

The Messenger

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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2021

DAY OF THANKSGIVING (Matthew 6:25-33)

Enough for All to Eat

“Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” (Matthew 6:27) This question from Jesus may feel a little cold to those who do not actually know what they will eat or drink or wear, despite assurances that God knows we need all these things. If God knows, then why are so many hungry and thirsty and unsheltered?

As the inequality and injustice of our society grow, it can feel superficial and tone-deaf to reassure folks without enough to eat that they ought not worry and that they can trust in God's care. This teaching may feel especially smug if it comes from someone in a cozy home with an overflowing table of Thanksgiving turkey and pie.



But Jesus follows this statement about worry in today's gospel by instructing his followers to strive for God's kingdom, God's righteousness, and God's justice. We are called to look beyond our own fears to the needs of our neighbors. Worrying is not enough to keep us safe and keep us fed. Recognizing our interconnectedness as part of the beloved community of the kingdom of God, however, will inspire and empower us to be the body of Christ in the world. As we share the sacrament of holy communion in worship, we embrace the call to ensure that all who hunger find enough to eat.

Jesus calls us to look out for each other. Instead of worrying, hoarding, and isolating ourselves, we can notice our own and others' needs and gifts. When we all take care of each other, joining our hands in God's work of caring for those who are in need, then we will enjoy the abundance of God's provision for all people.

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This year we will be participating in the Angel Tree program, providing presents for kids in our community. This is an opportunity to bless someone's Christmas by providing items of need and want. We plan to have 15 to 17 kids on our tree so keep an eye on the weekly newsletter (email) for more information!



The six members of the St. Paul's/ Grace interview committee unanimously agreed to present a candidate to the councils. Please continue to pray for the committee members, the councils, the candidate, and all of our congregational communities as we move forward in this important process.

Thank you for your support of Operation Christmas Child! We were able to fill 30 shoeboxes and still have items leftover to donate to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you!



November 7, 2021



Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

—Julie Lee

Join Us on Wednesday,
November 24th for
Our Annual



Beginning at 7pm

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

If you have an item to be included in next month's newsletter please email it to info@stpaulscordova.org by the 20th of the month.

NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

November 1 All Saints Day
November 3 GriefShare
November 7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends
November 10 GriefShare
November 11 Veterans Day
November 17 GriefShare
November 21 Christ the King Sunday
November 23 GriefShare
November 24 Thanksgiving Service 7pm
November 25 Thanksgiving Day
November 28 Advent Begins

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Talbot Interfaith Shelter has changed the shifts for volunteers to all daytime hours, 8-11, 11-2 and 2-5. Volunteers no longer need to cover the evening shift of 7-11. That's three shifts that need to be filled each month. We are also to provide dinner at 5:00 pm.. Please consider volunteering again for the supervisor role, a sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the offices.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answers: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Margaret Asche (who is back home!), Gordon Behrens, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Conroy Marth, Pastor Donald McClean, Edith Roe, Else Ross, Richard Sump, Delores Mullikin, and Louise White.

Friends of St. Paul's: Erin Bartz, Lisa Callahan, Bonnie Chambers, Glynn Chambers, Hunter Clough, Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies), Lyn Fuller, Dorothy Hiner, Katelyn Howard, Darren Leonard, Mary Ellen Leaverton, Jim and Diane Lewis, (mother and father of Jamie and Jeff Lewis and mother and father in-law of Michelle and Meredith Lewis), Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), John Rickwood, and Cade Wineke. We pray for those serving in the military: Tessa Heller, Hunter Priest and Victoria Jacobs.

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS



Acolytes & Crucifers

ACOLYTE

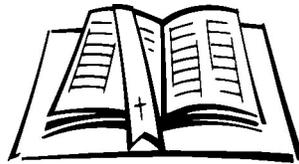
- November 7 Declan Corley
- November 14 Avery Rice
- November 21 Corey Fisher
- November 24 Joshua Lewis
- November 28 Couper Barletta

CRUCIFER

- November 7 Gavin Corley
- November 21 Preston Rickwood
- November 28 Morgan Sauca

LECTORS

- November 7 Bobbie Leaverton
- November 14 Ellen Mulder
- November 21 Beth Roesel
- November 24 Betty Jean Mumford
- November 28 Robert Saathoff, Sr.



USHERS

- November 7 Diana Hurd and Ralph Smith
- November 14 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
- November 21 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
- November 24 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- November 28 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta



Carol Meers



Tellers

- November 7 Diana Hurd and Ralph Smith
- November 14 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
- November 21 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
- November 24 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- November 28 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta

ALTAR FLOWERS

- November 7 Casey Cep
- November 14 Henry and Rosemarie Fuchs
- November 21 Tom and Beth Roesel
- November 28 Fred and Carol Meers



Altar Flowers

Acolytes & Crucifers::

Please arrive at church 15 minutes before worship which begins at 9am.



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November 9
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14,
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 16
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 23
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36





In *Reaching for the Invisible God*, Philip Yancey says each virtue in 1 Corinthians 13:13 “enfolds a paradox.” Faith “will always mean believing in what cannot be proven, committing to that of which we can never be sure.” Hope isn’t “the fuel that keeps a person going” but what “emerges *from* the struggle, a byproduct of faithfulness.” And love — “the greatest” virtue — is very counterintuitive. “Love involves caring about people most of us would prefer not to care about,” writes Yancey. “By nature we keep records, right wrongs, and demand our rights; love does not.”



CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

St. Paul’s Email Prayer ministry . . . If you would like to add a name to the email prayer list or receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email Betty Jean



Mumford at

bettyjmumford@hotmail.com

Please make sure you have the permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.



- 11/02 Kimberly Marvel
- 11/02 Ruth McClean
- 11/03 Terri Hiner
- 11/03 Holly Sump
- 11/04 Zachary Sard
- 11/05 Harper Callahan
- 11/06 Henry Spies IV
- 11/07 Rachel Davis
- 11/10 Stacie Rice
- 11/10 Fay Sauca
- 11/18 Margaret Roe
- 11/19 Dottie Carroll
- 11/20 Michael Roe
- 11/24 Curtis Short
- 11/26 James George
- 11/27 Fred Meers
- 11/30 Casey Cep
- 11/30 Lewis Smith



- 11/04 Karen & Kenny Asche
- 11/14 Monica & Jeff Heinsohn
- 11/16 Rosemarie & Henry Fuchs

Flowers for Someone Special

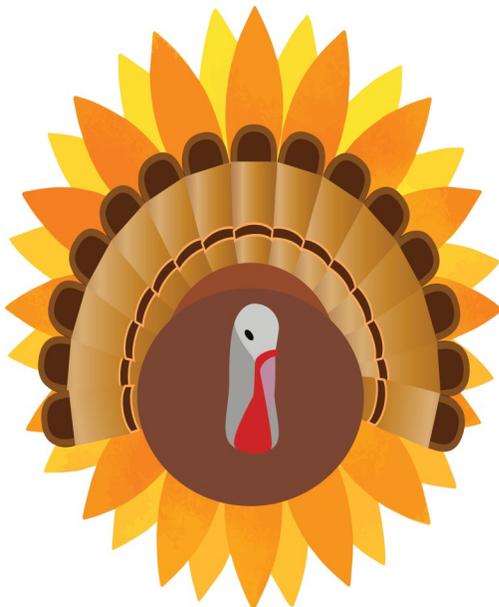


EVERYONE LOVES FLOWERS . . .

A contribution to the *Flower Fund* is a meaningful way to honor someone special, remember someone special, or just brighten someone's day.

The flower chart is located on the bulletin board by the Church Office. The cost is 45.00.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



As Covid numbers begin to rise, the council will continue to monitor our next steps. Please be flexible with us during this process as procedures may change quickly. If you are feeling ill, please take care of yourself and enjoy the service on Facebook Live or Youtube.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please contact the church office at 410-364-5147. Reporting exposures is an important step to ensure the safety of all members of our congregation.

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Return Service Requested

Worship Service Begins at 9am

Sunday School Begins After Church

Please inform the church office of any
changes in your personal information:

Address, phone number, marriage or
divorce, or new births so that we
can keep our records up-to-date.

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