

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday 12/17

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages  
 10:30 am Children's Christmas Worship  
 12:00 pm Advent Conspiracy backpack packing (Dining Room)

### Monday 12/18

### Tuesday 12/19

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 6:30 pm Cancer Companions Meeting (Family Room)

### Wednesday 12/20

9:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)  
 5:00 pm Jr. Leader Christmas Party (Great Room)

### Thursday 12/21

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 6:30 pm Praise Team/Adult Choir Christmas Eve Rehearsal

### Friday 12/22

### Saturday 12/23

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)  
 10:00 am Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Sunday 12/24 *Message - Awestruck Wonder!*

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship  
 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

### Monday 12/25 **Merry Christmas! Jesus is Born!**

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship - "Still Seek Him"

### December Actual Giving

\$ 88,398 as of 12/10

### December Budgeted Giving

\$121,038 as of 12/10

### Yearly Actual Giving Through 12/10/17

\$1,958,368

### Under goal

\$220,574

### Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 12/10/17

\$2,178,942

2017 Annual Budget =  
 \$2,372,600

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 816  
 Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 827

...Better Together!

### *Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper*

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.\*

\*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
 DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRSTBORN  
 SON AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING  
 CLOTHS AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER...

Luke 2:7

### Thought Before Worship

"You may speak but a word to a child, and in that child there may be slumbering a noble heart which shall stir the Christian Church in years to come." - Charles Spurgeon

### Call to Worship

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Rejoice*

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

**Family Sharing** (Sunday only)

### Confession and Absolution

**Words of Institution** (Saturday only)

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper** (Saturday only)

*If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together.*

**Communion Songs** (Saturday only)

*Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*



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