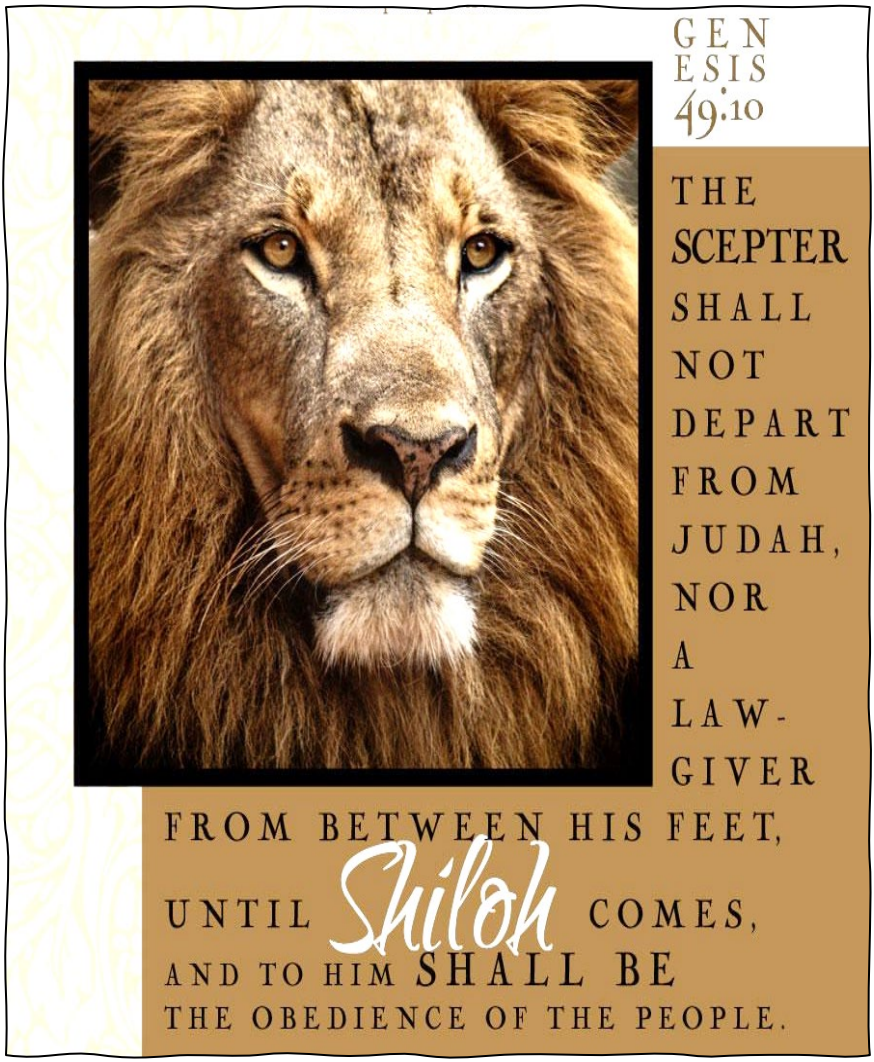

'Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, *with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all— irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building." Ephesians 2:19 MSG*

'The Child of Promise'

Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

Pastor: God is Good!

Congregation: All the time, I am a witness!

Opening Song …..... **"Oh Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Prayer

First Advent Candle - Blue

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of ***Hope*** in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

Psalm 45:6-7 New American Standard Bible

6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever;
The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.
7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of joy above Your companions.

Old Testament …… **Genesis 49:8-12 Modern English Version**

8 Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down before you.
9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He crouches and lies down like a lion;
and as a lion, who dares rouse him?
10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
until Shiloh comes; and to him will be the obedience of the people.
11 He tethers his foal to the vine, and his colt to the choicest vine;
he washes his garments in wine, his clothes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

New Testament …… **Revelation 5:1-7 Legacy Standard Bible**

[2] Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” [3] And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. [4] Then I was crying greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. [5] And one of the elders said to me, “Stop crying! Behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals.” [6] Then I saw in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. [7] And He came and took *the scroll* out of the right hand of Him who sits on the throne.

Gospel …… **Luke 3:23-38 select verses New International Version**

[23] Now Jesus Himself was about thirty years old when He began His ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli … [30] the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph [31] … the son of Nathan, the son of David, [32] the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, [33] … the son of Perez, the son of Judah, [34] the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, [36] … the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, [37] the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, [38] the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children’s Message ……..... **Laurie Lentz**

Message ……..……..……..... **“The Child of Promise”**

Worship Song ……..……..……... **“Is He Worthy?”**

Prayers / The Lord’s Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession & Words of Assurance

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess our sins to You. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Holy Communion (*Communion is a time of quiet reflection and prayer.)*

Communion is by continuous table for those who want to come up. Others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance. We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

Distribution Music ……. **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**
……. **"Jesus Name Above All Names"**
……..... **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Announcements

Closing Song ……..…..……...……...……. **Doxology**

Benediction

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.
C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Postlude

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Serving Today

Minister ……..……..... Pastor Beverly Kelling

Ushers ..... Wayne Scholtz & Jenny Lessing

Lector ……..... Bob Mayne

Acolytes ……..…..... Laken DeLeon & Chloe Callis

Music …..……..... Jeanette Rath, Rick Brickles, Jody Jacobs

Nursery Volunteer…….…….. Becky Burton

The Altar flowers are given by Roberta Hennig in celebration of her son Mitchell's birthday.

Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly to the glory of God, Lord we are thankful for our many blessings!

Responsibilities ~ December 6th

Flowers: Angel Tellez

Sanctuary Lamp: Audrey Moncada

Ushers: Lynda Halbardier & Derlin Hennig

Lector: Ayelet Reus

Acolytes: Makenzie & Sandy Collins

Nursery Volunteer:

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"... pray without ceasing" ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Bubba Laughinghouse, Cynthia Nester, John Baxter, Chuck & Carol DeHaven, Imelda Gallardo, Larry Stewart, Fred Graff, Bob & Margie Mayne, Mike Thompson, Margaret Reus, Lynda Hook, Buffie Rogge, Pye Haass, Lizette Fischer, Rosalinda Rodriguez & Scott Mumme.

Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Brian Boehle, Loraine Miller, Ann Halbardier, Elaine Eccles, Mario Salazar, "Pye" Haass, Henry Nietenhoefer, Gladys Feller & Kathy Feller,

Active Military:

Ronnie Bailey, Ben Rath, Ethan Kammer, Will Winchester, Riley Lynch, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Heath Runnels, Madelyn Acosta, Sean Constante, Jimmy S. Rhodes, Les Armstrong, & Collin Bezely.

This Week's Birthdays:

Brandie Sprenger, Santos Contreras, Erik Garcia, Jennifer Sprenger, Hannah Jones, Angel Tellez, Justin Billings, Kevin Dixon, Cynthia Nester, Annette Billings, Carynn Jacobs, Eliana DeLaCruz & Alice Mumme.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 5th – 2pm-4pm Advent Tea

Dec. 6th – 5pm-6pm Children's Program Practice

Dec. 9th – 6pm Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 20th – 10am Dessert Auction
5pm Christmas Caroling

Dec. 24th – 6pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

"COME AS YOU ARE"

6pm Worship Services

December 2nd – Jason Sprenger

December 9th – Kid's Christmas Program

December 16th – Mark Nester

December 23rd – NO CAYA

December 30th – Open Mic

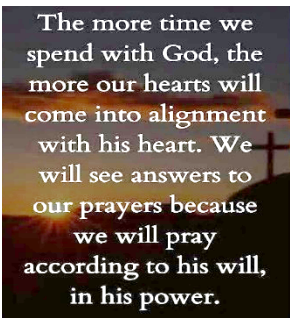
January 6th - Geoff Weimer

January 13th – Anjie Clifton

How can we be praying for you?

Please reach out to members of our prayer team. We also have prayer boxes that are located at the entrances of the church. These requests are private and only listed in the bulletin, newsletter and prayer chain upon your request.

Don Krumrey (830) 741- 9991
Shirley Krumrey (830) 931 - 4311



Anyone interested in helping with Angel Tree please contact Kara Cranfill (832)561-1695.

Thank you to all who volunteered to ring the bell for Salvation Army this past Friday!

There are a few people in our congregation who are in need of assistance with rides to an appointment or outings. If you are interested call the office for more information.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Beginning this week, the office will close at 3pm on **Thursdays**. We are here till 4pm Monday – Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed for the nursery in the coming months. Sign-up in the Annex or reach out to Marilyn Graff. (830)426-1045



Poinsettia sign-up begins **next** Sunday. They will be $10 and we have ordered 18. There will be a clip board in the Annex along with an envelope. Cash or checks are accepted. (please write checks to SPLC with poinsettia in the memo)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Sunday, November 29th
9am Worship Service
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Sunday School

Monday, November 30th

Tuesday, December 1st
7am Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, December 2nd
Tacking Quilters
9:30am-11amWomen's BSF
Highschool BSF Lunch
4th – 6th Afterschool Bible Study
6pm CAYA Service
Youth following Worship
7pm Bible Study (A/C)

Thursday, December 3rd

Friday, December 4th
Office Closed

Saturday, December 5th
2pm - 4pm Advent Tea

Sunday, December 6th
9am Worship Service
Angel Tree Gift Ministry Begins
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School



Upcoming Women's Advent Tea
Saturday, December 5th - 2pm - 4pm

The Women of St Paul will be hosting a Women's Christmas Advent Tea. This is a great way to start the Christmas Season. If you would like to decorate and host a table or have questions, please contact Faye Honig at (210) 680-3230.
Current prayer pals will be revealed at the Advent Tea and a drawing for new pals will take place. Don't forget to take a little something for your current prayer pal. If you are currently participating, your name will automatically be included for the new year. If anyone has questions or wants their name added for 2027, please reach out to Debbie Whitehead (210) 414-1005.

Advent 2026 'The Child of Promise'

Why is Jesus called both the Lamb of God & the Lion of Judah?

A lion may be king of the jungle, but the Lion of Judah is the King of kings

Advent is a time of _____ for both the celebration of _____

The Genesis Prophecy: *Jesus, the Son of God (1:1) of the tribe of Judah (49:10), will be provided by God (22:8) & will crush the serpent's head (3:15)*

Judah is the _____ son of Jacob born to Leah (the _____ one) & means '_____' (to God)

A lion at rest is_____; *His authority unquestioned*

A lioness _____; *none can challenge Him*

Scepter → _____; staff → _____

Shiloh = 'He _____'

peoples/nations = '_____ knee will bow'

Replacing thorns & sweat *(Genesis 3:18-19)* with vines & wine is a picture of extreme _____

The Revelation Revealing: *Jesus the Christ is the Lamb AND Lion*

Only Jesus Christ, through His sinless _____, sacrificial _____, & victorious _____ is worthy (and rightfully able) to _____ evil, _____ His people, & bring history to its _____

The Son of the Father God: *In Hebrew:*

The title 'son of God' signified _____

When the 1st word of the Bible, **Bereshit (בְּרֵאשִׁית)** (*'in the beginning'*) is divided properly*(the same letters & order)*, the result is

בְּרֵ אשִׁית = '_____'

My takeaway:_____

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Leader Who will shepherd My people Israel.' Matt 2:6