

# St. Paul Epistle—November 2014

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## A Note from Your Pastor

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There's a saying that goes like this: The easiest way to be joyful is to count your blessings instead of your problems. Although we all have hardships in life, we have so many more blessings for which we can be grateful. This month especially, we focus our attention on being thankful. Most, if not all of us, will celebrate a Thanksgiving feast in our homes. Hopefully most, if not all of us, will also gather here in God's house to lift our praises to the Lord for His many blessings! All members and friends are invited to join us in giving God thanks at our Thanksgiving service of worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26. Come, you thankful people, come! As Christians, we should be "*always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Ephesians 5:20). "*O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!*" (Psalm 136:1)

With a grateful heart to God,  
Pastor Jenks

### Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.



PSALM 136:1, KJV

## *Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, November 2*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, November 9*

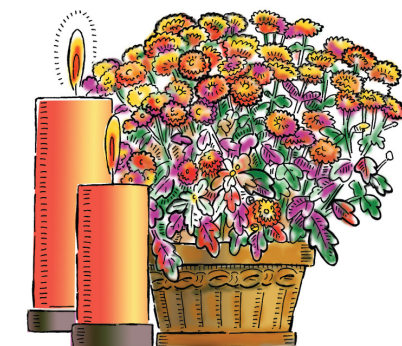
*Hope Gift Market*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, November 16*

*Holy Communion*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sunday, November 23*

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Wednesday, November 26*

*Thanksgiving Eve*

*7:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, November 30*

*First Sunday in Advent*

*Holy Communion*

*One Service Only*

*10:00 a.m.*

### **Sunday Schedule for Nov. 30 -- Thanksgiving Week-end/First Sunday in Advent**

As the last Sunday of this month is Thanksgiving week-end, we will have only one worship service at 10 a.m.

There will be no Education Hour/Sunday School/Bible Study on November 30. Please note that this will be the First Sunday in Advent. Join us as we begin this

special season of contemplation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Come worship with us this Advent season!



**For Men Only** The Evangelism Committee is hosting a special speaker for the men of St. Paul and guests. Col. Jimmy Coy (Ret.) will be presenting "Men without Fear: Moving up in your walk". Col. Coy has written 7 books and has a heart for assisting men who are seeking to learn what God has planned for them and desire to carry it out.

**Date: November 15, 2014;**

**Time: 8:00 to 8:30 am Dunkin' Donuts coffee and rolls; 8:30 to 12:00 pm Speaker.**

**Col. Coy will also speak to men and women during the Education Hour on Sunday, November 16th.**

## *Conversational Dinners*

**NOVEMBER.....V's Are Important!!!!** November is noted for it's V's as we celebrate our "right to vote" and "our Veterans". Conversational Dinners will be November 9th, starting at 6:00pm. Participants in November will show their patriotic colors as we support the "V's". So put on your red, white and blue, you won't want to be left out. So "vote to attend" the November event and mingle with our "veterans" for an evening of conversation and good old American food. We invite all adult singles and couples to be a part of Conversational Dinners. There is no joining fee, no long term commitment, just an opportunity to enjoy an evening with friends.

Contact Drue and Ellen Sander to reserve your seat at the table. (515-292-3574) or [druellen@hotmail.com](mailto:druellen@hotmail.com)

**Conversational Dinners Thank You:** Those attending our October "Spooktacular Evening" had a great time and I hope everyone got a chance to see the "pumpkin creature creations". What a talented group of ghouls and goblins. If you had a chance to read their menus, they brewed up some very interesting dinners. A very special thank you to our "bewitchingly charming" host couples, Tom and Cindy Baas, Maureen and Reiny Friedrich and Drue and Ellen Sander.

### **Fall Clean-up Morning on November 8**

All adults and youth are invited to come pitch in and help out at the fall clean-up morning on Saturday, November 8, starting at 8 am. This is a chance to thank God for all the blessings He sends you and to say "thank you" to St. Paul Lutheran Church for all the wonderful things it does for you. For youth who are working to earn a community service pin, cord, or badge from your school, you can use the hours from this event to go toward that achievement. Come join others of all ages as we work together to get things looking great.



# Education News

## New Sunday School Mission Project



The Sunday School children will be directing offerings from September through December to the purchase of **mittens and hats** for needy children. The children can also bring NEW hats and mittens in as offerings as well.



**Reminder that the Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service.** Practices will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30 and on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00. We really need all Sunday School age children to participate in this special program.



**REHEARSAL**  
SCHEDULE

Teacher  
Needed



**Midweek: We are in need of one or two Midweek teachers for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades starting in January.** This is a great group of students who are excited about

learning more about God's word. Please pray about answering this call. It's a great opportunity to get to know our youth better and to share your faith. Contact Cindy Baas if you are willing to teach.

**Watch for the next edition of the SPY Newsletter.**



# Youth News

## LYF Apple Orchard Trip Wrap Up

This year, we had a total of 34 youth attend the LYF Apple Orchard event. Of those in attendance, 28 were members of St Paul and 6 were guests. Students were ages 6-14yrs old

and we had 10 adults/drivers. The weather was great and the orchard was busy. We enjoyed the corn pool, the giant jumping pillows, tractor races, the giant slide, hay ride and corn maze.

Not to mention yummy apple treats and slushies from the store before we went home.



## LYF November Activity

At the time of publication for the Epistle, our plans were not yet confirmed for the November 12th activity.

We are hoping to do a service event and work at Food at First. However if plans don't come together, we will still have an event at the church.

Please look for special emails or announcements in the bulletin.



## Look for these upcoming LYF events and activities

Christmas Caroling with other church groups/ members

Bowling at Perfect Games

A Lock-In/Movie night

Roller skating or Ice skating

MORE!

# Human Care News

## HOPE GIFT MARKET

**November 9th  
9:30—11:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

November 9th is the date for our annual HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) Gift Market. Come check out the displays set up for each sponsored organization, including our newest agency, Lutherans For Life. While you're browsing, enjoy some coffee and treats provided by the Board of Human Care. A HOPE Gift Market shopping list can be found in this Epistle.

### Younkers Coupon Books

Younkers Coupon Books are for sale now!!! They are \$5 to purchase but have a \$10 coupon in the book. See any Human Care Board member (Carol Folkmann, Reiny Friedrich, Al Latuska, Brian Weber, Nancy Wiebel), or Karen Griffin to purchase your book.



All proceeds will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance to help provide healthy food vouchers, gas vouchers, and rent or utility assistance to persons living in Story County. If you don't care to purchase a book but would like to donate to Good Neighbor, that would be appreciated as well.



**It is time to begin collecting clean, gently used winter coats, and new hats and gloves.** Items will go to HOPE Ministries or the Bethesda clothing bank.

### Bethesda Food Pantry

**Sunday, November 16, is Bethesda Food Bank Sunday.** Please bring items and place in the tub in the east entryway. Cash donations are also welcome and allow the food pantry to buy what they need at a greatly reduced price. You may place your check in the offering plate as long as it is marked "Bethesda Food Pantry."



# Human Care News

## *Need Help?*

**Congregational Care Cards** are now available and have been placed in the pews. If you or someone you know from the congregation needs meals provided due to illness or surgery, or if someone needs a visit or transportation provided, please fill out the card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate, and either an elder or Human Care Board member will take action to help out. Thank you!

**Below is a card you can fill out and mail to the church if you have not been able to pick one up here at church.**

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE CARD

Do you or someone you know need assistance (e.g. meals, rides, etc.)?  
Please place this card in the offering plate or give to an elder.

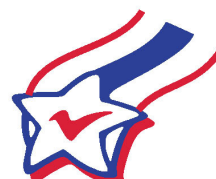
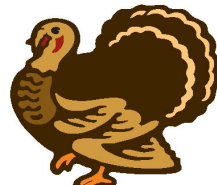
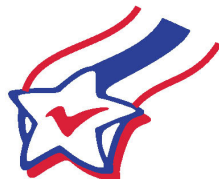
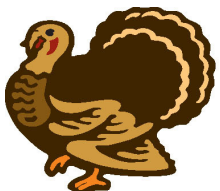
Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

For how long of a duration? \_\_\_\_\_

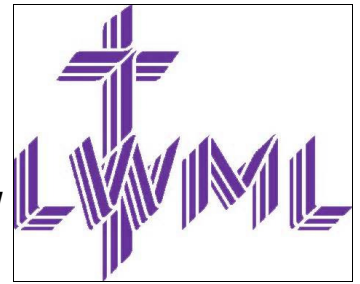
Type of assistance needed/Any additional pertinent information?

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## LWML National Convention News

**Attention Women... and Men!** The National LWML convention will be held in Des Moines June 25-28, 2015. Many hands and feet will be needed to help make this convention run smoothly for all the LWMLers who will be coming from across the nation. NOW is the time to complete the "Call for Workers" form so you can be included in this excitement. We need women and men to be ushers, greeters and numerous other jobs. There is a way everyone can help. If you have any questions, stop in at the church office. Julie has the forms and can answer any questions.



**Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML?** The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.

*God has a way of using the insignificant to accomplish the impossible.*



**Wow... at the Boone Zone rally here at St. Paul we collected 185 pairs of underwear and 82 pairs of socks for HOPE Ministries in Des Moines. We also collected a vanful of blue jeans, denim and flannel for the quilts for homeless veterans being made by the women in Perry. Praise God for this wonderful response.**

## Stewardship News

### Stewardship Sunday is November 16

"What is a steward?" One definition states that a steward is a person who manages the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner. In the Christian sense, a steward is the manager of the affairs of God on earth. God has made each of us a steward, and has given us abilities and talents that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God in how we respect and care for ourselves, each other and our world. Everything we have is given to us by God: time, health, the environment, relationships, talents, property and the Gospel. A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude.

Stewardship Board



## Women of St. Paul

### Family Service Meetings in November

**Family Service:** We will be meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 13 and quilt until 2 p.m. with a break for lunch -- so bring a sack lunch along.

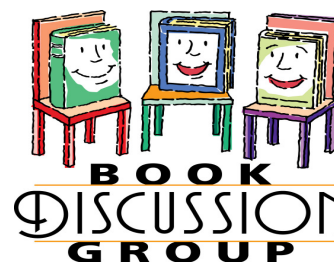
Because of Thanksgiving, our second quilting date will be November 20th. We will quilt from 10 until noon, then break for lunch (bring a sack lunch). At 1 p.m., we will have our monthly devotion/meeting/dessert. Hope to see you there.



**THANKS to everyone who donated old jeans, flannel, and/or fabric to make quilts for veterans.** The donations have been taken to Perry. They had a tremendous response and are nearly overwhelmed with fabric. At this point they request no more jeans/fabric but encourage anyone or any group who would like to either cut 6 1/2 inch squares or make a quilt which can then be taken to Perry for delivery to veterans.

### “Book to Know to Help You Grow”

On November 13 we will meet at the home of Keith and Carol Folkmann to discuss “The Last Sin Eater” by Francine Rivers. Everyone is welcome to join us. The Barnes and Noble description follows: A captivating tale of suffering, seeking, and redemption set in Appalachia in the 1850s, *The Last Sin Eater* is the story of a community committed to its myth of a human “sin eater,” who absolves the dead of their sins, and the ten-year-old child who shows them the Truth. All that matters for young Cadi Forbes is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her, the sin that has stolen her mother’s love from her and made her wish she could flee life and its terrible injustice. But Cadi doesn’t know that the “sin eater” is seeking as well. Before their journeys are over, Cadi and the sin eater must face themselves, each other, and the One who will demand everything from them in exchange for the answers they seek.



Date	Hostess	Book
November 13, 2014	Carol Folkmann	<i>The Last Sin Eater</i> By Francine Rivers
January 8, 2015	Adele Knop	<i>A Winter Dream: A Novel</i> By Richard Paul Evans
April 16, 2015	Shirley Tice	<i>The Red Tent</i> By Anita Diamant

**You are invited to attend the Good Neighbor  
Combined Choir Benefit Concert on Sunday after-  
noon, November 9th, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church  
1517 Northwestern Avenue in Ames  
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.**



Please join us for this annual concert that has become a fall favorite drawing both audiences and performers who appreciate good choral music. This year 15 ensembles from the Ames area will perform. Ms. Lesley Lackore, Music Director at United Church of Christ-Congregational Church, will direct the combined concert choir for the afternoon finale. A free will donation will be received to benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., and its mission of providing emergency rent, utility, food, and gas assistance in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.

We hope to see you there. For more information about the work of Good Neighbor, visit [www.gnea.org](http://www.gnea.org).

## Serving



OTHERS

## Helping those in Need

The tubs under the east coat rack look a little empty sometimes and I am sure we all have something we could put in there: Here is a list of items we can take to the people who really need them or will send them on to those who need it.

**Items for HOPE ministries:** Shoes -any condition but please bind/tie together; Purses and leather belts; Socks and underwear for all ages. (No one wants used underwear and appreciates new undies). Gently used CLEAN coats, new hats and gloves.

**Homeless shelter:** Lighter bath towels; Personal items for everyone; winter coats and gloves (needed later in the fall).

**Bethesda Food Pantry:** Groceries! (If you have something you can't use, bring it to share). Checks are always welcome, just put in the box with the cross on it - we check it weekly. Monetary donations allow the food pantry to buy what they need at a greatly reduced cost.

**Orphan Grain Train:** Christian reading material. Sunday school material, Bibles, hymnals, devotional books, Bible studies, etc.

**Story County or future mission trips:** School supplies are always in big demand especially back packs.

**Lion's Club:** Eyeglasses. (Box is located on top of the coatrack).

**Riverside Manor:** Small trinkets/items for Bingo prizes. (Box located on shelf of WEST coatrack).

**Old Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges for LWML:** Bring us your old cell phones (with charger) and home and/or office ink cartridges and place them in the container in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for all you bring to the collection corner, it is all used and appreciated.

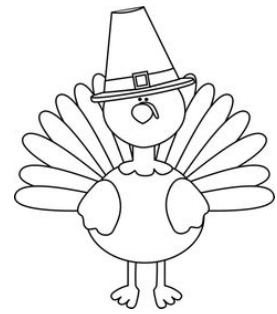
# November 2014 Service Roster

	<b>Nov 2 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 2 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 9 8:30 <i>HOPE</i></b>	<b>Nov 9 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 16 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 16 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 23 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 23 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 26 7:00 pm Thanks- giving Eve</b>	<b>Nov 30 10:00 am</b>
Organ- ist	Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Mary Nelson		Praise Team		<b>Mary Nelson</b>	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Jeff Cook	Brad Tibben →							<b>Tom Henriksen</b>	
Lectors	Tom Peter	Len Thiede	Tom Peter	Len Thiede	Judy Peter	Len Thiede	Ron Juelfs	Len Thiede	<b>Ellen Sander</b>	Ron Juelfs
Aco- lytes	Morgan Tupper	Jordan Vetter			Kaitlyn Cook	Ben Gebhart				Kaitlyn Wegner
Ushers	Paul Knop, Ron Juelfs, Matt & Sandra Pflug	Steve Vollstedt, David Pietsch, Matt Weiss, Len Thiede	→						<b>Drue &amp; Ellen Sander, Tanny Latuska, Ron Coy</b>	Paul Knop, Ron Juelfs, Matt & Sandra Pflug
Greet- ers	Drue & Ellen Sander, Sandy Townsend	Larry & Nancy Wiebel, Len Thiede	→						<b>Doug &amp; Jill Litwiller, Connie Buss</b>	Drue & Ellen Sander, Sandy Townsend
Coffee Fellow- ship			Human Care Board							
Altar Flowers										
Offering Coun- ters	Denny & Shirley Tice →									
Power Point	Connie Lastine	TBA	Connie Lastine	John Murphy	Connie Lastine	John Murphy	Connie Lastine	John Murphy	<b>Julie Coy</b>	Connie Lastine
Sound Board	Wes Lastine	Thomas Wilson	Wes Lastine	Thomas Wilson	Wes Lastine	Tom Peter	Wes Lastine	Greg Van Nostrand	<b>Thomas Wilson</b>	Wes Lastine
Altar Guild	Becky Juelfs, Pat Thiede	Gretchen Z, Karen Griffin →								
Video Record- er	Greg Van Nostrand →							TBA		
Collate Bulle- tins	Dean & Ardy Ulrichson		Dean & Ardy Ulrichson		Dean & Ardy Ulrichson		Al Latuska & Mike Lindell			Al Latuska & Mike Lindell

# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool



## November 2014



This November the preschoolers are going to invite one of their FAVORITE people to come join them for an hour of fun at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Have you guessed who that is yet? If you said "Grandma and Grandpa" you are right! On Tuesday, November 25th the Lamb Class is inviting their grandparents to preschool from 9:00 am -10:00 am and the Lion Class is inviting their grandparents to preschool from 10:30 am—11:30 am. Grandparents will enjoy a short performance, a yummy snack, a simple craft, and many hugs and kisses from their grandchild. If grandparents are unable to make it to the special celebration a relative or a friend can come in their place.



We are thankful that the "Smyles" story time program from the Ames Public Library will be coming back to St. Paul in November. With funding for programing being uncertain the library didn't know if they could continue this service this year. We are happy to say "Miss Rae", our storyteller, will be coming back this month with a November story time to the children here at St. Paul. Also we thank United Way for sponsoring a fieldtrip to preschoolers in Ames to visit the new library. We look forward to this exciting trip and will tell you more information as the plans unfold.



Pizza, pizza, pizza! Preschoolers love pizza! The Lamb and Lion Class will be going to the delicious Italian restaurant, Ge Angelo's in Northern Lights Center to make pizza. The preschoolers are excited to see what ingredients are in pizza and can they make a super tasty pizza to eat? Fieldtrip dates will be announced in early November.

On day one of pumpkin week in October the Lamb Class wasn't sure who makes pumpkins. On day two the preschoolers answered, "God makes pumpkins!" During that week we learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin, created pumpkin art, and visited a pumpkin farm.

### Important

#### November Dates

November 13-14 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School  
November 25- Grandparent's Day

"I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness  
and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High."  
Psalm 7:17

