

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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November 2023

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you" (Isaiah 41:13).

Greetings and Thanksgiving to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

These past months, we have been Stepping Out in Faith as a congregation. While the purpose of this is to increase our in-person worship numbers, the numbers that we have seen haven't yet met our expectation of 120. As we go on this journey, we need to remember that we are not alone. Christ is with us all the way. In fact, the name Jesus literally means: God with Us.

On Reformation Sunday, we were reminded that through Jesus we have been set free! On All Saints' Sunday, we will be remembering our loved ones who have been set free, because of what Jesus did on the Cross for them. Then, during the following Sundays we are being reminded of the importance for each and every one of us: To be ready. Be alert. For, we don't know when the Lord will return, or when we will be called home.

Are you ready? Are you prepared? It is through faith in Christ alone that we are saved.

On Thanksgiving Eve, we see the 10 Lepers. All were healed, but only the Samaritan returned to give thanks. Are you as eager as this foreigner, to go to Jesus, drop to your knees, and give Him total thanks? If you're like me, you might pull out your phone and check your calendar for the day to see if you had the time to do that. Wow. What a sad reflecting upon myself. But I must confess that would be my first reaction. Do I have the time?

These words from Isaiah are a great comfort to myself, and I hope for you as well. *For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you" (Isaiah 41:13).*

May our Lord help us, as we strive to reach our goal of 120. But as we work for that, we need to be reminded that we all have a job to do. This doesn't just rely on a few, but relies on each and every one of us.

So, I look forward to:

1. Seeing you in worship.
2. Knowing that you are reminding family members or others in the congregation of the importance of being in worship.
3. Knowing that you will be inviting others to church—especially special occasions and ones with a meal (Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 17th at 10:30a with a meal afterwards – Invite someone to attend.
4. Seeing new names and faces volunteering for the Church Council or ushering (Congregational Meeting with Elections will be Sunday, November 19th after the 10:30a Service).
5. Knowing that you're letting others know about our Sunday School and Youth Programs.
6. Seeing your Social Media posts sharing our Congregation to others. (Don't forget about Thanksgiving Eve worship on November 22nd or the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 17th.)
7. Knowing that you are remembering St. Paul's leadership and our congregation in your prayers.

May this be a month of many Thanksgivings, as we give thanks to God for all that He has done for us. Knowing that He is guiding us by the hand. I'll see you in worship.

Pastor Burns Romans 1:16

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing

and comfort Jered Glauvitz (Nephew of Dave & Erik Glauvitz), Derrick Doyle (son of Shirley Scheuble), Barbara Hostler (niece of Shirley Scheuble), Nancy Kitzman, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson & Toni Susiy (friends of Shirley Scheuble), Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (parents of Sherry Glauvitz) and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

Our Homebound Members are Alice Leitzke, Gladys Goerke, Irma Schmid, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee, and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

Our Troops who are serving abroad and here in the United States. For their safety and for those they are fighting for and against.

For the families of those who have lost their lives or were injured in the fight for freedom.

For persecuted Christians everywhere.

For those serving in the mission field

Lutheran Bible Translators, Johanna Heidorn and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

For peace and reconciliation world wide.

For our nation, President Biden and the leadership of the United States.

For our state, Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.

Those Serving November 2023

Elders

Nov.	8:00a	Jason Voss
	10:30a	Steve Gamache
Nov. 12	8:00a	Bill McKibbin
Nov. 22	7:00p	

Ushers

Nov. 5	8:00a	Allison Hanson
Nov. 19	8:00a	Allison Hanson
Nov.	10:30a	TBD

Acolyte

Nov. 5	8:00a	Tyler Hanson
	10:30a	Gabby Garcia Hardy
Nov. 20	8:00a	Tyler Hanson
	10:30a	Gabby Garcia Hardy
Nov. 22	8:00a	Gabby Garcia Hardy

Media

Nov.	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Jacob Andersen
	Sherry Glauvitz



2&1 Club

Please join us on Friday, November 17th at 6:30p in the Auditorium, for Movie Night! We will be showing the 2003 version of Luther, starring Joseph Fiennes. (This movie comes highly recommended by Pastor Burns!) Popcorn and drinks will be provided- feel free to bring your favorite movie snack to share. We hope to see you there!

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Church Council and Congregational Meeting minutes are available in print or digital copies can be sent. Just call the office for a copy.



We welcomed into God's kingdom, through Holy Baptism, Isaiah Anthony Morbitzer on October 22, 2023 His parents are Christopher and Briann Morbitzer. Sponsors are Caleb Krieg and Tynelle Marschall.

Celebrating the baptism of Isaiah are great grandparents Bruce and Marcia Krieg and grandparents Dean and Lisa Jennisen.



Bernie Lerb's inurnment was held on September 10, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Columbarium. Please keep the Lerb family in your prayers.

Tim Wilkin's inurnment was held on September 23, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Columbarium. Please keep the Wilkin family in your prayers.

Jody Slack's inurnment was held on October 22, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Columbarium. Please keep the Slack family in your prayers.

Livestreaming

One service will be livestreamed. Whether it will be the 8:00a service or 10:30a service will be up to who is livestreaming that weekend.

If you can help with livestreaming please come up to the balcony after any service. We are looking for help with camera's and Power Point!

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Monday Nov. 27 at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.



11/01 AJ Pitts	11/15 Roderic Hill
11/02 Barb Behm	11/16 Troy Braiedy
11/04 Mathew Kitzman	11/17 Cindy Scheevel
11/04 Jeff Norman	11/18 Jacob Andersen
11/05 Spencer Newman	11/18 Jan Thompson
11/05 Denice Vasseur	11/23 Jason Butler
11/06 Ashley Angrimson	11/24 Kaylee Ewing
11/08 Amanda Klang	11/24 Urijah
11/08 Judy Milbrett	HaslachBurns
11/12 Glen Dolieslager	10/29 Alexander Erickson
11/12 Katherine Pitts	11/29 Jean Henderson
11/14 Valerie Long	11/29 Erika Saelee
11/14 Brad Opsal	11/30 Bruce Harms



Mat and Sarah Langhorst	11/12	1 year
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If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please let the office know.



Mite Box Sundays: November 6, 2023

Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack. Checks should be written out to “St. Paul’s LWML.” Those attending church services in person may place their Mite Box Mission donations in the large Mite Box in the narthex.

During October, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$210.00

for Mite Box Mission Grants!

Many thanks!

Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need!

The following thank you notes are among those received from seminarians:

Thank you for supporting me through the LWML MN South District as I attend seminary. I appreciate your support as I enter my second year here and continue my studies. I enjoy it very much and am excited for becoming a pastor in a few years. Thanks again, and God bless.

Sincerely,

Isaac Edstrom

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*Thank you very much for your support throughout my seminary journey. I thank you especially for the scholarship for my education at the seminary. God has been using my time here to train me, both in classes and now as I am on my vicarage.*

*I pray that God would continue to form me to serve in the church as a pastor and I pray a prayer of thanksgiving for your significant help in my formation.*

*In Christ,*

*Jonathan Chapa*

Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your Mite Box mission donations!

**LWML Sunday was October 1, 2023:** Thank you to Bonnie Faue and Colleen Tyler for the MANY hours they spent in creating the beautiful LWML Sunday banner: “The King is Coming.” Thank you to Verdell Schleif for the donation of the special cake inscribed, “LWML Thanks You.” It was so tasty!



**“Missions to the Nations” was the theme for the LWML Minneapolis Fall Conference Rally, Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth.** We heard Rev Chou Vang of Shepherd of the Grove speak of his work in the mission field. He is a wonderful speaker and stayed to answer many questions and hear comments from those in attendance!



### **LWML MN South District Women’s Retreat – September 16, 2023 at Camp Omega**

Three women from St. Paul’s were privileged to attend this wonderful retreat led by author and DCE, Michelle Diercks. *Promised Rest* was based on eight names of or descriptions of God used throughout the Bible. We are thankful for our loving God who so uniquely loves and cares for us.

**Newborn Kits and Hospice Kits:** Yes! We will be assembling kits on February 11. Start looking for items to complete the kits. Items can be dropped off at church any time.

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, at 1:30p  
in the Part Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Osseo, MN**



Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can’t be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death. You’ll learn:

How to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays

What to do about traditions and other coming changes

Helpful tips for surviving social events

How to discover hope for your future

Here’s what happens at a Surviving the Holidays Seminar

A Surviving the Holidays event lasts for about two hours. You’ll be welcomed by warm, caring people who understand what you are going through and who want to help. During the seminar, you will:

1. Watch a 40-minute video, filled with practical holiday survival tips and the real-life stories of people who have navigated the season after their loved one’s death.
1. Hear other seminar attendees explain how they are dealing with the holidays.
2. Have the opportunity to share how grief is affecting you. (No pressure—this is optional. We want you to feel comfortable.)

Receive a personal copy of the GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide.

**Date and Time: Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30p**

Please contact the church office 763.425.2238 or [office@stpaulsosseo.org](mailto:office@stpaulsosseo.org) to register. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

### LESSONS

We have been learning about how God helped David and how he helps us, too. In November, our lessons are about some other good kings such as Solomon, Jehoshaphat and Josiah. We will be focusing on the fact that God is great and there is no one like him. God is great so we depend on him. God is great and deserves our praise. God is great so we obey him. *Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done* (1 Chronicles 16:8).

Look for the Advent devotional materials which will be handed out to the kids at the end of November.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program will be on December 17 with practices on Saturday, December 9, from 9:30 to 11:00 and December 16 from 9:30 to 12:00. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having pizza and birthday cupcakes to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Please let us know if your child will not be in the program. We are assigning parts soon.

### OFFERINGS

Our offerings will continue to be going to CROSS. During the month of November, we will be having a food drive for CROSS.

We will also be collecting toys for the CROSS toy drive. New toys are needed for boys and girls up to age 10. We are inviting the congregation to join us. There will be a tree set up in the narthex with ornaments. The ornaments will say either boy or girl and an age range. You just pick an ornament, buy a present and put the present under the tree. If you forget to grab an ornament, you can still buy a toy for any age group. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

We are looking forward to seeing everybody in Sunday School.



**The Sunday School would like to invite the congregation to join them in collecting Thanksgiving foods for CROSS.** Bring in any non-perishable item to donate to CROSS and place it in the CROSS Cruiser (Located in the Narthex) or bring it downstairs and place it on the stage. We will be collecting food from **now until Sunday, November 12**. We hope you join us in collecting food for this amazing organization.



## Hymn Studies With Esther- November 2023

**\*All information taken from Lutheran Service Book- Companion to the Hymns, published by Concordia Publishing House**

**The Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895)

**The Author:** Martin Rinckart 1586-1649

### About the Author:

After studying at the University of Leipzig, Martin Rinckart was a pastor, as well as the archdeacon in his hometown of Eilenburg. Rinckart's pastoral service was during the Thirty Years War, after which a plague struck, taking eight thousand residents with it, including his wife, Christine. In the year of 1637, he officiated at over four thousand funerals. The plague was followed by a famine, in which Rinckart organized emergency assistance, purchasing food out of his own pocket. In 1639, Swedish Soldiers threatened Eilenburg, demanding a payment to keep the city safe. He organized residents in singing and praying in front of the soldiers, and the payment was lessened after the commander of the soldiers were touched by his devotion. Even through all of this, Martin Rinckart never lost his spirit. He wore a signet ring that was inscribed with the word MVSICA. He explained this word by abbreviating the sentence "Mein Vertrauen Steht In Christo Allein"- "My trust is in Christ alone."

### About the Hymn:

This hymn is based on a passage from the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus. Luther's German translation of the beginning of this passage reads "*Nun danket alle Gott, der grofe Dinge tut an allen Enden, der uns von Mutterleib*" This was transferred nearly word for word into Rinckart's first stanza:

Now thank we all our God (line 1)

Who wondrous things hath done (line 3)

In Whom this world rejoices (line 4)

Who from our mother's arms (line 5)

The first stanza bids the congregation give thanks to God for His countless blessings that He shows to people from their birth to their dying days. Stanza 2 emphasizes that proper thanks is more than just words, because thanks to God is rightly spoken "with ever joyful hearts." The final stanza, is a paraphrase of the Gloria Patri, a doxology of the Holy Trinity.

**When are we singing this hymn?** This hymn will be sung on Thanksgiving Eve.



## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

LCMS Stewardship Newsletter Article



LWML will begin collecting items needed for the Hospice and Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries. Some people have already started bringing items! Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. The goal is to assemble kits in February.

### One Hospice Kit contains these items:

- 1 regular-size bath towel (approx. 52" long), new or gently used
- 1 washcloth, new or gently used (not microfiber)
- 1 bath-size bar unscented soap, such as Dove Unscented for Sensitive Skin, in original packaging
- 1 toothbrush, in original, individual packaging
- 1 pick-style comb
- 1 nail clipper, Larger size preferred
- 6 Band-Aids, rubber-banded together
- 1 jar or tube of pure petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline/Approx. 4 ounces, lid taped
- 1 pair heavy-duty household gloves/Kitchen type, size medium

### For one Newborn Kit use new or gently used items

- 1 regular-size bath towel (approx. 52" long)
- 1 washcloth (not microfiber)
- 1 bath-size bar white Ivory soap, *in original packaging*
- 1 newborn cotton t-shirt or "onesie"  
Size 0-3, or newborn
- 1 newborn stocking hat/*Small size, a newborn's head is about 14" circumference*
- 1 baby receiving blanket (approx. 30" x 30")  
*Cotton or light flannel, knit or crocheted*
- 2 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins



Thank you Bonnie Faue for helping maintain our church grounds this summer. If you see it needs to be done, you just do it! We appreciate you.

Thank you to Brad Kitzman for sharing the beauty of his Dahlias on the alter and for sharing with members to take home and enjoy them.

For what I have received may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly for what I have not received.  
—Storm Jameson

## The Bell is back!



Thank you Dave and Erik Glauvitz and Dale Pomerleau.



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|                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                         | 1<br>Confirmation 6:00p                                                     | 2<br>GriefShare:<br>Surviving the<br>Holidays 6:30p<br><i>Just for Kix</i><br>4:30p-9:15p | 3<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><i>Centerstage</i><br>10:30a-2:30p  | 4<br> |
| 5 <b>All Saint's Day</b><br>Communion Service 8:00a<br>Education Hour 9:15a<br>Communion Service 10:30a<br><i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i>                                               | 6<br>Staff Meeting<br>10:30a                              | 7<br>Bible Study 9:15a<br>Morning Prayer Service 10:15a<br><i>Just for Kix 4:30p-9:15p</i>                                                                              | 8<br>LWML Business<br>Meeting 1:30p<br>Confirmation 6:00p                   | 9<br>Circuit Meeting<br>(St. Paul's) 9:30a<br><i>Just for Kix</i><br>4:30p-9:15p          | 10<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><i>Centerstage</i><br>10:30a-2:30p | 11                                                                                    |
| 12 <b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Worship Service 8:00a<br>Education Hour 9:15a<br>Worship Service 10:30a<br><i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i>                                      | 13<br>Staff Meeting<br>10:30a                             | 14<br>Bible Study 9:15a<br>Morning Prayer Service 10:15a<br>Board of Elders 6:30p<br>All Other Boards 7:00p<br>Council Meeting 7:30p<br><i>Just for Kix 4:30p-9:15p</i> | 15<br>Confirmation 6:00p<br>Web Meeting 7:00p<br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b> | 16<br><br><i>Just for Kix</i><br>4:30p-9:15p                                              | 17<br><b>Office Closed</b><br>2&1 Club<br>Movie Night 6:30p          | 18                                                                                    |
| 19 <b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Communion Service 8:00a<br>Education Hour 9:15a<br>Communion Service 10:30a<br>Congregational Meeting 11:30a<br><i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i> | 20<br>Staff Meeting<br>10:30a                             | 21<br>Bible Study 9:15a<br>Morning Prayer Service 10:15a<br><i>Just for Kix 4:30p-9:15p</i>                                                                             | 22<br><b>Thanksgiving Eve</b><br>Communion Service<br>7:00p                 | 23<br> | 24<br><b>Office Closed</b>                                           | 25                                                                                    |
| 26 <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b><br>Worship Service 8:00a<br>Education Hour 9:15a<br>Worship Service 10:30a                                                                        | 27<br>Newsletter<br>Team 9:15a<br>Staff Meeting<br>10:30a | 28<br>Bible Study 9:15a<br>Morning Prayer Service 10:15a<br>Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p<br><i>Just for Kix 4:30p-9:15p</i>                                    | 29<br>Confirmation 6:00p                                                    | 30<br><i>Just for Kix</i><br>4:30p-9:15p                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                       |





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