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Monday – Friday
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Worship: 9:30 am

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8:30 – 11:30 am

During the month of October, I was blessed to make more hospital and shut-in calls than normal. It seemed that every time I was driving to the next location, I heard the song, "Same God" by Elevation Worship. Here is a portion of that song. As you read the words, may it remind you that we have the same God who wrote the Bible, who is still here and in control, no matter what we are going through!

I'm calling on the God of Jacob, whose love endures through generations. I know that You will keep Your covenant.

I'm calling on the God of Moses, the one who opened up the ocean. I need You now to do the same thing for me, for me, for me.

I'm calling on the God of Mary, whose favor rests upon the lowly. I know with You all things are possible.

I'm calling on the God of David, who made a shepherd boy courageous. I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants.

O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You now. How I need You now, yes

O Rock, O Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness, on Your faithfulness.

You heard Your children then, You hear Your children now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You answered prayers back then and You will answer now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You were providing then, You are providing now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You moved in power then God, move in power now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You were a healer then, You are a healer now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

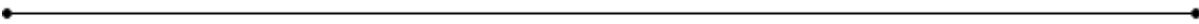
You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

I'm standing on Your faithfulness, God, You're faithful, God. Jesus, You're the same yesterday, today, and forever.

You freed the captives then, You're freeing hearts right now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit; Almighty River, come and fill me again (Let that be your prayer tonight).

We can and we must trust in the One True God! Pray in your time of need and He will deliver you, and you will praise His Name.



THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER EPISTLE IS NOVEMBER 20TH!!! Epistle articles, comments, ideas may be deposited in the epistle box in the Narthex mail slots or e-mailed to Eric Thornton at firemanet@yahoo.com. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US


Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Recent Events

- **BREMEN BAGS SERVICE EVENT (October 17th):** Our Youth and members of our Youth Board gathered to assist the Bremen Bags organization in packing bags of food that they will distribute to children in need throughout the Bremen community in the weeks ahead. We also donated the peanut butter that our Youth had generously given at Youth Nights throughout September. Our God has blessed all of us richly, and this was a wonderful opportunity for Youth to give back to our community.

Upcoming Events

- **CAMPFIRE NIGHT (November 4th from 5-7 pm):** It's back – our annual Campfire Night for Youth in Grades 4-8. Please join us (at the Home – 7993 First Road / Bremen) for food, fun, fellowship and a campfire.  annual Spicher of course
- Our Youth Board is working on another service event in November and possibly another activity in early December for our Youth (stay tuned for more information). We also look forward to our Youth participating in the Christmas Eve church service to share the Christmas Gospel message as in years past. More information to follow ...

If there are any questions related to the Youth Group, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

Ushers: It is very important that you find your own replacement if you are not going to be able to usher during your assigned time. Please take the time to do this so that we always have ushers available to assist our members and visitors. Thank you.

A note from the Evangelism Board

Welcome bags will be going out on Monday, November 13. We will pack bags at the church at 5 pm with deliveries to follow. We are asking for the following items to be donated; cheese and cracker packets, microwave popcorn, post it note pads, bottled water, individually wrapped life savers. Your donations may be placed on the table by the TV in the Narthex. We also are looking for people to help pack and deliver bags. This is an interesting way to meet new neighbors and generally only takes about an hour! Lastly we ask for your prayers for the group going out and for our new neighbors. Thanks!

From the Board of Evangelism Mission Committee:

Haiti Update from the Mission Committee

We wanted to share the latest news from Mission Haiti. Haiti is going through much gang activity and violence at this time so the news from Sue was indeed a blessing. Please continue to keep those who are working to spread the gospel and the people of Haiti in your prayers.

Good news!!!

The schools in Jeremie, Haiti are open. Most schools in Port au Prince are not open due to the

civil unrest and gang activity. But our schools in the rural areas of the Jeremie District are open and ready for some new instruction.

Pastor Jymitry Dorce a young Pastor that has been appointed by the Pastors from the Haitian LCMS Seminary will be traveling to each of our seven sponsored schools in Jeremie. He will be putting together a program for the teachers to learn more about the Lutheran Faith and how to instruct the children in Lutheran History and basic Christian principals. Although there has been some instruction in our schools for the past several years on this matter, this will be a structured plan for each school to follow and Pastor Dorce will make quarterly visits to make sure it is being taught properly and updated as needed.

Mission Haiti recently bought Pastor Dorce a motorcycle for this purpose. In the past we did not have anyone qualified to make regular visits to the schools because of the distance between them and the rough mountain terrain. I have been in touch with Pastor Dorce and he is very excited to be involved with our schools and will be sending me his plan and repots quarterly.

Though we are still not able to travel to Haiti at this time we look forward to this coming school year and ask you please to help sponsor one of our 49 Lutheran School Teachers. We are still paying them only \$50 a month and this is barely enough to put food on their tables for a week or two because of the rising cost but they appreciate anything we can do to help and have never asked for more. As you can see we are desperately asking for your help. We have 7 schools and 7 teachers in each school. This cost us \$2,450.00 a month to keep the schools open. If a Bible Class or a group of families would sponsor one teacher for a year it would cost them only \$600. Please consider helping us to keep the schools open for another year.

**MISSION HAITI
7360 CURRY FORD RD
#721612
ORLANDO, FL 32872**

Please mark your check in memo line JEREMI TEACHERS

Blessings, Susan Gross
suelynn144@aol.com

Also, if you are looking for a unique Christmas gift as well as an opportunity to support the teachers in Haiti so that schools can be kept open, please consider purchasing some Haitian tin art. Pieces will be available towards the end of November or early December. Look for more info in the November bulletins. Thank you for the support you have given to God's children in Haiti.

Becoming a Choice (voucher) school has helped with tuition for many of our families. We also offer additional scholarships through the LSGO (Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization), a Church Partnership Scholarship for active membership in a student's home church, and a School Partnership Scholarship for those who volunteer within the school and PTL; as well as using the Tuition Assistance Fund as needed. Some of our families are able to receive full scholarship awards, making a Christian school education affordable.

Since we still use the LSGO to help cover remaining tuition costs for eligible families, we need to maintain funds in the SGO. **Please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!** You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. If you desire to mail a check to the LSGO, pamphlets with mailing information are available in the tract rack. **(Checks need to be written to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization.)**

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Mission of the Month

November Mission of the Month: Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT)

Mission: Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they understand best.

Vision: Vibrant Christian communities, deeply rooted in God's Word, engaging fully in God's mission, in this generation.

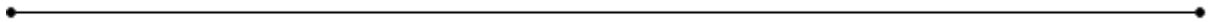
To learn more, visit lbt.org.

For further information go to www.worshipanew.org

Preschool Postings

This month we're focused on giving thanks, but we're reminded to always be thankful for everything God gives us, all year long! Speaking for Preschool students and staff, we're thankful for all the special guests who attended Grandparents Day last month for chapel and lunch, making it a special event for the preschoolers involved. The teachers were thankful for fall break, and I'm sure the students enjoyed it too!

This month all the preschoolers will be able to participate in making Stone Soup, our annual tradition, and the following week they'll enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. Thank you for supporting us and praying for us!



We Need You! Our Euchre Parties continue Friday, November 10th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship, and please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and bring a friend! This is a Parish Fellowship sponsored event.

St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during the month of November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked Peanut Butter. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship.

Annual Clothing Drive for Hope Ministries - November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's and women's). We will have a table in the narthex with signs (Hope Ministries Clothing Drive) so please place your items on the table and on November 30th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God's people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is November 23rd at noon. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. The following is what is needed:

1. Pumpkin Pies (20)
2. Mashed Potatoes (prepared; ready to warm up) enough for 100 people
3. Turkeys – 7 (prepared; ready to warm up)
4. Greeters (3)

5. Servers (6)
6. Drivers to deliver meals (5)
7. Clean-up crew (5)

We are in need of additional funds for the meal, so if you are so moved to help, please place your donation in the offering plate marked THANKSGIVING DINNER. There will be a sign-up list on the “Check It Out” Board. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our own members.

You are invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 23rd at noon.

The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. If you and your family or someone you know will be alone on Thanksgiving Day, please come to the Fellowship Hall at noon for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Also, we can deliver to homes for those who are homebound. Please sign up on the “Check It Out” Board or call the church office at 574-546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 12th. We will need to know your name; if you are dining in or need delivery; the number of people; and your phone number. May we all give thanks to the Lord!

Reminder: Thanksgiving Eve Service is November 22nd at 7:00 pm. Join us to give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

PTL Fundraisers

Thank you to all those who supported the Subway & Bourbon Street Pizza!

Our next Fundraiser will be popcorn from the Dutch Kernel. If you would like to place an order please call or text Eric Thornton at (574) 248-5007. We will be taking orders until December 6th.

We will pick up the popcorn and have it available to be picked up on Friday, December 22nd from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or after church on Sunday, December 24th. You may also contact Eric Thornton at (574) 248-5007 to set up a pick up time.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER

ORDER FORM

Sold in 16 oz bags or 2-gallon tin.



Seller Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Sale Ends: _____ Delivery Date: _____

*Make checks payable to: _____

1	CHRISTMAS TIN \$45.00
2	SPECIALTY TIN \$45.00
3	WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT \$15.00
4	SANTA MUNCH \$15.00
5	CHRISTMAS MEDLEY \$10.00
6	GRINCH MIX \$10.00
7	PUPPY CHOW \$15.00
8	MONSTER COOKIE \$15.00
9	TURTLE \$15.00
10	AMISH CRACK \$15.00
11	CHEDDAR & CARAMEL \$10.00
12	CARAMEL \$10.00
13	CHEDDAR \$10.00
14	BUTTERED \$10.00
15	CAJUN \$10.00
16	GARLIC PARMESAN \$10.00
17	KETTLE CORN \$10.00
18	CREAMY DILL \$10.00
19	PIZZA \$10.00
20	FRUITFETTI \$10.00
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The Dutch Kernel
Gourmet Popcorn

Christmas Favorites!

1
CHRISTMAS TIN \$45
Our exclusive 2 gallon Christmas tin filled with our Fan Favorite Caramel popcorn (This tin does not come with a divider)

2
SPECIALTY TIN \$45
Indulge in 2 gallons of our signature mix-buttered, caramel, and cheddar popcorn (comes with divider)

45% OFF
TIN REFILLS

The Dutch Kernel-Nappanee Shop | 401 E Market St., Nappanee, IN | (260) 499-1614

<p>3 WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT Peppermint flavored popcorn. Drizzle with white chocolate and sprinkles of crushed peppermint. \$15</p>	<p>4 SANTA MUNCH Vanilla flavored popcorn coated with pretzels, M&M's, and white chocolate \$15</p>	<p>5 CHRISTMAS MEDLEY Vanilla Popcorn, Red, Green, and Pearl. \$10</p>	<p>6 GRINCH MIX Red Hot and Green Apple \$10</p>	<p>7 PUPPY CHOW Chocolate peanut butter coated popcorn and tossed in powdered sugar. \$15</p>	<p>8 MONSTER COOKIE Sweet coated popcorn with granola added for that amazing cookie flavor then drizzled with Peanut butter and topped with M&M's \$15</p>
<p>9 TURTLE Caramel, Pecans and chocolate drizzled \$15</p>	<p>10 AMISH CRACK A local favorite! White chocolate covered caramel popcorn tossed in cinnamon powdered sugar. \$15</p>	<p>11 CHEDDAR & CARAMEL A unique blend of sweet and salty- our popular Caramel Corn combined with the finest cheddar cheese popcorn! \$10</p>	<p>12 CARAMEL Our most popular- A sweet, buttery, caramel eating sensation. \$10</p>	<p>13 CHEDDAR Our finest cheddar cheese popcorn. \$10</p>	<p>14 BUTTERED Movie theater style, buttered popcorn. \$10</p>
<p>15 CAJUN Give your taste buds a kick with this zesty treat! \$10</p>	<p>16 GARLIC PARMESAN An exciting blend of Parmesan cheese with the perfect pinch of garlic seasoning. \$10</p>	<p>17 KETTLE CORN Lightly sweet, a little salty, perfectly crisp... a delicious American Tradition for over 200 years. (16 Cups) \$10</p>	<p>18 CREAMY DILL No description is needed- the name says it all. Consuming the entire bag isn't out of the question. \$10</p>	<p>19 PIZZA Mamma Mia! Grab a slice... we mean... a handful of pizza flavored popcorn, with hints of oregano, the flavor is authentic and crunches just right. \$10</p>	<p>20 FRUITFETTI Brighten up your day with rainbow fruit-flavored popcorn. Dairy and Gluten Free. \$10</p>

UPDATE ON REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Since the Revitalization Program was started, there has been quite a bit of activity involving the various boards, directors of boards and school staff. Some of these activities are as follows>

* Completion of "Connect to Disciple" workshop by day and preschool school staff, directors of all church boards, Pastor Wonnacott and church and school secretaries. The focus on the

workshop was recognizing opportunities in our church, school and communities to create disciples...the mission every Christian has been given by Christ.

* Completion of "Shepherding the Strays" workshop by board of Lay Ministry and Pastor Wonnacott. The focus of this workshop was how to work with church members who have decreased their involvement in attending worship services, Bible studies and church activities in order to assist them in the spiritual walk with Christ.

* Establishment of revised and Vision and Mission statements for St Paul's church and school. These statements are as follows:

VISION

From Strategic Planning Session 9/25/23:

"A Christian family of believers, led by the Holy Spirit, going out into the Bremen community and surrounding areas to make disciples of St. Paul's members and the unchurched."

MISSION

From Strategic Planning Session 9/25/23:

"Through God's saving grace St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School will equip its families to develop and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ so that they may share his good news of salvation."

* Establishment of Strategic Plan goals that will be completed by the boards of the congregation. These goals and which board is assigned for completion are as follows:

GOALS FOR ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 2023-2024

1. Get more congregation members participating in school activities (assist with teaching, grading papers, attending sporting events, etc.) 2023-24 school year.

* assigned to School Board

2. Identify how to integrate “outreach ministry” into present community activities (welcome bags to new community members, hospitality meals, Thanksgiving Day meal, “trunk or treat”, ice cream social, Oktoberfest booth, Firemen's Festival booth, etc.) by November 2023.

* assigned to Evangelism Board

3. Develop a plan for advertising St. Paul's Church and School to Bremen and surrounding communities by June 2024.

* assigned to Public Relations Board

4. Develop a plan for providing a personal financial literacy class/program to St. Paul's, Bremen and the surrounding communities by March 1, 2024.

* assigned to Stewardship Board

5. Make contact and receive responses from all inactive church members by June 1, 2024 and based on responses, update church membership list by October 1, 2024.

* assigned to Board of Lay Ministry

6. Identify talents and abilities of congregation members to match needs of all church boards by March 31, 2024.

* assigned to Stewardship Board; input required from all boards to Stewardship Board that list the needs of each board. These lists to be provided to Stewardship by November 20, 2023.

Sunday School Fall Offerings



There is something for everyone in our new line-up of Bible studies! Let's grow together in faith and fellowship as we gather around God's Word. We urge you to join us!

(Please note that new classes for Pre-K through Grade 5 will begin Sunday, September 10. We will follow the current Summer Schedule until then.)

Pre-K – Grade 2 (Nazareth Room)

Through Bible story, prayer, life application experiences, songs, and crafts,

children will learn about God’s amazing plan of salvation for them! Fall Quarter lessons include the Six Days of Creation up to the time of Abraham. All point to the coming of the Messiah Jesus! Parents, we encourage you to bring your little ones. What a great way to nurture their faith walk with Jesus! taught by Wendy Coxey. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Roger’s Classroom)

Students are reminded to always trust in God! He keeps His promises and is always with us. Students will study several Old Testament accounts beginning in the Garden of Eden, through the time of Moses, and ending with Joshua as he leads the Israelites into the Promised Land. This class will be taught by Jeanette Rettinger. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Middle School Grades 6-8 (Mr. Miller’s Classroom)

We will be reading the Scriptures together in community. Join us for the Book of **JONAH**. This class will be taught by Joanna Fox. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

High School (Jerusalem Room)

“Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession and Love” this study analyzes “woke” ideology from a Biblical perspective and reveals God’s answer to such challenging times in our society. All High School students are encouraged to attend! This class will be taught by Andy Wildauer. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Bethany Room)

Dave Burcham will lead a study of the book of **PHILIPPIANS**, often referred to as the “Epistle of Joy.” 8:30-9:15 a.m.

More Opportunities for Bible Study:

New Member Class 2.0 . . . designed for newly confirmed adults (those confirmed since the pandemic) to study from the course, “Lutheranism 101,” along with the Catechism. It’s also for members who want to delve deeper into the Catechism. We will meet in the Bethany Room on Thursdays beginning September 21 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Wonnacott at 574-301-9291.

Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets every other Wednesday morning (beginning on September 6), 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria. Lively discussions!

Thursday Morning Ladies’ Bible Study . . . meets every week beginning September 7, 9:30-10:45 a.m. This class will follow the **LifeLight Bible Study:**

Matthew, Part 1. Ladies will work together as a group to complete each lesson as they study Scripture, answer questions, share and discuss. Barb Middaugh will lead this class.

LifeLight Bible Study: Matthew Part 1 meets Wednesdays (September 13 thru November 8), 6:45-8:15 p.m., in the Bethany Room. **Matthew Part 1** covers the first 13 chapters of Matthew. As you progress through this nine session study, you will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is, and what He has done for you. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus. Contact the church office (574-546-2332) if you would like to sign up for materials. Otherwise, just show up on Wednesday evening, and bring along a friend!

"Judgment, Please!"

Isaiah 51:5 - My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait.

What do you think of when you think of God's judgment? If you are like most Christians, judgment is a frightening concept. We think of ourselves as defendants in a criminal case, and God as the prosecutor, witness, and judge, all rolled into one.

That scares us. We are deeply aware of our sins. Just like King David prayed in Psalm 143:2, we pray, "Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You." We know very well as it says in Psalm 130:3 -- "If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?" Certainly, not us!

But that's not what Isaiah is getting at in this verse. He's drawing the picture of a civil case: a case where *we* are the plaintiffs, and *we* are suing for justice against those who have hurt us!

In Isaiah's day, justice was even harder to come by than it is today. If the plaintiffs were poor, or socially unimportant, or didn't have money to offer a bribe -- why, then, their case might never even be heard, let alone settled. The judge would simply refuse them a court hearing. That meant people like the poor widow in Jesus' parable in Luke 18 could go for years with an absolutely airtight case against an evil landlord or an oppressive neighbor, and still never get help, let alone justice. Small wonder she was begging for judgment!

We are actually in this same case, too, every day. We may be fortunate enough to live in a place where access to the courts is available, and even the poor get their cases heard. But what about the huge amount of evil in this world that cannot be set right by winning a lawsuit? What about cancer and heart disease, poverty and hunger, child and elder abuse, unfair laws and violence in the streets? Those most

definitely are the work of the devil, and also the result of society-wide problems we've never been able to manage. How can we get justice for those? Who will put a stop to them?

Only God can do that, which is why He speaks through the prophet Isaiah: "The coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait." Judgment is coming for all of us who have suffered far too long under the power of evil. Only wait a little longer, and Christ will return; He will judge the nations. His salvation has already gone out; He has already died and risen for us and washed us from our sins. Now we are His people, and we can *look forward* to judgment, not with fear, but with rejoicing. God will put right everything in the universe that has gone so badly wrong. And on that day, it will be true what was written in Revelation 21:4. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

WANTED: SMALL CATECHISMS

Christ in the hearts of Liberian children

Joe Boway founded the Liberian Children's Ministry in 2004. This ministry is now supporting 6,000 students in 15 Lutheran schools in Liberia, Africa. Over 75% of the new students are from a non-church background. To help the children learn about Jesus and the Christian faith, Joe's goal in 2023 is to collect used and new Small Catechisms to send to Liberia for each student to read in English.

Your congregation and/or school or Sunday school could adopt collecting Luther's catechisms as a mission project. They can be used or new in any edition as long as it is in English. Establish a collection site on your campus and publicize it. You can also purchase catechisms at ebay.com and from used book dealers, such as thriftbooks.com. For more information, contact Joe and Glendora Boway at 260-447-7639 or boway@aol.com. (Article in October Lutheran Witness)

This was discussed at our Christian Board of Education board meeting. We would like to support this mission. It is amazing the schools have grown so much in less than 20 years. The Lord has certainly blessed these schools and the leadership of Joe Boway. There will be a container in the back of the Narthex marked "Catechisms for Liberian Schools." If you have extra catechisms at home or wish to purchase new or used copies, we will get them to Joe Boway for these children hungry for the Gospel!

We will be having our quarterly ingathering of food for the Grace Food Pantry in November. We will be helping to stock their shelves for the Thanksgiving holiday!! Cards with requested items to purchase will be put out on Sunday, October 29th. Purchase the Items on the card(s) and return them by Sunday, November 12th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Board of Evangelism

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2023

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Mike & Cathy Dietl Dan & Julie Fox	17	Steve & Joanna Fox
		19	Dennis & Kelly Sienicki
		20	Mark & Lisa Matejka
10	Chad & Katie Goze	25	Mike & Barbara Stillson

BIRTHDAYS

1	Helen Bellman	23	Ashley Sahlhoff
2	Lois Nielsen	25	Molly Lynch Doug Owens
4	Linda Moser	27	Tim Harmon
6	Debra Schmidt	28	Nathan Miller Steve Pittman
7	Chad Schmeltz	29	Joyce Evans Rachel Rogers
9	Casey Dietl Matthew VanSoest Pati Youngman	30	Lillian Sayler
10	Ellen Augustine Hayden Dobbins Gabriella Guerrero Mateo Guerrero		
12	Tonya Hundt		
17	Kylie Perkins		
19	Michael Dietl Cheyenne Ernspenger Leo Sahlhoff		
20	Ada Sahlhoff Justin Schmitt Ashley Trigg Robert Yoder		
22	Wendy Coxey Hunter Miller Autumn Napper		



*Oh, give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League Society

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Adopted 2021

Dec. 6 Wednesday, short info meeting before Advent Service 6:20-6:40

MONDAY, 7:00 pm, February 5, 2024 Bible Study of hymn: "Unto Us Salvation Has Come," led by Pastor Wonnacott. Program: Pack "Goodie Boxes" for college students. If you wish to contribute to the boxes, please bring 1 dozen individually wrapped items. Thank you.

M.O.S.T. MINISTRIES EYEGLASSES. Glasses may be any type, in good condition (cases are *not* used due to shipping weight). M.O.S.T. is also requesting glass **EYEDROPPERS** to hand out. These can also be placed in the eyeglasses box located beneath the "bulletin table" in the narthex.

Psalm 100:2a **"Serve the Lord with Gladness"** LWML motto

St. Paul's 177th LITURGICAL YEAR † November 1, 2023 -November 30, 2023 *Worship Opportunities to Bless Our Lives*

* Celebration of Holy Communion

SUNDAY 9:30 am.

MIDWEEK 7:00 PM

Nov 5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 12* 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM

Nov 26* 26th Sunday after Pentecost - LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

St. Paul's 178th Liturgical Year begins next Sunday! Soli Deo Gloria

November Minor Festivals: 1 All Saints Day ● 3 St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr ●

Commemorations: 8 Johannes Von Staupitz ● 9 Martin Chemnitz (birth), Pastor & Confessor 1522-1586 ● 11 Martin of Tours 316-397 ● 14 Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler & Confessor of Christ ● 19 Elizabeth of Hungary 1207-1231 ●

23 Clement of Rome, Pastor ● 29 Noah, Ark builder, prophet ●

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Ps 150:1,2,6

Thanksgiving Day is November 23:

A short history: the Plymouth Pilgrims are generally credited with the "first Thanksgiving" in 1621, upon the occasion of their first harvest. After 1630, the New England colonies held an annual observance. George Washington, designated Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of thanksgiving for the Constitution's ratification. In 1795, he declared another for 'general benefits.' James Madison, in 1815, asked for a day of thanks for peace (end of War of 1812). Abraham Lincoln set the precedent of *presidential proclamation* in 1863, and designated the fourth Thursday of November. Succeeding

presidents followed his practice of proclaiming a special day of thanks, but usually picked the last Thursday of the month. In 1939, the head of a major department store convinced FDR that a longer Christmas shopping season would help the economy; so his proclamation set the fourth Thursday instead of the last for Thanksgiving. The fourth Thursday became fixed as the *official* National Day of Thanksgiving in 1941, by Congressional resolution. For Christian churches in America, this day is observed by nearly all confessions as an *additional, special* occasion to thank our Triune God for creating and preserving us; giving us all that we need to sustain both body and soul. As preparation for worship, consider reading the Meaning of the First Article, Luther's Small Catechism. The color for this day is *white*, for this is a festival to God the Father.

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days; Bounteous source of every joy, let Thy praise our tongues employ. All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours; Autumn's rich, o'er-flowing stores; Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain --Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth, Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams. Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee of our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days

Praise to God, immortal praise.

Author: Anna Barbauld (1772); TLH # 572 (1 of 594 hymnals which have this hymn in some form).

Sunday, November 26, is the last worship service of St. Paul's 177th Church Year (the 1st was Advent 1846, when we were a mere 6-7 weeks old!).

The designation for this last Sunday of the Church Year depends on which hymnal or lectionary (weekly listing of all readings), being used by a congregation. It may be called: Christ the King Sunday, The Sunday of the Fulfillment, or The Last Sunday of the End Times, *in* the Season of Weeks after Pentecost, *in* the Time of the Church. The color depends on what the pastor has determined as the focus of his message. *Green* for the Sunday of the Fulfillment, with the focus on Christ's completed work of redemption for our salvation; or *White* for Christ the King or End times, with the focus on Christ's glorious return and reign as King of kings, and our final consummation into His kingdom. *ey*

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Luke 4:18-19 NKJV (quoting

Isaiah 61:1-2a)

“...He designates a certain day, saying in David, 'Today,' after such a long time, as it has been said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.'” Hebrews 4:7 ('Psalm 95:7b-8a')

“For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” II Corinthians 6:2 ('Isaiah 49:8')