

# Flock Talk

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

December 2021 & January 2022

## God's Christmas Gift



*for Everyday Peace on Earth*

Where Faith + Hope + Love Abide



**A MESSAGE** *from the Pastor*

*Giving or Receiving?*

What do you enjoy more? Giving or receiving gifts? I'll be honest, I looove getting gifts! But I also do get excited about giving something to bring joy to someone for a special occasion, or to make a donation for a good cause, or to bless others with a sign of God's love. That makes me wonder what it's like for God. Does God perhaps equally delight in showing us love and receiving signs of our gratitude?

**Perhaps it is equally blessed to give as it is to receive.**

Yes, there is a saying that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But Lutheran Christians are aware that we humans are always blessed first by God who gives us everything. On Christmas we will once again celebrate that God who gave us life in the first place, gave us the gift of a Son, Jesus, who was born, died and rose again in order to give us salvation. Our gift giving on December 25 is merely a gesture to express and share our joy over God's gift with each other.

St. Paul wrote: *"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. ... our great God and savior Jesus Christ ... gave himself for us in order to rescue ... people for himself who are eager to do good actions."* (From the letter to Titus 1:11-14, CEB)

Being blessed eternally with peace for each day throughout the year, people of faith gratefully imitate Jesus by offering their praise in worship to God and by volunteering their time or giving donations to improve the lives of others in need. This season of shopping and unwrapping I give thanks for the ways our congregation's members embody the Christmas gift by gifting Christ's love throughout the year.

- This Advent season, as we prepare for celebrating the gift of Christ's birth and for his return to bring the reign of God's peace on earth, join for seasonal worship services and add more meaning to your holiday experience through special gifting opportunities. Read more about both in this issue of St. Paul's Flock Talk newsletter.

Merry Advent and Christmas!  
Yours blessed to give as much as receive ;-)

*Pastor Stefan Munker*

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## COUNTER

December – Carol Calvert

January – Anita Swick

## ALTAR GUILD (December)

5 – Anita Swick and Sharol Hayes

12 – Anita Swick and Sharol Hayes

19 – Liz Allen

24 (8pm) – Liz Allen

26 – Liz Allen & Anita Swick

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT (December)

5 – Mike Plunkett

12 – Karen Hamilton

19 – Sandra Moody

24 (8pm) – Charles Moody

26 – Karen Hamilton

## LECTOR (December)

5 – Donna Wille

12 – Bob Mulch

19 – Liz Allen

24 (8pm) – Diane Singler

26 – Anita Swick

## USHERS (December)

5 – Charles & Sandra Moody

12 – John & Brenda Gibb

19 – Anita Swick and Sharol Hayes

24 (8pm) – Greg & Sharon Schoen

26 – Earl & Carolyn Meier

## FLOWERS (December)

5 – Elizabeth Dowalder, Pam Schaefer

12 – Ken & Marcia Sandlin

19 – *Still Available*

24 (8pm) – Kendra Finley

26 – Merle Imler

## VIDEO & AUDIO TEAM (December)

5 – Liz Allen and August Plunkett

12 – Barb & Bob Mulch

19 – Barb & Bob Mulch

24 (8pm) – Merle Imler and Chris Storm

26 – Liz Allen and August Plunkett

## ALTAR GUILD (January)

2 – Liz Allen & Anita Swick

9 – Liz Allen & Anita Swick

16 – Liz Allen & Anita Swick

23 – Liz Allen

30 –

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT (January)

2 – Sandra Moody

9 – Liz Allen

16 – Liz Allen

23 – Sandra Moody

30 –

## LECTOR (January)

2 – Anita Swick

9 – Carolyn Meier

16 – Earl Meier

23 – Mike Plunkett

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## USHERS (January)

2 – Brenda & John Gibb

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A statewide indoor mask mandate is in effect for all Illinois residents, regardless of vaccination status. Covid-19 cases and hospitalization rates are very high. **Please wear a mask and get vaccinated to protect yourself, family and friends, and to end the pandemic for us all.**  
*Thank you for your Christian care!*



### *Why Are We Still Wearing* **MASKS?**

According to the CDC and Illinois health department, wearing of masks is necessary where infection rates of Covid-19 are high. It has been shown that even fully vaccinated persons can get sick and that the virus is spread even if you are not showing any symptoms.

The State of Illinois mandates the use of masks indoors in public and workplaces where it is not possible to maintain a consistent distance of six feet. The infection rates continue to be high in our county and surrounding areas, partly because of low vaccination rates and a lack of compliance with following masking guidelines.

Please help end the pandemic and do your part. Thank you for wearing a mask covering both mouth and nose properly. And thank God for the saving gift of effective vaccines now available also for children ages five and up.

### **THE WAY I SEE IT:** *Jesus Would Take the Covid Vaccine*

*by Pastor Stefan Munker*

Would Jesus take the Covid vaccine? You bet. He took nails out of love for the whole world.

Why can't we love like this? Why are some people refusing to stop the pandemic? Why are we divided over masks that protect ourselves and others around us? Because of selfishness. It's one of the sinful reasons why Jesus suffered and died for you and me. We didn't deserve it. But we needed it. It's Jesus' gift. And medical treatments are God's gift too, just like Jesus forgiving sins or healing people in his days on earth. It's a shame when we don't accept his gift and think we know better and want to do things our way.

Why am I explaining this? You may already know all that. I am writing this as a fellow neighbor, Christian, and pastor because I would like us to get through this pandemic of Covid. I want unnecessary deaths around the world to stop and infections to go way down in our county. Because I believe we should not have to argue about masks in stores, churches, or schools if we follow the example of Jesus. And because I have faith in the goodness in every person, and that you will get a Covid shot with your flu vaccine if you haven't done so. The way I see it, it's a small selfless act of love.

I'm not always perfect but I did my part by getting vaccinated. Please do it for yourself, for me, and for Jesus' sake.

## Advent and Christmas WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:15am, in Person and Live on YouTube

- + The season of **Advent** in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth began on Sunday, November 28.
  - Pastor Munker introduced the *Gospel of Luke* for the new church year in his sermon which is available on our website at [www.stpaulshillsboro.net](http://www.stpaulshillsboro.net).
  - On December 5 and 19, Pastor Munker will preach a two-part series of Advent sermons about "*Unexpected Gifts*." We will be joined by a guest hero from the upcoming *Matrix 4* movie on December 19.
  - On December 12, we will enjoy the gift of hearing and participating in a *Reader's Christmas Program*.
- + This year, our **Christmas Eve Service** is scheduled for a pandemic compromise 8pm time on Friday, December 24. We will still have candle lighting, enjoy our bell choir, and hear about what to do with "*The Unused Gift*."
- + **Pastor Maureen Stein** from our synod staff will preach a video-recorded sermon on December 26.
- + On January 2, we will pray for God's peace in the new year as we celebrate the **Name of Jesus** which means "he saves."



### BLESSING of Gifts



Use this prayer at home as you prepare to give or before you open gifts this Christmas:

Blessed be your name, O God; you are the source of every blessing. From your hand we receive the good gifts of life, health, and salvation. As we give and receive these presents, bless us with hearts thankful for the gift of your Son and lead us to share from our abundance with those in need. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Guys are invited to meet for coffee, conversation, and devotions most 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9am. During the winter, we are meeting in the church basement where it is easier to physically distance.



### Free Devotional Advent Calendars

Pick up a free devotional Advent Calendar "The days are surely coming" from ELCA World Hunger with daily Scripture, hymns or prayers on the entryway counter at church as long as supplies last.



### SALVATION ARMY

*Bell Ringing*

Please sign up to ring the bell at IGA for this season's kettle appeal. Proceeds of donations to the Salvation Army are used locally for assistance to those in need throughout the year. We at St. Paul's are taking our turn between 9:30am and 1:30pm on Saturday, December 11, and you can ring for as long as you prefer by yourself or with family or friends.



The next newsletter will cover the end of January and all of February. All articles will be due in the office by Thursday, January 6. Please be sure to submit any information that should be included in the newsletter to the office in time. Thank you.



### Participate in a CHRISTMAS READER'S PROGRAM

This year is your chance to experience the birth of Jesus close up and personal. Help us bring the nativity of Jesus to life by literally taking a part in our "Reader's" Christmas Program during 10:15am worship on Sunday, December 12. Covid may keep us from enjoying a children's program this year, but St. Paul's can still celebrate the reason for the season with and for all generations!

Please let Pastor Munker know if you are interested. Young and old are welcome. No memorizing is necessary. Costumes will be limited to props. Rehearsal may not be necessary.



Lew McDonald is taking blood pressures and offering health information at St. Paul's before and after worship on each 1st Sunday.

*Did you know* that Lew is a former Franciscan monk, a retired nurse, and certified for parish health ministry? Lew and his wife Judy live in Mount Olive but have been drawn by the warmth of St. Paul's members.



### NATIVITIES EXHIBIT *at St Paul's*

The birth of Jesus is portrayed in a selection of the more than 150 Christmas nativities collected by Pastors Stefan and Cynthia Munker on view in St. Paul's sanctuary from 11am-4pm on Saturday, December 4.

Among several new acquisitions is a 3x4ft rotating farmstead that was made by Pastor Stefan Munker's father Max (pictured with his work) who is a nativity master builder in Germany. Pastor Munker will provide personal information about the origin, craftsmanship, and meaning of each unique item.

- In case you will have to miss this event, Pastor Munker plans to record and post a video of his father's nativity with a link on our church website during the following week.



### *Biblical Creations* ART SHOW

Youth are invited to be part of a "Biblical Creations" Art Show at St. Paul's.

Paintings, quilts and drawings, each expressing a bible verse, from the Biblical Creations exhibit, currently at Flourishes Art Gallery in Shelbyville, will be coming to St. Paul's. All youth and young adults (0-30 years old) are invited to have their artwork that depicts a bible verse, bible song, or other Christian subjects, as part of this special exhibit. An opening show will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, January 23 from 1-3 pm.

Senior artists exhibiting in this show include Joyce Bishop, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield; Diane Singler, St. Paul's; Brenda Elder, Shelbyville; and Carol Kessler, Methodist Church, Shelbyville. Kessler is the owner of Flourishes Gallery.

Youth may enter artwork created in any medium, such as paint, pencil, crayon, clay, ink, paper or other art material. Youth may enter more than one artwork. Framing is not required. Artwork may be left at St. Paul's or you may contact Diane Singler at (217) 851-5424.



The St. Paul's church family is invited to an open house to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Earl Meier. It will be held at the Beckemeyer Elementary School gymnasium on Sunday, December 19 from 2-5pm. No gifts please.



Through "Beyond Our Walls" we contribute each month to support ministries in our local community and around the world. As we share our gifts with those beyond our walls, we are reminded of the many ways that God touches our lives each day. Thank you for your generosity.

The Ronald McDonald House in Springfield is the recipient of our donations for December. They provide a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Thank you, in advance, for contributing to this very worthy campaign.

In January we will focus on the work of Lutheran Social Services right here in Illinois. This organization brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities by providing critical programs for the state's most vulnerable residents. Please be generous as you make your donations to LSSI in January.

We appreciate the many ways that you enable us to serve others through Beyond Our Walls. Thank you for giving generously.



### Advent Study *about Hope*

*See How We Bring Hope, and Hear about God's Hope for You*

Pastor Stefan Munker will offer an Advent Study from Lutheran World Relief on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm via Zoom, between December 1 and 22. "A Season of Hope" will share examples of our ministry partner organization bringing hope around the world, and through videos, Bible readings, group discussion and prayers you will discover the powerful ways Christ brings new hope to us all.

- Access information will be emailed to members or is available upon request.



### Daily Devotions by *Pastor Cynthia Munker*

Pastor Cynthia Munker writes daily devotions based on the daily lectionary readings. You can subscribe to receive them by email by contacting her at [revcmm@gmail.com](mailto:revcmm@gmail.com).



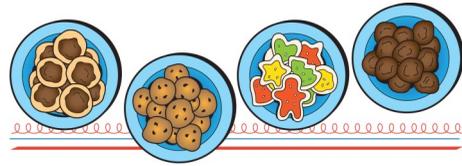
This year, Sunday School families are invited to participate in an at-home "Gingerbread Bash" experience to celebrate Christmas. It's a super fun, hands-on way for your family to celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season! You'll build and decorate gingerbread nativities while hearing the Christmas story from the Bible with fun videos from the makers of our regular curriculum. We hope and pray that this opportunity allows you to press pause on the busyness of the season and remember that Jesus is the sweetest part of Christmas.

Sunday School families will receive materials and video links along with their regular December lessons, but other interested St. Paul's members with children or grandchildren are welcome to email Marina at [marinarmq@gmail.com](mailto:marinarmq@gmail.com) for event information to participate as well.



MEALS ON WHEELS

A big thank you to everyone who helps to deliver Meals on Wheels each month. The next scheduled week for St. Paul's is January 10-14. Please contact Carol Calvert for more information or to volunteer.



### Cookie Donations for LADLES OF LOVE

If you are making cookies for the holidays, please consider making extra for Ladles of Love. Too many cookies left over after the holidays? We'll accept your leftovers after Christmas too. Cookies can be brought to St. Paul's at any time and left in any freezer. Please label them "For Ladles of Love." Also, if you would like to be on Ladles volunteer list, contact Diane Singler. Thank you for blessing this ministry with your donations and time.



### Free Lunches from LADLES OF LOVE

Each week, a rotating group of volunteers for our Ladles of Love ministry prepares and serves carry-out meals and a personal item for members of the Hillsboro community. Anyone is welcome to pick up a free lunch and gift at the St. Paul's church driveway on Wednesdays from 11am-noon.

- If you are able to help with shopping, cooking, packing or serving please let Diane Singler know. We could use some additional hands.



### ST. PAUL'S Spreads Cheer

#### All through the Year

While there are many ways you help bring joy to people in our community and around the globe this holiday season, every month St Paul's members keep spirits up by giving to various needs "Beyond Our Walls" in the jar and from the women's group. Thank you!

Here are regular ways you can support God's work to bless the world through our church's ministries and partnerships:

- + **Give** an offering when attending services at church.
- + **Mail** checks to P.O. Box 266.
- + Make a transfer through your **Bank**.
- + Give **Online** using Tithe.ly on our website: [www.stpaulshillsboro.net](http://www.stpaulshillsboro.net)



### This Christmas, Give ELCA Good Gifts

Once again we are offering the opportunity to support projects of ELCA World Hunger through unique gift donations. Ornaments representing development projects of our churchwide ministry will be displayed on a tree at our church. You may also browse all available gifts in Good Gifts catalogs.

Simply take an ornament, make a donation to ELCA World Hunger, and give the ornament to someone in lieu of a gift from the store. You are doing good to transform lives impacted by poverty and hunger, and show others that you care about them and about the well-being of people in need. It's a win-win approach to gift giving.

Want to get someone a great gift, but have no ideas or know they already have everything? Look no further than ornaments from ELCA World Hunger on our tree at St. Paul's or online at [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).



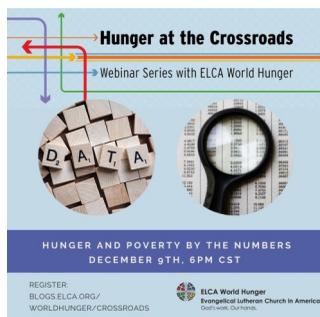
Did you know? With the help of our administrative assistant Marina Mondragon, Pastor Munker started mailing monthly *worship texts* and copies of his *sermons* every two weeks to permanently homebound members during the pandemic. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list, let us know.



**SHARE HOPE** *for the Holidays*  
through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

In an effort to bring hope and light to thousands of migrants in the United States, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has launched its “*Hope for the Holidays*” campaign. The program collects cards and gifts for distribution at migrant detention centers across the country and at shelters along the border, reminding individuals and families that they are not forgotten during the holiday season.

- Learn more and donate to include refugees and immigrants in need of hope in your holiday giving at [www.LIRS.org/Hope](http://www.LIRS.org/Hope).



**ELCA HUNGER** *Webinar*

Data around hunger and poverty can sometimes be complex. And knowing what sources to draw from is not always straightforward. Join ELCA World Hunger at 6pm on Thursday, December 9 for a look at what the latest research tells us about trends in hunger and poverty around the world and in the USA. It will also take a look at the impact of Covid-19 on hunger and poverty now and into the future.

- The webinar is open to anyone passionate about ending hunger and eager to learn more. More information on the series and how to register can be found at <https://blogs.elca.org/worldhunger/crossroads>.



*Winter* **OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Administrative Assistant Marina Mondragon is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am, and Fridays from 8:30-10:00am. She works from home on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pastor Munker will be at church varying times on most days between Monday and Thursday.

You may always call Pastor Munker’s cell at 217-851-1250, send an email to Marina at [office@stpaulshillsboro.net](mailto:office@stpaulshillsboro.net), or leave a message on the office answering machine. Marina’s cell is listed in the directory; *please use this number for church business only if it is urgent*. Thank you.



*Understanding the* **HEBREW BIBLE**

The Synod’s Adult Faith Formation Committee invites everyone to attend six online sessions on Saturdays from 9am-12pm online via Zoom beginning January 8. Learn about the connection between Israel’s story and Israel’s theology as recorded in the Hebrew Bible (“Old Testament”), with an eye toward interpreting both Hebrew and Christian scriptures and theology today.

- The course will be taught by Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner. The cost is \$75. Register online by Jan. 4, 2022 at [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org).



**Love Packages**

*Did you know?* We collect new and used Christian literature for *Love Packages* in Butler. There’s a basket in the back left corner of the sanctuary. Donations are sent to Christians who have no devotional reading material in other parts of the world.



*Young Adults in* **GLOBAL MISSION**

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 to apply for a year-long journey in international service next year. As they offer themselves in service, young adults become the hands and feet of Jesus, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, to consider their sense of identity, God’s work in the world, and their place within it all.

Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and development, congregational ministry, human rights, education, homelessness, addiction recovery, women’s issues, and children and youth. Current country programs include: Argentina/Uruguay, Cambodia, Central Europe, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal, and the United Kingdom.

- Applications for the 2022-2023 YAGM service year will be open through Feb. 1, 2022. Priority will be given to those who apply before Jan. 15. Watch a video online to get started at <https://elca.org/yagm>.



## 2022 BUDGET MEETING

Mark your calendars. We need your vote. St. Paul's annual Budget Meeting has been set for January

16. Following our 10:15am Sunday morning worship, those present will be asked to approve our financial plans for St. Paul's ministry in the coming year. Copies will be provided in advance so you can ask questions before the meeting.

As a reminder, because we are meeting in person again, mail-in votes are not permitted per our constitution. But we hope that you will all support God's work through worship, learning, fellowship, service, and outreach with your regular offerings even if you are not able to attend the meeting. Together we can continue and innovate doing great things!



*Did you know?* Photos of St. Paul's members in the local newspaper, The Journal-News, are put up on our bulletin board. Throughout the next year when our church turns 190 we are planning to share current and historical photos on our Facebook page.



## Remember our SHUT-INS

Even when it is possible to visit members who are homebound or in nursing homes, prayers and calls or cards from the rest of our congregation are always appreciated.

Betty Bledsaw	Lynn Keepper
Betty Darda	Lyn Lingle
Judie Donham	Delores Plunkett
Doris Enochs	Rosemary Voyles
Joyce Gooding	Kris Whitley
Robin Houser	

This list does not include everyone in need of special care. Please reach out to others you know could use a greeting or prayer. Share any needs, additions, or updates with Pastor Munker.



## National Lutheran Choir CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join the National Lutheran Choir this holiday season online for their 36th annual Christmas Festival, The Earth Adorned. A livestream of the concert will be available for free to all on the [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com) website at 8pm on Friday, December 10.



## FLOCK BUDDIES Program

### Keeping St. Paul's Members Connected

Especially during the colder winter months it is important to keep in touch and encourage each other. It means a lot to members to be thought of by others from our St. Paul's family. So please do continue or renew your connection with your buddies in our congregation. It can be simple like a card, phone call, or text, or silent prayer of small signs of care.

- Let Administrative Assistant Marina know if you have questions or need another buddy assignment.



We are planning to set up luminary candle lights outside the church on Christmas Eve. Please help us by collecting and bringing in clear and cleaned 1/2-gallon plastic milk jugs. A collection bin is set up at church. Thanks for helping us let the Light of Christ shine.



We share our prayers and sympathies with the family and friends of Jim Dunn, who passed away in Florida on Sunday, November 7.

The Lord is mindful of our need for comfort and has promised, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." (*John 14:18*)



We thank the Friday night Table Tennis group for setting up the big Christmas tree for us in the sanctuary each year. We appreciate your help in making our worship space beautiful in the Advent and Christmas season.



Thank you to choir director Liz Allen and both new and returning bell ringers for blessing our worship services with glorious music to praise God!



Many thanks go out to the ladies who brought me flowers from the church. They brighten the corner of my room. I have them sitting next to the fall colors in my room. I look out at the trees, etc., enjoying life in Mother Nature's lands, especially the squirrels, the turtles, and the birds. God bless you and the members of our Lutheran church. I'll be here a while longer. Pray for me.

— Betty Bledsaw



To the children of St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for the handmade card you sent me. Thanks, kids, for the Halloween card and your writing. I really do enjoy the pictures. As you may or may not know, I taught school grades 1, 4, and 5. I love the children's drawings. I thank you for giving me some joy while I'm here in the nursing home in Litchfield! "Tack sa mycket!" means "thanks so much!" You are all so special. God's love to all of you.

— Betty Bledsaw



Thanks so much to everyone who is helping greet and feed people with hot cocoa and cookies during the Hillsboro Christmas Market at St. Paul's to show them what a warm and caring church we are.



Thanks so much to all who donated to and helped with the Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts. Thrivent Action Team cards were used to help offset the cost of the kits. Thank you, Thrivent! We delivered 197 Personal Care Kits, 107 School Kits, and 21 Quilts to St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield on October 30th. Special thanks goes to Maribeth Rahe and Cindy Duncil. Maribeth sewed together tops for the quilts and found bottom material for them too. That made it easy for us to sandwich the batting and put the quilt together. Cindy made quilts at home and donated them to us for Lutheran World Relief. We could not have sent off the number of quilts we did if not for these two ladies. Thanks a bunch, Maribeth and Cindy!



Flowers may be placed on the altar in honor of some event or family celebration, or in memory of a loved one. The cost for altar flowers is \$22.50 per week. If you would like to reserve a date, please complete the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship. The following dates are open for 2022.

Please circle the dates you would like and fill out details on bottom portion of form:

<b>January</b>	2 • • • 23 • 30	<b>July</b>	3 • • • 24 • 31
<b>February</b>	6 • • • 27	<b>August</b>	• 14 • 21 •
<b>March</b>	• • •	<b>September</b>	4 • • • 25
<b>April</b>	• • 17 • 24	<b>October</b>	2 • • 16 • 23 • 30
<b>May</b>	1 • 8 • 15 • 22 • 29	<b>November</b>	6 • 13 • 20 • 27
<b>June</b>	5 • 12 • 19 • 26	<b>December</b>	• • 18 • 25

You may pay for your flowers at any time. If you have not paid for them before your date, then you will be contacted by phone or mail. Thank you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In memory/honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In memory/honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)



POINSETTIAS

The church office is now taking orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary of St. Paul's for Christmas. The cost is \$18 this year. Poinsettias will be wrapped with a bow attached.

Please return this order form as soon as possible. Payment should be made by Tuesday, December 7th. Thank you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given in honor/memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)



<b>12/3</b>	Danny Patton, Beth Wille
<b>12/8</b>	Angela Priewe
<b>12/10</b>	Jaxon Gibb, Olivia Gibb
<b>12/11</b>	Shelley Kolb
<b>12/14</b>	Jenny Dunn
<b>12/16</b>	Earl Meier
<b>12/19</b>	Saylor Stewart
<b>12/22</b>	Ariana Patton
<b>12/25</b>	Bill Jurgena
<b>12/29</b>	Julia Gunn
<b>12/30</b>	Zachary Rahe, Jeff Sandlin
<b>1/1</b>	Carol Calvert
<b>1/2</b>	Susan Pollard, Robert Wessell
<b>1/3</b>	Kent Stewart
<b>1/4</b>	Bruce Gunn, Kate Wheeler, Olivia Whitley
<b>1/6</b>	Sharol Hayes, Angela Kaculi, Russell Whitlow
<b>1/7</b>	Jacob Fenton, Lynn Keepper
<b>1/9</b>	Ryder Hoover, David Justison, Sarah McHenry

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- Stewardship** – Lori Evans
- Worship & Music** – Liz Allen
- Youth** – Melanie Sherer
- Youth Representative** – Gage Putnam

Date	Time	Event
W 12/1	11am-noon	Ladles of Love
	6:30pm	Advent Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Practice
Sa 12/4	11am-7pm	Imagine Hillsboro Vendor Event
	11am-4pm	Munkers' Nativities Exhibit
Su 12/5	10:15am	Worship
	Before/after worship	Blood Pressure Checks
M 12/6	9am	Men's Coffee
	9am	Sewing and Fellowship
Tu 12/7		Deadline to Order Poinsettias
W 12/8	11am-noon	Ladles of Love
	6:30pm	Advent Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Practice
Th 12/9	6pm	ELCA World Hunger Webinar
F 12/10	8pm	National Lutheran Choir Christmas Concert (online)
Sa 12/11	(Time Slots 9:30am-1:30pm)	Ring Bell at IGA
Su 12/12	10:15am	Worship with Reader's Christmas Program
	5pm	Youth Group
M 12/13	9am	Sewing and Fellowship
Tu 12/14	7pm	Council Meeting
W 12/15	11am-noon	Ladles of Love
	6:30pm	Advent Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Practice
Su 12/19	10:15am	Worship
	2-5pm	Earl Meier 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House (Beckemeyer)
M 12/20	9am	Men's Coffee
	9am	Sewing and Fellowship
W 12/22 through W 12/29		Office Closed
W 12/22	11am-noon	Ladles of Love
	6:30pm	Advent Study (Zoom)
	7pm	Bell Choir Practice
F 12/24	8pm	Candlelight Service
Sa 12/25		Christmas Day
Su 12/26	10:15am	Worship
M 12/27	9am	Sewing and Fellowship
W 12/29	7pm	Bell Choir