



## St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

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In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. In 1494 Columbus returned to the new world, to the island of Hispaniola, with 1500 settlers to establish a Spanish colony. The new colony was to be called La Isabela, named for Queen Isabela of Spain. The settlers built a fortified storehouse, a palace (for Columbus himself to live) and several other stone buildings. The colony was a disaster. Within only a few years the colony was decimated by disease and had to be abandoned. And what was the disease that doomed La Isabela to failure? Scurvy, a disease brought about by a deficiency of vitamin C. Ironically, the groves of trees just outside the gates of the colony were populated with citrus trees. Salvation was literally all around them, but still the people suffered and died from this terrible disease.

As believers in Christ who have been baptized and who have received God's Word and command we literally also have salvation all around. Your salvation begins with the reality that you have been baptized. The Catechism teaches that Baptism is "a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit". When you were baptized you were reborn. You were given a new life and a new identity in Christ. He is your Lord and you are his own dear child. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Those 1500 Spanish colonists experienced a bit of a rebirth of their own. They left behind an old way of life to go make a new life in a new environment and a new world. They went with some excitement and likely some trepidation. There was danger and uncertainty but there was also opportunity. They left their homes with dreams of the life they would build when they arrived in the new world. They landed on the shores of Hispaniola with the wide eyed excitement of making that new life. Their new life soon took a turn for the worse. They found themselves afflicted with unexpected and unanticipated hardships, not to mention disease.

Christians likewise discover that their spiritual life in Christ results in unanticipated suffering. This goes against our expectation of what the Christian life will be. Our natural, inborn theology suggests to us that friendship with God will mean that he will open up for us every opportunity and protects us from any difficulty. But our experience tells a different story. We find unexpected and previously unknown difficulty. We can find ourselves feeling like those colonists, far from help and alone in an unfriendly world.

But help is near by. The colonists could have walked out of their newly constructed town into the groves of citrus trees and picked an abundance of fruit that would have cured them of their disease. In the same way, for you, help is near by. For the Christian, help is found in the Word of God. It is true that God allows us to struggle because our suffering helps to reveal in us those things that we hold on to as false gods. The Catechism teaches us that a god is anything that we fear, love, trust in more than the Lord. Our suffering teaches us to identify these false gods so that we can finally be rid of them.

The truth is that false gods only provide false hopes based on false promises. The sooner we give up these false gods, the better we are. Our salvation comes in giving up our false gods and giving them to God so that he is our greatest love and greatest desire. We confess our false gods and we find that we are blessed. We are blessed because our paper gods are replaced by the One who is real and true and who always delivers on every promise he has every made.

Dear friend in Christ and dear child of God, may you deliver to the Lord your false hopes and may you find comfort and joy in the salvation that he has given all around and readily available in truth of the promises he has given in his word.

Pastor Schlueter



## Athanasian Creed: A Challenge by Deaconess Janet Nicol

***"Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith."***

I was recently challenged by another deaconess friend from California to memorize the Athanasian Creed by Christmas. I decided to take the challenge. It has led to some introspection about the creed and what it is proclaiming. Let's start with a little history. Back in the years 250-300 A.D. (almost 2000 years ago), a leader in the early church named Arius, had some different ideas about who Jesus was in relation to God and the Holy Spirit and set off a theological battle with his heretical teaching. He did not hold Christ as true God. We call this heresy Arianism and yes, it still exists today. However, the early church fathers who clung to the truth were determined to dispute this and other heresies which led to the development of the Nicene Creed. The Athanasian Creed, which is named after a man named Athanasius, who was a huge opponent of Arius, was not actually written until the 6th century which was roughly a couple of hundred years after Athanasius but his influence against Arianism led others to put his name to the creed.

The Latin name: *Quicumque vult*, is taken from the opening words, "*Whoever will*". It is the first creed in which the equality of the three persons of the Trinity is explicitly stated and differs from the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds in the inclusion of anathemas, or condemnations of those who disagree with the creed as in the case of the Arians who denied the co-eternity and co-essentiality of Christ with God, the Father.

Some say that many churches have abandoned the creeds and especially the Athanasian Creed. Yet, it is the clearest, most precise and accurate description of how we are to believe and understand the Trinity. It is full of Biblical truth and it is the only one of the creeds which gives us great clarity on the Incarnation of Christ as well. I'm happy to report that our Christmas Eve service this year has parts of the Athanasian Creed incorporated into it. We traditionally only recite it on Trinity Sunday, but I think it might be beneficial to include it in a few more Sundays in the Church Year. You can find it in our Lutheran Service Book on page 319.

I was met with some laughs and eyerolls when I mentioned to others about joining me in this challenge to memorize this creed. But it is doable over time. What better way to spend your time when waiting in line at the store or bank, when waiting to pick up a child from their sports activities or school, when doing your devotions in the morning or evening, try spending a bit of time learning this one or two verses at a time. It would make a great family devotion activity as well. One could make a game or competition out of it. So, I challenge you all young and old to join me in this endeavor. It could and most likely will, renew your knowledge and understanding about the Triune God we have. And by the way, I'm up to verse 26. Thanks be to God!

## November 2019 Preschool News



St. Paul Early Childhood Center  
Affiliate of St. John's Lutheran School

Preschool had a very busy month of October with pictures, grandparents' day and a field trip to the MAIZE!

All the children were excited to get dressed up and smile for the camera. We had Alise Stapleton take the children's pictures again this year. I can not wait to see the final product! She had a creative back to school scene with a stool, large crayon and a large eraser. The children were fascinated with the familiar objects being so large!



On Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed the grandparents into the classrooms. They were able to see what a typical circle time involves along with participating in center time. The grandparents and preschoolers created a wonderful keepsake to remember the day. First, the grandparents painted their hand and made a print on a piece of paper. Then the child's handprint was layered on top of the larger handprints. Once these projects dried, they were placed in a frame, so they were already to be displayed once they were taken home.

On Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> the entire school took a field trip to the MAIZE. It was fun to see all the smiles and hear all the laughter! The children enjoyed working together to get out of the maze. A popular activity were all the fun large muscle activities set up there as well.

We started the month out learning about oceans. This unit was right after the week on Noah. The children loved having the large ark in the dramatic play area for another week. We tied in another water Bible story about Jonah and the whale.



Fall is full of some many changes that our senses can discover, so we had a week learning about our five senses. The enrichment class had fun using Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head to learn about the five senses. The preschool class loved the feely box where they had to guess what objects were hiding by only touching.

We spent the next two weeks learning about apples and pumpkins because you see them everywhere this time of the year. The enrichment class spent some time comparing the two. A favorite activity in the preschool classroom is the foaming pumpkin science that we do each year.

We ended the month with a week on creation. We learned the order that God created the world! The children made creative books and art projects to help them remember all that God created for us. The most important lesson taught was that God created them and loves them!

We are looking ahead to parent conferences and Thanksgiving next month.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give the preschool. Feel free to stop in sometime and see all the wonderful learning that is taking place!



# ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL TURKEY SUPPER

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:00 PM**

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Please join us for a meal as members together in Thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received. The meal will be modeled after the old Turkey Supper menu with a potluck style. Food

includes:

Turkey  
Stuffing  
Mashing Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Jello Salad  
Pies and Cakes  
Rolls  
Drinks



Please RSVP by **November 3rd** via the online link or on the sign up on the narthex table.

More information about food sign ups will be coming soon. Contact Frances Nicol at [fnicol2014@gmail.com](mailto:fnicol2014@gmail.com) or 614-296-7446 if you would like to help with food.

Here is the link so you can reserve your seat:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4FADAD2DA5F85-congregational>

# Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity



## **Giving Thanks for Our Awesome God**

**A one afternoon event for children grades preschool—5th grade**

Bring your children to learn about who our God is and why we give thanks for the Trinity on **November 10, 2019 from 4—6 PM** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Chuckery. There will be fun learning activities including song, games, drama, and art. Followed by a pizza supper.

Register online at: <https://vbsmate.com/stpaulchuckery>

## 5 Reasons People Don't Give to Church

(The third of a Five Part Series)

### **“My Church already has enough money as it is”**

At times, our congregation is blessed with a large donation of money which can falsely lead us to believe that we have enough to accomplish all our needs or wants. Sometimes, these large donations have specific stipulations which limit how they can be used. Therefore, although it may appear on the surface that we have enough, we still struggle to cover our daily basic operating costs. That's why it's so important to consistently be faithful in bringing the Lord our offerings each Sunday, whether we are in church or not. Proverbs 3:9-10 says "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." Why wouldn't this principle be true, if the world and everything in it truly belongs to the Lord? The challenge is that one must have the faith to give sacrificially to see if the Lord keeps His word. We know the Lord is faithful to His promises. Are you willing to trust Him boldly?



### **Have you been saving your mites?**

Bring your mites to church Sunday, November 10th.

The Large Mite Box will be on the table that day!

### **WISH LIST**

These are ideas for those that want to make a special donation to St. Paul.  
(If you have any questions, please talk with a member of the Stewardship Committee—  
John Dellinger, Sue Ann Dillahunt, Suzanne Toth, or Steve Rinehart)

- **Silver Individual communion ware** (See the July newsletter)
- **Pre-School Scholarship**—Would you like to donate funds to enable a less fortunate student to attend our preschool program? If so, contact Belinda Allen, Early Childhood Center at [Belinda.allen@stpaulchuckery.church](mailto:Belinda.allen@stpaulchuckery.church) or speak to a Board of Parish Education member.

## November 2019

LUTHER'S  
SMALL  
CATECHISM  
with Explanation



**November 3:** Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. **Proverbs 23:22**

**November 10: The Fifth Commandment**—You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

**November 17:** I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement.

**Matthew 5:22**

**November 24:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7**



**Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.**



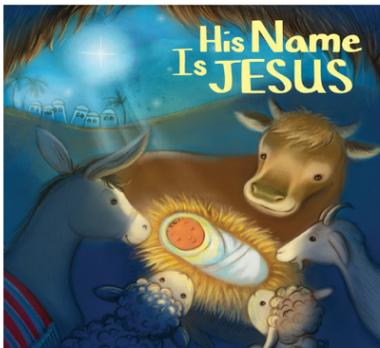


## You're Invited!

**Sunday, December 1**

Food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family as we begin our Advent season.

Come see our display of Nativity tree ornaments, too.



Even though we call him Jesus, he has many other names as well. Let's discover the many names and marvel at the wonderful ways he lives up to each name and rejoice that he is our Mighty God, King and Savior!

"Call His name Jesus:for he shall save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

**Breakfast begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.**

Please RSVP by emailing [dkpicklesimer@gmail.com](mailto:dkpicklesimer@gmail.com) or placing your name and number of guests attending at the designated sign up in the Narthex.



## Book Review on “Suffering” by Paul David Tripp

By Deaconess Janet

This month I review a book written by a gentleman who is a pastor, author, and international speaker. His DMin is from Westminster Theological Seminary which is the more conservative branch of Presbyterianism. Tripp has appeared on the GriefShare videos and always has very helpful things to say about grief and loss and the biblical context in which we are to respond. So I was intrigued to read his book about suffering because he himself has been through quite an ordeal and has counseled many others in their struggles.

Tripp’s premise for combating suffering is to always put your trust in Christ even in the midst of your suffering. Of course, that is when it is most difficult to do. Tripp uses language that so logically explains how suffering can damage our faith and destroy our concept of who God is. He does not trivialize suffering with glib formulas. He does not speak in theological terms that loses his audience. His empathy to suffering is real because of his own story. He also uses examples of real-life people (names changed, of course) whom he has come into contact with.

Tripp believes that suffering is spiritual warfare because people are not machines. We push everything in our lives through our CES (conceptual, emotional, and spiritual) grid. Therefore we are not *only* shaped by our experiences but we shape our experiences as well. We are never influenced *just* by what we suffer, but our CES influences *how* we suffer. Keeping our CES grid in line with Biblical truth will help us to suffer without losing our faith. Let’s face it, we are all destined to suffer in this life one way or another. The Bible even tells us so. Yet the Bible also tells us that we don’t have to suffer alone.

I like how Tripp explains and uses scriptural truth to help sufferers come to terms with their struggles. I recommend this book to everyone, regardless of where you may be in your faith journey. Being pointed to Christ during our lives, especially when we are suffering, is really the only way to be directed.



## God Uses Low Places

There are some lessons in life that you only learn through times of grief or suffering. This is why it is important that you do not waste your sorrows. Times of suffering show you your limitations and how needy you really are.

Dr. Larry Crabb shares his initial reaction to the news of his brother's death: "I came outside and I remember my wife was waiting for me out in the car, and as I came out, I just stood there and said, 'Bill's dead.' It was a very, very strong moment. But as I recall that moment, I think my first internal deep reaction was not despair. I think my first reaction at that moment was: *I must find God as I have never found Him before or I'm not going to make it.*"

People are needy. The world wants you to be tough, strong, and independent. God wants you to lean on Him. God's way is right and wise. Depend on Him as you have never done before, and you will find true peace and power that can never be achieved on your own.

"Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed,' he said. 'Peace! Be strong now; be strong.' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength'" (Daniel 10:19).

"Then he continued, 'Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them'" (Daniel 10:12).

*Holy God, I come humbly before You. I seek strength, understanding, and true knowledge of You. Show Yourself to me, O Lord. Amen.*

*By Bill Dunn & Kathy Leonard, from the book "Through a Season of Grief"*

## Christmas Cookies Coming in December

Once again the Ladies will be sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Sale. This year our proceeds will go to support Rev. James and Angela Sharp, Missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Uruguay. Here is a story from their newsletter earlier this year and a picture of the family:



A couple of weeks ago, I had service at the City Center Mission on Sunday morning, but there was a lunch or something at the Prado congregation, so after we were done downtown, I headed back up to Prado to get Angie (who was doing Sunday School with a first-time teacher) and the kids. Church had been over for a while but people were still milling about waiting for the lunch—a nice crowd! I walked into the cafeteria and saw a few kids I hadn't seen at church before (but recognized from school) and a few adults I hadn't seen before. I found Angie and I asked about them. There were classmates of Maggie, and kids who had been to Junior Chef, and now parents. Kids were invited to Lutheran Hour-sponsored activities in their Christian Education classes; at the outreach events, they were invited to Sunday School and Special Bible School (kinda like VBS but we do it on Saturdays during the school year). And at VBS they were invited to Sunday School. And when their parents brought them to Sunday School, they were invited to church. And as I listened to all these names of people and relationship and which of my kids are classmates with whom and whose parent that is and how they got connected and as I saw the crowds departing, all these new people, all I could think of was....

**"It is working!"**

All the time and effort of so many people is coming together and God is reaching people with His Word. He is doing it through the relationships we work so hard to make, through the events that the team works so hard to make happen. People are hearing God's love for them in Jesus and the Holy Spirit is doing His work. We are seeing fruit spring forth from very difficult soil. It is a complete team effort and all the praise has to go to God. I don't think any of us here would be able to keep up with the demands of an outreach-focused ministry here if we didn't have each other, and each other's gifts, to depend on. It is very gratifying to be part of this team and see the work bearing fruit. May God continue to grant growth to His people in Uruguay, according to His good and gracious will.

*As you plan your cookie order and then eat and share your cookies, please keep the Sharp family in your prayers as they spread the Gospel in Uruguay.*



# November



## Wedding Anniversaries

**Nov. 2 Virginia Greenbaum 1933**  
Rhonda Lehman 1965

**Nov. 3** Pat Blinn 1944

**Nov. 6** Angel Agner 1976

**Nov. 8 Raymond Rausch 1930**  
**Mae Etta Thiergartner 1936**

**Nov. 10 Bill Headings 1938**  
Lois Ferryman 1948  
Lydia Burns 2013

**Nov. 11** Morgan Glassburn 1988  
Ron G. Burns 1988

**Nov. 12** Sue George 1955

**Nov. 13** Kylene Harms 1983  
Lillian Karkan 2016

**Nov. 14** Pastor Paul Schlueter 1972

**Nov. 15** Susan Eickhoff 1956  
Dennis Boerger 1951

**Nov. 16** Anne Scheiderer 1945

**Nov. 18** Finn McNea 2016

**Nov. 19** Doug Scheiderer 1954  
Teresa Oakley 1969  
Jade Burns 2001

**Nov. 20** Nicole Boerger 1988

**Nov. 22** Ryan Picklesimer 1987

**Nov. 23** Jerry Greenbaum 1954

**Nov. 24** Michelle Thrush 1977  
Greg Scheiderer 1979

**Nov. 25** Harley Burger 2001

**Nov. 26** Rebecca Wade 1963  
Daniel Paluch 1975

**Nov. 27 Joan Burns 1931**

**Nov. 28** Alyse Francis 1977

**Nov. 29** Dan Ferryman 1951  
Bill Cremeans 1964

**Nov. 30** Emma Agner 2003

**Nov. 9** Kenny & Holly Boerger 1974

**Nov. 17** Robin & Susan Rausch 1990

**Nov. 20** Ben & Missy Burger 1999

## November Duties

### Elder Duties

Elder of the Month—John Wolff

Recording—Dan Ferryman

Communion— John Eickhoff



### Ushers

Ron Burns

Jerry Burns

Trevor Burns

Dan Burns

### Acolytes

**November 3 & 10:** Caydence Meddles &  
Will Schlueter

**November 17 & 24:** Eli Thrush & Taylor Andrews

### Greeters

**Nov. 3:** John & Martha Wolff and  
Kelly & Angel Agner

**Nov. 10:** Rick & Lyndy Agener and Cheryl Alexander

**Nov. 17:** Jim Andrews and Larry & Pat Blinn

**Nov. 24:** Dennis Boerger and Gary & Bunny Boerger



# November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> 9a Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Confirmation	4	<b>5</b> 8:30a Ladies Bible Study 7p Elders Mtg.	<b>6</b> 7p Choir	<b>7</b> 6p Grief Share 8p Dartball	8	9
<b>10</b> 9a Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Confirmation 4p Thankful Thing	11	<b>12</b> 6p BoPE	<b>13</b> 6a Men's Study 7p Choir	<b>14</b> 8p Dartball	15	16
<b>17</b> 9a Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Confirmation 6p Cong. Meal	18	<b>19</b> 8:30a Ladies Bible Study 7p Outreach	<b>20</b> 7p Choir	<b>21</b> 6p Grief Share 8p Dartball	22	23
<b>24</b> 9a Sunday School 10:15a Worship	<b>25</b> 6:30p Stewardship	26	<b>27</b> 6a Men's Study 7p Thanksgiving Worship	<b>28</b>  Thank You, LORD!	29	<b>30</b> 12p—Gym Reserved (Boerger)