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A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord:

What do you think of when you think of Thanksgiving? Turkeys roasting? Pies baking? Potatoes getting mashed? Kicking back and watching football? Driving "over the river and through the woods," as to grandmother's house you go? Taking a break from work? Coming to praise God at church? Shopping for super deals the day after (or the night of) your delicious meal?

As your pastor, you might expect I would suggest that Thanksgiving is ultimately about giving thanks to God. This is most certainly true. However, all dimensions of this holiday – from food to football to family – are what help make the event memorable. It could even be that some of those other elements of the holiday, those customs beyond your time in worship, are special blessings for which you give

thanks to God when you come to worship.

God has blessed us materially, with food and clothes and home. For these gracious gifts we are grateful. God has blessed us relationally, with family and spouse and friends. For these gracious gifts we are grateful. God has blessed us physically, with health and the ability to work. For these gracious gifts we are grateful. God has blessed us spiritually beyond measure, through Christ and His true treasures. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!" (Ephesians 1:3) For all these blessings, we give thanks to God.

May God bless you as you thank Him for every aspect you enjoy about Thanksgiving! And one final thought. When I give thanks, I think of you! I thank God for each of you, and for your partnership in serving

our Savior together. I pray that God will be with you and bless you as you lift your thanksgiving to Him! *"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers!"* (Ephesians 1:16)

In Jesus, with thanks,
Pastor Jenks



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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.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

Holy Communion

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

Sunday, November 12

HOPE Gift Market

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

Sunday, November 19

Holy Communion

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



Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26

Holy Communion

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



Our Fall Clean up day will be November 18 at 8:00 am. We hope many will come and help so the work goes quickly. Thank you.



Poinsettias

Due to a wedding this year on December 9, we plan to order mostly white poinsettias. Watch for the order forms to be in the bulletin soon. Thank you for your understanding.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25:35



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving Basket of Plenty **During worship services on November 19**

Please participate in the in-gathering of non-perishable Thanksgiving meal food items — that will be given to those who are unable to provide this traditional meal with their families.

Thank you.

HOPE Gift Market

HOPE Gift Market - November 12, 2017 St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Angel Tree

The Board of Women's Ministry coordinates this annual project. The Angel Tree allows you the opportunity to purchase clothing and gifts for a disadvantaged child in our community through a local charity. There will be a decorated tree at the market in the Fellowship Hall with "lists" attached describing a local child and his/her request for Christmas gifts and/or clothing needs. This is a great opportunity for those of you who like to shop and enjoy wrapping gifts! Check it out.

Butterfly Freedom House

This house, located in Ames, is maintained to provide a loving, safe, and healthy environment where women can reclaim the freedom God originally intended for their lives. It offers women the opportunity to grow in their relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ultimately, they heal from past wounds and experience restoration in their lives. The residents of the Butterfly Freedom House are coming out of incarceration and will receive assistance in developing skills that will help them to live independently.

Kids Alive International

Give animals to build strong bodies and healthy families. One **chicken** can produce approximately 530 eggs during its laying lifetime. One **goat** can provide up to 7 quarts a day in its peak milking season, 10 months of the year! One dairy **cow** produces about 8 gallons of milk every day; in one year, provides up to 2,500 gallons. **Seeds and tools** provides for families to garden and farm, producing food for tomorrow and independence for the future.

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Cooperative (GNEA)

Founded in 1996, "Good Neighbor" has been just that to local residents with emergency needs. This agency is designed to be a source of "last resort" after all other avenues for help have been exhausted. Approximately 30 Ames area churches cooperate and work through the Good Neighbor Office - accepting the challenge of providing the funds for needs/services in Story County. A gift donation might be used for healthy food vouchers, help with electricity or heating fuel bills to keep from being disconnected, or to help pay the rent during a family emergency – to keep families from being evicted. Each gift makes a difference for some of the exploding number of needy families facing a crisis situation in Story County. The alms collected (coins dropped into the small wooden stand in the west church entryway) also supports this program.

Samaritan's Purse

Is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Children's Heart Project transports to lifesaving surgery boys and girls suffering from congenital heart defects. More importantly, they experience a witness from Christian host families and churches with many coming to Christ and experiencing spiritual healing.

World Medical Mission provides Christ-centered medical care for thousands of people while investing in missionary doctors who have committed to serve overseas for two-years at missionary hospitals.

Your gift to **"Where Most Needed"** equips Samaritan's Purse to obtain personnel, materials, support services, buildings, and equipment—providing community development & vocational programs in impoverished villages and neighborhoods. Vulnerable children are rescued, educated, fed, clothed, and sheltered, letting them know that God loves them, Jesus died and rose again for them, and they are not forgotten.

Honey for Help

The Board of Women's Ministry is selling honey in support of the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch located in Minot, North Dakota. At just \$8.00 per bottle, this is a "sweet" way to reach out to troubled kids who are assisted through the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Missionary – Direct Support

1. LCMS provides a way for donors to continue to help support **Julie Lutz** (spouse of Dr. Steve Lutz, who was a medical missionary in Papua New Guinea before his death.) Julie has gone back to PNG and will need support to continue to live, work, and minister to those eager to learn of Jesus.

2. **Rev. Carl & Kelsey Grulke** will be serving as missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators. There are more than 180 million people in the world today that cannot read the Bible in the language of their hearts. Carl and Kelsey, along with their 5 children, will be moving to Botswana to begin working to translate the New Testament into one of the 31 different languages spoken there.

Informed Choice of Iowa

A pro-life medical clinic located in Ames to eliminate the 'need' for abortion through effectively serving the pregnant at-risk woman by turning her fear of the present into confidence in her future.

Lutheran Family Services (LFS)

Lutheran Family Services has been caring for families in Iowa since 1901. LFS was established to provide professional service to those that hard times are too big for them to handle.

Family Life

Thanksgiving..... A Time for Families to Come Together

by Thomas Wilson

With Thanksgiving coming soon, it seems the perfect time to make plans for “the big dinner,” for traveling to parents, grandparents, or aunts and uncles. However, it is also time to intentionally help your family develop a grateful heart. David, the psalmist, says in Psalm 138: 1-2, “I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praises; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.” (ESV)

This is also a time for traditions. Maybe you have family traditions that you complete each year. Maybe it is tradition to try something new each year. Your tradition might be sifting through all the ads in the newspaper to decide where the best prices for an item is, when is the store open. Planning an attack on Black Friday might be the tradition to give you peace in a time of chaos. Your tradition might be to come together as a family and cheer on your favorite football team to victory. Bonding over the common goal of getting the win.

Having this time with families to plan our attack on the stores, to bond together for “our” team is great! There is nothing else quite like having that time to be together. But, what about our faith? Do you have tradition in your family, large or small, that helps you share your faith? We have all answered that question on Thanksgiving, “What are you thankful/ grateful for this year?” but we should be asking, “What do you praise God for this year?”

As we all prepare for the upcoming Turkey day, let us take some time to plan a new family tradition. It could be as small as having a small discussion about God’s love and faithfulness for us and what we are praising him for. Or, it could be something larger like a “God is good” chain, or a “Tree of Thanks.” Taking time with family to discuss God, Jesus and our faith is what is important. Allowing your youth to see how you praise God, and showing them how they should praise Him too, is what God has planned for.

God is loving and faithful. How will you share your thankfulness with those around you? What new tradition can you establish with your loves ones?

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Thomas

Do you want to try a new tradition, something for the whole family, but you do not have the resources, or time to prep for it? Please feel free to contact the Family Life office to request resources for your Family Thanksgiving.

familylife@saintpaulames.org



Education & Youth

St. Paul Campfire Night

Come join us in a FAMILY friendly night at McFarland Park!

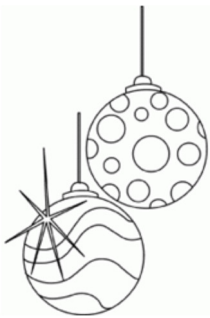
All Families and congregational members are welcome to come and enjoy a night of games, fellowship, food, camp fire, sing-a-long and so much "s'more"!

We will kick off at 6:30 PM with hotdogs and campfire. We will have some games for all to enjoy. Steve and Seana Wilcken will be there to lead us in campfire songs. And then have a chance to make your own s'more!

We are asking you to "sign-up" so we can have an estimate of how many will be there! Sign-up sheet is on the Family Corner Bulletin Board. Contact Thomas Wilson if you have any questions!



Family Ornament Night



The Family Life office, in conjunction with the Youth Board, would like to invite all the families to attend the "Family Ornament Night" on Wednesday, November 29th.

We will be serving a family meal from 5:30 – 6:30. At 6:30 we will walk through all the Christmas ornaments that the families can decorate and take home. We will have ornaments for all age groups, from toddler to high school!

In order to make sure we have enough materials for everyone, we are asking for you to sign up. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex, along with an electronic sign-up e-mailed out the first week in November. If you have questions please contact Thomas Wilson.

HERO-IDW Youth Gathering in Omaha Nov. 17-19

(At the time of printing) we have 3 St Paul youth, one friend and 3 adults attending the Iowa District West youth gathering hosted by the Nebraska District. There is still time for more youth to register! Participants will experience fellowship activities, mass events, interest centers, servant events, large group Bible studies, music, worship and more!



Everyone needs a hero, and yet the older we get the more we realize that heroes aren't supernatural. The best hero stories are those of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. At the gathering we will hear from scripture various accounts of such people as well as the best hero of all-Jesus Christ!

Education and Youth

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COMES TO ST. PAUL

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

As a part of Samaritan's Purse International Relief, Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with toys and other items from people like the St. Paul congregation. They ship these boxes to children around the world that need to hear the word of God and feel the love of Jesus at Christmas time.

Starting Sunday, October 15th boxes will be available for members to pick up to fill. Inside the box will be a listing of items that are able to be packed, and instructions on how to pack the box.

There will also be a small envelope for a \$9 donation for shipping, this will include the opportunity to track where your box is being sent!

Boxes are due back to the church Sunday, November 12th.

This project is being handled by the Family Life Ministry Office.



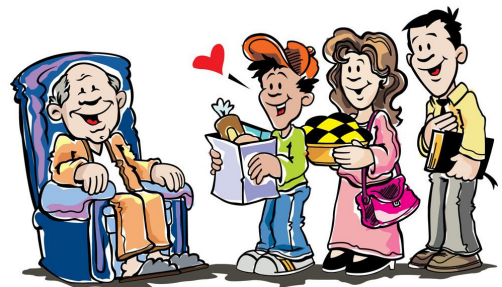
Save the date! Trivia Night

Think you know a few things? Come show off your worthless trivia knowledge!

The National Youth Gathering participants are hosting a trivia night January 13th to raise funds for the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Come compete for the prestigious title of: **Champion of People who "Noah" few things**. Cost is \$100 per team of eight (only \$12.50 per person), and we have room for 12 teams.

Bring your own food, drink, and some friends for a great time. Whether you know a little bit about a lot of things or a lot about a little, come have some fun with us!

November LYF event - look for more info out via emails and the bulletin for our November event. We are trying to coordinate an event with the Human Care Board to benefit some of our shut-ins.



Youth & Education

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Important Children's Christmas Service Dates

Practices:

Saturday, December 2nd 9-11 (2nd Grade- High School)

Saturday, December 9th 9-10 (2nd Grade – High School)

10-11(Preschool – High School)

This practice will take place in the fellowship hall.

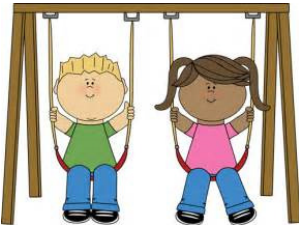
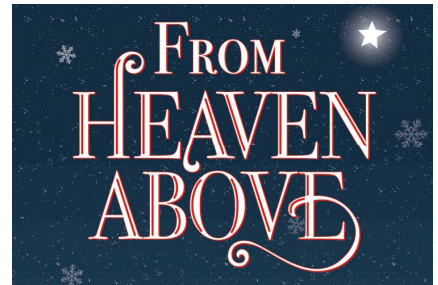
Sunday, December 10th 9:45 – 10:45 (3rd Grade – High School)

Service:

Sunday, December 10th 11:00 service only

(Children are asked to bring a wrapped box with their offering enclosed)

WE WILL BE HAVING A CHILDREN'S BAND ENSEMBLE- PLEASE LET BRENDA DRYER (bsdryer50@gmail.com) KNOW IF YOUR CHILD PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PART OF THE SERVICE.



Fall Sunday School offerings are being directed to new playground equipment for the Preschool!

Fall Fun

On October 11, youth gathered for pizza, homemade Halloween cupcakes (Thank you Amy!), pumpkin decorating and the mummy game.

Youth decorated pumpkins using a variety of materials including paint, yarn, popsicle sticks, fabrics, pompoms, and so much more. With lots of imagination and creativity, the pumpkins became "buddies" or works of art.

During the mummy game, kids had fun wrapping each other in TP to see who could wrap the tightest and who could break out to freedom just like Jesus breaking out of the tomb for us.

The Board of Youth would like to thank the Buttery family and Phipps family for providing and serving the meal. (See pictures on next page.)

LYF Event



**PUMPKIN
Decorating ON
October 11**



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 9/30/17

2017-2019 National Mission goal: \$2,075,000.00

Amount Received: \$403,432.81

Amount Needed: \$1,671,567.19

We collect mites for missions on the 4th Sunday of each month. For more information go to www.lwml.org.

Soup and Pie Advent

supper- The Women of St. Paul will be hosting the annual soup and pie supper for the first Advent meal on Dec 6 at 5:45 pm. Please watch for the sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board.



FAMILY SERVICE ~

The quilting group will meet on Thursday **Nov 9th** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear Thrivent T-Shirts and bring a sack lunch. Please join us if you can.

We also meet on Thursday **Nov 30th** at 10:00 a.m. for quilting and for the Family Service Meeting at 1:00 with a devotion and dessert.

Please join us if you can.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”

Our next Book club meeting is in November. We will discuss “The Hiding Place” by Corrie ten Boom. Barnes and Noble says: “Every experience God gives us . . . is the perfect preparation for the future only He can see.”—Corrie ten Boom

“Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the

Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil. Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people. For 35 years millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.” **Everyone is invited to read this book and join us for the discussion.**



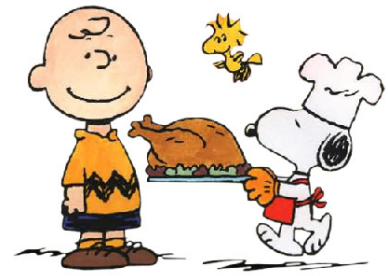
| Date | Hostess | Book |
|----------------|--------------------|---|
| Nov 9, 2017 | Adele Knop | “The Hiding Place” by Corrie ten Boom |
| Feb 8, 2018 | Karen Griffin | “Her Daughter’s Dream” by Francine Rivers |
| April 12, 2018 | Gretchen Zitterich | “In the Presence of My Enemies” by Gracia Burnham |

November 2017 Service Roster

| | Nov 5 8:30 | Nov 5 11:00 | Nov 12 8:30 | Nov 12 11:00 | Nov 19 8:30 | Nov 19 11:00 | Nov 22 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve | Nov 26 10:00 Only One Service |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Organist | LaDonna Osborn | | Ellen Sander | | Praise Team | | LaDonna Osborn | LaDonna Osborn |
| Elders | Chris Hand | Greg Gebhart → | | | | | Chris Hand | |
| Lectors | John Murphy | Connie Lastine | John Murphy | Connie Lastine | John Murphy | Connie Lastine | Tanny Latuska | John Murphy |
| Acolytes | Dylan Fritz | Jackson Stensland | | | Madison Weber | Tate Ploessl | | |
| Greeters | Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Sharron Martin | Marilyn Hagemoser, Tom & Beth Henriksen → | | | | | Dennis & Karen Griffin, Vickie Roach | Wayne & Marilyn Hagemoser, Sharron Martin |
| Ushers | Jeromy Fritz, Drue Sander, Matt & Sandra Pflug | Ron Coy, Lori Jenks, Ryan Latuska, Matthew Latuska → | | | | | Tanny Latuska, Becky Jackson, Thomas & Lisa Wilson | Jeromy Fritz, Drue Sander, Matt & Sandra Pflug |
| Coffee Fellowship | | | | | | | | No coffee today |
| Coffee Time Greeter | Janelle Swenson → | | | | | | | |
| Altar Flowers | Harry & Pam Mundt | | | | Baskets of Plenty | | | |
| Offering Counters | Steve & Marlene Johnson | | Steve & Marlene Johnson | | Dean & Ardy Ulrichson | | Dean & Ardy Ulrichson | Dean & Ardy Ulrichson |
| Power Point | Stephanie Mandernach | Julie Coy | Stephanie Mandernach | Julie Coy | Stephanie Mandernach | Julie Coy | Julie Coy | Stephanie Mandernach |
| Sound Board | Jordan Mandernach | Greg Van Nostrand | Jordan Mandernach | Greg Van Nostrand | Jordan Mandernach | Greg Van Nostrand | Greg Van Nostrand | Jordan Mandernach |
| Altar Guild | Pat Thiede, Connie Buss, | Beth Henriksen, Geri Schulz → | | | | | | |
| Video Recorder | Tom Peter → | | | | | | | |
| Collate Bulletins | Dean & Ardy Ulrichson → | | | | | | | |



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool November 2017



Upcoming Dates:

November 1-3

No School Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 23-24

No School: Thanksgiving Vacation

Grandparents' Day

November 20 for the

M/TH Lamb Class 9:00 -10:15 am

November 21 for the

T/FR Lamb Class 9:00-10:15 am

Play a gratefulness game with your child, following the rules of "I Spy." Begin the game by saying, "I'm thankful for something in this room." Offer clues until your preschooler guesses the object; take time to give the reason for your gratitude. Continue the game by saying, "I'm grateful for someone in the family." Again, once your child guesses the person, share the reason for your thankfulness.

Also consider keeping a family gratitude journal. During the day, invite your preschooler to contribute to the journal by drawing a picture or gluing a photo of something she's thankful for. Allow the rest of the family to write or draw in the journal, too. Before dinner, let your child explain her writings or drawings to the family and offer thanks.

**give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good;
his
LOVE endures
forever.**

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★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

God's November Birthday Blessings to...

Lamb C

Lilly 11/27

Lion

Milo 11/27

Lamb B

Judah 11/7

Trace 11/8

Ben 11/17