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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

November 10, 2024

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. *Silence for reflection*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.





*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

The First Reading according to 1 Kings 17:8-16 L ⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was

not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 146

read responsively

- A ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

L The Second Reading according to Hebrews 9:24-28 ²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

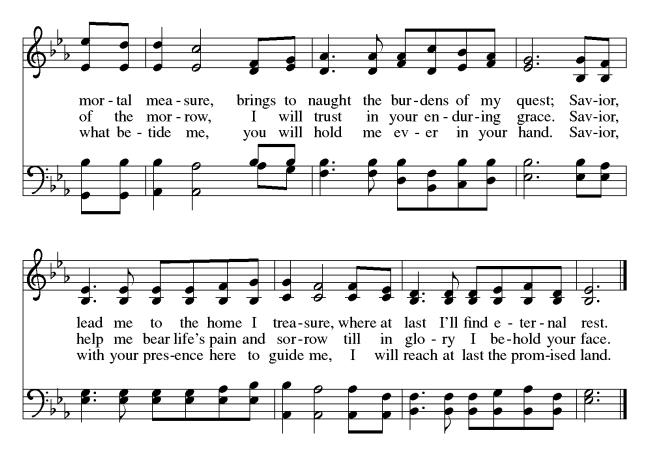
- This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** Ρ
- С

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON







*APOSTLES' CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Gift to Be Simple" Handbell Choir arr. Wagner

Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.) There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <u>https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</u> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray,

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C Amen.

*DIALOGUE

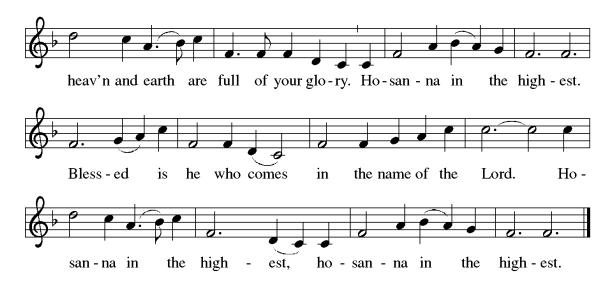
P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

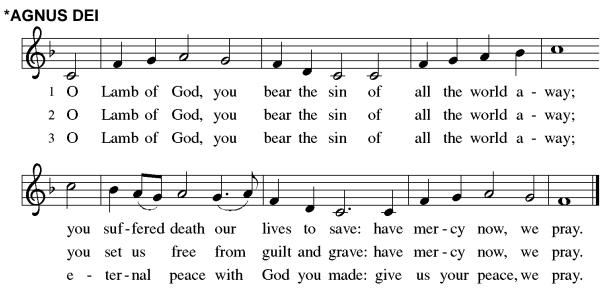
*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

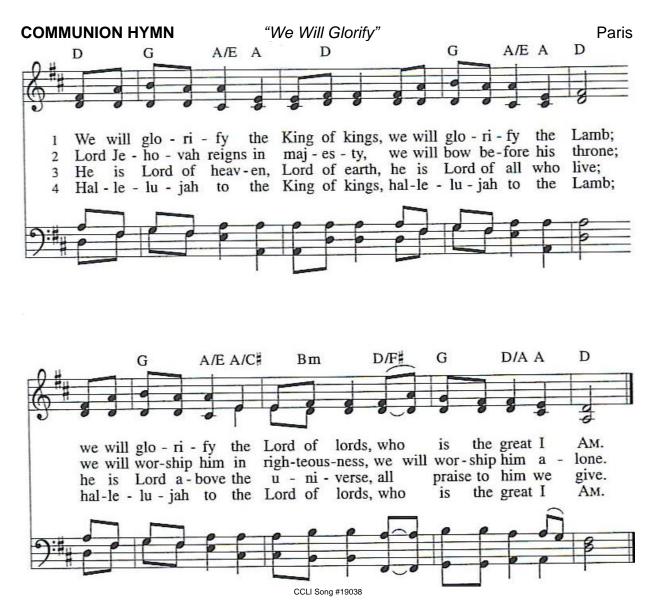
All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Moving Meditation" Handbell Choir Used with permission of Grassy Meadows Jason Krug



***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray, Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

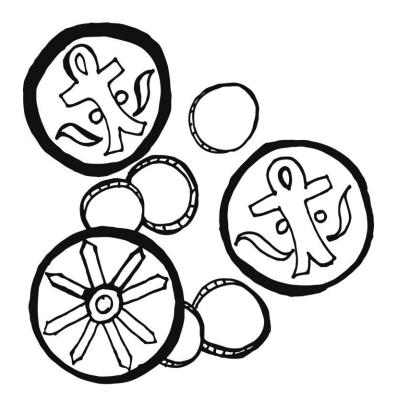
THE SENDING

Children and Faith Formation leaders are dismissed to start Sunday School time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

- P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able

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	November 10	November 17
Assisting Minister:	Bill Sowers	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Leah Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Dan Fuhrman	Lucille Farrington
Communion Distributors	Suzanne Butler	Lucille Farrington
	Donna Lehman	Gretchen Walter
Ushers:	Bob Colehouse	Bob Colehouse
	Dan Fuhrman	Dan Fuhrman
Altar:	Linda Knapp	Linda Knapp
	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace

THE RADIO BROADCAST, ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS, COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE, WORSHIP BULLETINS AND ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathryn Landis by the Landis family.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of great-great grandchildren by Kitty Angel.

NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to ELCA World Hunger.

CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AFTER COMMUNION (approximately 10:30 am) during the announcement time. From 10:30 - 10:50 will be music time with Ms. Gretchen. From 10:50 - 11:30 will be Faith Formation time with rotating teachers. All children are welcome!

CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following worship today and on Sunday, November 17 and as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANY ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL so that we can keep a record of them and add them to our prayer list. Currently we know of the following: SGT Colton Angel - US Army - son of Randy Angel and Patty Angel and grandson of Kitty Angel and the late Richard Angel; Riley Arter - US Air Force Airman - Grandson of Ed and Sharon Braun; SPC Cole Mosier - US Army - son of Mark & Danielle Mosier, grandson of the late Barry Angel & Kathy Angel and great grandson of Kitty Angel and the late Richard Angel; Matthew Murray - US Army PFC Special Operations - Son of Ginny Murray.

If there are others, please contact the church office with that information. Thank you.

"CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS" We hope this year has been one full of blessings for you and your family, but not for all our families in Hanover. There has been a greater need in families which are not able to purchase even the smallest gift for their loved ones. We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season.

Starting November 10th, there will be a table on display outside the pulpit entrance, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. **Please place items in the box by Dec. 1**st. They will be taken to New Hope Ministries. Thank you so much! Faith In Action Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:00 pm in the lounge.

ST. PAUL'S COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday, November 13, at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

THE HERITAGE CHOIR will rehearse on Saturday, November 16, at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

BEGINNING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, St. Paul's will host LUI 12 and a special needs education class in our Fellowship Hall and kitchen. They will meet on Tuesdays throughout the school year.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available beside the bulletin baskets, on the counter in the hallway and in the November Evangel. Poinsettia order are due in the office by Sunday, November 24th.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at <u>finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio–Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers-Nov. 24, Dec. 8 & 22 (2 vases at \$20 each); Dec. 1 (1 vase at \$20.00 each) Communion Bread and Wine-Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins-Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8, 22 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame- Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 (\$10 each date)

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. We will be decorating on Saturday, November 30th, beginning at 9AM. Please come and be a part of it.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 12:30 in the Lounge. We will be discussing <u>The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store</u> by James McBride. Join us for a good discussion and bring lunch or a snack.

We will also be selecting the books we will read for 2025. Hope to see you there. We do not meet in December, so we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year on January 29, 2025, same time same place.

A BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT: Come join Linda Zellers for a Bible study, "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups. Pastor Billups takes us on a journey in Advent through the eyes of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Herod, the Magi and the Shepherd. The chapters are What if I Missed It?, Playing the Villain, A Curious People and When God Shows Up. Come and share your Advent story on Tuesdays beginning November 26th to December 17th at 10 AM in the Theatre Room. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun., Dec. 1st immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service

The business part of the meeting is to do the following:

- approve the proposed budget for 2025 which will be included in the December/January Evangel and upcoming emails and publications
- to review the 2024 Annual Reports through August 31st that will be included in the December/January Evangel mailing.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - If you are curious about joining this faith community as a member, or are curious about St. Paul's rich history and ministries, then join Pastor Katrina on Sunday, December 1st for an hour of conversation and information (approximate start time 11:15 am). We'll meet in the 2nd floor lounge immediately following the annual Congregation Meeting. Any questions beforehand, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Katrina.

SUN., NOV. 10	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Service – 25 th Sunday after Pentecost Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room
	10.00 am	Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am
Immediately following Worship		Congregation Conversations – Fellowship Hall
g		Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
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MON., NOV. 11	6:20 pm	Church Office is closed Girl Scout groups – 2 nd Floor
	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge
	7.00 pm	Somethings Drewing Dible Study - Lounge
TUES., NOV. 12	9:45 am	LIU 12 Special Education Class – Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting – Lounge
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	7.00	Council mosting Conference Deam (Ord floor)
WED., NOV. 13	7:00 pm	Council meeting – Conference Room (2 nd floor)
THUR., NOV. 14	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
FRI., NOV. 15	3:00 pm	P.A.L. Team #2 Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	5.00 pm	Glocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT NOV 46	0.00	Haritaga Chair rabaaraal Chair Laft in Sanatuary
SAT., NOV. 16	9:00 am 9:00 am	Heritage Choir rehearsal - Choir Loft in Sanctuary Grocery Ministry – Cub and Boy Scout Troop 102
	9.00 am 5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service - Lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
	0.10 pm	
SUN., NOV. 17	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 26 th Sunday after Pentecost
	10:30 am	Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room
		Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am
Immediately following Worship		Congregation Conversations – Fellowship Hall
-		Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary

She put in 30 she had, all she had to live on Mark 12:44