



# Blue ( hristmas December 22nd ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

The holiday season is always challenging for those whose hearts are hurting This Blue Christmas worship service ofters a special space to acknowledge those feelings of grief, loss, or difficulty. Together we will seek God's presence as we experience the reality that even in our loneliness, we are not alone.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST ST PAUL'S?

<u>Ichthus Menu for December 18th</u>: Christmas Dinner-Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw and a Dessert. All meals are served with a salad & Veggies and PB&J Sandwiches.

\*\*\*No Ichthus Meal or Activities December 25th or January 1st\*\*\* <u>Pitch</u>: If you are a pitch player and are interested in joining to play pitch at the church, please contact Marge Eitzmann at 402-469-4134 for more information. Mission Trip Payments: The next mission trip payment for Jr. High is Wednesday, December 18th and the next Sr High mission trip payment is Wednesday, January 15th. If you are interested in attending either mission trip there WEDNESDAY, 12/18 is still time, please reach out to Pastor Chad.

Get Your Poinsettia Ordered: Make sure to order your poinsettia in honor or remembrance of a friend or loved one. Poinsettias are \$10.00. You can scan the QR Code, fill out the order form or by calling the Church Office. Help us make our church beautiful for the holidays. Deadline is December 18th, 2024 by 3:00 p.m.

The Sr. High Mission Team will be having Holiday Bake Sale on December 14th & 15th before and after each service. This is a freewill donation and all proceeds help the youth with the cost of the mission trip to Muskegon, MI. Come and get your goodies!

#### **Dates to Remember**

Blue Christmas Worship Service will be on Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. THURSDAY, 12/19

Stephen Ministers Commissioning will be on Sunday, January 5th. Please welcome our newest Stephen Ministers.

March of Faith will be on the weekend of January 11th & 12th at all services. Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets will be going out in the mail, please watch for them and bring them back on March of Faith weekend.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: Make sure to join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services!!! 4:00 p.m. (traditional), 4:30 p.m. (contemporary), 7:00 p.m. (traditional w/ communion) and 11:00 p.m. (traditional w/ communion). **2024 Year End Giving:** Do you have a gift you want to be credited to the 2024

calendar year for tax purposes? All gifts must be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st, 2024 or placed in the offering plate no later than December 28th and 29th worship services.

New Bible Studies Start on January 8th, please see the Newsletter for details.

There is something for everyone!!!!

God Made Me Preschool has immediate openings in all classes. If you have a preschooler age 3 to 5 years and are interested in getting them into to school contact the Church Office for more information.

# GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Altar Flowers are sponsored in celebration our 61st wedding anniversary on December 12th. Given by Ray & Sharon Scholl.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Elmer & Colleen

Hohlen through memorials given in Colleen's name.

Media & Publications have open dates, please contact the Church Office if interested in a sponsorship.

**Our Hospitalized:** No one is reported as hospitalized this week.

# WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY, 12/15

Sr. High Bake Sale Traditional Worship, 8:25 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Education Hour, 9:30 a.m. Children's Advent Service, 10:35 a.m.

MONDAY, 12/16 Bell Practice, 6:30 p.m.

### **TUESDAY**, 12/17

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Ouilting, 1:00 p.m. LCW Group 3. 1:30 p.m.

LCW Group 1, 9:30 a.m. LCW Group 2, 1:30 p.m. Ichthus Meal, 5:00 p.m. Pre-K - 6th Grade, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 6:05 p.m. Adult Bible Studies, 6:05 p.m. Praise Band, 7:00 p.m. College Agers Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Moms of Prayer, 7:45 p.m. Soul Café, 8:00 p.m.

Quilting, 1:00p.m.

SATURDAY, 12/21 Traditional Worship, 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, 12/22

Traditional Worship, 8:25 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Education Hour, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, 10:35 a.m.



# **Thank You Helping Hands!**

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Pastor Joel Remmers and Aidan Leonard Lay Reader: Emma Leonard Ushers: The Leonard family Acolyte: Mary Ortegren & Drake Hohlen

Sunday 8:25 a.m. Worship Team **Pastor Joel Remmers** Lav Řeader: TBA Ushers: Greg & Virginia Tjarks Greeter: TBA Acolyte: Hailey Oeltjen & Kinsley Weichman