

**SEASONS  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
2860 East Market Street  
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**Thanksgiving**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 am  
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 am**

**FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE PERKINS:**

**COUNCIL RETREAT:** St. Paul Congregation Council will be having our bi-annual leadership retreat on **Saturday, November 3**, beginning at 9:00 am in the Parlor. Each Council member is asked to bring one idea for improving our church, making our focus positive and hopefully productive. Plan to spend the morning at our retreat.

**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." Before worship begins, 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, from November 5, 2017, to **TODAY**, November 4, 2018. Our Book of Remembrance will be made available at worship each Sunday from November 4 through 18, 2018, on a table before the altar. Each Sunday, names written that week will be read.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE:** 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 67 years of community Interfaith Thanksgiving on the evening of **Tuesday, November 20**, at 7:30 pm to be hosted by Central Christian Church. Lots has come and gone in 67 years, and most notably our congregations have changed. Our community has still valued the gathering of 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. 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.

**CELEBRATE GRAND-FAMILIES:** "Celebrate Grand-families" is a new support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. St. Paul is reaching out to support these families with Christian compassion and a place to meet and discuss their needs. We are starting with the group with five families from the community, and more are welcome, if you know of anyone who would fit in. While the women meet, we will have crafts, games, bible stories, snacks, help with homework, tutoring, and a fun social time for children. Church members are needed to help with the children. Sessions in November will be on **Saturdays, November 10 and 24**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Brenda Cephcci or Pastor Perkins to help.

**FROM PASTOR LANG COLLINS:** One more goodbye moment. I have fully enjoyed these months of being among you for Sunday worship and weekday ministry. I have been welcomed into your homes and your hearts. Thank you so much. My prayers will continue for many of you who are slowly healing from illness and the sadness of funerals. You all have a good spirit for service in the community. You have a warm fellowship with each other. You are blessed with good leadership in your Council and Pastor. God bless you in the years ahead.

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## ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### **Remembering those with medical challenges:**

Diana Bartlett, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Pastor Richard Bowen, Jerry Groves, Don Hazel, Carol Hipple, Jim Illencik, Carolyn Marsh, David Perkins, Roy Seibert, Ken Wareham, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

#### **Remembering those who are home bound:**

Shirlee Chambers, Charles English, Harriette Shaffer

#### **Remembering those with special needs:**

Lori Akins, Donna Baldwin, Gini Cage, Elizabeth Campbell, Cathie Cimini, Amber Ellis, Connie Fowler, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Ann Marie Perkins (David's daughter), Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Deanna Savon, Ondine Shiau, Diane Tullis Suloit, Bonnie Taylor, Shelley Town, Dean Voye, Mark Voye, Lisa Young

#### **Remembering those in the Military:**

Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin, Danielle Greenhill

**A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP:** *“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”* 2 Corinthians 9:8

November is a time of Thanksgiving, a time of thankfulness for home, family, friends, and all of the many things God has graced us with. For this reason, this is the time that we have decided to turn our thoughts to stewardship at St. Paul, since stewardship is defined as the way that we use all of the resources that God has trusted us to care for, so that we can truly show our love of God. This month we will look at how our congregation and our members share their time, talent, and money to support the ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

As a Stewardship Committee, we have talked with some members who were generous enough to share their thoughts on giving, and how they give of their various talents, time, and monetary donations. Stewardship is the way that faith connects to our day to day lives, and our congregation is filled with giving people who share their gifts in many ways. They vary in talents and range from the very young on up, and we will share some of their stories (anonymously, as sometimes people who are willing to share don't want to be praised or singled out) with you on November 4, 11, and 18. As one member stated, “Giving something over to the glory of God is about what you can do, not what you can't. It feels good, and becomes part of who you are.”

This November, please prayerfully consider how God is calling you, and then complete the talent/time and financial commitment cards. God bless! May we all discover how the Holy Spirit will deepen our faith and move us to action through this time of thanksgiving! Your Stewardship Committee

**ARC FREE SMOKE ALARMS:** The American Red Cross is installing free smoke alarms in homes without working smoke alarms or alarms more than 10 years old. Request forms for this Save-a-Life campaign are on the information table in the narthex.

**COFFEE CUP GREETINGS:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, November 4 & 18.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** We would like to collect the following items: School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, paper, note pads, coloring books; Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, yo-yos, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes, Slinkys, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up, toys that make noise; Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, comb, washcloth; Misc.: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights, extra batteries. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Used or damaged items, war related

items (toy guns, knives, or military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date candy; aerosol cans, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items (glass). **PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY NOVEMBER 11.** Place items in the red bin under the Operation Christmas Child table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Debbie Bartlett.

**YOUTH LOCK-IN:** The Eastern Conference Youth Lock-In will be held on **November 17-18** for all youth in 7-12 grades at Zion Lutheran Church, 3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511. All youth are encouraged to attend the 8:30 am worship at Zion together before departing for the morning. We will meet to worship, fellowship, and grow together in faith for an overnight event. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another or catch up with old friends. The cost will be \$10 to help cover the cost for food and recreation for the evening (to be paid at registration desk upon arrival). Please RSVP by November 10 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-conference-lock-in-tickets-50262328979> or by calling or texting 330-442-7924. We are also looking for any and all adults, parents, or guardians who are able to come for the evening or short shifts throughout the night. If you can assist or will be attending, please call or text Pastor Erin at 330-442-7924. If you have any questions, please see Liz Chapin.

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT:** Please take notice that we will remove the fall decorations and decorate the church for Advent following the service on **November 25**. Remember...many hands make light work.

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT:** As many people in our congregation are aware, there has been a huge increase in the number of children in Trumbull County who are being placed in foster care. Much of this is due to the opioid crisis and other issues. Lauren Patton has launched a Thrivent Action Team Project in order to alleviate some of the burden that has been placed on Trumbull County Children Services for items that are needed when children and teens must be removed from their homes and placed in foster care. A list of items which are needed follows. If you are able to help by donating any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the bin marked "Thrivent Action Team Project" provided in the narthex by **December 10**. Please direct any questions about this project to Lauren Patton or Brenda Cepcecci. "Care Packages" of hygiene items or individual items such as: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and/or brush, deodorant, plain white T-shirts sizes 6-14 or adult medium for teens, underwear sizes 6-14 or adult medium for teens, socks, slippers, and **NEW** small stuffed animals.

**HALL RENTAL:** Any member wishing to rent Cassel Hall must call the office to schedule the date to be sure it is not already rented or in use by the church, the Preschool, DAR, the Red Cross, or The Solace Center. There is also paper work which needs to be filled out prior to renting.

**FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:** Weeks are 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. Perkins' 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 Perkins 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
- 15 = Liam Dodge
- 16 = Joshua Navarra, Jr.
- 20 = Michael Stewart, Sr.
- 21 – Charlotte Dodge
- 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 NOV. 2018

### Greeters

11/04 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci  
11/11 Terry & Brenda Ceplecci  
11/18 June & Kelly Hutchison  
11/25 June & Kelly Hutchison

### Lectors

11/04 Linda Murray  
11/11 Brenda Hart  
11/18 Marty Maurice  
11/25 Kelly Hutchison

### Flower Delivery

11/04 Joanne Santucci  
11/11 June & Kelly Hutchison  
11/18 Peggy Skoczylas  
11/25 Diana Bauman

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

11/04 Linda Murray  
11/11 Brenda Hart  
11/18 Peggy Skoczylas  
11/25 Barb Basalyga

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

11/04 Ean Dodge  
11/11 Spencer Moorhead  
11/18 Chelsea Moorhead  
11/25 Ethan Dodge

**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

11/04 Grace Shiau & Bill Hart  
11/11 Grace Shiau & Bill Hart  
11/18 Ron Wireman & Tom Skoczylas  
11/25 Ron Wireman & Tom Skoczylas

### Church Closing

Georgia Mikola

### Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice