



## From Pastor's Pen ...



***"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."***

***1 Thessalonians 5:18***

A news reporter once asked America's first billionaire, John D. Rockefeller, "how much money is enough?" "Just a little bit more," was Rockefeller's answer, "just a little bit more." When you hear that, you come to one of two conclusions. "Those Rockefellers were greedy old misers," (in other words, he's got more money than he knows what to do with) ...or "Rockefeller is an honest realist" (he is expressing what we all are thinking...even when you're rich, you need a little bit more). And don't we all find ourselves thinking that? Just a little bit more...how nice it would be, just to have a little bit more.

There's nothing wrong with financial security. But how much is enough? If you are pricing out a vacation home and feel frustrated that you won't have enough for a boat, the gator and all the rest of the things that come with a vacation home, that's one thing. But if you've lost your job or the jobs you have, aren't paying the bills and it's hard to put food on the table – that's quite another.

Sometimes, life has its share of challenges and issues. Sometimes it's hard to distinguish between actual needs with just plain old greed. Do you need a little bit more? Maybe...maybe not. Jesus once said: *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:19-21)

Rather than the constant struggle for having and getting; Jesus wants us to have peace. Rather than the stress of "never enough"; Jesus directs us to thanksgiving. Jesus' peace comes by taking a close look at the words He has taught us: *"give us this day our daily bread"*. In the mad dash to secure

tomorrow's bread, we forget about the bread God has provided at the moment and the bread God has given us in the past. As the Holy Spirit helps us to see this God-given bread in our lives so easily taken for granted; then there is a spirit of thanksgiving that God will take care of the moment as well as our future.

Perhaps you're thinking... *this peace is all fine and good but it won't pay the bills or put something away for retirement. How is that going to happen?* God's answer is this...the same God who numbers the hairs on your head, who watches over the sparrows is the same faithful, loving God who watches over you. He tells us not to be afraid but to continue trust His Word, to continue to work with the strength that God provides and He will take care of our needs. According to our Savior, enormous time and energy is spent on investing in earthly security, instead of investing in spiritual security. In the end what happens? We leave it all behind.

That makes heaven the only worthwhile investment. And here's the best news: Jesus lived, died and rose again to give you that heavenly treasure that truly lasts. Peace with God now and peace with Him forevermore. This is the only gift that stands through time to all eternity.

Put your trust in Jesus and see the eternal treasure and security that you have in Him. What more is needed? God gives us real security through our Savior. And for this life and all our moments, the Lord still says, I will provide! We have His Word on it sealed in our Savior's death and resurrection. Instead of the constant worry, *"What will we eat and what will we drink or what will we wear?...your heavenly Father knows! But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you."* (Matthew 6:31-33) In Christ, we have every reason to give thanks! May Christ's blessing to us lead us to a lifetime of thanks!



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## All Saints Sunday at St. Paul

All Saints Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 5, 2017 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.

- +Reginald E. Pope – November 15, 2016
- +Newton Kester – December 20, 2016
- +Hugo Johnson – February 3, 2017
- +Marilynn Taylor – February 25, 2017
- +Jean Klapper – March 2, 2017
- +Vernon Oehlke – April 6, 2017
- +Robert Kramer – May 18, 2017
- +Lonnie Knoke – July 12, 2017



## News From Sunday School

Very shortly, parents are reminded that Sunday School students will begin working on the Christmas service for December 13. This year's Sunday School Christmas Service will have a Reformation 500 theme: "A Sola Christmas" which will emphasize the three solas: Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura and Sola Gratia: (Faith Alone, Scripture Alone and God's Grace Alone). 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 22, 2017 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.

## Shoe Box Collection

Through-out the past weeks, a shoe box collection for children in Africa through the International Children's Fund in Neenah, Wisconsin, has been underway. Through your efforts, 35 boxes will be shipped to Africa! Our thanks to one and all who participated in this collection. Special thanks to Lorraine Ebert for giving us information for this missionary project and to Paul Hartrick for delivering the boxes to the ICF office in Neenah, WI.

## Bible Class Opportunities!

- *Sunday Morning Bible Class:* During the month of November we are finishing up the Video Bible Study on the 3rd Installment of *A Man Named Martin: Part 3- The Movement produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries*. From Luther's 95 Theses on October 31, 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia bringing to end the 30 Years War in 1648; God was still at work in spite of a time of great upheaval. These 5 session presentations will examine what God accomplished through Martin Luther and how Lutheranism continues to impact the world today! After that we will be studying the last book of the Old Testament: *Malachi*. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- *Wednesday Morning Bible Class:* The Wednesday Morning Midweek Bible Class is beginning a new study on church history! What happened after the age of the Apostles? Many Christians do not know what happened after the Book of Acts with the ministry of the Apostle Paul. Come and join us for this special study. We will be using the book, Church of Our Fathers by Roland Bainton. There is nothing to buy, books will be provided. We meet each Wednesday 10:30-noon. Come join us!
- *Women's Book Group:* This year's book for the St. Paul Women's Book Group is "Being Lutheran" by A. Trevor Sutton published by Concordia Publishing House. "Here is a contemporary presentation of Lutheranism on a popular level which does not stray from this ancient faith. It is an easy read with the depth of the Scriptures and the Catechism applied to our very real everyday situations. It covers modern concepts with an unflinching honesty and a clear-cut confession of the truth as revealed to us in Jesus. In fact, Jesus is the reason, purpose, and focus of every paragraph, page, and chapter. It is practical and useful book for everyday use as well as to be given as a gift to someone who is looking for some devotional reading. This is a doctrinal reading without the stuffiness. Everyday Lutherans come face to face with why they believe what they do and a help for a pastor to better communicate the living, breathing Gospel of Jesus Christ, a truly Lutheran enterprise." Please come and join the discussion; the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.



## 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 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.





### News From Youth Group (The Way)

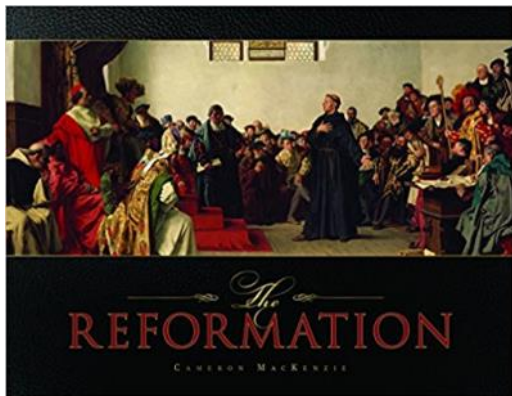
On Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the “Light Up Fremont” Christmas celebration, the Youth Group will be serving coffee and hot chocolate for that event. Also in December, will be the Group’s Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale. Please watch the bulletin for dates and times. The Bible study each Sunday morning focuses on the Reformation: “A Return To Grace” Video Bible study. An invitation is extended to all our high school students to come and attend.

### Reformation Walk Thank-You’s!

A great big thank-you goes out to the Stewardship/Evangelism Committee for all the work and effort that they put into the Reformation Walk on October 29th! Your efforts are appreciated! They hope that you and your family had an enjoyable day learning about the Reformation and that the day will be a memorable one for the children in our congregation as we celebrated the 500th Anniversary!

### The Reformation by Cameron MacKenzie

Maybe you have seen copies of the new Reformation book produced by Concordia Publishing House to mark the 500th Anniversary. If you missed out on the introductory offer a few weeks ago, you can still order a copy for \$29.99 through [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) or else through Amazon. You can save the cost of shipping if you have a Prime account through Amazon. This commemorative book is a wonderful way to remember the 500th Anniversary as well as excellent Christmas gifts!



### Outdoor Memorial Benches

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Kramer by his wife, Margaret Kramer and their children are two outdoor benches which are in the St. Paul’s playground by the south parking lot. They are a beautiful addition to our church campus and we thank them for this gift!



## **New Board Members at St. Paul for 2018**

At last Sunday's Quarterly Meeting (10/22/17) elections were held for various boards and committees of St. Paul which are listed below. May God bless the work of our Council/Board Members. Installation for Church Officers will take place on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in both services.

### **ST. PAUL CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2018**

**CHAIRMAN** – Doug Ehrenberg

**VICE CHAIRMAN** – Paul Krause

**SECRETARY** – Matt Voigt

**TREASURER** - Bobbi Marks

**ELDERS** – Ken Rothe, Phil Lewin, Roger Schreiber, Mike Beilfuss, Kirk Delwiche

**TRUSTEES** –Scott Krause, Gerry Harris, Terry Block, Pat Kons, Bob Wendt, Bill Mitchell

**STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM** – Candace Mitchell, Michelle Dross, Cindy Rohan, Mary Ann Oehlke, Susan Hansen

**EDUCATION** – Pastor Pope, Sarah Pope, Jerry Witkowski, Mark Peters, Debbie Thorne, Nikki Schroeder, Jen Titus, Tara Pomrening

**CHURCH FINANCE** –Jim Radtke, Ellen Rothe, Bobbi Marks, Candace Mitchell

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCE** – Shelly Kohl, Kathy Krause & Nikki Schroeder

**HEAD USHERS** – John Kobiske (1st)  
Paul R. Hartrick (2nd)



### **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 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
- St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Service: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
- St. Paul Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion: Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM
- Christmas Day Festival Worship: Monday, December 25, 2017 at 9 AM. Christmas Recitals before worship at 8:30AM.
- New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion – Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 7:45AM & 9:30AM
- Festival of The Epiphany: Sunday, January 7, 2018 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

# St. Paul Scrip

## Plan Ahead & Help St. Paul's

*Are you in charge of cooking the Thanksgiving meal. Before you go out and purchase your supplies, pick up some Scrip cards.. We carry cards for many of the grocery stores like Woodmans, Festival Foods, Piggly Wiggly, Pick N Save, KD's IGA and Walmart/Sams Club.*



Scrip cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after both services and are also sold during the week in the Church Office. Orders are placed every Monday morning for cards not kept on hand and are usually ready to be picked up by Wednesday afternoon. Order forms can be found on the table in the fellowship hallway or can be picked up in the Church Office. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program or would like to request a card that we don't currently have on hand to be kept on hand, please call the Church Office at 446-3251.

## Scrip Cards On Hand:

Aeropostale \$25  
Amazon \$25  
American Eagle \$25  
Applebee's \$25  
BP Gas \$50/\$100  
Bath & Body Works \$10/\$25  
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25  
Cabela's \$25  
Chili's \$25  
Copp's/Pick N Save \$25/\$100  
Culver's \$10  
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25  
Festival Foods(Appleton/Oshkosh) \$50/\$100  
Festival Foods (New London) \$25/\$50  
Fleet Farm \$25/\$100  
Hotel Fremont \$10  
iTunes \$15/\$25  
KD's IGA \$10/\$25  
Kohl's \$25/\$100  
Kwik Trip \$10/\$25/\$50/\$100  
Menards \$25  
Olive Garden \$25  
Piggly Wiggly \$25/\$50  
Red Lobster \$25  
Subway \$10  
Target \$25  
Walgreens \$25  
Walmart/Sams Club \$25/\$50/\$100  
Woodman's \$50/\$100

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Church Council  
September 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:29 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

**Roll Call:** Matthew Voigt, Bobbi Marks, Sandy Smith, Phil Lewin, Mark Peters, Doug Ehrenberg, Pastor Pope, Paul Krause, Scott Krause, Candace Mitchell, Bob Wendt, Ken Rothe.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Krause and seconded by Bobbi Marks 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:** There are 17 students in catechism. The Sunday school kids will be singing at Oktoberfest and Reformation. A planning meeting will occur this coming Sunday at 9:15 am for Reformation Sunday. We have two new members, Ellsworth Koenamann and Louis Thorne. A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to accept these new members. Motion carried. Oktoberfest is October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will only have one communion Sunday in October. Reformation Sunday there will only be one service at 9:30 am. The quarterly meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> between services.

**Elders:** Elections will need to occur in October at the council meeting and at the quarterly meeting. There are six positions up for re-election. We will also review salaries at the October meeting. Garage doors have been donated for the garage here at church.

**Trustees:** Benches from the Kramer family have been ordered. Bob has offered to help set them up when they come. Covers for the window wells have been installed. The scrip safe needs addressing. Needs lighting and to be secured. Network cable has been run but it needs ends put on it. Bob is looking for additional ideas for a fenced in area on the parking lot for the daycare to use. Shrubs have been trimmed. Great Lakes roofing has been contacted about the roof leak.

**Board of Education:** The childcare budget is doing well. They are near capacity. Board of Ed. Is continuing to look at ways the daycare can contribute to the church. Sunday school has begun. Pastor is working on the Christmas program.

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** Reformation walk will be the last Sunday in October. They are continuing to plan for this event.

**Old Business:**

**Master Plan: No Report**

**LED Lighting:** Continuing to look into.

**Reformation Walk:** See above reports.

**Oktoberfest:** Things are going well.

**New Business:**

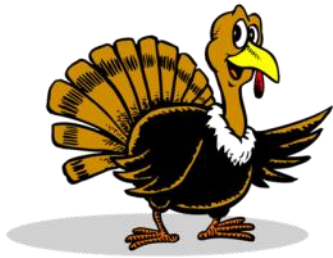
**Microsoft/Adobe Software:** We have been looking into updating the church office software and purchasing a full version of adobe for some time. A suite of Microsoft office software cost about \$600 for one computer and the adobe software is about \$500 per license. After some research, because of our 501c3 status we qualify for donated software from both Microsoft and adobe. The cost per computer for a suite from Microsoft will cost \$29.00 and a copy of adobe will cost \$55.00. To outfit the four church computers with Microsoft office and Kim's computer with adobe the cost will be \$171.00. This small fee goes to pay for the administration of the software. A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Bob Wendt to purchase the software and pay for it from our technology fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:30 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  
Robert Meydam, Michelle Berndt
- November 4 – Mary Bartel, Wesley Flease
- November 6 – Faith Stevens, Philip Netzel
- 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, Susan Smith  
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 5 & 12

**Greeters** 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul & Dawn Krause Family  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul & Karen Hartrick

**Ushers** 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul & Dawn Krause  
Austin & Logan Krause  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Block, Greg Oehlke  
Bill & Candace Mitchell

### November 19 & 26

**Greeters** 1<sup>st</sup> – Eric & Michelle Berndt  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tabby Bucholtz

**Ushers** 1<sup>st</sup> – Christ & Pat Brogaard  
Eric & Michelle Berndt  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tabby Bucholtz, Brian Oehlke  
Seth Miller, Kevin Miller

### ACOLYTES

**November 5** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Ellie Pomrening  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mackenzie Hansen

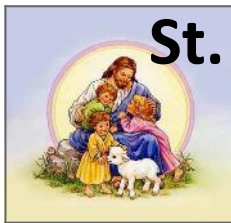
**November 12** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Connor Delwiche  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ian Liebel

**November 19** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma Looker  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Madison Hansen

**November 26** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Kahli Weissshahn  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke Ehrenberg







# St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2017

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Assistant Teacher: Karen Hartrick

### Calendar

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 PM Parent/Congregation/Teacher Meeting

6:30 PM Family Night-Stone Soup

Wednesday, November 22

WF-No School No Preschool/Child Care Open

Thursday, November 23

St. Paul Closed

Friday, November 24

St. Paul Closed

### PARENT-TEACHER-CONGREGATION MEETING

The Parent-Teacher-Congregation Organization is the combined effort of parents, staff, and congregation to keep a quality program going by joining ideas, talents, and resources for the good of the children.

We invite you to join us for our first meeting at 5:30PM ON Wednesday, November 1.



St. Paul Child Care Center will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

You are invited to join our congregation in worship service on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30PM.



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




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# St. Paul Lutheran Church November 2017



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	2	3	4
5 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	6	7	8 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	9	10	11
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19 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	20	21 6:00 PM Trustees Mtg 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	22 <b>**No Catechism**</b> <b>6:30 PM Thanksgiving Worship</b>	23 	24 St. Paul Childcare Closed	25
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