

**SEASONS
NOVEMBER 2017**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Thanksgiving

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

**Emmanuel
9:00 am**

**Living Lord
8:00 & 10:30 am**

**St. Paul
10:30 am**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

10:00 am

9:15 am

9:30 am

FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE WINTERS: ABOUT GRATITUDE...AND "THE MAKE A LEAP OF FAITH" CAMPAIGN

As I write this letter, I have just received news of the birth of a new baby. You may guess that this was the birth of Joelle, the daughter of Michelle and Joe Jarzembowski, and the granddaughter of Diana Bauman. Joelle is a miracle. She is a blessing. This family prayed for and blessed Joelle all along the way, and as a church family, we joined in those intercessions. Now, God has graciously gifted us with a new life.

I don't know how you feel, but I am brought to my knees in thanksgiving and praise to God. A birth has the power to move me to tears of gratitude. I am writing this letter about gratitude really. We need to feel thankful. It is good for us. Gratitude opens our minds and hearts to what is new and worthy of our thanksgiving to God. Gratitude enlivens us to what is good and praiseworthy in our lives. Gratitude nourishes the saint within us.

So, first, I want to thank each of you, my brothers and sisters. Thank you for your steadfast dedication to God. Thank you for your prayers for me and for our church.

Secondly, I wish to thank you for your generous thank-offerings to God through the church. Would you be willing and able to continue or increase your giving in 2018? Also, we suggest that you try to make a leap of faith on four days this coming year. That is, will you step up your giving on **four Sundays** this year **to simply try a tithe or an increase that would be a leap of faith for you?** The first "Make a Leap Sunday" is November 26. You will receive a letter and an Estimate of Giving card in the mail. Three other "Make a Leap Sunday" opportunities are planned for February, May, and August 2018.

May God continue to pour out his plenteous blessings on us all,
Pastor Ann Marie Winters

All Saints Book of Remembrance: Each year at All Saints, we remember those members of our congregation who have died over the past year. We have also made it a practice to inscribe their names in a Book of Remembrance. Our Book of Remembrance is fashioned after the words of the prophet Malachi (chapter 3, verse 16): "Then those who revered the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord took note and listened, and a Book of Remembrance was written before Him of those who revered the Lord and thought on His name." All worshippers are invited to write in our Book the names of family members, friends, neighbors, and loved ones who have passed since All Saints Day last year. The year runs from November 6, 2016, to November 5, 2017. Our Book of Remembrance will be made available at worship each Sunday from November 5 through 19, 2017, on a table before the altar. Each Sunday, names written that week will be read.
Pr. Winters

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service hosted by St. Paul: How will you celebrate Thanksgiving this year? Most probably you will gather with family members and friends around a turkey dinner. Most likely there will be a prayer recognizing God as the source of all blessings, and thanks for a generous number of people or things in your life. This Thanksgiving, I challenge you to also make a worship service the center of your Thanksgiving. We will celebrate 66 years of community Interfaith Thanksgiving on the evening of **Tuesday, November 21**, at 7:30 pm to be hosted by our church. Lots has come and gone in 66 years, and most notably our congregations have changed. Our community has still valued the gathering of Christian and Jewish neighbors who revere the Lord and offer him praise. When I came to St. Paul, I was given the mandate to continue the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, and we have kept it alive. However, last year, only six members of St. Paul's congregation and only three couples from the other congregations attended the service at SS. Peter & Paul. PLEASE make this Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service a part of your Thanksgiving week festivity. It is definitely worth the investment of your time to welcome our neighbors and celebrate with them.
Pr. Winters

FROM PASTOR WILLIAM D. LEITCH: As I look at the Gospel readings for the Sundays in November, there seems to be a tension in what Jesus teaches us to do. We are to plan and be prepared, but for what? And for what time? The bridesmaids who did not have enough oil for their lamps must have expected the wedding sooner or were they not listening for more instruction and missed the update? For the servant given one “talent”, he saw the master as a tough, unforgiving boss. He thought that it was better to protect whatever he had, bury it, and hide it rather than use it and increase its value.

In both cases, the bridesmaids and the servant both stopped participating in the cause. Perhaps the bridesmaids were just along for the fun. They did not see themselves as ones of any value. The marriage was just another party. After all, it was not their commitment. However, Jesus was speaking to us through this parable about our commitment to a relationship with him. We are all married to Jesus and Jesus is looking for a bride who is committed and engaged in the relationship – not just along for the ride. The servant who buried the “talent” was not engaged in the cause. It seems he had no clue as to what the master wanted.

I have been revived by everyone’s participation in our quest to explore where God is sending us, Living Lord Lutheran Church, along with St. Paul Lutheran Church. Where is God sending us? Where do we need God’s help? Instead of being frozen in place by fear or by a lackadaisical attitude that we are just along for the ride, I am inspired by the genuine care of all of you. I sense that you sincerely care about using all our talents to serve God’s purpose. And together we are expecting God to give us updates and we will be ready to respond as God reveals our purpose.

Thank you all for participating in our group discussions and sharing your thoughts and questions. Every single comment written down has inspired other thoughts and ideas. I feel that we had stoked a fire that is giving us new life. Our ad hoc committees have exceeded my expectations. Shame on me for having any doubts. It is wonderful when everyone participates. You each see something others cannot see.

Together we are the Body of Christ. I am revived and I look forward to the next several years of Shared Ministry, doing mission and ministry together and thriving in our community.

Envisioning Mission Retreat: A leadership retreat for short and long-range planning will be held on **Saturday, November 4**. It is time to cast a vision and dream a picture of what a consolidated church could be like in 5 to 10 years from now, and to design the steps to get there. This workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Living Lord Lutheran Church from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will brainstorm to discover what God dreams for our church and community to prosper in his Word. St. Paul’s ad hoc committee members are: Diana Bauman, Liz Chapin, Tim Martin, Brenda Ceplecci, and June Hutchison. Anyone else who is interested in shaping a vision of a consolidated church is welcome to come to the workshop as well. There are also 6 or 7 leaders from Living Lord who will attend, as well as their Council members, both pastors, and any congregation members who are interested. If you plan to attend, please sign up for the “Envisioning Mission Retreat” in the main hallway so we know how much food to prepare. Please keep our church and our vision for the future in your thoughts and prayers.

ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Remembering those with medical challenges:

Debbie Bartlett, David Baudo, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Jerry Groves, Don Hazel, Carol Hipple, Wally Hipple, Michelle Bauman Jarzembowski, Roy Seibert, Jeff Trimble, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

Remembering those who are home bound:

Shirlee Chambers, Charles English, Margaret Halavick, Jim Illencik, Ellen Miller, Harriette Shaffer

Remembering those with special needs:

Donna Baldwin, Joe Benka, Elizabeth Campbell, Anne Cerminaro, Marty Cohol, Amber Ellis, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Lisa Null, Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Deanna Savon, Ondine Shiau, Lisa Young

Remembering those in the Military:

Joe Baudo, Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

COFFEE CUP GREETINGS:

Held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Operation Christmas Child is underway and we need everyone’s support to once again make this a success. Please remember to pick up a box to fill or bring in items and we will fill the shoe boxes for you. OCC has made some changes. They can no longer accept toothpaste or candy of any kind due to customs regulations. Also, the cost to ship the boxes has increased to \$9.00, so if you choose to make a monetary donation, it will be greatly appreciated. I ask that ALL donations and filled shoe boxes be returned to St. Paul by **Sunday, November 12** – the start of National Collection Week. See Deborah Bartlett, Judy Dodge, or Debbie Groves with any questions.

2017 FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:

Weeks are still available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

SPLASH TODAY:

Donations are always warmly welcomed, and with your continued support, we will be able to sustain this valuable ministry to young families.

GRIEF MINISTRY:

Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Winters’ and God’s guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called “Journeying through Grief” throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Winters or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:

In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 = Mauro DiVieste, John Gibson, & Thomas Worley
- 2 = Deborah Groves
- 3 = Mark Hannan & Thomas Skoczylas
- 4 = Hadley Basalyga
- 7 = Emily Gilger & Jerry Null
- 8 = Rita Lampson
- 10 = Lyda Vigorito
- 12 = Jeffrey Sutton
- 14 = Nicole Tyran
- 16 = Joshua Navarra, Jr.

- 20 = Michael Stewart, Sr.
- 21 = Charlotte Dodge & Pam Gerbetz
- 22 = Cathie Preston
- 24 = Mary Hutchison & Allan Parkhurst
- 25 = Dominic Frazzini & Heather Hannan
- 27 = Sydney Peterson
- 30 = Carol Hipple & Douglas Hipple

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 = Ceplecci, Terry & Brenda
- 3 = Groves, Sr., Gerald & Deborah

ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Greeters

11/05 Terry & Brenda Cephlecci
11/12 Terry & Brenda Cephlecci
11/19 Tim & Amy Martin
11/26 Tim & Amy Martin

Lectors

11/05 Georgia Mikola
11/12 Marty Maurice
11/19 Rachel Skoczylas
11/26 David Maurice

Flower Delivery

11/05 Diana Bauman
11/12 Judy Muehlbauer
11/19 Joanne Santucci
11/26 June & Kelly Hutchison

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

Communion Assistants

11/05 Kay Paajanen
11/12 Debbie Cravotta
11/19 Gene Cravotta
11/26 Brenda Hart

Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)

11/05 Kyra Mymo
11/12 Chelsea Moorhead
11/19 Evan Davis
11/26 Tori Muehlbauer

Acolytes: Please be present ten minutes before the service begins.

If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913. Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

Ushers

11/05 Matt Kerns & Bill Hart
11/12 Matt Kerns & Bill Hart
11/19 Ron Wireman & Tom Skoczylas
11/26 Ron Wireman & Tom Skoczylas

Church Closing

David Maurice

Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice

NEWS FROM THE SHARED MINISTRY

Emmanuel Clothes Closet...The Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday at 9:00 am. In need of: autumn and winter clothes (children & adults), 35 gallon black garbage bags, gallon zip lock bags, toilet tissue, deodorant, lotions, bar soap, dish soap, and all baby needs.

Emmanuel Shopping Cart Needs for November...Instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy (jar or mix), Vienna sausages, canned fruit, cracker snacks, cans of food with pop top lids for easy opening.

Living Lord Card Class...Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, November 2**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. Our theme will be "Happy Holidays" (one Thanksgiving/Fall card and three Christmas cards). Classes will be at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00. Please bring adhesives like double-stick tape and liquid glue. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, October 29. Emmanuel and St. Paul members are welcome to join us – call Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689 to get signed up!

Living Lord Thanksgiving Food Baskets...The Outreach Committee will again be giving out Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our goal is to help 20 families. If you know of someone in need of a Thanksgiving Food Basket, please call the church office to get signed up before **Sunday, November 5**. The Outreach Committee is asking for monetary donations to purchase turkeys and grocery shopping lists are posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board. We will also need 40 brown grocery bags, if you happen to have any you would like to donate. Please turn in your monetary and grocery donations no later than **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. Distribution of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be on **Friday, November 17**, from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Tompkins at 330-984-0684.

Living Lord Sign Language Classes...American Sign Language Classes will be held at Living Lord for adults and children (great for hard of hearing folks, too). Classes will be held on Nov. 8, 15, & 29, and Dec. 13. Classes run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and the cost is \$75.00. Please contact Pam Beish at pamelabeish302@gmail.com or at 330-646-1637 if you are interested in taking these classes.

Living Lord November Fellowship...We will have Fellowship on **Sunday, November 19**, after both services.

Living Lord Angel Tree...We can help make Christmas a special time for area children. Our Angel Tree will be up on **Sunday, December 3**. Stop by the tree, choose an angel, sign them out, and have fun shopping! We will have 20 children to buy for. All gifts must be returned UNWRAPPED by **Sunday, December 10**, with the angel tag attached. If you have any questions, please contact Tootie Rogers at 330-545-1135. If you are unable to be in church on December 3 and would like to participate, please call Tootie and she will mail you an angel.

From Living Lord's Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."* Edith Sitwell

The month of November is almost here and winter is fast approaching. With the cold weather, we move indoors and the dangers of house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning sharply increase. This is the time to make certain that you have installed quality smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer that can decimate families, while smoke inhalation kills more than do burns from flames. These risk factors can be prevented with the installation and proper maintenance of alarms. They are very affordable and even are available through grants from the community. Remember, install alarms on every level of your home and test the batteries at least once a month. I still remember once when I was home alone and the chirping sound woke me. I didn't know how to disengage the sound and saw no sign of a fire. The next day, after a sleepless night, I was informed that the chirping serves to alert the user that the battery was nearly dead and should be replaced. Recently, I learned that alarms today are available with a battery life of ten years. My education on smoke alarms is now up to date. For your family's safety, it is a good idea to furnish your home with quality alarms, test them monthly, and make certain to change the batteries or replace the alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once your alarms are in working condition, look for other fire dangers, which include the

beautiful candles that we enjoy so much. Please keep them away from anything that can burn and extinguish them when leaving the room or going to sleep. Additionally, electrical fires can cause a lot of destruction. With today's technology and so many electrical devices, we need to pay attention to electrical cords to make sure that they are not damaged, which can lead to fires. A final note – a home fire escape plan is a must. Inspect your home and create safety exit routes which would be valuable in the case of a home fire. With a little preparation, we can safely enjoy the winter months in the warmth of our homes and continue to live healthy lives.

