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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: For over 12 centuries, the Christian Church has commemorated on November 1 those who have died for the faith. This is called All Saints' Day. Some Christians use the term saint to refer only to those Christians who have lived exceptional lives and have been dead for some time. The Scriptures call all believers saints since even now they are holy through faith in Christ. In this lifetime, God's saints are militant, at war against the devil and under attack from the unbelieving world around us. We look forward to being saints triumphant, enjoying the eternal peace of heaven. Today, Jesus impresses on each of us that we are "Blessed to be a Saint".

Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Psalm 149A

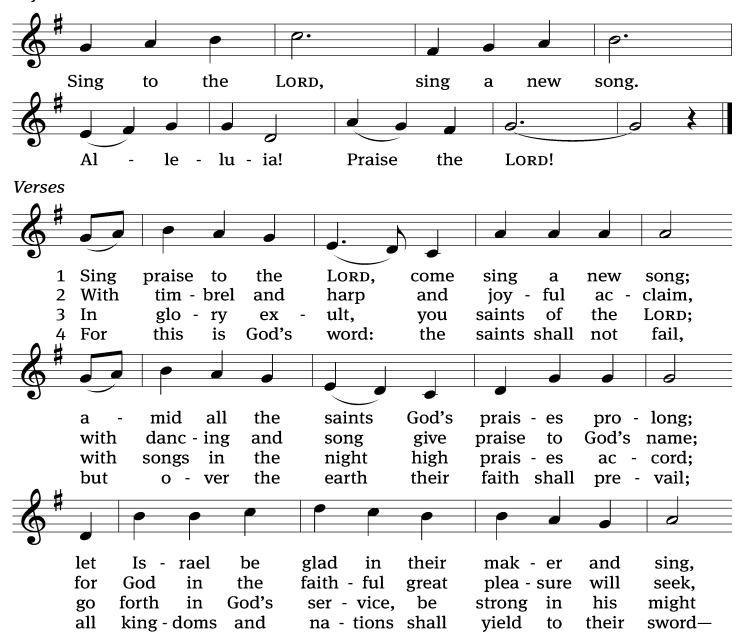
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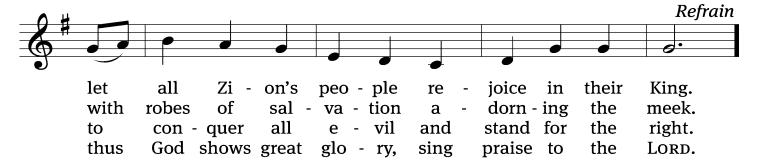
- The soloist will sing the first refrain and first verse.
- The congregation is invited to sing the remaining verses and refrains.

10:30 Service

- St. Paul's 3K & 4K will sing all the refrains.
- The soloist will sing the first verse.
- The congregation is invited to sing verses 2-4.

Refrain





Stand

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

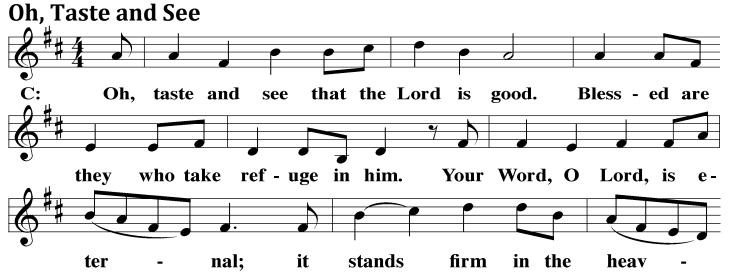
CONFESSION OF SINS

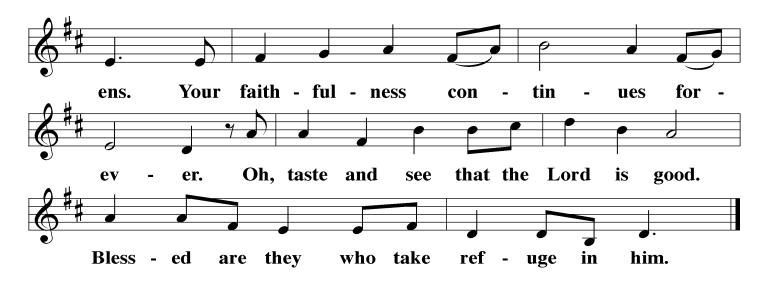
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

Baptism [10:30]

Amelia Eileen Altman

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9–17

Blessed are those who have come out of the great tribulation, their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,

who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

gates

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne

will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶'Never again will they hunger;

never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,'

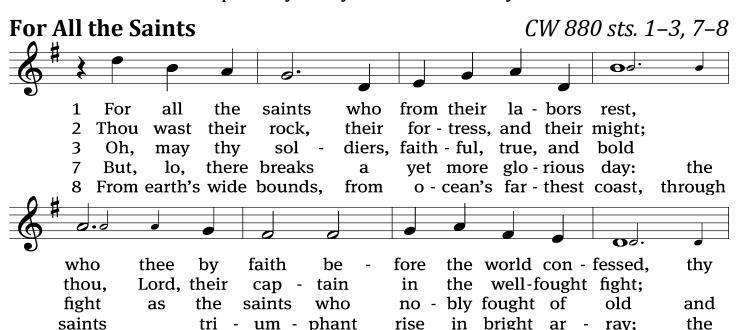
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nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

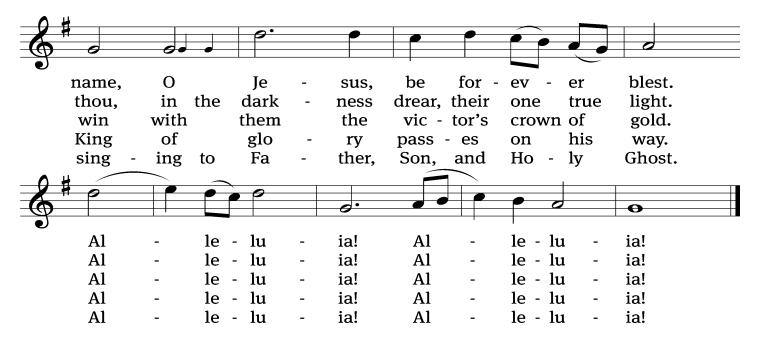


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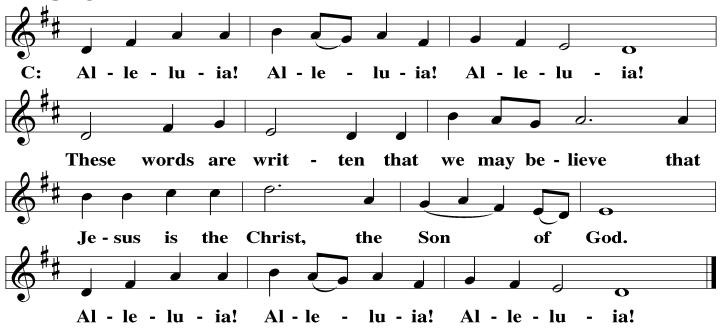
SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

We are blessed to be called children of God, who will see Christ and be like him when he appears.

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Stand

Blessed are believers even when they mourn and face persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

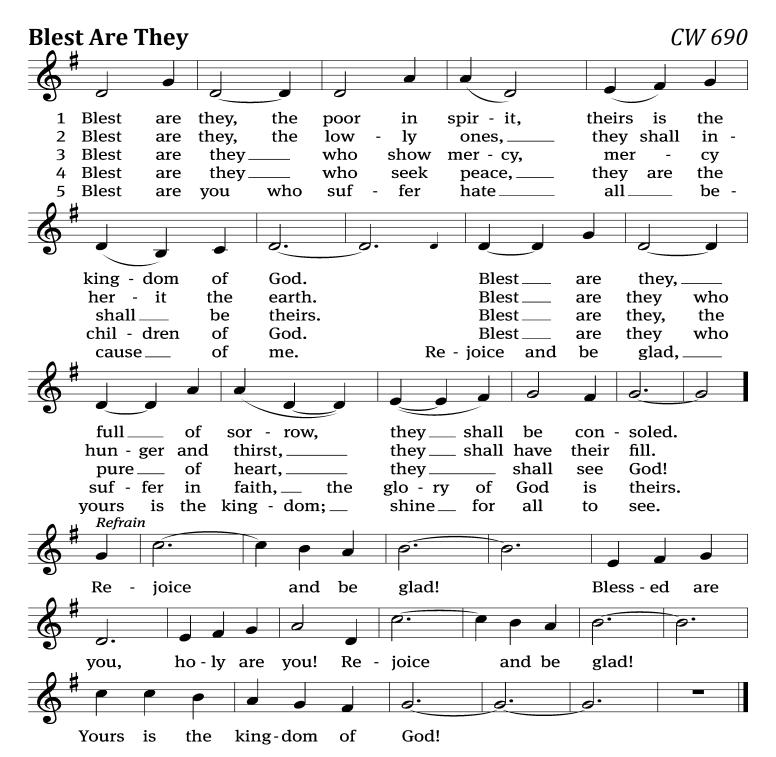
¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of our Lord.



Be Seated



SERMON 1 John 3

The Hill to Die On
What God has done * What we have become

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called,

gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

Special intercessions

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy. **Amen**.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Stand

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



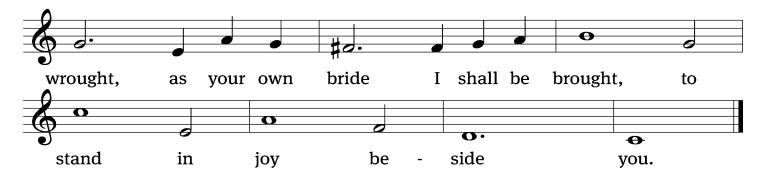
Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.





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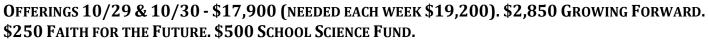
ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Rachel Rehbein, Christina Sprenger.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Jeremy Pieper, Jon/Josh Pieper, Jason Pieper, Paul Holzwart, Steve Sprenger. 10:30a.m. –Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Mark Kolosovsky, Brad Tinker, Derek Grunwald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



ATTENDANCE 10/29 & 10/30: 8:00 A.M. - 212. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:00 P.M. - 38.

In our prayers this week...

1. 105th birthday (November 6) of Agnes Froemming, mother of Cheri Hanson.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, November 5	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 3K-4K Sings at 10:30 a.m. Service
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, November 6	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice



Tuesday, November 7	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. LCMS Study
Wednesday, November 8	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
Thursday, November 9	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study CANCELED
	5:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Dinner
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, November 11	8:00 a.m. CCCW Meeting
Sunday, November 12	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School Sings in both services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Living Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Sunday Bible Study** in September we began a Bible study on the book of Revelation. The book is encouraging, challenging, picturesque, and at times it puts you on the edge of your seat. Best of all, it points us all to Jesus to trust him and see his guiding hand in this shaky world until we joyfully shake his hand on the last day. The study will take place in the Harvest Room. There is child care available for younger children while parents are in Bible study. *Today we will look at chapters 12 & 13.*
- 2. **Wednesday morning Bible** study is on *The Theology of the Cross.* Join us at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room!
- 3. **Sunday School** is held each weekend for children in grades PreK through 8. The Sunday School children sing in both services on November 12.
- 4. **Men's Bible Study -** Due to low attendance and scheduling conflicts, the men's Bible study *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel* has been canceled moving forward. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org; 920.287.8575.

- 5. **Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** There are many different Lutheran churches in our area. Are they all pretty much the same? On several Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, Pastor Bode will lead a class looking at the historical relationship between the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will consider the blessings of the fellowship we once shared, differences that led to the synods splitting in 1961, as well as current relationships and teachings. Come and grow in your appreciation of how the Lord works through his Word and rules over time and history for the good of his Church. *Our next class is October 24.*
- 6. **Women's Advent Tea** Join us on Saturday, November 18th, for our Women's Advent Tea from 9:30-11:00am in the Harvest Room. Guests are welcome! Come and spend the morning growing with other women in God's Word and preparing our hearts for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass using the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the member room.

In Other News

- 1. **Printed Photo Directory -** They're here! Those members that requested a printed photo directory may pick it up in the narthex after each worship service Sunday, November 5, and Monday, November 6. There is no charge for the printed photo directory. Donations to offset the cost of printing can be placed in the designated donation box located in the narthex. Reach out to Lynn Litt, chairman of the Evangelism Committee, with any questions.
- 2. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
- 3. **Night To Shine**: Exciting News! Manitowoc Lutheran High School was recently selected to be one of the official host sites this school year for "Night To Shine" on Friday, February 9th, 2024. "Night To Shine" is a complimentary special needs prom event that occurs every year and is open to anyone living with disabilities, ages 14 and older. It's a night where those living with special needs get to be reminded of God's love for them, too! It's sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation & this year there are only 4 host sites in the entire state of Wisconsin! That being said, help is going to be needed to make this night a success. If you have a heart for individuals with special needs, are curious to know more, or would be interested in helping with this event—please contact Nathan Meitner at nmeitner@mlhslancers.org or 920-428-2010.

- 4. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
- 5. **Living Nativity Posters and Postcards** are available in the member room. Please take some postcards to pass on to your family and friends. If you signed up to deliver posters, they are labeled for you.
- 6. **Living Nativity Cookies-** Sign-up sheets are available in the member room. Please sign up if you are interested in baking 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. (No bars or cakes please). Cookies may be dropped off beginning Thursday, November 30th.
- 7. Living Nativity Rehearsal and Costume Assignments will be held next week, November 12th, right after second service. A light lunch will be served and our ONLY rehearsal will be held around 12 noon. We will go through the script and head out cues and plan to be done quickly. We will have moved the stable again this year, so it is helpful if you are able to attend. If you can't be there for costume assignment or rehearsal, please let Gale Litt (costumes) or Marilyn Eirich know. We still are looking for a few adult angels on Friday and Sunday, a few kid angels on Friday, women greeters all nights, especially Sunday, a couple of Roman Guards any night, cast room food set up and clean up (food provided) Saturday and Sunday, make up all nights.
- 8. **Veteran's Day Dinner** St. Paul's is hosting a Veteran's Day Dinner on Thursday, November 9th. Veterans from our congregation and community are invited to attend as our special guests. Veterans are also invited to bring a guest to attend with them. The schedule for the evening is as follows:
 - a. 5:00 5:30 Arrival
 - b. 5:30 5:50 Invite to Visit Memorabilia
 - c. 5:50 6:00 Live Music
 - d. 6:00 6:30 Dinner/Dessert
 - e. 6:30 7:15 Guest Speaker
 - f. 7:15 Closing

We would be honored to display service uniforms, pictures, medals, and other memorabilia. Please contact Mr. Wieting, michael.wieting@sphg.org or 715-439-9193, if you would like to bring in items to display. Please register by scanning the QR Code above or call the office at 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!

- 9. **Shortened Pews during Worship Services** A reminder that the shortened pews are designed for those requiring movement assistance. Please reserve the shortened ends of the pews for those that need to sit in a wheelchair or store a walker and their families. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated.
- 10. **St. Paul's Veterans** We are looking to update our records to have an accurate list of everyone who has served our country. Please scan the QR Code to fill out the form or contact the office secretary@sphg.org or 920-565-3780. Thank you for your service!
- 11. **It may seem early but...the Pioneers** are taking orders during October for Christmas wreaths. We have switched to after school meetings, concentrating on a single subject for 2 months. We do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price is \$25.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 26th.
- 12. **Nativity Sets** We would love to display any and all Nativity sets during our Living Nativity weekend for visitors to enjoy. If you have displayed one before, please bring it again. There are always new people who come and others that love to see favorites from years past. If you would like to bring a nativity set(s), please sign-up in the member room and **indicate if you are bringing more than one and what message you want displayed with your set(s)**. Your message can be emailed to hamannlinda70@gmail.com or placed in her mailbox (C20) **no later than Monday**, **November 20th**. New this year, please take a 4x6 picture of your set(s) for identification purposes. Please bring Nativity sets and photos to the commons area on Thursday, November 30th in the afternoon or evening or on Friday, December 1st in the morning or afternoon. You may set it up yourself or help will be available to you. Nativity sets will be monitored during Living Nativity weekend. Sets may be taken home Sunday evening after the final performance or Monday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hamann (920-565-2749).
- 13. **Forward in Christ Subscription Renewal** If you are interested in renewing or to start receiving the Forward in Christ magazine, please fill out the half sheet in the member room. Submit your sheet and the \$15.00 payment, exact cash or check made out to St. Paul's Church with FIC in the memo line, in an envelope and place it in the marked drawer in the member room by Sunday, November 19h. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
- 14. **Women's Advent by Candlelight** St. John's-St. Peter in Cleveland is hosting Women's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December, 3rd at 3:00 p.m.. Please contact Kelly Wall, 920-782-0821 or kellywalljuneau@gmail.com, with any questions. Also, please RSVP to Kelly by November 19th.

- 15. **Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarships** The following listed students have received the Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarship at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Ellie Baldwin Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Michigan
 - b. Amanda Rehberger St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Appleton
 - c. Kayla Sprenger St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Howards Grove
 - d. Hope Sulzle St. John's Lutheran Church Redwood Falls, Minnesota
 - e. Emily Wittig Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford
- 16. **Youth Group Bible Study** High School Students, we will be starting up a new Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday 11/12 during Family Bible Hour. The 4 week study entitled Gone Fishing will look at our callings in life and how we can serve as fishers of men! We will also start some planning for the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. We will meet in Room 113 the classroom that has all the cubicles setup in it now. If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy mleahy@live.com