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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!

I have one more thought about giving thanks. 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 thanksgiving,  
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 3*

*Holy Communion*

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

*Sunday, November 10*

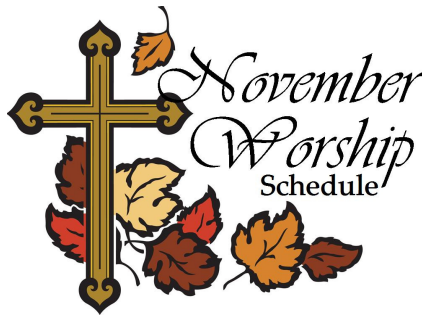
*HOPE Gift Market*

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

*Sunday, November 17*

*Holy Communion*

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



*Sunday, November 24*

*Baskets of Plenty*

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

*Wednesday, November 27*

*Thanksgiving Eve*

*7:00 p.m.*

## **Member Spotlight**

**SPOT-  
LIGHT  
ON...**

It's been a long time since we have had a Member Spotlight in the Epistle! Well, we have decided to bring it back. This is a great way to read about our members, new and old. Starting in January we will spotlight individual members OR families each month. If you have received or if you receive a letter with the Spotlight questionnaire, we ask that you PLEASE return the form back to the office, hopefully with a picture, as soon as possible! Thank you so much for your attention and cooperation!



## A.C.E – Ark and Creation Experience 2020

FINAL CALL! If you are interested in joining us on our ACE Trip to Kentucky next Summer, July 8-11, 2020, please see either Denny and Shirley Tice or Thomas Wilson. You still have time to register!

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual HOPE Gift Market is November 10th (9:45 – 11:00) in the Fellowship Hall.**

**November 10th** is the date for our annual HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) Gift Market. This year we celebrate 21 years of giving to others in need! Come check out the displays set up for each sponsored organization, while visiting with the Board of Human Care and the Women of St. Paul.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and some treats, too!

A HOPE Gift Market shopping list and order form can be found in this Epistle. **If you can't be at the Gift Market, complete this form, attach your check (made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church), and place both in the Human Care mailbox. Order forms will also be available at the back of church, and will be accepted through the month of November.**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity!

**Are you finding it difficult to park your car and get into church?** Is finding a parking spot getting harder and harder? Do you or a loved one need help getting into church? Is the weather becoming a factor? If you answered yes to any of these questions, **then**

**VALET PARKING is right for you.** If you



need help for a short time, or extended period, do not hesitate to ask. It is a privilege to assist anyone needing help. Please contact the office, or Cindy Baas at 515-291-4289 to make arrangements.



**Fall Work Day– Nov. 9 at 8:30 a.m.** Come and help clean up our church grounds for the winter. We appreciate everyone who comes and helps!

## Family Life

### Homegrown Fruits of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22-23

This past summer the Board of Education at St. Paul taught a series on the Fruits of the Spirit during their Summer Sunday School. Now it's time to bring these lessons home and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in the kids.

AS parents, the thought of cultivating your children in the fruit of the Spirit may feel like a pipedream some days. The busyness of life may creep in and take away any free time that you have to devote. Sometimes just getting your kids into bed may feel like a parenting win!

I get it! Sometimes you feel like you're starting from behind, like there is no way teaching your children to be kind, good, gentle, and patient could happen. Yet alone teach them about peace, joy, self-control and faithfulness.

Here's the good news: You are not alone! You have help! God and the Holy Spirit are with you, they are there to help. In fact, no one can grow any of these “supernatural” qualities on their own will-power.

And guess what? We all will fail at times. It's best to admit the failures faster, seek forgiveness, and keep going. Keep growing. That's what we need, and what your kids need! Trust Jesus with eternity and with your parenting, and consider the power of His words in John 15:8: “This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

I know this seems like a weird time to start a new “series” of articles. But I have been moved by the Spirit to begin. So, I encourage you to come along over the next several months as we open up this topic of cultivating our youth, your children, in the fruit of the Spirit. During the upcoming months we will lay the groundwork for studying the fruit of the Spirit as we cover the following five points: 1. We must be spiritually connected. 2. The fruit of the Spirit is interconnected. 3. Growth takes time. 4. Growth begins in the home. 5. Growth continues in community.

### ADVENT IN A BOX!

Families, are you ready for Advent to kick off? Not to worry! The Family Life Ministry Office will have everything you need in a box with Advent in a Box!

NEW this year you will be able to experience Advent as a family in a way to assist you in preparing for Christmas with 5 easy weekly devotions!

Boxes will be ready to pick up on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>!



## Evangelism

### New Member Welcome

All new members who joined St. Paul since April, 2019 are encouraged to attend church November 24 for an official membership welcome during church service and during Adult Bible class.

All members are invited to join everyone for a **WELCOME POTLUCK BRUNCH** at 9:45.

Bring a brunch item to share and enjoy. The Evangelism Board is planning this and will provide plates, beverages, etc.

This is a great opportunity for old and new members to get acquainted.

### Servers Needed!

The Board of Evangelism is seeking volunteers to serve at Food at First. If you are interested please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will be serving and cleaning up. Probably about 2 hours and wear anything but make sure you have comfortable shoes. I want to thank you for your consideration of this. We would like to create a pool of volunteers.

Thanks Again

Charles Ellis, Evangelism Chair

### Advent Meals



Advent begins the first week of December and we will have meals before church as before. All three meals are covered with people to serve them. December 4, Soup and Sweets, sponsored by the

Women; December 11, Thomas and Lisa will plan the meal, with a freewill offering to cover costs; and December 18 will be the Camp Okoboji fundraiser for cabin renovation.

Please start planning to serve a meal before the Lenten church services now. Anyone or group can plan and serve a meal and there can be a freewill offering to help cover the cost of the meal.

## Education & Youth

### Save the Dates! Camp Okoboji 2020 Summer Camp Dates:

Junior High Week - July 5-11 (6-8th grade)

Cub Week #2 - July 12-18 (3-5th grade)

(They haven't set week 1 yet)

Youth Week - July 19-25 (9-12th grade)





## Education & Youth

### Sunday School Youth Present: "The Gift"

The Board of Education is excited to present an original production, "The Gift", for the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM service.

Parents of youth in Sunday School (Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) please note the following rehearsal times:

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Instrumental Ensemble 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Instrumental Ensemble 9:00 -11:00 AM

ALL YOUTH (Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup>) 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: High School Youth report at 10:30 AM to greet and usher

All other youth attend Sunday School hour

11:00 AM - Program



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – YEAR 3!

The Family Life Ministry office will be "hosting" Operation Christmas Child again this year!

How great it is for us to serve God by giving to those who are in need. Boxes are available for pickup now in the narthex. NEW this year: All of our boxes to hand out will be PLASTIC SHOEBOXES! Boxes will need to be dropped back off by Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

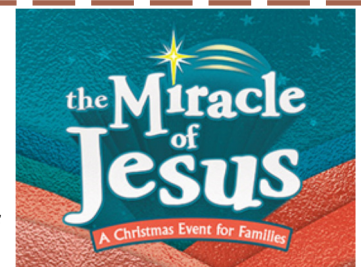
If you have questions please contact Thomas Wilson, Director of Family Life Ministry.

### CHRISTmas is coming!

You and your family are invited to join us on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM for our annual Family Christmas Event!

Sponsored by the Family Life Office and the Board of Evangelism, participating families will be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It has been some years since that special night, and the miracle baby has gone on to do some truly incredible things! Families will have fun at the "authentic", multisensory experiences they'll find in this village.

Fun for the whole family you will not want to miss!



## Education and Youth

### Upcoming Events (subject to change)

Nov - canvas painting (blessings and thanks)  
 Dec -no LYF event -we hope all will participate in the church Christmas Program  
 Jan 3-high school lock-in  
 Jan- Sports Iowa (or bowling)  
 Feb 9 - Youth Sunday (grades 3-12)  
 Feb -service project with Valentine's theme  
 March- no LYF event due to spring break  
 March 27-28 - lock-in (grades 5-8)  
 April - roller skating (or bowling)- last event until September 2020. (since midweek done in April.)

### Foundations Prepared

Please pray for 3 of our youth - Marcus Nelson, Erin Murphy and Maddie Weber and their Sheperd Lisa Wilson along with Thomas Wilson who will be serving in a district capacity as they attend the IDW High School Youth Gathering "Foundations Prepared" November 15-17 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines.



### Fun time at "Pasta & Pumpkins" event

On October 9 a fantastic pasta meal was enjoyed by our youth. A big THANK YOU to Debbie and Scott Harris for providing the meal and to the volunteers who helped serve. A devotional titled "You are God's Pumpkin" gave the lesson that we are all God's pumpkins and he scoops out our yucky insides so we can let HIS light shine.

The group then made sympathy cards to send to the youth group at St Paul in Fort Dodge for the loss of Pastor Henderson.

After cards were made the pumpkin carving and decorating began! (Thank you to the Rees family for the larger pumpkins)!

## Education & Youth

### Save the date for a night of fun!



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Paul Trivia Night is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will begin reserving tables in December. That's sooner than it sounds and we only have room for 8 tables, so start putting your teams together now and pick a team captain. Tables cost \$100 for a maximum of eight (8) players. Proceeds help support the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Registration and social time will start at 5:30, and questions will start at 6:00. Finally, all that useless information you know can be put to use supporting a great cause!



## Women's Ministry

The American Heritage Girls have been busy last month. They are learning requirements for the Home Care and Repair badge by practicing changing batteries in smoke detectors, and light bulbs in lamps. They have used hammers, battery operated drills, screwdrivers, and saws. This past week the Explorers (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) assembled and painted birdhouses and continued work on the key racks they made the week before. The Tenderhearts (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) went on a field trip to Ace hardware learning about tools through a scavenger hunt. In the last three weeks 13 families attended October 11th Family Movie Night at the Nevada Talent Factory to see "Big Hero 6"; 9 Explorers and a Pioneer went on a camp out; and 16 enthusiastic troopers cleaned at the Butterfly Freedom House. Everyone is looking forward to the Fundraiser Bake Sale at St. Paul on Sunday October 27 followed by participating in the Trunk or Treat in the afternoon.





## Women's Ministry

### LWML National 2019–2021 Mission Grant #3 — \$100,000 Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa

Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering programs that are a powerful force to physically and spiritually change the lives of young women to disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution by teaching income producing trades for economic independence and success, sharing the Gospel, and connecting them with the church. The purpose of this grant is to identify young women in prisons after they have been arrested for prostitution or small crimes and provide rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those young women expressing a desire to reform and connecting them with the church.



Girls and young women, helped through Lutheran Hour Ministries—Cameroon, are taught a simple vocation like sewing and cloth-making, and learn about God's saving Word.

#### Angel Tree & Mission to Israel



The HOPE Gift Market will be Nov. 10 and the Board of Women's Ministry will again sponsor the Angel Tree and the Mission to Israel. Stop by our table and pick the name of an angel

#### LWML Sunday

Thank you to all who helped make our LWML Sunday a success. We heard many wonderful comments and we are pleased that our message was well received. Special thanks to Lisa & Thomas Wilson who adapted the LWML message to skit format, and to Shirley Tice for preparing the Children's message. How Mighty are the mustard seeds of this bunch of ladies.



# Women's Ministry

**LWML Mite Update:** as of 9/30/19

**2019-2021 National Mission goal: \$2,100,000.00**

**Amount Received: \$506,560.63**

**Amount Needed: \$1,593,439.38**

We normally collect mites for missions on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**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/Missions bulletin board going up to the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.

## ***FAMILY SERVICE ~ Note change of dates for November due to Thanksgiving.***

Family Service Quilters will meet on Thursday Nov. 7th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirt, bring a sack lunch and join us. We will also meet Nov. 21st at 10:00 am till noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship. At 1:00 p.m. we will meet for devotions and a short planning meeting for the coming year. We appreciate donations of sheets, blankets, and other materials we can use for the middles of the quilts. **Over 100 quilts were taken to Orphan Grain Train in October.** Come and join us, all are welcome.



### **"Book to Know to Help You Grow"**

Everyone is invited to join us for our next discussion on Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm at Thelma Voetberg's home to discuss "Fire by Night" by Lynn Austin.

The Barnes and Noble description of this book: **"Two young women in a land shattered by war test the limits of their strength-** Lovely Julia Hoffman has always enjoyed the carefree life of her well-to-do Philadelphia family. But when she fails to attract the attention of Nathaniel Greene, a fierce abolitionist, she shocks her family by becoming a Union nurse. Will that be enough to win Nathaniel's heart?

Phoebe Bigelow, from western Virginia, has always been a misfit, and when her brothers join the Union army, she also enlists—under false pretenses.

Soon, both have their eyes opened to the realities of war and suffering. Neither is quite ready for the demands of her new life, but their journeys of sacrifice and love are sure to change them in unexpected ways."

Date	Hostess	Book
Nov 14, 2019, 7 pm	Thelma Voetberg	"Fire by Night" by Lynn Austin
Jan 16, 2020, 7 pm	Adele Knop	"Angels Walking: A Novel" by Karen Kingsbury
March 12, 2020, 7 pm	Gretchen Zitterich	"Daughters of Jerusalem: A Novel" by Joan Wolf
May 14, 2020, 7 pm	Janelle Swenson	"Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers

# November 2019 Service Roster

	<b>Nov 3 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 3 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 10 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 10 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 17 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 17 11:00</b>	<b>Nov 24 8:30</b>	<b>Nov 24 11:00</b>	<b>Wed, Nov 27 7:00 pm</b>
Organist	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Ellen Sander	Ellen Sander	LaDonna Osborn	LaDonna Osborn	Praise Team	Praise Team	LaDonna Osborn
Elders	Keith Folkmann	Matt Weiss →							Denny Tice
Lectors	John Murphy	Keith Folkmann	John Murphy	Keith Folkmann	Erin Murphy	Inez Smith	Erin Murphy	Inez Smith	Dawn Schulte
Acolytes	Taylor Puck	Kylie Taylor			Keegan Wegner	Lydia Nelsen			
Greeters	Paul & Adele Knop, Mark & Janelle Swenson	Jolene Drawbond, Tom & Beth Henriksen →							Wanda & Dawn Schulte, Connie Buss
Ushers	John & Erin Murphy, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Tom & Cindy Baas	John & Erin Murphy, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Tom & Cindy Baas	John & Erin Murphy, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Inez Smith, Mike West	John & Erin Murphy, Reiny & Maureen Friedrich	Keith & Carol Folkmann, Inez Smith, Mike West	Paul & Adele Knop, Harry & Pam Mundt
Coffee Fellowship			Human Care – HOPE Gift Market						
Coffee Time Greeter	Janelle Swenson →								
Altar Flowers	Dave & LaDonna Osborn						Thanksgiving display		
Offering Counters	Steve & Carol Vollstedt →								
Power Point	Sarah Fahrmann	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrmann	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrmann	Julie Coy	Sarah Fahrmann	Julie Coy	Julie Coy
Sound Board	Ben Fahrmann	Greg Van Nostrand	Ben Fahrmann	Greg Van Nostrand	Ben Fahrmann	Greg Van Nostrand	Ben Fahrmann	Greg Van Nostrand	John Murphy
Altar Guild	Jan Ziebell Connie Buss	Judy Peter Gloria Lewis →							
Video Recorder	Tom Peter →								
Collate Bulletins	Keith & Carol Folkmann →								
Valet Parkers	Paul Knop		Paul Knop		Keith Folkmann		Keith Folkmann		



# St. Paul Lutheran Preschool

## November 2019 News

### Thankful Thoughts from the EK Class-The Shining Stars

I thank God for farmers. My grandma and grandpa have been farming for 40 days in Iowa. They pick corn with their combine and their cows eat hay. I love to ride in the tractor and combine when I visit them. By Elias

I thank God for candy because it is so tasty. Chocolate fudge is my favorite candy. I get to have candy on Halloween and on some Fridays when my Grandma comes to visit. By Lily

I thank God for my Grandmas and Grandpas. I have so much fun with them. We go on dates together and I look forward to seeing them and spending time with them. I love them. By Ben

I thank God for my family. My family is nice to me. Together we like to play tag, dance, ride our bikes, play games like Headache, and watch movies like Flash. By Jackson

I thank God for Grandmas and Grandpas. We have fun when we get together. Sometimes they come to my house and sometimes I go to their houses. We have fun when we go to Pizza Ranch and play games. By William

### November Learning Highlights

- **The Cubs class (2's)** will have fun learning about things they are thankful for.
- **The Lamb Class (3's)** will discover fun facts about dinosaurs and owls.
- **The Bear Class (3-4's)** will learn about farms and harvest.
- **The Lion Class (4's)** will continue to explore topics about fall including learning about squirrels.
- **The EK Class (5's)** will work on descriptive writing and learn about Thanksgiving.

Bible Lessons in the classroom and Chapel with Pastor Jenks will focus on God's Old Testament lessons on the tabernacle, Gideon, David, and Naomi & Ruth.

### November Special Events:

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Don't forget to sign up for a parent-teacher conference by your child's classroom.
- **Grandparent's Day:** All grandparents are invited to come to Grandparent's Day at St. Paul. November 25: M/TH Lambs, Lions. November 26: Cubs, T/FR Lambs, Bears, and EK

