Mark Luepke.

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Steven Julifs, Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobsen, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

**During this time of transition** if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

#### **Church Decorating**

We will begin decorating for the Christmas season on Monday, November 25. Meet Nancy and her crew at the church at 9:00 a.m. After our worship service on December 1, we will be putting up the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Kids and families are welcome to help us decorate after their Christmas program practice. Many hands make light work!

#### **CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)**

CLEO meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at a designated restaurant. The November outing on Monday, November 25 at Willy's in Sterling. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

**An Organ Concert** with Ross Jallo will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (421 N. Peoria Avenue, Dixon). A freewill donation for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. All are welcome! For more information about the concert please contact St. Paul at [www.stpauldixon.com](http://www.stpauldixon.com)

**Families are still needed to light** the Advent wreath and share the reading and litany in worship this Advent. Readers are needed on December 8, 15, & the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. worship. Please let Sue know if any dates work for your family. Thank you in advance!

#### **Family photos**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Liz (Arduini) Klein will be available following worship to take family photos. These will be used in a new Church Directory being planned for next year. Bring your smiles to worship!

#### **Gratitude Sunday**

Sunday, November 10, was Gratitude Sunday. If you did not have a chance to turn in your 2025 Pledge card and Time & Talent Sheet, you may do so by putting it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. There are pledge cards and T&T sheets on the back table in the sanctuary.

#### **Christmas Program**

The Christmas Program is coming quickly! It is a St. Paul tradition for students to share their musical gifts as part of the program. All students are welcome and there is a place for anyone interested in adding their music to the program. Please contact Dawn Zeigler with any questions. She needs to have information by Sunday, December 1 if your child would like to share a carol or Christmas song! Please call, text, or email. 815.275.3775 Or [dawn@stpaulsterling.com](mailto:dawn@stpaulsterling.com)

#### **Advent Calendar and Study**

ELCA World Hunger invites you into a celebration of storytelling through "Humming With the Word," the theme for this year's Advent season. Advent calendars and a study are available for you to take home. They are available to pick up on the back table of the sanctuary.

**Musicians!** Please share your gifts with us Christmas our Christmas Eve. service! The Christmas Eve. candle light service is at 8 pm. Please contact Dawn Zeigler.

#### **LSSI Holiday Hope Chest**

Thank you to all who are participating in purchasing gifts. Please return your gifts and the child's information paper to the church office by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards, wrapping paper, and bows can also be donated.

### **Children's Offering**

The November and December children's offering will be for the God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, November 25**

Office Closed

Church Christmas Decorating – 9:00 a.m.

CLEO will meet at Willy's in Sterling – 5:30 p.m.

Tri-Church Meeting at St. Paul – 6:00 p.m.

NAMI Connection Recovery Group at Immanuel – 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday and Friday, November 28-29**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### **Next Sunday, December 1**

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Tree decorating – following worship

Family photo opportunity following worship

Christmas Program practice – 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

### **Next week's Worship Assistants**

Presider: Pastor Susan Davenport

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Mary Ordean

Advent Readers – Ordean family

Acolytes – Ordean family

Greeters – Bob & Judy Bartel

Ushers – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Reader – Bill Duncan

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Altar Guild – Debbie O'Brien, Diane Yoeckel

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*