

# ST. PAUL VISITOR NOVEMBER 2023

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AT 10:00AM FOR  
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And Proclaim To All The  
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Christ In Word And  
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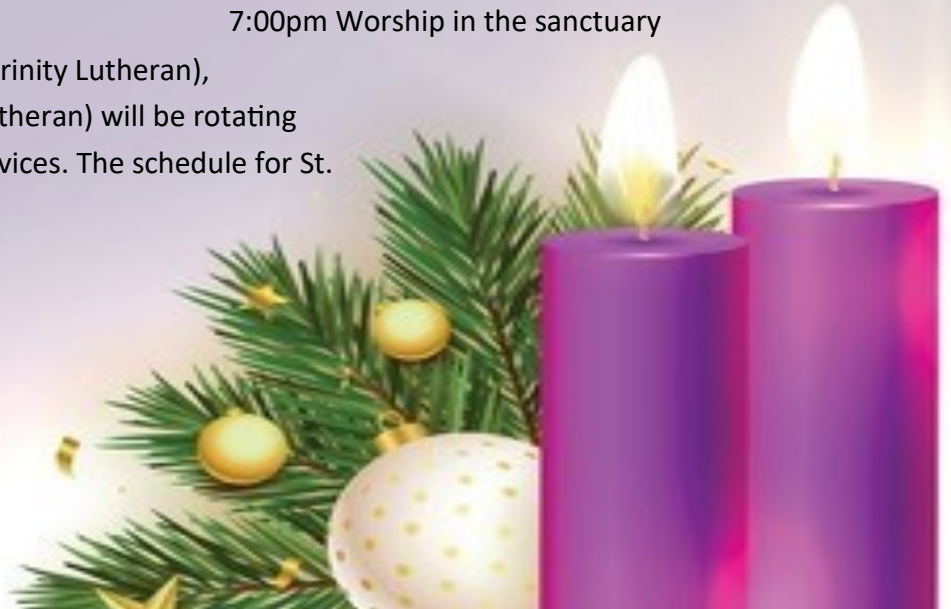
ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE 

## ADVENT MIDWEEK

Pastor Mackey, Pastor Randy Richardson (Trinity Lutheran), and Pastor Darick Biondi (Cross of Grace Lutheran) will be rotating between churches for Advent Midweek services. The schedule for St. Paul is below:

- December 6 Pastor Darick Biondi
- December 13 Pastor Randy Richardson
- December 20 Pastor Kevin Mackey

6:00pm Light meal served in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Worship in the sanctuary



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE:** The children will meet on the following Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm to practice. The older youth will join them later. Please see Jill May if you have questions.

- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- December 6
- December 13

- December 16: Final dress rehearsal
- December 17: Christmas Program at 10:00am

## Pastor's Reflections

So, as I write these reflections, I am preparing to celebrate the life of Kay Jennings who died this past weekend. Kay and Bill were regular visitors to our noon Bible study here at St Paul. Bill was on my call committee and was one of the first people I met here in Huntington. Kay was on our council and led the Fellowship Committee here at St Paul.

I have come to believe that the longer one stays in a position of leadership, especially in the church, the closer one becomes to the people in the parish. I guess this is true of any leadership position. This is true about the Jennings as it is true for many others here at St Paul. This is one of the great joys of ministry. I can imagine that you all have become close to my family. Some of you have told me they remember how little Alex was when we came to Huntington. She is now in high school.

In many ways you all have become and are our extended family. That is, it seems to me, where church is its best – being loving and caring for one another. Jesus of course nurtured this with those first disciples. The early church was about meeting in small groups of people. I am sure that sometimes these small groups were probably related to one another in some way.

Sometimes these family groups / churches can be places that are not inviting and welcoming. How do you think we are doing in this regard? Do we welcome others? Probably even more important: Are we inviting people to come and join this place of God? This place where Sacraments and Word are gifted to all who come in the doors.

To be sure, this is always a challenge in any group that wants to grow and expand. This month we are ending the liturgical season to prepare ourselves for a new season in December. Might be a good time to invite and welcome others into this "St Paul family".

Blessings and Peace to you all,  
Pastor KLM <><



Pastor Warren LaHammer will be installed as Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church on November 5 at 3:00pm. You are invited to be a part of this joyous celebration for Pastor LaHammer and the congregation of Christ the King.



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

The St. Paul Choir is a central part of our music ministry. Many of the choir members have sung here at St. Paul for a long time. Kay Jennings in the alto section was one of these members. We will always remember her as a wonderfully cheerful and optimistic lady. Her seasonal sweaters never failed to bring a smile to my face. The choir's thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Dr. Bill Jennings, another of our faithful choir members. We will sing the anthems "By Gracious Powers" on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's text on Reformation Sunday and "Onward, Ye Saints" on All Saints Sunday for Kay and Bill.



By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning  
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

By gracious powers so faithfully protected,  
so quietly, so wonderfully near,  
I'll live each day in hope, with you beside me,  
and go with you through every coming year.

Henning



Choir members celebrated the birthdays of Carolyn Becker and Henning Vauth



Dear Saint Paul Congregation,

It seems our lives change as quickly as the leaves in this season of Autumn. As soon as we settle back into routine, the season changes and we prepare for new things. The youth have focused on following their hearts and really listening to God. Sometimes we need to be still, sometimes we need to shout and rejoice, sometimes we need to cry, sometimes we need to be mad, and sometimes we just need to smile and laugh. God is with us whatever we may feel and whatever we do. As long as we pray, give thanks and praise, God is with us in our hearts as we live to share the good news.

Our youth have had a fulfilled month. We have enjoyed time outside for CCC/ LYO and Sunday School. We started off the month with our 12th Annual Trunk or Treat. We had the most participation we have ever had from our congregation, Girl Scouts and our surrounding Community. We had over 20 interactive stations. Children enjoyed popcorn, cotton candy, apple cider, hand painting, s'mores and several games and a movie out back. The EMS team came and shared coloring books and crayons and shared safety tips as well. The weather was wonderful and the night was a festive success! Thank you to all who came and shared your gifts!

Our youth continue to share God's love and grow in mind, body and spirit. We have shared meals and decorated pumpkins for harvest Sunday, showing the love, the spirit, and the unity in Christ. One evening, we went to the Kist's Home for a bonfire, hotdogs, s'mores and pumpkin carving. It was a beautiful evening. Families really enjoyed the outside time together, a beautiful sunset, fellowship and playing and praying together. Thank you to Tom and Emma for the warm invitation. Our LYO attended The Lost Escape Room at Pullman. Together, they accomplished so many puzzles and clues to help find the lost tomb of Queen Nefertiti. We did not escape with final success, but we did enjoy problem solving and working as a team to try our best to get out. We were so close. I am pretty sure we all would have paid for 10 more minutes to finish the puzzles. Team Building is such a great experience. We were able to look back and think of ways we could have done things differently, more efficiently, or to use our time more wisely. The youth enjoyed Austin's Ice Cream at the Market afterwards. We discussed the upcoming National Gathering in New Orleans and the Christmas Program. We look forward to this upcoming month to give thanks and prepare ourselves for Advent.

I leave you with the

Quote of the day- 10/26

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

- Antoine de Saint Exupéry

May we all follow our hearts and continue to love and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am Thankful for all of you.

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill





# BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

## November 12 at 10:00am

We have a wonderful group of dedicated quilters who create beautiful quilts to include in our Christmas baskets each year. Join us on Sunday, November 12 as we dedicate these quilts to the glory of God.



### CRIDLIN NEEDS



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry is in need of gently used towels, blankets, and sheets. Please leave your donations in the narthex.

CAN YOU HELP?



### Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For November we will be collecting cans of fruit cocktail. Please leave your donations in the container in the narthex.



### What is the Backpack Food Program?

Each week during the school year we put together bags of food for children at Southside Elementary who may not have enough food for the weekend.

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**How many children do we help?**

Each week we provide food for 25 children.

### How can I help?

You can purchase items for the backpacks! See the list of suggested items below. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the container in the narthex.

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**What can I donate?**

- Pop Tarts
- single serving ravioli
- ramen noodles
- single serving soup
- single serving mac and cheese
- tuna and cracker packs
- fruit cups
- individually packaged beef sticks
- single serving applesauce
- single serving beef-a-roni
- individual shelf stable milk drink boxes







## BOOK CLUB

November 15 at  
10:00am in the parlor

We will be discussing  
"The Memory Keeper's  
Daughter" by Kim  
Edwards

Please join us!



- 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

## WE PRAY FOR:



- LaDonna; Al, Helen,  
Ernie, John, Jackie,
- Stephen, Barbara, Mike,  
Mandy, Becky, and Dan.
- If you would like to add  
someone to the prayer  
list please call the church  
office.

## November Anniversaries

- 15 Gary and Kathy Rea



## DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX

The readings listed below are  
emailed to the congregation  
Monday-Friday along with a  
suggestion for contemplating  
the scripture. If you are not  
currently receiving the daily  
devotional and would like to  
please contact the church  
office.

- October 30-November 3: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; i John 3;1-3;  
Matthew 5:1-12
- November 6-10: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Matthew 25:1-13
- November 13-17: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; Matthew 25: 14-30
- November 20-24: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Matthew 25:31-46





Join us on November 5 at 10:00am as we remember the saints that have gone before us this year:

- Judy Pease
- Beulah Doss
- Michael Hoeft
- Kay Jennings

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Please bring the following items on the dates listed to help fill our Christmas Baskets that will be given to families in need this Christmas. Items can be left in the narthx.

- Nov. 5th Box of instant mashed potatoes
- Nov. 12th Canned Vegetables
- Nov. 19 Canned chili or soup
- Nov. 26 Box of Spaghetti and canned sauce
- Dec. 3 Canned Fruit
- Dec. 10 Box of Cereal

We need volunteers to shop for perishables. If you can help please sign up in the narthex and pick up a list of items to purchase.



## 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.









## WORSHIP HELPERS FOR NOVEMBER

Novmeber 5

Reader: Bernadette Wellman  
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Communion Deacon: David Stuart  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Flowers:  
Bread: Mary Lou Fricke  
Ushers: Poppy Cartee and Tom McGill

November 12

Reader: Keith Wellman  
Assisting Minister: David Stuart  
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman  
Acolyte:  
Flowers: Bernadette Wellman  
Bread:  
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt

November 19

Reader: Barbara Garnett  
Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman  
Communion Deacon: Jan Kirby  
Acolyte:  
Flowers: KV and Leng Chin  
Bread:  
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt

November 26

Reader: Annette DuVall  
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Flowers:  
Bread:  
Ushers:

Sanctuary Lamp  
Mary Lou Fricke

Chapel Lamp  
Mary Lou Fricke

ALTAR GUILD

Cam Hale and Jeanna  
Bell



## Average Worship Attendance

**NOVEMBER**  
In person: 55

Thankful  
Grateful  
and truly  
Blessed





# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:00pm CCC Christmas Program Practice  7:00 Choir	Pastor at conference meeting in Charleston		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School 3:00pm Installation for Pas- tor LaHammer at CTK		9:30 Quilting Pastor at QRT	6:00pm CCC Christmas Program Practice  7:00 Choir	6:00pm Girl Scouts		1:00-3:00pm Girl Scouts Friendsgiving Meal in Fellowship Hall
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School  		9:30 Quilting	10:00am Book Club  6:00pm CCC Christmas Program Practice  7:00 Choir			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School 12:15pm Council Meeting		9:30 Quilting		Office Closed  	Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
Christ the King Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School		9:30 Quilting	6:00pm CCC Christmas Program Practice  7:00 Choir			





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# ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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