



Proclamation

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Words from The Deacon....

My Beloved,

Wow, It's November already! October was a very busy month for us at St. Paul's. We started the month with the wonderful Mennonite Choir, honored the Veteran's Home Ministry, and finished with our fall family festival on Reformation Sunday. We have truly reached out to the community that surrounds our church and invited them to our home. That is going to be typical of our future at St. Paul's. Outreach, Witness, and doing God's work in our surrounding community. We also have some big events approaching as well.

Our Inaugural Praise Service will be on December 8th at 5:00pm. These services will be provided on the second and fourth Saturday nights at 5:00 PM and will last about an hour. Practices have been going really well and I pray that the team's efforts will be supported by St. Paul's and our community. It is yet another option for people to hear the Gospel.

As Thanksgiving will soon be on us, let us start to take an inventory of our blessings. We often discuss or lament over our struggles, but how often do we rejoice or acknowledge our blessings? Let us be intentional with that task this month and continue the process through the rest of the year and into 2019. This will help us in seeing God at work in our lives.

I have the greatest job in the world ... along with the greatest congregation. I appreciate all of the support that you have given me in my first year at St. Paul's. We are a Blessed congregation ... May God continue to guide us.

Blessings,

(D.V.P) Pomrenke



Sunday School News

To All Sunday School Families and Friends of St. Paul's!

With October behind us, it seems we can feel ourselves being thrust forward into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season with incredible and stressful speed. At times we become so busy trying to acquire more and more things and trying to accomplish one more task that very little time is left to appreciate and say thank you to God for the many blessings he gives us daily. Please slow down and take the time to help your children look around to see all the wonderful things that God blesses us with every day. Say a prayer of thanksgiving together for a loving God who loves them with an everlasting love.

To help teach our Sunday school children that they can make a difference in this world even at their young age we will be collecting food for the food pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church throughout the month of November. A basket will be placed in the Education Building for kids to place their donations in as they come in for openings.

We will be having a Sunday School Teachers/Staff meeting on Monday November 12th at 6:30 PM. We have a lot on the agenda for the coming months so I hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming Dates:

Sundays in Advent – Sunday School classes will be lighting the candles in the Advent wreath and sharing the meaning of the Advent wreath and its candles during the month of December.

Saturday, December 15th – All Sunday School Christmas program practice from 9AM to 11:30 AM followed by a pizza lunch for the kids. More information coming, but please circle the date.


Sunday, December 16th – The children will be presenting their Christmas program during the 10:30 AM service. A Christmas potluck will immediately follow the worship service. We are blessed to once again have Thrivent Action Team grant to help with this special day. More information will be coming in the December newsletter.

See you at Sunday School!
God's Blessings to Everyone
St. Paul's Sunday School

Thanks for Sharing your Child with us! Mrs. Bowling

LWML NEWS

Starting in the odd months only on the 3rd Sunday I would like to start a Women's Prayer Breakfast. Please mark your calendars for the first one on January 20th at 9 am. If anyone has some input let me know! It will be breakfast pot luck. I look forward to building our sense of community with our women here at St. Paul's!

A purple banner for Giving Tuesday 2018. On the left is the LWML logo: a heart with a cross inside, and the text "Lutheran Women in Mission" to its right. In the center, the text "Giving Tuesday 2018" is in yellow, and "Making a Difference in a Changing World" is in white. On the right is a globe with a heart and cross symbol overlaid. To the right of the banner, the text "This Giving Tuesday — You Can Make a Difference in a Changing World!" is written.

Giving Tuesday 2018
Making a Difference in a Changing World

This Giving Tuesday — You Can Make a Difference in a Changing World!

Join us in supporting and praying for the LWML Mission Goal, which shares Jesus' love by reaching out to the hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people throughout the world.

What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday, observed on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, takes the focus off of the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday and instead celebrates giving back. Our goal is to use Giving Tuesday to spread the Gospel message by collecting money and raising awareness for LWML Mission Grants, which share the love of Jesus throughout all nations. [Learn more about LWML below.](#)

Give on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, and DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Thanks to two generous donors, this year all Giving Tuesday donations will be matched, up to \$20,000 in matching funds!

Mission and Ministries

What's Going On??

November 2018

Fall is a season of celebration, thanksgiving and sharing. The congregation of St Paul's celebrates with each other and those in our community. We give thanks for the many blessings our Father in Heaven showers us with and we share with those near and far.

On October 11th we celebrated with a fellow congregation our faith in God through beautiful music as the Mennonite Choir visited with us in an evening concert and ice cream social. Our church was full of music, prayer, laughter, joy and good ice cream!

A Fall Family Fun Fest was held in our church backyard on October 28th following our Reformation Service at 10:30AM. This was intended to be a community outreach event where families in the community could join in the fun and meet our church families. Although a larger turnout was hoped for those who attended certainly enjoyed the pizza lunch, bounce house, pumpkin bowling and other games!! Elizabeth Bostwick won the guess how many candy corns are in the jar contest! Having sunshine for our event was an added bonus.

Looking ahead as the months get colder I will be putting out a collection station for non-perishable foods to donate to Trinity's food pantry and to collect supplies to assist the Safe Nights program providing a warm place to sleep for homeless neighbors.

I have requested a list of children who their parents have asked for assistance during the Christmas Holiday season. Their names and information will be on our Angel Tree beginning on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Thank you as always for your assistance and loving hearts. If you have suggestions or would like to be part of Missions and Ministry please let me know.

Lois Beverage

Building Grounds

We will be having a “Church Work Day” on Saturday, November 10, 2018 beginning at 8 AM. Prayerfully, the weather will be good so we can clean some gutters and take care of other general cleaning and maintenance needs inside and outside the church such as yard work, cleaning the appliances in the kitchen, renovations and repairs in the bathrooms, etc. We can use the help of everyone!

We would also like to remove the concrete parking stops over by the pavilion. If you have the ability, or know of someone who does, and can help us move and take these away, please let me know.

See you on the 10th!

John Bowling

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u> Diane Eline Hays 11/2 Jessica Werth 11/2 Josh Hallisey 11/8 Marion Garland 11/11 Chris Kalnasy 11/20 Rayne Victoria Lindaur 11/22 Philip Drury 11/29			<u>Happy Anniversary</u> Gary and Cindy Werth 11/1 Brett and Karen Wigen 11/5			
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Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School: 9:00 am	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room	Praise Team Practice 6 pm		Mennonite Choir 6 pm		Church Work Day begins at 8 am
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Sunday Services:

Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: 9:15 am

Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 10:00am to 2:00pm

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It's not a Religion.....It's a Relationship!!