ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR
NOVEMBER 2026

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to
Celebrate and Proclaim to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.



Blessing of the Quilts

November 15

10:00am

Our dedicated group of quilters has been very busy this year. The quilts will be added to our Christmas baskets and given to others in need. Join us on November 15 as we dedicate these quilts to the glory of God.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Join us as we remember the saints who have gone before us this year: Alice Fricke, Bob Tucker, Helen Stuart, Custer Maynor, Eric Kumlien, and Albins Tillers.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS



Please bring the following items on the dates listed to help fill our Christmas baskets for families in need this Christmas. Items can be left in the narthex.

November 1	Instant mashed potatoes
November 8	Canned vegetables
November 15	Canned chili or soup
November 22	Spaghetti and canned sauce
November 29	canned fruit
December 6	boxes of cereal

We will also need people to help shop for perishable items. If you can help please sign up in the narthex and pick up a list of needed items.

Pastor's Reflections

40 years! That is a long time. On October 19, 1986, Bishop Ken Sauer of the Ohio Synod ordained me at my first call parish. The name of the church was Rowsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was in a small town called Rowsburg between Ashland and Wooster, Ohio. Kathy and I rented a house right on the main drag in Rowsburg where we had to get used to the trucks going up and down the hill using the engine brakes. It was quite loud initially. But we eventually got used to it.

Throughout those 40 years we have lived in many places. I thought I had shared the number of states, but someone asked me the other day at the celebration. So here is the list: I grew up in Northeast Ohio, I have lived in Sierra Leone, West Africa but most of my life in NE Ohio. Seminary internship was in SE Texas in a small town called Shiner (home of Shiner bock beer). So, for Kathy and our 42 years of marriage we have lived in Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania. Nebraska and Iowa.

Some of you may wonder what I have learned from those forty years. A couple of things come to my mind. Number one: being a pastor is challenging work especially for someone like me who likes to please (although this has abated quite a bit in my older years). Number two: the work I do is sacred. It is God's work and I constantly, as Jesus did, try to stay connected to the God who gives me grace upon grace daily. This happens through taking time to be quiet and listen. It also includes prayer and reading scripture. Number three: all of us have a part in building the kingdom of God – lay and clergy together.

As we come to the end of the church year and begin a new one at the end of this month I begin a new year of ministry. To be sure I have slowed down from my early years. But that is ok. That is what God is calling me to be as I ponder retirement and into a new phase of ministry. A new way of ministry. In my heart I will always be a parish pastor even though I would like to "run away to Ninevah" like Jonah did from time to time. Or remind God that despite having 40 years of experience I still am very much a novice at the work God calls me to do.

Through it all God has come and will come. At its basic, pastoral ministry is about living out a particular call to to a particular work among God's church. We all have a call, a mission. It may not be Word and Sacrament, but it is just as important. Please remember this. God calls you too. God gives you the tools to do the work of ministry – Loving God and Loving Neighbors. God also will empower you and give you the skills you need with the help of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless us and keep us.
Alleluia! Amen!
Pastor KLM <><

Annual Meeting

December 6 after worship

We will meet to vote on new council members and a new Mission Finance Plan as well as discussing other business.



Dear St. Paul Congregation:

In October, we celebrated Harvest Sunday, Pastor Kevin's 40th Ordination Anniversary, and Reformation Sunday. As always, we tried to reference this in the music. From the Servant Song (choral anthem) and I Love to Tell the Story (hymn) for Pastor's ordination anniversary to organ preludes and postludes that started with praise hymn arrangements in the beginning of the month (When Morning Gilds the Skies, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, and others) to works by Johann Sebastian Bach (the most famous Lutheran composer of the Baroque period), as we worked our way toward the last Sunday in October, Reformation Sunday.

I'd like to thank you for celebrating my citizenship with me in a reception after Worship. That was very kind, and I am glad that this last step of my immigration journey is now completed.

The first Sunday in November, we will celebrate All Saints. The music will include the hymns For All the Saints, Sing with All the Saints in Glory, and Oh, When the Saints as postlude.

Henning







Dear St. Paul Lutheran Congregation,

October has been a month filled with worship, service, fellowship, and countless reminders of God's faithfulness. As we reflect on all that has taken place, we are grateful for the many opportunities to gather, serve others, and grow in our faith.

We began the month with a beautiful Harvest Sunday Worship service. The church was decorated with colorful mums, pumpkins, apples, and potatoes, creating a wonderful reminder of God's abundant blessings and provision. During Sunday School, our youth enjoyed apples together, practiced a contemporary worship song, and reflected on the Scripture message that inspired it. We also celebrated our sister in Christ, Sydney Blake, whose recent baptism was a joyful reminder of God's grace and the gift of new life in Christ.

Throughout the month, our youth have continued serving both our church and community during Wednesday evening activities. They decorated pumpkins with Modge Podge and glitter, creating festive displays while enjoying fellowship together. They also helped care for our church grounds by gathering fallen oak branches, which were set aside for the campfire during Trunk or Treat. In preparation for this treasured outreach event, our youth walked through the neighborhood distributing flyers for both Trunk or Treat and the Blessing of the Animals, extending a warm invitation to our community.

On October 16, we celebrated our 15th Annual Trunk or Treat and Blessing of the Animals. While the weather may have been gloomy, the joy, excitement, and fellowship shining from everyone in attendance made the evening bright. Families gathered to have their beloved animals blessed, while children and adults alike enjoyed decorated trunks filled with treats, games, slime making, pumpkin decorating, a cookie walk, campfire s'mores, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, face painting, guessing candy corn and pumpkin games, and many other fun activities. It was a wonderful evening of outreach and hospitality, sharing God's love with our neighbors in a welcoming and joyful way.

We also had the privilege of celebrating Pastor Kevin's 40th anniversary of ordination. Following worship, our congregation gathered for a delicious luncheon filled with ham, picnic favorites, salads, desserts, and refreshing beverages. It was a special opportunity to honor his faithful years of ministry, leadership, and dedication to serving God's people.

The following week during Sunday School and CCC, our youth began discussing an exciting new community service project. Through the generosity of congregation members Leng and KV Chin and a grant from Thrivent, we will be building a Blessing Box in front of our church. This ministry will provide hygiene supplies, non-perishable food, hats, gloves, and other necessities for individuals and families in need in our community. This project has been prayed about for quite some time, and it is inspiring to see God bringing together willing hearts and opportunities to make it a reality. Through faithful service and "Faith in Action," our youth will help bring this vision to fruition. We trust that God is leading this effort according to His plan, and we are excited to follow wherever He calls.

Looking ahead, our youth will also partner with the St. Paul Quilters to stuff dog bed covers for the local animal shelter. This project provides yet another opportunity to share Christ's love through compassion and service, caring for both people and God's creatures in our community.

As we continue this journey together, we are reminded that God uses each willing heart, each helping hand, and each act of kindness to carry out His work in the world. Thank you for supporting our youth through your prayers, encouragement, and participation. Together, we are growing in faith, serving with purpose, and sharing the love of Christ with all those around us.

Help us to seek, help us to see, and help us to serve You, Lord.

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill



NOISY OFFERING

November 1

We will be collecting change for the Backpack Program. Please leave your change (or paper money) in the bucket in the narthex.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Carson Tucker
4	Cam Hale
15	Zoie Fornash
17	Emily Conzett; Shelly Tucker
19	Judy Korstanje
20	Sharon Tucker
21	Poppy Cartee
22	Daniel Brown
23	Linda Pleasants
26	Piper May
29	Wylma Skean



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15 Gary and Kathy Rea



FINANCES

Sept Expected. $18,039
Sept Giving. $19,228

YTD Expected $162,354
YTD Giving $175,174



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

In November we will collect boxes of saltine crackers.
Please leave your donations in the containers in the narthex.

It is with great appreciation for a wonderful place to come and meet that we happily offer this donation to your church. Thank you so very much!

The Woman's Club of Huntington



WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

DATE	READER	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION DEACON	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	USHERS	BREAD
11/1	Linda Schneider	Steve Golder	Jenny Murray and Creigh Pemberton	Daniel Kist	Willow May	Mary Lou Pratt	Emma Arneson
11/8	David Stuart	Jenny Murray	David Stuart	Daniel Kist	Jackson Wellman	Mary Lou Pratt	Mary Lou Fricke
11/15	Bernadette Wellman	Linda Schnieder	Bernadette Wellman	Daniel Kist	Kennady Kist	Mary Lou Pratt	
11/22	Keith Wellman	David Stuart	Keith Wellman	Daniel Kist	Jaylyn Garnett	Mary Lou Pratt	
11/29	Emma Arneson	Bernadette Wellman	Emma Arneson	Daniel Kist	Sydney Blake	Mary Lou Pratt	

Altar Guild: Jeanna Bell and Cam Hale



We pray for: LaDonna, Helen, Opal, Stephen, Helen, Rene, Elisha, Bill, Eric, Teresa, Luke, Jake, Phyllis, Michael, Scott, Aiden, Becky, Erica, Freddy, Josiah and Jennifer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.





The Book Club will meet on November 18 at 10:00am. We will be discussing “The Push” by Ashley Audrain. Please join us!

Poppy Cartee, Betty Church and Darlene Kranz dressed up in their prairie outfits.



If you would like to purchase a St. Paul T-shirt please see Kathy Mackey. The cost is $10.00.



NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Worship- All Saints' Sunday 11:15am Sunday School/Book Study 11:15am Fellowship	2 1:00pm Woman's Club Pastor at QRT	3 9:00am Quilting 	4 6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	5 Noon Bible Study 	6	7 9:00am CLEAN UP DAY
8 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	9	10 9:00am Quilting  Pastor at QRT	11 Office Closed 	12 Noon Bible Study  6:00pm Scouts	13	14 9:00am-12:00pm Confirmation
15 10:00am Worship- Blessing of the Quilts 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	16	17 9:00am Quilting 	18 10:00am Book Club 6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	19 No Noon Bible Study 	20	21
22 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship	23	24 9:00am Quilting 	25	26 Office closed 	27 Office closed	28
29 10:00am Worship- Advent 1 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Fellowship 11:15am Council	30 1:00pm Woman's Club					





























Backpack items are an ongoing need throughout the school year. We will be providing 30 backpacks each week! If you can help by donating any of the items below, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the church office.

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

fruit cups	applesauce
Mac and Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Beef sticks	Cereal
Pop Tarts	Fruit snacks
Drink boxes	Shelf stable milk
tuna salad/crackers	chicken salad/crackers

All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.

BACKPACK DELIVERY SCHEDULE

November—David Stuart

December—Bernadette Wellman

January—Judy Wade

February—David Stuart

March--

April—Cheryl Conzett

May—Pastor Mackey



November 7

9:00am

Come out and help clean up the church! There are plenty of jobs for everyone. All are welcome!