

## Education Hour

We've got a compelling lineup of topics for our upcoming Adult Forums at PLC. Our continued goal is to provide meaningful and thought-provoking topics to deepen faith and encourage learning in our community. We'll do this in a variety of ways throughout the year and we hope you'll join in on the learning and growth we'll do together. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Chapel.

## **ONLINE GIVING**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing so. We thank you in advance for all your continued gifts, financial and otherwise.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org),
- 2) Click on the "Online Giving" tab on the homepage,
- 3) Click on the "Online Giving" button,
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

## Are You Heading South for the Winter?

If you are planning on going south for the winter please contact the church office as soon as possible. The sooner you are able to contact us the easier it will be to get things forwarded in a timely manner. If you gave us this information last year you still need to let us know so we can verify information.



## **You Shop, We Benefit!**

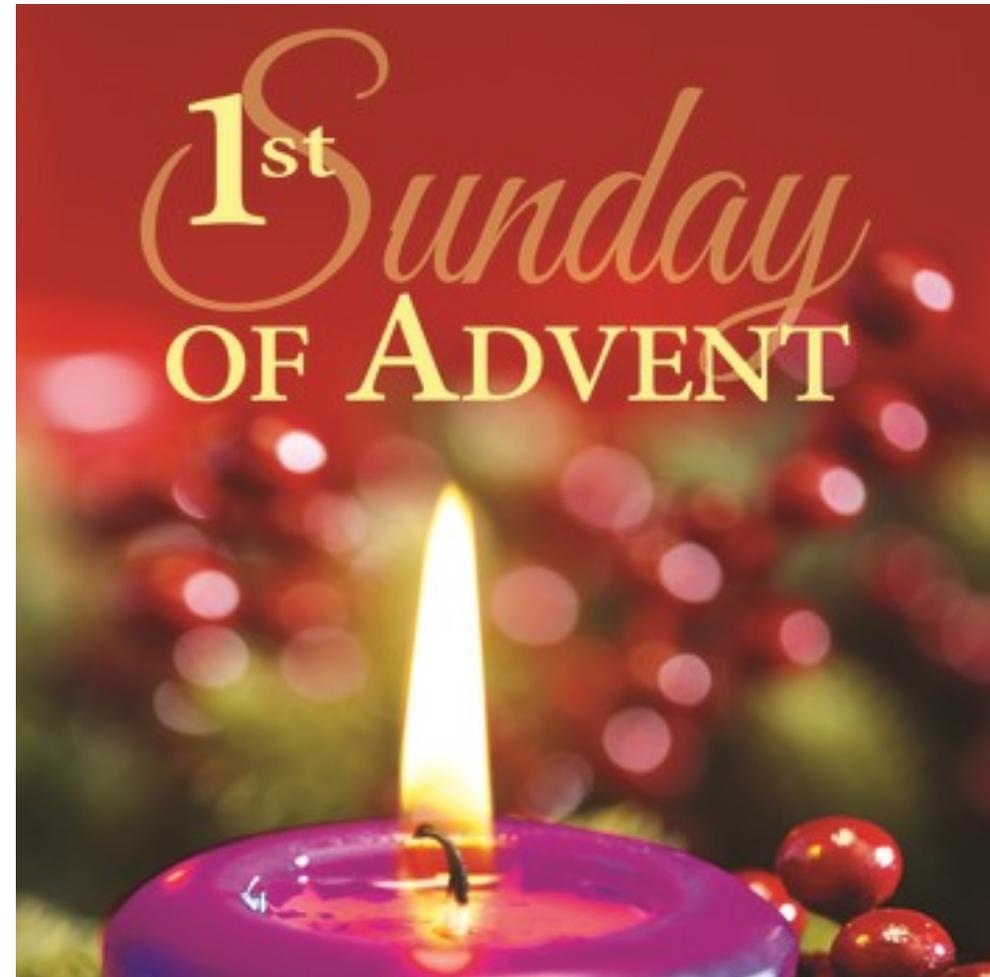


For those who are not aware, Teal's Market has a wonderful "1% Receipt Rebate Program." It is an easy way for local non-profits to earn money for their organizations. Simply shop at Teal's Market, bring us your receipts, and we'll earn 1% back on all your qualifying purchases. Paynesville Lutheran Church already utilizes this program, so please bring your receipts from Teal's Market to church and put them in the box in the Gathering Area to help us earn more from this great program. This is an ongoing program so you can bring in receipts from any past purchases.

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## 8:30 Traditional Worship



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Candle Lighting Hymn:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
ELW #254 vs. 1

**Sharing Time With Children**

**Preaching Text:** Luke 1:5-25 p.831 in the Bible

**Message:** Pastor Paul Shumaker

**Hymn:** Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart ELW #800 vs. 1 & 4

**Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Hymn:** Hark the Glad Sound ELW #239

**Dismissal**

*\*Congregation stands as able.*

BLUE  
CHRISTMAS

**Blue Christmas Worship**  
**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm**

We understand this time of year can be difficult for many in our community and our new Blue Christmas Worship is intended to acknowledge that reality. For those who have experienced loss or for whom Christmas is not a happy time, we offer this service as an opportunity to gather with others who are searching for light in the darkness. Whatever it is that may be making your Christmas season “blue,” we invite you to come and see the Light of Christ that shines in the darkness of our lives.

### **End of the Year Giving**

With 2021 quickly drawing to a close now is the time to make your end of the year contributions to Paynesville Lutheran Church. We ask that all gifts be to the church office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Thank you for your continued generosity toward the mission and ministry of PLC!

### **Weather Related Announcements**



To check on weather related announcements pertaining to Paynesville Lutheran please check our website [www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org), our Facebook page; [Facebook.com/PaynesvilleLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/PaynesvilleLutheran), or the KWLM radio station. Please use your best judgment when venturing out during the winter months.

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021 AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY NOV. 28, DEC. 5, 12 & 19:

## ADVENT WORSHIPS

Traditional Worship • 8:30 AM  
Contemporary Worship • 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15:

Contemporary Worship • 6:00 PM

## DECEMBER 21

Blue Christmas • 7:00 PM

## DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Worship • 3:00 PM  
(Covid Safe)  
Christmas Worship • 4:30 PM  
(Live Streaming)  
Christmas Worship • 7:00 PM

## DECEMBER 26

Traditional Worship • 9:00 AM

MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:

[www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org)



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## 10:30 Contemporary Worship



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Candle Lighting Hymn:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

ELW #254 vs. 1

**Sharing Time With Children**

**Preaching Text:** Luke 1:5-25

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**Message:**

Pastor Paul Shumaker

**Song:** My Feet Are on the Rock

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Song:** River of Life

**\*Dismissal**

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## Christmas Baking & Cookie Decorating Event



**Sunday, December 5, 2021  
2-4pm  
Kindergarten-5th Grade Students  
PLC Fellowship Hall**

## Be Part of our Memory Tree

Have you ever noticed the different trees that we have around our church building? We always have the "Hat and Mitten" tree where you can bring in new or gently used hats and mittens to share with the Community Service Center. We also have the tree with all the ornaments and paper tags on them. That tree is our Memory Tree. The ornaments on that tree are given in memory of someone who has passed away and the ornaments usually have a special meaning for the family of that person. You can see who each ornament is remembering by looking at the tag connected to each one. As we all know, the holidays can be a difficult time as we remember those who we have lost in the years past. If you would like to share an ornament in memory of someone that you love, please feel free to bring an ornament into the church office and we will get you set up with the tag to attach to the ornament. After Christmas the ornaments will be stored away until next year to be used again. As you notice the unique ornaments on the tree, please take a minute to pray for the families whose loved ones are memorialized on the tree.



## Poinsettias

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again where we begin planning for the holidays. Again this year you have the opportunity to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone for our Christmas Eve Worship Services. Envelopes are available in the gathering area or you can contact the church office to order. Cost of the poinsettias is \$12.00 **Deadline to place orders is December 6th.**



## Operation Christmas Outreach

We are pleased to announce we will be working with our local Community Service Center for the 10th year in a row to conduct our Operation Christmas Outreach project as our November Mission of the Month!

For those of you who are not familiar with Operation Christmas Outreach: This is an outreach project that our entire congregation has embraced. Our mission of the month for November is to raise funds and awareness for those less fortunate; these funds are used to purchase Christmas gifts for teenagers in our community. This is our way of reaching out to our community and being the hands of Christ. What better time of the year to make Him known to others.

We ask that you pray for the teens in our area that will receive the gifts this Christmas season, that our church may make an everlasting impact that shows Christ loves them and has allowed us to share that love with them at Christmas and within our community each day.

We would encourage you to consider making a donation toward this project, you can do this by simply placing funds in an envelope within the offering and noting it is for "Operation Christmas Outreach" or you could mail your donation to church and ensure you mark it accordingly.



## Give the Gift of Warmth

Now that winter weather is here we will be collecting new or gently used hats, mittens and scarves for the Community Service Center. You can place your donations on the tree in fellowship hall. Thank you for your continuing support of those in our community who need our help.

