



From Pastor's Pen ...

"The Blessing of Gratefulness"

And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." –Luke 17:12-13

People don't read Charles Dickens anymore. Back in the day, my High School years; he was a staple every year in English class. Why? Because like William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens was a keen observer of human nature and how people operate. In a trip to America in 1842, Dickens wrote a few observations about American life, which he collected in an essay called *American Notes*. One of his observations had to do with Thanksgiving. Instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year, he observed, we should have 364. Why would an Englishman who had no connection with Thanksgiving in Britain tell Americans what they should do? *"Use that one day for complaining and griping,"* he said, *"use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings He has given to you."*

I'm not advocating for a National Gripe Day. We have enough of that already, everyday! But thankfulness? That's another story. Sadly, Thanksgiving has become a hazy, foggy celebration. Americans know that that Thanksgiving is all about turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings. Beyond that, it's up for grabs. Do or don't do as you please. That's why it's overeating, football and shopping. That is why you see all the fall decorations embossed with *Grateful... Thankful...Blest*. Meaningless bric-a-brac when you think about it. Why? Simply because *gratefulness* cannot exist where there is no recognition of the Giver. You cannot be *thankful* without acknowledging the One who has given. And you can't be *blest*, if all you see are the things you lack and the things you don't have. Wouldn't you agree? No wonder *grateful... thankful...blest* are such empty words in today's America.

How different that is from the account of the ten lepers in Luke 17. Just like people who dream about winning and winning it big in the lottery; these

ten men saw Jesus as their last ditch chance. Jesus was their ticket to a life they continually thought about, talked about and dreamed about. That is why they mustered all their strength to cry out to Jesus. Jesus' Word to them was at once startling and thought provoking. ***"Go show yourselves to the priests."*** All they could do was to act on it. As they went to the priests (who were the public health officials) this death-sentence; this highly infectious disease that made their lives miserable...was gone! In an instant!

Were the other nine ungrateful or unthankful? Luke is silent on that point. But what he notes is the gratefulness of a Samaritan. This half-pagan man in Jewish eyes, put off all the things that the others were running towards: the clean-bill of health, the tearful welcome of family and friends and the joy of returning to life no longer as an outcast. All this Samaritan could do was to return and thank, that one person, the Only Person who made it all possible, the Savior!

Is there something to learn here? Maybe it's time to reclaim what *grateful...thankful and blest* are all about. These aren't decorative words embossed on a pillow to throw on the couch or a painted board to hang on the wall that you bought at *Hobby Lobby*; simply because it is November. These are deeply meaningful words for God's people! On the back of November's calendar in this newsletter is a blank November calendar. Each day write down the thing that you are grateful, thankful and blest to have in your life day by day. BE SPECIFIC! Don't just write down the names of each family member or your favorite foods, animals, sunsets, generic empty thoughts etc. PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO IT! Let the Lord open your eyes to see how vast those words truly are: "grateful, thankful and blest". If you are willing, share it with the people around your Thanksgiving table. It just might lead to some interesting conversation.

And maybe just maybe, with God's blessings Thanksgiving can become an event 365 days of the year!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 21, 2018 at 6:30PM

"Come Thankful, Grateful and Blest People...Come!"

Announcements and Upcoming Events

All Saints Sunday at St. Paul

All Saints Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the 7:45 & 10:30AM services. All Saints' Sunday reminds us that we live in this world as pilgrims. Our permanent home is with our Lord and Savior in heaven. Come and give thanks for all the blessings that God gives to us as His saints as we remember those saints whom our Lord and Savior has called home to Himself in heaven.

- +Robert Meydam – December 9, 2017
- +Alice Kester – December 14, 2017
- +Margaret Kramer – April 24, 2018
- +Tim Lager – August 30, 2018
- +John Sasse – October 6, 2018
- +Robert Klapper – October 26, 2018



News From Sunday School

Very shortly, parents are reminded that Sunday School students will begin working on the Christmas service. This year's Sunday School Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 9:00AM. This year's Sunday School Christmas Service is titled: **Saints And Angels Hosts Rejoice!** Please watch for material that comes home from your son or daughter. Take the time to work through the material so that they can be prepared for rehearsals and practices that will begin around the middle of November.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

In days of uncertainty we are reminded to put our trust in Christ our Savior who still provides for our every need. Good times are a reminder that it is only through God's providential care that we enjoy the blessings we have and the opportunity to share with others. Difficult times are an opportunity to walk in faith that God still will look after our daily needs. Whether this Thanksgiving is a time of need or a time of plenty, every Christian has reason to rejoice! As a nation God still continues to bless us in so many ways. With the Apostle Paul, we can say: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Blend your voice of thankfulness with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul. Pick up a friend or neighbor to come with you for this Service of Thanksgiving.

Worship service for Thanksgiving will be on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:30PM.



Weymont Food Pantry

During the month of November please be sure to remember the needs of our Weymont Food Pantry. This organization is dependent upon the gifts which people in our community give to look after the physical needs of individuals and families in our area who are in need of help. You can drop off your gift of non-perishable food gifts here at church or else drop them off at the pantry in Weyauwega. Your gifts will help families as they celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks for your continuing support.



Oktoberfest Thank-You's

Thanks to all our members for all the ways in which they helped with this year's Oktoberfest. This annual event is a way to welcome our Fremont/Weyauwega community to our congregation. Your efforts with the Red Envelope, the drawing for the tent, Nesco roundup, the helping hands in set-up/take-down, the kitchen prep and clean-up, and the serving together with the smiles; are all ways in which we show forth the love of the Savior. Thanks to one and all!



St. Paul Youth News

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 after late service, the parents and youth grades 8-12 of our congregation are invited to attend a special reorganizational event for our youth program at St. Paul. Please look for other announcements in this newsletter regarding this event. Also on Sunday, December 9, 2018 there will be the Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale in between services. Please watch the bulletin for further updates and information about St. Paul's Youth Group.



Christmas Brown Bag Collection

With Christmas around the corner, it's time to think about our annual Christmas brown bag of goodies that we give to the children of our congregation after their Advent/Christmas services as well as on Christmas Eve. We generally make about 200 Christmas bags and fill them with candy, fruits and other traditional treats of the season. This is a custom that goes way back in the Lutheran Church here in the Upper Midwest. If you would like to help with this collection, please designate your gift: "Christmas Bag Collection". Thanks for your gift!



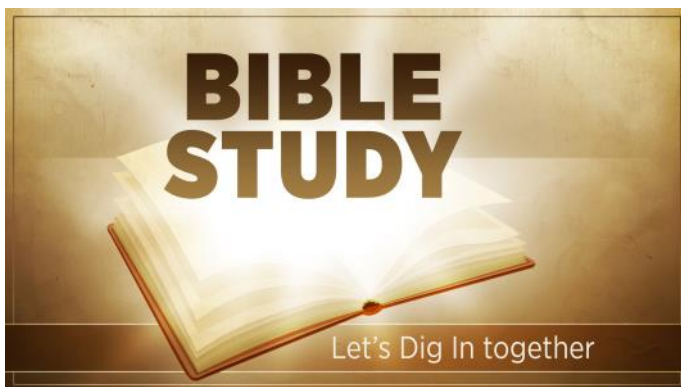
Church Envelopes or Automatic Contributions?

Please watch for church envelopes that will be placed in your congregational mailboxes during late November or early December. Also if you are interested, you can save the congregation the expense of paper envelopes through *St. Paul Lutheran Automatic Contributions Program*. You can save time and expense from writing and handling checks through this program. Automatic contributions are just like automated or electronic transfers that you may be using with payroll checks, loan payments or monthly bill payments. Automatic contributions is an easier, more secure method to make regular contributions to your congregation through automated gifts. If this sounds like this might be useful, please take a moment to contact the church office at 446-3251, for more information.



Bible Class Opportunities!

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** During the month of November we are just beginning our study of a harmony of the Four Gospels! This is a unique way of studying Matthew, Mark, Luke and John altogether. Come and learn where familiar accounts from the Gospels fit into Jesus' ministry. Come and learn how Gospel writers record the same event in Jesus' ministry from different perspectives. Be prepared to see, learn and grow about the life of Christ and the work that He did for our salvation. Each Sunday at 9:30AM
- ◆ **Wednesday Morning Bible Class:** The Wednesday Morning Midweek Bible Class is continuing. We are continuing in our study of Church of Our Fathers by Roland Bainton. In this study we are looking at what happened in the Christian Church through the centuries since Jesus' ascension into heaven. We look at various events, denominations, teachings and doctrines through Lutheran eyes: "let Scripture interpret Scripture." By means of videos, Scripture studies, together with really great questions from the class...we are growing in our study of God's Word, the truth of Scripture and a new appreciation of what it means to be a Lutheran. You are invited to come! We meet each Wednesday 10:30-noon. Come join us!



A Look Ahead...

Turning the calendar to November brings us to the end of the year and the upcoming Thanksgiving-Advent-Christmas and New Year's celebrations. As you plan your family's activities in the weeks ahead...remember what the word *Holiday* means...it comes from *Holy Day*. Our *holidays* have their origin at church as we follow the life of Christ. While much has been added to our celebrations that make *the Holidays* special...begin your family celebrations at church...where the *holidays...the Holy Days begin!* Please watch the Sunday bulletin for any further details.

- St Paul Lutheran Preschool & Little Learners Christmas Service: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM.
- St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Service: Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 9:00 AM.
- St. Paul Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion: Monday, December 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM
- Christmas Day Festival Worship: Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 9 AM. Christmas Recitals before worship at 8:30AM.
- New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion – Monday, December 31, 2018 at 4:30PM.
- Festival of The Epiphany: Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 7:45 & 10:30AM; Installation of St. Paul Lutheran Council & Boards. Sunday School resumes at 9:15AM; Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:30AM

Youth activities

St. Paul's Youth Event

Sunday, November 4th, 11:45 a.m. at St. Paul's

WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK?



Youth, grades 8-12, and their parents are invited to a pizza lunch to provide information about what YOU want to see in a youth program here at St. Paul.

This is YOUR chance to provide input on the direction of the youth in our congregation.



Pizza!

Fun Family Prizes!

***Interactive games and
discussion!***



Bible Time!



**YOUTH
GROUP** 

- RSVP to the church office or Tara Pomrening (920-667-5370)
- A dish/desert to pass is appreciated, but not necessary
 - Childcare available for younger siblings

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council
September 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:33 pm.

Doug opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Bob Wendt, Sandy Smith, Phil Lewin, Ken Rothe, Mark Peters, Doug Ehrenberg, Paul Krause.

Absent: Bobbi Marks, Pastor, Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Mark Peters to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The August treasurers report was reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor: Absent

Elders: The Hartfiel wedding was cancelled. Kim and Matt are working on the membership data review. That will go until October 7th. Oktoberfest is coming up on October 14th. On October 21st Paul Pagel would like to have his gospel singing group here at church. Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Paul Krause to have his group on the 21st at 2:00 pm. Motion carried. A video Bible study will begin in late November. Winter Book festival will begin after the New Year. Corey and Tammy Baehnman are transferring in from Faith in Appleton. Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters to approve their membership. Motion carried. The Christmas schedule is as follows; Sunday December 23rd children's Christmas program at 9 am. Monday December 24th, Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion at 6:30 pm. Tuesday December 25th, Christmas Day service at 9 am. Motion by Mark Peters, seconded by Bob Wendt to approve these service times. Motion carried. Elders all received a copy of the Bylaws that outline job duties of officers and committees. The safety seminar at WF went well. Roger has looked into a security camera system. Council will look more into this matter. Next month Elders will have salary recommendations for council. Elders will generate some nominees for officers and committees that are up for re-election.

Trustees: Pastor would like to see signage out at our cemetery. Bob went to investigate and found there was signage but it was over grown with weeds. Do we need additional signage? Bob is looking into ways to secure the bell tower from bats. Next spring we will need to do some exterior painting.

Board of Education: Daycare budget is up. Need to look into replacing upstairs daycare doors. Tara is looking into the needs and wants of The Way group. Sunday school materials have been ordered.

Stewardship/Evangelism: Absent.

Old Business:

Website: Information was given regarding the online giving as well as how their mobile applications work. Not only would our website be mobile friendly when opened in a web browser on a smartphone or a tablet but we would also have downloadable apps from the Google Play Store and the Apple app Store. Our cost would be \$45.00 a month for the website and a one-time \$250.00 fee for website and app development. Doug recommended that there be three people who make the design decisions for the website and that it be Kim, Matt, and an additional person to be named. Motion by Mark Peters, seconded by Phil Lewin to switch website companies and have Kim, Matt and a third person develop the new website. Motion carried. Doug will report on the third person next month.

New Business:

Membership Data Review: In the first Sunday we have 48 of about 225 families update their data. Almost all of them will be using our new texting system. This will be a great way for us to quickly communicate with the members of our church.

A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Paul Krause to adjourn. We adjourned at 8:09 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



November



- November 1 - Ian Liebl
- November 2 – Dodridge Brooks, Scott Krause
- November 3 – Kay Hillskotter, Cooper Kester
Michelle Berndt
- November 4 – Mary Bartel, Wesley Flease
- November 6 – Faith Stevens, Rebecca Looker
- November 7 – Beverly Borchardt
- November 8 – Paul R. Hartrick, Peter Kohl
Mark Peters, Parker Loehrke
- November 9 – Rosemary Erdmann
Lee Hansen, Lorraine Zeichert
- November 10 – Bryce Akey, Miles Gabriliska
Kendall Liebl
- November 11 – Christie Wilz
- November 14 – Kahli Weissshahn
- November 16 – John Kettner, James Radtke
- November 17 – Timothy Baker
- November 20 – Terry Block
- November 21 – Mavis Kohl
- November 23 – Linda Miller
- November 24 – Christi Gabriliska, Elsie Mae Yohr



- November 4 – Harley & Mary Bartel
- November 12 – Brian & Betsy Oehlke

Serving the Lord ...

November 4 & 11

- Greeters** 1st – Thorne/Kons Family
2nd – Bonnie Gitter
- Ushers** 1st – Debbie Thorne,
Pat, Emily & Kyle Kons
2nd – Kevin & Seth Miller,
Greg Oehlke, Brian Oehlke

November 18 & 25

- Greeters** 1st – Ken & Ellen Rothe
2nd – Bobbi Marks
- Ushers** 1st – Ken & Ellen Rothe,
Darnell Burow, Glenn Pomrening
2nd – Bill & Candace Mitchell
Terry Block, Doug Ehrenberg

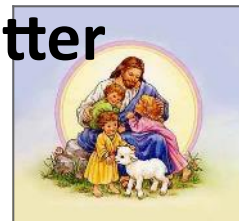
ACOLYTES

- November 4** 1st – Grace Ebert
2nd- Carson Arrowood
- November 11** 1st – Brooklyn Buss
2nd- Abbie Hansen
- November 18** 1st – Olivia Witkowski
2nd- Morgan Hansen
- November 25** 1st – Cooper Kester
2nd- Luke Ehrenberg





St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2018

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Director: Sandra Smith (920-407-1191)

Preschool Teacher: Nancy Bleck

School Age Teacher: Tammy Yonke

Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lauren Kester, Allie Bellin, Jordan Krause

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 31 & Thursday, November 1 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 7 - 5PM Parent Teacher Congregation Meeting

Wednesday, November 7 - 6PM Stone Soup-Family Night

Wednesday, November 21 - WF No School-St. Paul Open

Thursday & Friday, November 22-23 St. Paul Closed



Substitute assistant teachers and teachers needed especially for afternoon (2:30-6).

Must be 18 and have a high school diploma or 17 and have taken the classes in High School. We will pay for all training needed.

Call Sandy at 920-407-1191 or stop in and see her.



Wednesday, December 12 6:30PM
Preschool/Little Learners Christmas Program



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St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 2018



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC 11:45 AM Youth Grades 8-12 Event	5	6	7 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	8	9	10
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18 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	19	20 6:00 PM Trustees Mtg 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	21 **No Catechism** 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Worship	22 	23 St. Paul Childcare Closed	24
25 7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	26	27	28 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	29	30	

7th Grade

Thankful and Blessed

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