



# ST. PAUL VISITOR NOVEMBER 2021

*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.*



We pray for...

LaDonna, Charles, Anne, Jackie, Marty, Judy, Rachel, Nora, Myles, Al, Warren and Dave.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing. Amen.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.

## WORSHIP

We will have in person worship during October. We ask that you wear a mask while in the building. The service will also be live streamed on Facebook and posted on our YouTube channel.

## COVID 19

As of now the council is asking that all persons wear a mask while in the church building.



## OFFICE HOURS

Generally someone is in the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm. If you are planning to come to the church please call beforehand to make sure Pastor or Kathy is there.

## OFFERINGS

Your offering is still very important to continue the mission of St. Paul. Please mail your offering to the church address:

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St. Paul Lutheran Congregation  
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St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Huntington, WV

## Pastor's Reflections

November has always been one of those transitional months in the church year. We begin November with All Saints Sunday (the closest Sunday next to All Saints Day, November 1). We finish with the longest season in the church year – Pentecost. We then, usually, celebrate the beginning of a new church year with the first Sunday in Advent. The altar guild is quite busy in November! They are the ones who must do all the changing of the altar cloths in November. So, this year we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 7 with a white altar cloth. Then it is November 14 with the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost and green altar cloths. The 21<sup>st</sup> of November is Christ the King Sunday and white altar cloths. Finally, on November 28 we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with the altar cloths being blue. WOW! That is a lot!

All this transition has made me wonder and ponder what 2022 will look like? Will we be able to come back to a sense of normalcy in worship? Will we be singing three hymns and the cherished liturgy here at the end of 2021 and into 2022? Will there be a Children's time in our worship? Can we get rid of all the masks? All these, of course, are good questions but I am not sure I can answer them at this point. I do know that your Council, staff, and I will remain vigilant in moving into the holiday season, a new church year and into 2022.

I also think about transition in my life and ministry. 2020 my mother died and in 2021 my two brothers and Dad all had breakthrough COVID infections. I celebrated my 35<sup>th</sup> year of ordination in 2021. All of this gives me thought. It reminds me that life is so precious. It also reminds me that God has blessed me on the way. The work of ministry can be challenging and sometimes downright hard. Something or someone has kept me and my family along the way.

I have seen wonderful and exciting parts of our country. Riding in a combine with a farmer in corn country Nebraska during harvest was one of the special times. I have been privileged to be with families in each of the parishes I served during grief and have brought them (I hope) the message of the Good News of the Gospel of life eternal. I have been with couples as they seal their love for one another and begin a married life of give and take and love in all circumstances. I could go on.

I pray God continues to bless me and you as we move into a new church year. As we celebrate with families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I pray God moves us together in faith, love, and peace.

Pastor Kevin <><



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts for my 35th anniversary of ordination. It is greatly appreciated!

Pastor Kevin

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Good news! Our choir has indeed started rehearsing again on Wednesdays at 7 pm—in the sanctuary, distanced, and for a slightly shorter period of time to limit exposure to the virus (we usually get done after about 45 minutes or so). We have been preparing an anthem for Reformation Sunday and a few others that we may sing for you later. We are, of course, especially looking forward to singing for you on Reformation Sunday, but I'd also like to point out that it is a joy to get together and rehearse again. The choir is such a big part of our church life and community. I'd like to thank our vocal soloists for the hymns of the day in October: Katherine Becker Mansouri, Barbara Garnett, Keith Wellman, and Caroline Becker (October 31).

If you'd like to enjoy good company and sing with us, please don't hesitate to talk to me after service. You do not have to have any prior musical experience or knowledge, and there is no obligation involved if you just want to see what it is like.

Whether you are in the choir or not, on Reformation Sunday you will be invited to sing our "Lutheran Anthem" A Mighty Fortress as Sending Hymn. In the interest of being extra cautious, I'd be grateful if you could leave your masks on while singing. Thank you!

As it happens, Reformation Day falls on a Sunday this year, so it coincides with Halloween (All Hallows' Eve). I've been honing my organ skills and will play a postlude for you that nicely shows off the whole of our Skinner organ from the 1920s and fits Halloween well. It is the Toccata from Léon Boëllmann's Suite Gothique, op. 25.

Last, I'd like to cordially invite you to two performances at Marshall in November:

Soprano Dr. Carline Waugh (assistant professor of voice at Marshall) and I will perform a recital with arias, art songs, and spirituals by G. F. Händel, Clara Schumann, Francis Poulenc, and Florence Price in Smith Recital Hall on Thursday, November 4 at 7:30 pm.

My friends Hilary Glen (Assistant Principal of the Atlanta Opera Orchestra) and Dr. Sun Min Kim (Assistant Professor of Piano at Denison University in Ohio) will present a recital for cello and piano in Jomie Forum (J.C. Edwards Performing Arts Center) on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:30 pm.

Keep on singing!

Henning



Fall has officially arrived and the cooler weather and changing of leaves has come too. With these changes, the youth of St. Paul are participating in Sunday school after worship at 11am outdoors. This has proven to be a success. We have had about 10 youth participating from pre-k to confirmation and high school age. It has been great to spend time with one another in word and service and to enjoy nature as well. The youth have been bringing items for the backpack program every Sunday. For November, we will focus on quart size shelf stable milk and cereal to send home during Thanksgiving. We also sent our left over Trunk or Treat supplies of chips, water and candy to the backpack program.

Our CCC group has met a couple of times in October. The youth enjoyed a lesson about with God, all things are possible, even when things seem impossible. Youth were challenged to cut a piece of paper so that you could step through it; however, there can be no separate pieces of the paper cut away. It all must be intact, still in one piece. They learned to keep trying and even the impossible can be possible with God. I shared a story with the youth about an airplane plant my mother-in-law acquired over 40 years ago. She is a pilot and had flown in women's air races. A friend gave her this infamous airplane plant. She had given me one about 20 years ago and after our move to our new house neither of us had one left. My mother-in-law really wished she still had one airplane plant. After covid began, I had gone to church to clean the Sunday school rooms and found the last airplane plant. I brought it to church when I started teaching Sunday School 14 years ago. So, I was able to grow this airplane plant until it thrived and I could replace my plant and my mother-in-law's. I have since shared this plant with Pastor Kevin and Kathy, Bernadette Wellman, Emma Kist and all the youth at CCC. The moral of the story is with God, all things are possible, even if we have doubt. So, the youth were given the challenge to love, grow and nurture their plants so they may grow and share the plants with others. Just like Jesus loves us and wants us to share the good news.

The youth enjoyed learning about miracles and Jesus healing the blind man. They learned always being in the dark would be hard. It would also be difficult to do the things they like to do every day like watch TV or play outside or ride a bike. We made s'mores to celebrate the season changing and to celebrate s'more amazing things about how much Jesus loves us. We will continue to meet and read our bibles and learn lessons and share stories of Jesus. We will continue to serve where God calls us to serve.

We had our 10th Annual Trunk or Treat on October 23rd. We had about 80-100 kids from our church and community attend. We also had Cabell County EMS participate and pass out candy. It was a perfect night to make s'mores, fundip candy, ghost pops and a festive stress ball. Kids were dressed up in their costumes and enjoyed going from trunk to trunk and receiving candy and goodies. A big thank you to all of those who donated candy and decorated their cars and passed out treats. You are all so appreciated! It was a blessing to see so many smiling faces and friends reuniting! God is good all the time!

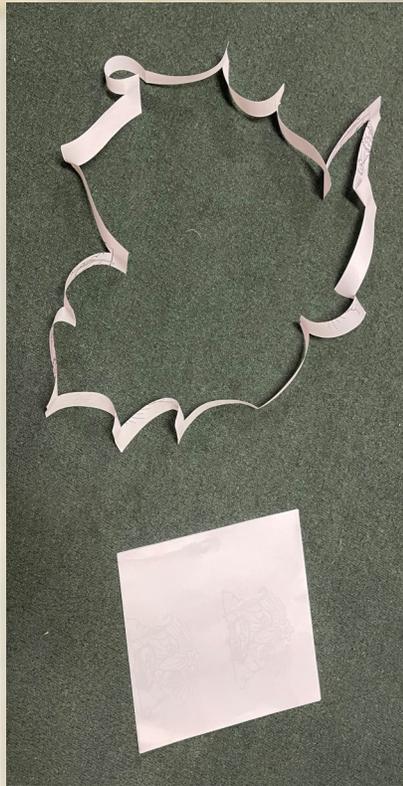
Dear Heavenly Father,

Help us to be thankful for all of our blessings and help us Lord to share our light with others in a way you know they need most. Help us to remember in times of need, grief, loss, love, laughter and joy - For God, all things are possible! Help us to love others like you love us. Help us to serve others as they need. Help us to share our lights in the world as we share the good news.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Your Loving sister in Christ,  
Jill





# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	6:00-7:00pm CCC  6:30pm Worship/ Music Meeting			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School	7:00pm Writer's Group	9:30am Quilting	6:00-7:00pm LYO			
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10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	6:00-7:00pm CCC			Church reserved all day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School		9:30am Quilting		Office Closed  		
28	29	30				
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School 1:00pm Council  		9:30am Quilting				



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

15 Gary and Kathy Rea

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone else there are several ways you can do this:

Call the church office at 304-525-9630 and request a name to be put on the prayers that are read on Sunday morning.

Call the church office and request that a prayer email be sent out to the congregation

Request prayer on our Facebook page— "St. Paul Lutheran Congregation Group"

You may also email the church at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org)



For the Month of November we will continue to collect cans of Spaghetlios for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.

**They are also in need of men's jeans, all sizes and women's tops size 2X and above.**



The Social Ministry committee has resumed the Backpack program for Southside Elementary. They will be packing and delivering 25 bags of food each week. The bags contain enough food for the weekend. Our supplies are very low. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Some suggestions of needed items are:

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| Individual mac and cheese | shelf stable milk     |
| Individual pasta meals    | pop tarts             |
| individual fruit cups     | individual applesauce |
| individual cereal cups    |                       |

Please do not donate items that contain peanuts.

On Sunday, November 7, we will observe All Saints Sunday. This year we will be celebrating the life of those who died earlier this year.



### HOLY COMMUNION

Beginning October 3 we will come forward to receive communion from Pastor. Please follow the instructions below when coming forward.



1. You should have received a cup from the usher when you entered the sanctuary. Please bring this cup with you when you come up for communion. Cups will also be available up front if you did not receive one or if you forget to bring it up with you.
2. The ushers will let you know when to come forward. They will try to bring people up in family groups whenever possible.
3. Please wear your mask when you come up front.
4. After you receive the elements return to your seat and THEN partake of the bread and wine, or you may move off to the side, away from others, to partake of the elements.
5. Only wine will be available (no grape juice). As Lutherans we believe only one element is needed for a full sacrament to be experienced. If you do not desire to drink the wine you will still be fully communed.

### Worship Helpers for November

**Altar Guild: Cam Hale and Jeanna Bell**

**Reader/Worship Assistant**

11/7 Keith Wellman  
11/14 Ruthann Arneson  
11/21 Steve Golder  
11/28 Doug Korstanje

**Flowers:**

Mary Lou Fricke  
Rick and Jacqui Veres

**Candles:**

Mary Lou Fricke

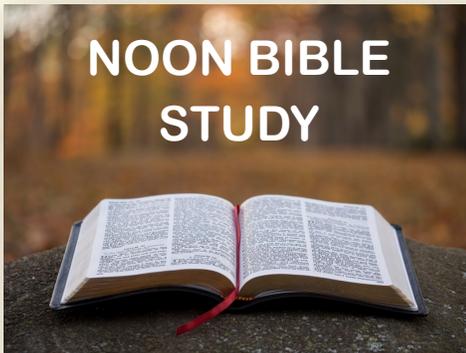
**Bread Providers:**

Mary Lou Fricke  
Ruthann Arneson



We received an update on David Porterfield recently. He has moved into a different assisted living facility near his daughter in Morgantown. He seems quite happy there as he is able to get outside and go places with the other residents, which he really enjoys. Also, he says the food is much better! He sends his thanks for all the cards and letters he has received from church members. He likes hearing from all of you.

November 28 will be the First Sunday in Advent. This year the council, with Pastor's recommendation, has decided to present our mid-week services on line. The service will be posted on our YouTube channel by Wednesday of each week. We will be using the Advent Study Guide from ELCA World Hunger. A study guide will be made available for you to pick up after worship on November 21.



#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor will continue to post his Bible study each Thursday on our YouTube channel.



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) with your email address.

#### **READINGS FOR NOVEMBER**

November 1-5: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

November 8-12: Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Mark 13:1-8

November 15-19: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

November 22-26: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36



We all have gifts, graces, and talents given to us by God. As Christians, we are called to serve God and use these gifts, graces and talents. It is time to share our gifts with those less fortunate by donating food and sweets to our Christmas Basket Program. We are adopting **twenty-five families** this season to show the light of God's love and fulfill our discipleship as faithful followers of Christ.

We are asking people to donate according to the list below. We will not be delivering baskets this year. Instead, the people receiving the baskets will drive by the church and pick up their basket in a safe way.

The items needed to be brought to Church for the following weeks:

Nov. 7th	Box of instant mashed potatoes
Nov. 14th	Canned vegetables
Nov. 21nd	Canned chili or soup
Nov. 28th	Box of spaghetti noodles and canned sauce
Dec. 5th	Canned fruit
Dec. 12th	Box of cereal

Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, December 19. Please have all of your items here before then so they can be sorted into the baskets.

We will need people to volunteer to shop for perishables. If you would like to help please pick up a list of perishables from the narthex or call the church office.

We would like to thank all who participated in this worthy ministry in the past years and pray you will volunteer your services for this coming Christmas season.

Any questions please see Bernadette Wellman.

## PRAYER VENTURES FOR NOVEMBER

**1** *All Saints Day* Remember and give thanks for all the saints who have influenced our lives, faith, wisdom and vocational decisions, and who have left an imprint on us through their compassion and example. Pray for people grieving the loss of someone significant in their lives, that they will be comforted by God and know that, as members of the body of Christ and communities of faith, they are not alone in their grieving.

**2** *American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts and witness of American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, and pray for the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association and for native congregations and ministries — ministries grounded in reconciliation and the building up of people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities and congregations. Ask God to help us understand and express repentance for the injustices committed against American Indians, Alaska Natives and Indigenous peoples that continue to impact people today.

**3** Pray for the immediate and long-term needs of people whose lives have been disrupted by severe weather, wildfires, earthquakes or flooding. Pray that the Spirit will move us to generously support and pray for the people and organizations that respond to disasters, especially Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners.

**4** Ask God to look with mercy and loving care upon the Afghan people — and refugees and immigrants everywhere — who flee danger, persecution, economic crises or climate-related catastrophes, seeking a better life. Ask that we might participate boldly and persistently in God's loving work to bring hope and relief, show compassion, respect and generosity, and advocate for justice for our neighbors who make their way to our nation's borders.

**5** "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Give thanks and praise God for being present in every circumstance to dispel our fears, calm our anxieties and stir our hope, and for helping us live with confidence as children of God — loved, forgiven and renewed.

**6** Pray for people of all ages who experience loneliness and depression, and pray that the Spirit will make us observant of, attentive to and empathetic with those who suffer in our midst but whose emotional, spiritual and physical struggles may not be readily apparent to us.

**7** Give thanks for the story of Lazarus' resurrection and for the promises of God, which assure us that death, despair and human vulnerability will have no power over us in the life to come.

**8** Pray for the leaders of our church gathering for the annual Lutheran Outdoor Ministries conference. Give thanks for their nationwide ministry with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

**9** Pray that God's word and truth, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, will provide us with hope, clear direction and purpose for doing God's work in the world.

**10** Pray for our rural communities, congregations and church leaders as they respond to changes and challenges by adapting old ministries and creating new ones. Pray that we might better understand and celebrate not only our diverse gifts and perspectives but also our interdependence and unity in Christ.

**11** *Veterans Day* Remember in prayer women and men who serve in the military, their families, federal chaplains and those who attend to the needs of returning veterans. Give thanks for the sacrifice veterans have made on our behalf to secure freedom, justice, peace and security for our country and other nations.

**12** Pray for leaders serving on the ELCA Church Council and ask God to bless their conversations, deliberations and decisions, which support, shape and further the mission of our church in the world.

**13** Praise God for the diverse blessings that sustain and enrich our lives, blessings that God has entrusted to our care, respect, fairness and generosity. Pray that we will remember the psalmist's words: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

**14** Ask for God's wisdom to discern who speaks the true gospel and word of God and who distracts us from our faith in Christ and our baptismal identity and purpose.

**15** Pray for those planning "the tAble: Limitless," a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering that was created to bless and empower young people living with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities, so that they might grow as faithful, wise and courageous witnesses throughout the church and world.

**16** Pray for people spending their last days in hospice care; ask God to comfort them and their families and surround them with the hope of life eternal; and give thanks for the gentle, respectful and skilled care provided by hospice professionals, pastoral care teams and volunteers.

**17** “Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another” (Hebrews 10:24-25). Ask the Spirit to empower, encourage and embolden us — as children of God and agents of change — to reflect the love of God in response to anger, discord, hurtfulness, isolation and bias in our world.

**18** Give thanks for ELCA Faith, Science and Technology and the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology, ministries that help us understand science and technology as gifts from God. Pray that we might use them to nurture community, care for creation, ease human suffering and better understand and respect the complexity and beauty of the universe.

**19** Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the presence of God, who gives us hope, comfort, guidance and refuge.

**20** Pray for the children, youth and family ministry leaders of our church. Give thanks for their vital, dynamic and creative service and for the work of ELCA Youth Ministry, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, ELCA Youth Ministry Network and related ministries of faith formation.

**21** Join other congregations today in celebrating and praying for Lutheran Summer Music, a faith-forming ministry that educates and inspires young musicians to use their gifts in the church, now and in the future.

**22** Pray for ELCA Justice for Women and give thanks for its work in helping us honor the integrity of women. Pray that we might work together to understand and eliminate violence, injustice and sexism against women, girls and people of diverse gender identities and expressions.

**23** Give thanks for the awesome nature of God, who is not bound by time, space, borders or human constructs.

**24** Pray for the pastors of our church, who have responded to God’s call to serve communities of faith in a multitude of contexts. Ask the Spirit to invigorate and sustain their faith and equip them for the challenges of ministry; ask for guidance and insight on how we can best support, encourage and care for them.

**25** *Thanksgiving Day* Give thanks today — and every day — for the undeserved blessings we receive from God for our sustenance and well-being. Ask God to help us live with gratitude, recognize the true source of our food and other blessings, responsibly manage our resources, and exercise generosity and love with our neighbors in need, here and globally.

**26** Pray for the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger to respond to the daily needs of our neighbors, address the root causes of hunger and poverty, and work toward a just world where all people are fed.

**27** Pray that we will raise up new leaders in the church who will ground us in God’s love and forgiveness, renew our congregations, grow our existing communities of faith, equip us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and inspire us to use our unique gifts to do God’s work in the world.

**28** *First Sunday of Advent* Pray that we will not live in fear of the future but will anticipate with hope, joy and gratitude the day when we will be welcomed into the kingdom of God because of what Jesus has done for us out of pure grace and mercy.

**29** Give thanks for the church’s Mission Support network, through which our 65 synods and 8,900 congregations pool resources to love and serve the neighbor as no individual or congregation could alone.

**30** Give thanks and praise to God for knitting us together as siblings in Christ, so that we might encourage and strengthen each other’s faith, exchange care and support in times of need, and share our gifts, passions and wisdom to do God’s good work in the world.



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