

THE FORWARD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Now is Enough

Every now and then I have to do a reality check.

When it seems the wheels are coming off the proverbial wagon of the world, I ask myself whether they are *really* coming off any more today than they were yesterday, whether it's just that I may have liked the old wheels and someone has replaced them with new ones, or whether I'm just turning into a pessimistic old fart – always a possibility. Perhaps it is a combination of all three. For whatever reason, I seem to find myself complaining more.

Although I may seem enthusiastic in my complaining, I don't really like the way it makes me feel. If I stop to take stock, I'm likely to find the things I complain about are comparatively few. Let's see ... 1. Politics, 2. The environment, 3. Lack of civility 4. People who wear slogan t-shirts, 5. Auto-tuned pop singers ... that's about it. It's just that I am likely to focus on these so much that they *seem* like a lot. Like I said: time for a reality check.

The reality is that for whatever shortcomings there may be – and there are certainly real – this is still an amazing time and place to be alive for the simple reason that it is *now*. At this moment, I am sitting on our deck writing. It is a perfect autumn day. The last few cool nights have made the trees explode with color. I have three cats who, in response to the cooler weather, will instantly distribute themselves across my belly when I lay down later for a nap, creating my own Thunder Blanket. Despite what I hear on the news, the people directly around me continue to be civil to, and generally caring for, each other. Above all, however, this moment is filled with potential. I have a full day to act in the world, to be kind to someone, to create something of beauty, to encourage someone, to build something, to

make a difference. I pray that I will not contribute to this world's problems, but rather will leave it just a little bit better for having been here. It is still a beautiful place. It is still worthy of our care and encouragement. It is still the only world we have. It is still our Garden of Eden. Pastor Martin

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Gail Grangaard, Pastor Betsy, Judy Seabright, Mary Beamer, Mark Anctil, Debbie Stamper, Linda Smart, Richard Buse, Lee Sidle.



Those with long-term ongoing concerns: The McDaniel family, Mary Beamer, Tandra Simon, Pastor Martin Waack, Milton & Carmella Holman, Peg Hupp, Starr Cummings, Pamela Graham, Jena Olien-Harris, Logan Johnson, Marshall Rosene, Pastor Betsy, Ruth Swinehart, Ginny Baker, Betty Neighbarger, Wilma Keller, Terry Nelson, Margaret Marx, Rose Godenschwager, Terrie Baker. ***If you need an address for anyone or wish to add someone to the list, please call the office.***

THE WHEN'S AND THE WHERE'S - If your group is starting up again, please let us know so we can get your information on the church calendar!

- **ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** meets the third Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in Weisgerber Lounge. In October the group will be reading *Blood From a Stone* by Donna Leon, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot for November and *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho for December.
- **AA** meets every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Danford Hall and on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon.
- **NA** meets Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in Danford Hall.
- **Friday Fellowship Bible Study** meets every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Weisgerber Lounge.
- **Ruth Circle** meets next on November 9th at 10:00 a.m. in Danford Hall.
- **Church Council** will meet Monday October 31st at 7 p.m.
- **Matthew's Kitchen** meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Grief Group** meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Notes to the Church and Congregation:

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.

Children's Choir Resuming: Calling all kids who like to sing! We have restarted our children's choir. New members are always welcome! Please contact Juli Rauch for more information. (740) 405-8833 or jrauch248@gmail.com

What is your passion? St. Paul's is ready to begin offering educational opportunities again. To do that we need folks who are interested in sharing their passion. It could be to teach a Bible study or traditional Sunday School class, it could also be to share a passion like knitting or woodworking for a couple of Sundays. If you have a calling to show how God works in your life through your passions, please reach out to the Pastor or the church office and let us know!

Thanksgiving Boxes It has been a rough year for many families. As in the past, Nancy Circle will be preparing boxes of food for Thanksgiving for those families who would benefit by having supplies for that meal provided to them. We assemble boxes of meal fixings like; potatoes, noodles, soups, vegetables, rolls, pies and of course, a frozen turkey. Enough to feed a family of four. If we get a request from a larger or smaller group, we adjust the box. If you or someone you know would be blessed by a box, please contact the church office no later than **Thursday, November 10th at 2 p.m.** Boxes will be assembled and be ready for pick up between 10 and 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 19th at the church. Deliveries can be arranged. If you would like to help or can donate a turkey (10-15 pounds) please contact the church office. Thanks! Nancy Circle



Attention Thrivent Members: November is fast approaching, and we would like to give Thrivent members the opportunity to help with the preparation of Thanksgiving boxes for those in need. If you would be willing to apply for a \$250 Action Team Grant to help offset costs, please contact Diane Ganz (ganz@alink.com). Never before applied? We can help you.

Food Pantry News! The food pantry collection barrel is currently located across from the office. The needs for this month are: Ramen noodles, heavy (hearty) microwavable soups, mac & cheese, after school snacks, canned fruit, jelly and toiletry items. As always, all donations are welcome. If you wish to give a monetary donation, mark your offering envelope designated to the “Food Pantry”.

SHUT-INS – If you are in need of pastoral care, a friendly visit, or would like communion brought to your home, please contact the office and leave a message with Jodie between the hours of 10 and 2. Thanks!

ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? – The Grief Group meets on the 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 in Danford Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Thelma Trainor or Jean Hovland.

November Anniversaries

- 5 - Jeff & Kathy Kinser (39)
- 15 - Terry & Karen Nelson (48)
- 17- Juli Rauch & Jordan Fantini (4)
- 22 - Gary & Vicci Walters (53)
- 26 - Clarence & Connie Rutter (34)

November Birthdays

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| 1 - Peg Hupp (92) | Julie Lamp | 23 - Laura Pastorius |
| 4 - Acen Fuller | 15 - Kelly Green | 25 - Dee Altmaier |
| Saron Leang | Austin Morrow | Karen Nelson |
| 5 - Monagene Pound (94) | 16 - Phyllis Brother ton | 26 - Owen Beamer |
| 6 - Dinah Fraley | Tracy Crespo | Kim Lust |
| Carol McDaniel (83) | 17 - Christina Hall | B.J. Stamper |
| 7- Mia Morris | 19 - Christy Hoskinson | 27 - Autumn Seabright |
| 12- Cindra Coad | David Truex | 28 - Trisha Holtz |
| 13- Kayleigh Logan | 20 - Max Stamper | |
| 14- Diana Koch | 21 - Matt Kaercher | |
| Andrew Swisher | 22 - Julie Ingram | |

Up and coming Church Events:

Reformation Saturday and Sunday, October 29-30, 2022

All Saints – November 5-6, 2022 For this service, the congregation is invited to bring in pictures of their loved ones to be displayed at the altar. Please have your pictures to the church prior to November 1st and remember to put a label on them so we can return them to you. Pictures may be picked up after the services on November 5th and 6th.

Sunday Volunteers for November 2022

Position	Nov 6 All Saints	Nov 13	Nov 20 Christ the King	Nov 27 Advent 1
Cantor	Ruth Gehring	Dustin Hill	Tim Jordan	Juli Rauch
Church Door Sec	Volunteer needed!	Sally Finck	Gail Grangaard	Mary Billy
Lector	Liam Peterson	Ainsley Laidlaw-Smith	Dick Shiels	Gerry Billy
Com. Assistant	Greta Blegvad	Diana Koch	Sadie Smith	Anne Daly
Usher	Fred Freytag, Charles Cooperider, Steve Wiersma	Charlie-Laidlaw Smith, Charles Cooperider	Greg Everingham, John Grangaard	Don Miller, Jerry Young, Florence Knerr
Counters	Fred & Lindsay Freytag, Sally Finck	Julie Lamp, Richard & Diana Koch	Sally Finck, Greg & Kim Everingham	Kerrill Foster, Don Miller

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received 9/4/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 3,085.00	\$117,257.60	Sat. 4 p.m. 11
Benevolence <u>250.00</u>	<u>3,829.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>41</u>
Total \$3,335.00	\$ 121,087.10	Total 52

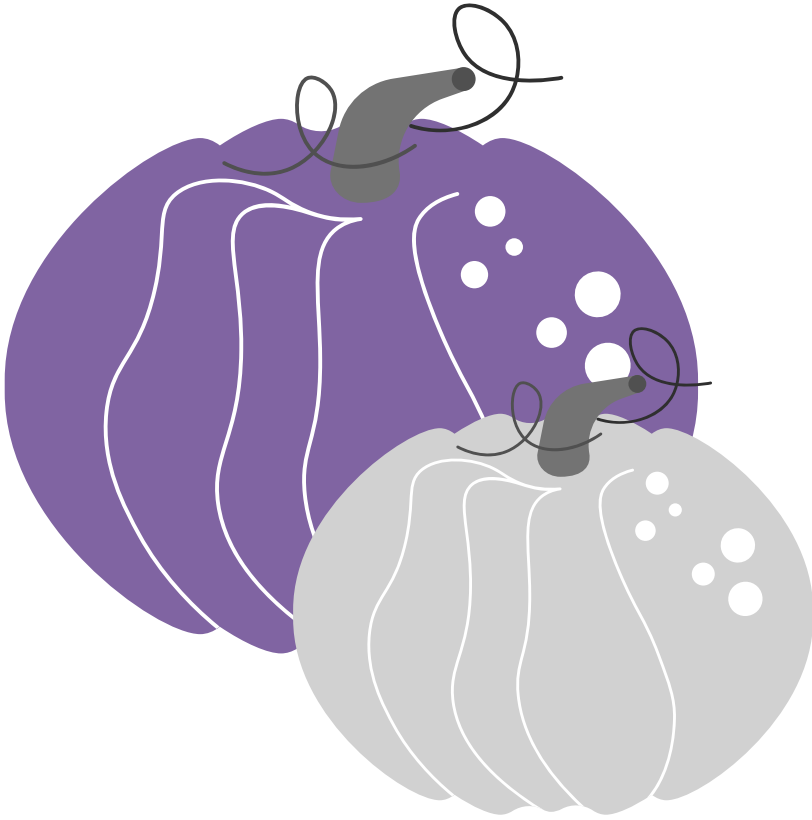
Received 9/11/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 6,403.28	\$123,660.88	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence <u>25.00</u>	<u>3,854.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>34</u>
Total \$6,428.28	\$ 127,515.38	Total 48

Received 9/18/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 550.00	\$124,210.88	Sat. 4 p.m. 11
Benevolence <u>0.00</u>	<u>3,854.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>36</u>
Total \$550.00	\$ 128,065.38	Total 47

Received 9/25/2022	Year to Date	Attendance
Current \$ 3,620.00	\$127,830.88	Sat. 4 p.m. 14
Benevolence <u>65.00</u>	<u>3,919.50</u>	Sun. 10 a.m. <u>47</u>
Total \$3,685.00	\$ 131,750.38	Total 61

*Thank you, Thrivent Choice members, for your donations to St. Paul's!
Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in honor of **Ernie Cooperider
and Webb Mills** by Linda Kinser and Diane Ganz.*

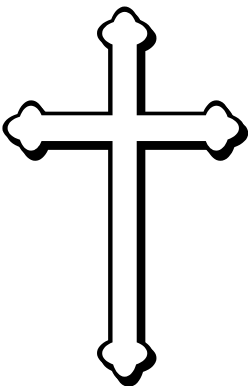
Income for Operations as of September 30, 2022	\$143,527.19
Total Operating Expenses as of September 30, 2022	<u>- 175,685.46</u>
<u>Balance</u>	\$ (32,158.46)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship
10 a.m.



**SATURDAY
WORSHIP**
4 p.m. year-round

*"The Mission of St. Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran
Church is to **SHARE**, at all
times and with all people,
the Good News of **GOD'S
GRACE**, through
CHRIST JESUS."*

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