

# St. Paul's News

December 2020

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FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR,  
WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON*

LOVING GOD,  
HELP US REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF JESUS,  
THAT WE MAY SHARE IN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS,  
THE GLADNESS OF THE SHEPHERDS,  
AND WORSHIP OF THE WISE MEN.

CLOSE THE DOOR OF HATE  
AND OPEN THE DOOR OF LOVE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

LET KINDNESS COME WITH EVERY GIFT  
AND GOOD DESIRES WITH EVERY GREETING.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL BY THE BLESSING  
WHICH CHRIST BRINGS,  
AND TEACH US TO BE MERRY  
WITH CLEAR HEARTS.

MAY THE CHRISTMAS MORNING  
MAKE US HAPPY TO BE THY CHILDREN,  
AND CHRISTMAS EVENING  
BRING US TO OUR BEDS  
WITH GRATEFUL THOUGHTS,  
FORGIVING AND FORGIVEN,  
FOR JESUS' SAKE.

AMEN.

## VIRTUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY ELECTS NEW BISHOP

During the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Synod Assembly of the NEPA-ELCA synod, Pastor Chris deForest was elected bishop for a 6-year term. He will be installed December 5, 2020 at 10 AM by presiding ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Because of COVID-19, we will be able to attend the installation *virtually*. Pastor deForest is presently serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Kutztown. He was ordained August 23, 2011 after receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA. After Pastor deForest's election was announced, he was given time to address the assembly. I share a *few* of his comments: He "is God reliant, Christ centered, and spirit led." He is ready to "do things faithful to the Gospel, do creative things, and ready to try new things." He pointed out that we "already have a brain trust within the synod," and stated, "God has got this – let's go."

In addition to the election of the bishop, other synod business was carried out. This included, (but was not limited to), committee reports, resolutions to consider, WELCA report, election of other synod positions, and adoption of a budget. The synod recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of women of color, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely in the ELCA.

A report by Colleen Grooms, Bear Creek Camp director, reflected changes this summer due to COVID-19. Even though *regular* summer camp was not held, 115 families used the facilities. Twelve staff were on site under the Conservation Core program. They provided meals and activities for the families that came to camp plus worked on improvement projects on the campgrounds.

We viewed a video highlighting the synod Ministry Together program. It showed the development of *God's Garden of Grace* in Plainfield, PA under the leadership of members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plainfield. This is a community garden project which provides fresh produce to their local food banks.

Our *Mission Support* gifts provided a grant through the *Witness and Service Ministry Team* to create "Open Arms" at Arndt's Church in Easton, PA, that provides a place for seniors to go two days a week for fellowship, games, exercise, food, and more.

Ministers celebrating major roster anniversaries were recognized for their service. Ministers new to our synod roster were introduced along with newly ordained ministers. We were all encouraged to help identify and support persons interested in entering the ministry.

Resolutions were introduced and voted upon. The **first resolution** dealt with the SALM program. Since this program already exists, the Reference and Council Committee expressed support, but no vote was needed. A **second resolution** requested that each congregation give \$5.00 per month for three new seminarians (a total of \$180.00 per year) which will be given to the United Lutheran Seminary to "advance its mission and start the process to redress the shortage of rostered leaders creating a crisis in leadership." This will provide aid to students for needs such as books, room and board, food, travel, and other expenses. This resolution passed. The **third resolution** was put forth by the "Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry" committee and called for one additional voting member per congregation to the synod assembly provided that person represents a person under 30 years of age or is a person of color or a person whose primary language is not English. Because rules for voting members is already established under the ELCA constitution, it was referred back to the Committee of Reference and Council where it will be written as a by-law and presented for a vote at the 2021 assembly.

Two of the funds which were designated to receive donations during the synod assembly were highlighted. By standing resolution, the World Hunger Fund received \$2,640.00 by the end of the assembly session. A special fund authorized by the synod council was created to recognize the dedication of Pastor Zeiser during his 12-year plus tenure as Bishop. The Samuel and Linda Zeiser Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarship with the purpose of helping people who are studying to become pastors or deacons raised \$3,845.00 by the end of the assembly. Anyone may donate to funds at any time.

## **VIRTUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY** (CONTINUED)

Recognition and thanks were given throughout the assembly to Pastor Zeiser and his wife Linda for their dedication to the call of Bishop for over 12 years of service to our synod.

As information, the 2021 NEPA Synod Assembly will be held June 3-5, 2021 at Kalahari Resort.

If you would like additional information about the synod, please call me. Because this assembly was held via ZOOM, you can view all of the proceedings on line at: [nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/](http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/) and/or [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).

I would like to thank the congregation for sending me to this synod assembly as a voting member. It certainly was different to sit at home and attend via ZOOM. I thought it was well organized with much "how to do this" information prior to the assembly; that show lots of hard work by the planning committee. To my surprise and gratitude, I was able to log on, listen, participate, and vote with no problems. I appreciate the privilege of representing our congregation at this assembly.

Submitted by Barbara Lafko

### **USHERS & LECTORS NEEDED!**

Ushers and lectors are needed for our 10:30 AM Sunday worship service. If you would like to usher (i.e., assist people to be seated and record this information on a seating chart) or lector (i.e., read the lessons and prayers) at this service, please contact Sue Schenck at 570-386-2647 or send an email to her at [frausers@yahoo.com](mailto:frausers@yahoo.com). Thank you!

### **ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS**

Your year-end reports for 2020 will be needed by Friday, January 15, 2021. Please complete them and send them to: office @ [stpauls-orwigsburg.org](http://stpauls-orwigsburg.org) by the deadline date.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AFFECTED BY COVID-19**

St. Paul's will hold in-person Christmas Eve services at 5:00 PM, 9:00 PM, and 11:00 PM on Thursday, December 24, 2020. Christmas Carols, Candlelight, and the distribution of Holy Communion will be featured at each service. COVID-19 precautions (the wearing of facemasks, socially distanced designated seating, hand sanitizing, etc.) will continue to be observed. Attendance at all our Christmas Eve services will be limited to less than 70 people to provide adequate social distancing.

Unlike other years, small candles will not be distributed to the congregation on Christmas Eve, and neither the Chancel Choir nor the Bell Choir will provide special music.

To avoid turning anyone away from worship on Christmas Eve, everyone who would like to attend one of our special worship services should call the church office in advance to reserve a place for themselves and their families. Please call the church office at (570) 366-2316 (ext. 10) to reserve a place for yourself and your family as soon as possible.

If you call our church office when it is closed, please leave a message on our answering machine. Speak slowly and clearly, identify yourself, give your phone number, indicate which service you (and your family) plan to attend, and how many seats you would like to reserve. Your reservation will be confirmed shortly thereafter.

**THE DEADLINE TO RESERVE A SEAT  
FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
SERVICES IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER  
20, 2020.**

## ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is preparing for the "birth of Christ" by using the resource "Advent Reflections" book of faith. We will continue to meet Thursday evenings at 7 PM via ZOOM, except for December 24 and 31. You may contact Barbara Lafko at 570-366-1208 or send an email to her at [bjlafko@yahoo.com](mailto:bjlafko@yahoo.com) with questions.

## LIBRARY CORNER NEWS

Hello to all our St. Paul's Friends,

It's been a while since I've been in contact with you, so here we go. During this trying time of COVID-19, Herman, Lucy, and I have shared some positive things with our mice cousins, not only in Pennsylvania, but in Texas and Louisiana, too! We've been exchanging messages through "USA Mouse News." It is terribly slow, but it does work! Everyone in our family wears masks, we practice social distancing, and we're persistent in washing our paws! We hope you and your family are doing the same.

St. Paul's Library Ladies have added the following new books to the library shelves. They are:

The Cross Gardener by Jason Wright

The Union Quilters by Jennifer Chiaverini

The Star and the Shamrock,

The Emerald Horizon,

and The Hard Way Home by Jean Grainger.

Please stay safe and healthy as we enter a new season of hope! You can always snuggle in a cozy blanket with a good book and a warm cup of hot chocolate and enjoy reading! We wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Melvin, Herman, and Lucy,  
your friendly church library mice!



## WELCA NEWS

### Sharing the Good News: WELCA's "Dear Friend in Christ" Project

Several of our WELCA members have joined in the ELCA's "Dear Friend in Christ" letter writing project. In November's newsletter, the women of our congregation were invited to write a letter and exchange it, if desired, with a sister member in Christ residing anywhere in the US. Matches were made at the ELCA office in Chicago, IL.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, we have some good news: the deadline has been extended to March 5, 2021!

If you decide to take part in this worthy project, consider sharing your faith, possibly offering advice for coping with the pandemic, and perhaps including some personal information. If you want to continue your conversation, include your name and address. If you do not, however, just send one letter. **A release form must be included with your first letter.** Please send it to:

Dear Friend in Christ  
Women of the ELCA  
8765 W. Higgins Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60631

Handouts with release forms are available on the Gathering Room table, or call Danielle Richards at (570) 366-1165, and she will get one to you.

In other news, we are continuing our MiKaylee's Hope project, the making of remembrance blankets, through the coming months. The blankets should be 12" X 12" or 18" X 18" and can be sewn, crocheted, or knitted. Please put them in the appropriate container on the welcome table in the narthex. We have received 39 blankets so far and are to deliver them soon. Thank you to all those who have shared their talents!



## SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

### Click. Like. Share.

Social Media Ministry Monthly News

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Greetings, St. Paul's,

I can't believe it's December! What a year! I have been reflecting on 2020 and have found that despite all of the trials and tribulations it presented us, there has been quite a bit of good, too!

Producing the online worship videos has been a huge spiritual blessing for me in 2020. I reflect on the prayers, the music, the gospel, and the sermon in new and different ways. I have found that I'm less distracted; I notice small details like the symbols of faith around our beautiful sanctuary and outside! I realize, too, just how many dedicated volunteers it takes to make a virtual worship service happen. I work with Pastor Mike, Justin, and many other talented musicians, and each time we record, it's an opportunity to create something new for the sake of spreading the Gospel. For that I am grateful. I hope that these worship videos enrich your spiritual life as they do mine, and that they bless you and help you on your spiritual journey.

Social Media Ministry will continue to offer online worship videos for the season of Advent as well as Christmas Eve and the season of Christmas (and likely beyond that). Also, stay tuned for a Christmas Concert video!

Have a great month and remember to

**Click. Like. And Share!**

## TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS RUNNING OUT!

It's time to order poinsettias! Happily, our price remains at \$8.00 per plant. Please choose between red and white poinsettias and fill out the form found in this newsletter. Completed order forms and money must be received by Sunday, December 6, 2020!



## ANGEL TREE RETURNS

Our Angel Tree to benefit the Orwigsburg Food Pantry will return, but it will be a little different this year.

The tree will be put up right after Thanksgiving and its branches will be decked with name tags of area youth. Each tag will contain the age and gender of the recipient, as well as a gift idea. Please take a tag if you can help and keep your gift(s) in the \$15-\$20 price range!

Since COVID-19 cases are increasing, we do not feel it wise to gather our Sunday school kids to wrap the donated gifts. This was a difficult decision to make, but truly one in the best interest of everyone.

Wrap your gift before returning it to church by Sunday, December 13. Please make sure the original Angel tree tag is with the gift so that it gets to the correct family.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! Kay Weidensaul is always proud of the support that St. Paul's gives to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and especially the way we demonstrate "God's Work, Our Hands" in our everyday lives.

Please contact Deb Bolinsky at (570)789-3540 or [bolinsky5@verizon.net](mailto:bolinsky5@verizon.net) with questions or concerns.

## CATECHISM CLASSES

Students who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or older), who have not been confirmed (that is, completed a catechetical program and publicly affirmed their faith) are invited to take part in this year's Catechism program. Please contact Pastor Mike or leave a message at his office telephone: 570-366-2316 Ext. #11 if you are interested.

## STEWARDSHIP IN CREATION: STiC

Even on a 41 degree chilly November morning, my little front porch which is open on two sides, one of which faces east and the other with a trellis of morning glory, is a perfect place to sit and greet the day with gratitude, especially if the sun is doing its best. A blanket and a cup of coffee, and I'm all set. Arlo, our dog, has to be there too!

During this time of centering and reflection, it does not escape my mind that the long cold days of winter are coming and I will need plenty of handwork to do to keep from going stir crazy, especially following the holidays and as retirement has opened my schedule to the full. I am reminded by Native American wisdom that nature provides all that we need (thanks be to God our Creator).

In that light and with extra COVID-19 precautions impending, I'd like to share some of the following ideas which will also fuel some ideas for the STiC team:

- I have nature books to lend anyone who loves to read. Titles include The Hidden Life of Trees, The Genius of Birds, Where the Crawdads Sing, Silent Spring, and Braiding Sweetgrass. These have all opened my eyes and piqued my sense of wonder. I will be reading more and sharing more as I learn of them.
- A few weeks back Pastor Mike spoke in a sermon about journaling our faith walk. I really had to chuckle, as that morning I felt a very strong leading to put my prayer journal in my church bag to bring along, and, following that lead, was able to share with him after church. My PA Master Naturalists classes have also encouraged a nature journal in which you can write in any style or format that suits you. You can use lovely blank page books, your computer, or 3x5 cards to write about what you see and wonder about in God's beautiful world. In fact, the two topics complement each other very well. These can be private or shared with friends and passed on to future generations to inspire a love of nature.
- A recent webinar taught me about creating a "perpetual" journal that you revisit each year and add one more thing to that date or week. Our presenter was a botanical illustrator who

gave me enough tips that I felt encouraged to try it. Each week, I am finding one natural object that intrigues me and so I go to that week in the journal and use micron pens, colored pencil, and watercolors. The observation really does enhance understanding, wonder, and appreciation.

- And, last but not least: our winters aren't usually *too* bad. There will be days that a fresh air walk is exactly what is needed. With a close eye on the weather report, perhaps each Sunday, we can announce and post a likely day and place to go, because it's always more fun to walk with friends.

These are simply good ways to use our time without needing a "screen" -- and while social media can be a useful tool, it can also be a source of depression and anxiety. So instead of winter "blahs," make it a creative season, and Spring will be here before you know it!

~Sue Reier

## CHANGE IN CHURCH USE AND RENTAL POLICY

Due to our need to continue COVID-19 precautions, Reidler Hall (our basement) is no longer available for use by church members or for rent by someone in our community.

Our nave (worship space) and our Gathering Room is available for use by members only and only on Sunday afternoons or Sunday evenings. Attendance in our Gathering Room should not exceed 20 people. Our COVID-19 precautions must also be observed by everyone who uses these spaces. Please contact our Church Office if you are interested in reserving these places.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2021. Please mark your new calendar!

## PHISHING EMAIL WARNING

On Wednesday, November 25, 2020, someone who called himself “The Rev. Michael Petresky” at [pastormikestpaulsorwigsburg@gmail.com](mailto:pastormikestpaulsorwigsburg@gmail.com) sent an email to several members of our congregation.

The email subject line read, “Re: Hello (first name).” The email requested that the recipient purchase “...eBay gift cards for some cancer patients that I promised as a birthday gift.” The email continued, “Can you get it from any store around you very early in the morning? I’ll reimburse you. I would have called but my phone is not available at the moment.”

### THIS IS A SCAM!!!

Unfortunately, this type of “phishing” scam is very common right now. The email appears to come from the head of an organization that you are a member of or involved in. **Do not open this kind of email and certainly do not respond to it in any way.** Neither I nor lay leaders in this congregation solicit financial support in this way!

My church email address is [pastormike@stpauls-orwigsburg.org](mailto:pastormike@stpauls-orwigsburg.org). The email address which the scammer used was intentionally created to look like my email address to fool recipients into purchasing eBay gift cards and forwarding them to him.

It is very sad to think that there are people who use the internet to deceive others and take advantage of other people’s kindness and good will. **PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!** Contact me by phone (717-649-3532) if you receive a “funny” email under my name.

Pastor Mike

## FLOWER AND BULLETIN PRICES

As of January 1, 2021, the cost of a chancel basket remains \$25.00, altar flowers stay \$30.00, and bulletins are still \$15.00. Please contact Sue Schenck (570-386-2647) or call our church office for information or with questions. Also remember to sanitize your hands after using the “Dedication/Memorial Book” located in the Gathering Room.

## ONLINE GIVING

You can bring your offerings with you when you come to worship, drop them off at the church during regular office hours, or send a check to the church via the US Mail. You can also give to St. Paul’s securely online. Here’s how to do that:

- Go to our website: [www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org](http://www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org)
- From the home page, click the Online Giving tab at the top of the screen.
- A Give Now box will appear on your screen.
- Select General Fund from the menu.
- Keep One Time selected (or create a secure account to set up reoccurring payments).
- Enter the dollar amount you would like to give with NO decimals.
- Click Add Donation.
- Click Next, then enter your Name, Address, and Credit/Debit Card information.

### *Optional items:*

*To receive an emailed receipt, check the box and enter your email address.*

*To help offset the online processing fees, check the box.*

- Click Donate Now to complete your transaction. You will receive a confirmation number.

Thank you for your continuing generosity! Your kindness makes it possible for us to continue our sharing of the Gospel and reaching out to others with the love of Christ!

## NOTICE IF WORSHIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

When you are not sure that we will have worship because of inclement weather or concerns about COVID-19 infections, please call the church office (570-366-2316) and listen to the outgoing message on the answering machine. You can also check our Facebook page for a possible cancellation of worship. Be safe, not sorry! Check before you leave home!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Mel Letcher, Mary Ellen Hering
2. Kimberly Haney
4. Timothy Seigfried, Melissa Seigfried, Landon Stover
5. Josh Clarke
6. Michael Murphy
7. George Smith
8. Nevin Zehner, Mallorie Dukmen
9. Hope Clarke
10. Travis Moyer
11. Crawford Leibold
12. Sandy Ludwig, Jared Sterner, Marcus Shin
13. Kendra Wertman
15. Shane Kokitus, Jordan Post
18. Karen Travor
19. Sandra Mertz, Lewis Sims
22. Danielle Richards, Amber Eisenacher, Haley Rymarkiewicz
24. Brandon Miller
26. Fern Moyer
27. Krysta Seigfried, Diane Brobst
28. Sharon Thomas, Lauren Sterner
30. Cody Wertman, Marisa Auteri, Liz Lamm, Samantha Schuld
31. Wendy Schuld, Sean & Ryan Brueninghaus

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4. Steven & Sharon Thomas
6. Dave & Gail Wolfe
12. Leroy & Debra Maurer
18. Paul & Heidi Glenn
21. Earl & Sue Fuller
23. Mr. & Mrs. Garry Young

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Men of St. Paul's had a successful drive-by "Chili and Soup" sale on Saturday, November 14. They sold out in a little over an hour and raised \$835.00. Thanks again to everyone involved. Your hard work and generosity will benefit our congregation and our community!

Please mark Saturday, February 6, 2021 on your calendar. More delicious chili and varieties of soup will be on sale our "Souper Bowl of Caring" event.

## DECEMBER FLOWER SPONSORS

### December 6

Altar: Presented in memory of Corrinne Shoener by daughter Kathleen and family.

Chancel: OPEN

### December 13

Altar: In celebration of my loving wife Karen's birthday on December 18, by Doug Travor.

Chancel: In loving memory of Clark "Duke" Schenck by Sue, Kurt, and Juli.

### December 20

Altar: In loving memory of Harry W. Lafko by his family.

Chancel: In memory of our parents, Raymond & Josephine Rohrer and Arthur & Edna Emerich, by Joanne and Jim Emerich.

### December 27

Altar: In memory of Jack Taylor by Skip Taylor.

Chancel: OPEN

The Advent Wreath is presented in honor of all Altar Guild members, by Kathy Miller.

## DECEMBER BULLETIN SPONSORS

December 6: OPEN

December 13: OPEN

December 20: OPEN

Christmas Eve (9 & 11 PM): In loving memory of parents and grandparents, Ralph & Muriel Reibie and Clark & Fern Schenck, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

December 27: OPEN

## COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Three (3) positions on our congregational council will need to be filled at our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

If you are interested in being part of our council or if you would just like more information, please contact Pastor Mike, President Chris Long, or any of our other council members.

# DECEMBER 2020 SERVICE SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY ~ 8:00 AM

	<u>DECEMBER 6</u>	<u>DECEMBER 13</u>	<u>DECEMBER 20</u>	<u>DECEMBER 27</u>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Ruth Ann Withers	Deb Moyer	Kay Weidensaul	Deb Moyer
<b>GREETER</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	TBA	None	None	None

## SUNDAY ~ 10:30 AM

	<u>DECEMBER 6</u>	<u>DECEMBER 13</u>	<u>DECEMBER 20</u>	<u>DECEMBER 27</u>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Eric Eger	Robin Zimmerman	Leslie Guldin	Wayne Lutsey
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Juli Schenck	None	None	None
<b>USHER</b>	Gwen Wehr	Juli Schenck	Joanne Emerich	Joyce O'Rourke
<b>GREETER</b>	Jim Spotts	Scott Butler	Jim Spotts	Scott Butler
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Cindy Ritschel Crystal Brensinger	Sue Schenck Barb Sterner
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Gwen Wehr Tom Wehr Glenda Bright	Rosalie Wingle Marlene Eidam Diane Brobst	Joyce O'Rourke Pat Davis Gloria Dierwechter	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM

**LECTOR:** Ruth Ann Withers      **GREETER:** Crystal Brensinger      **USHERS:** Deb Bolinsky and Karen Schoener

### 9:00 PM

**LECTOR:** Samantha Clarke      **GREETER:** Scott Butler      **USHERS:** Carl Heintzelman and Gwen Wehr

### 11:00 PM

**LECTOR:** Rob Reier      **GREETER:** Greg Sklar      **USHERS:** The Dewald Family

**ALTAR GUILD (for all services):** Cindy Ritschel and Crystal Brensinger

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## ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS

Please continue to watch our online worship videos. These videos will be available by Saturday morning each week.

Before you watch, make sure the volume on your device (computer, smart phone, or tablet) is turned up for the best audio experience.

To access an online worship video:

- Go to our website: [www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org](http://www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org)

- From the Sermons, Bulletins & Newsletters tab, click on Sermons & Weekly Bulletins.
- The most current video available will be at the top of the list.
- Click View to watch the pre-recorded video.
- You can also go to YouTube directly and search for "St. Paul's Lutheran Church Orwigsburg, PA."

# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will again be ordered from  
Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA.  
The cost of an 8+ bloom plant is \$8.00.

Please indicate red or white blooms and to whom you wish to dedicate.  
If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Please complete this form  
and return it with payment to the plate in the Gathering Room.

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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s),

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ white poinsettia(s),

at \$8.00 each. I wish to dedicate my flowers(s) "in honor/memory of."  
(Please circle one for the lines you complete below.)

Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**O, COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!**

# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Bell Choir 6 PM	3 Adult Forum via ZOOM 7 PM	4	5 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:30 PM
6 Worship w/ Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 AM	7 Finance 6 PM	8 Service Ministry 6 PM	9 Bell Choir 6 PM	10 Adult Forum via ZOOM 7 PM	11	12 Worship 5:30 PM
13 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM	14 Council 7 PM	15 Men of St. Paul's 7:05 PM	16	17 Adult Forum via ZOOM 7 PM	18	19 Worship 5:30 PM
20 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Worship 5 PM 9 PM 11 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2021 BEGINS	

**Reverend Michael T. Petresky** 570-366-2316 - Ext 11 [pastormike@stpauls-orwigsburg.org](mailto:pastormike@stpauls-orwigsburg.org)  
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Worship services with Holy Communion at 5:00, 9:00, and 11:00 PM.**

**Please call 570-366-2316 to reserve a place for you and your family by  
Sunday, December 20, 2020.**

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