

# Good News

THE  
NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## November 2022

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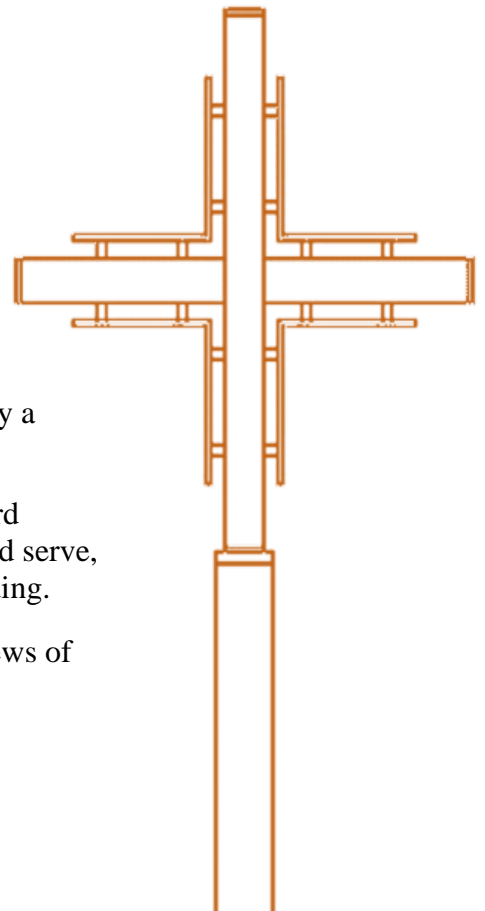
### ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family called together by God and united by a common faith.

Our mission is to share with all people God's Love and Grace through Word and Sacrament. Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to witness and serve, treating one another with Love, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Understanding.

By our commitments, actions, deeds, and resources, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to our Community, Nation, and World.

Adopted May 1993



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**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list.

**Pray for the Congregation of Shepherd of the Hills, Dushore.**

**Pray for those suffering illness:** *Members:* Hope Beisel, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Mary Lou Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Maryan Daily, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl and Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzinger, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Tom Lundberg, Margie McCarty, Vivian Richardson, Ann Sabol, Bill Smith, Mark and Mary Walters, Noah Wood, Justin Yost, Shirley Zimmerman.

**Please note:** Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

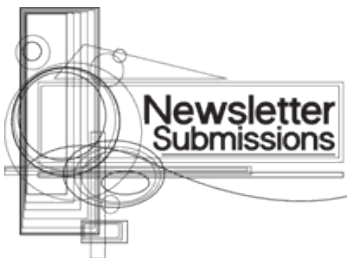
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- "Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow."

— Michael Ramsey

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the December/January issue. The deadline for all submissions

will be **Noon on Sunday, November 20, 2022.**



Updates from the October Council meeting held on October 4, 2022.

**Communication:** Facebook postings were placed to promote the fall Rummage/Bake Sale and also the Blessing of the Animals. Newspaper articles also promoting these two events were submitted.

**Landscaping:** Council thanked Karen Mertz and Larry Pierce for working with Pyramid Health Care clients to mulch the landscaping beds. Fertilizer was added to some areas of the lawn and Carol will coordinate the winterizing of the sprinkler system.

**Worship & Music:** Will have a Holden Evening Prayer service on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve services will be held at 4 & 7 pm; the 4:00 pm service will also be available via Zoom. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and the regular 9:30 am service will be held.

**Christian Education:** Sunday School students will decorate pumpkins for homebound members; Social Ministry Committee will deliver them. On October 30 there will be a bonfire in place of Sunday School with emphasis on fire safety. In November there will be a Turkey Decorating Event with members of the congregation voting for their favorite "Turkey" by bringing canned goods for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. No Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.

**Long Range Planning:** Scott Schukraft will be leading two informational meetings on the revisions to the church constitution on Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, immediately following each service.

**Evangelism:** Gail Ide thanked everyone who assisted with the display at the Dallas Harvest Festival. Gail is also working on setting up an opportunity for council members, committee

members and prayer group members to try using the new moveable labyrinth before inviting the congregation and public to try it out.

**Health Ministry:** Two personal visits were made, three phone calls placed and 10 cards were sent out to members. Tissue packets have been placed in the sanctuary pews.

**Social Ministry:** Committee continues to support the clients of Pyramid Health Care; an Advent Tree will be in place for the collection of donations to benefit World Hunger and the Lutheran Disaster Response; also a Mitten Tree will be featured again this year for donations of hats/scarfs/gloves/mittens & socks with items being given to Head Start families.

**Finance:** Committee chairpersons are being asked to review their budget requirements for 2023 and submit recommendations to the committee by October 25.

**Old Business:** New Sunday School Teachers need to complete their background checks; and it was suggested a link to the synod's resource page for clearance forms be placed on the church website.

**New Business:** Following discussion on the lack of interested members who are able and willing to do the highway cleanup and because of the concern of tick bites, it was voted unanimously not to renew the Adopt-A-Highway Contract which is up for renewal in November.

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## Dorcas Society



### DORCAS REPORT

At the October Dorcas meeting, president Chris Bellezza thanked all those who assisted with the successful fall Rummage/Bake Sale.

The group discussed some ideas to improve the spring sale and set the 2023 rummage sale dates: May 5-6 and October 6-7, 2023. This year's Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at noon at Apple Tree Terrace at Newberry Estate, Dallas. The December hostesses are working on the menu and will soon have a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

The group also voted to hold its January, February and March meetings at 1:00 pm at the church. Dorcas officers will remain the same for 2023. The group will cover the cost of restuffing the cushions on the red chairs in the Narthex, and voted to give \$5,000 to the church for its general fund.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the hostesses will be Dianna Smith, Cathy Ridout and Marissa Miller. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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- It is not happiness that makes us grateful.  
It's gratefulness that makes us happy.

— David Steindl-Rast

### PASSAGES

† **IN MEMORIAM** †

*May the light and promise of  
the Resurrection  
shine in the lives  
of the family and friends of*

**Barbara Kessler**

*Rest eternal grant her, Lord,  
and let light perpetual  
shine upon her.*

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We are delighted to welcome into membership at St. Paul's Linda Gillies, Donald Kretchmer, and Kelly, Aiden, and Wyatt Schaper. They became members when we celebrated Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 2. If you haven't already, welcome them and introduce yourself.



**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

Our minds are drawn to ethereal things in November. All Saints' reminds us of the community of saints across time and space that God brings us into in our baptism, and we think particularly of

those saints who live in the full presence of God. Then Christ the King Sunday, which ends our liturgical year, celebrates the reign of Christ over all creation and the kingdom of God in which we live. And just that quickly, we begin a new year in the church and begin the season of Advent, in which we look for Christ to come, by concentrating on his coming at the end of time. Ethereal, indeed!

It's good, and important, to be drawn occasionally to those things beyond us – the things of the big picture. Yet, the needs of those around us, the cares and concerns of our neighbor, the fears and suffering of our own community continue, and we have the word, the presence, and the resources to love and help them, too.

May God richly bless us as we contemplate the big picture as well as love and serve our neighbor this month and always.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Grube

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Our weekly Bible Study, The Bible This Week, will meet the first two weeks of this month, November 1 & 8, as we draw near to the end the liturgical year and its focus on Luke's gospel. We will take a break starting Nov. 15 through the Christmas holiday until the New Year. We meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday mornings and share our thoughts and reflections on the readings for the coming week's worship.

Church  
Constitution  
& Bylaws



### CONSTITUTION REVISION

Don't forget that there will be a short but important congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13, 10:30 am (immediately following Sunday worship). The only item on the agenda is the approval of amendments to our constitution. The proposed constitution along with a summary listing of how it is different from our current constitution is still available for your review before that meeting. It will be a quick matter of voting yea or nay on adopting the new constitution. With the constitution's approval, we will then ratify that vote at our regular annual meeting on January 15, forward it to the synod for review, and begin operating under its rule June 1, 2023.

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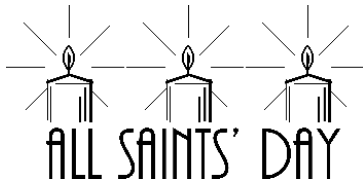
### SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight saving time ends, November 6
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 20
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24
- First Sunday of Advent, November 27



DON'T FORGET...

Daylight Saving time ends, November 6!



As Memorial Day is to our nation's armed forces, All Saints is to the church. We remember the saints of God who have gone before us in triumph, and honor those who are made saints by baptism. The first Sunday on or after November 1, All Saints' Day, is our congregational celebration of All Saints. We remember both those who have died and those who have been baptized in the past year in our prayers and celebrate the cloud of witnesses of our own community with pictures in a display in the narthex. This year we remember: *Donald Carey, Fred Hanadel, Maxwell Bowman, Flo Belenski, Adam Belenski, JoAnn Brown, Elizabeth Weaver, David Kowalek, Alice Baer, Barbara Kessler and newly baptized, Vivian Rose Wyatt.*

As All Saints begins our month, the end of the liturgical year is marked two weeks later, November 20, with the celebration of the reign of Christ over all creation as Christ the King. This is our final day of the church year calendar and this year's concentration on Luke's gospel. We always rely on Luke to tell the Christmas story, of course, but our new year attention will come to focus on Matthew's gospel.



### First Sunday of Advent, November 27

Advent is the New Year of the church, and this year, Advent begins the last Sunday of this month, November 27. This season of waiting, watching, counting, and anticipating usually comes with special congregational resources for marking time and celebrating the season. This year is no exception. In addition to the regular Word in Season daily devotion resource, we will be providing a special Advent season booklet for daily devotions at home centered on a reflection written about a scripture reading for each day of Advent, except Sundays. The children will have their own daily project to work on through the season, constructing a paper chain, with one link added each day. Each link will offer a brief scripture passage and a reflection, activity, or family discussion topic. And for us all, we will have a special midweek evening gathering Tuesday, December 6, for singing Holden Evening Prayer, the setting of Evening Prayer we have come to enjoy over several years of using it for Lent midweek prayer.



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We're really looking ahead here, but since Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on a Saturday and Sunday this year, the Worship and Music committee looked ahead, too, and has announced our Christmas worship schedule. Saturday, Christmas Eve, we will worship at 4:00 and 7:00 pm; the 4:00 service will be live-streamed on Zoom, and there will be no 5:30 pm service that Saturday. We will have a simple service of Lesson and Carols with Holy Communion on Sunday, Christmas Day at 9:30 am, and there will be no Sunday School.



The annual Bishop's Conference for ministers of the Northeastern PA Synod will be this month, November 14-15 in Allentown. "On The Beat

and With the Word: Join the Movement of God," is the title of this year's program led by members of the Center for Congregation Health. Pastor Grube will be attending, so he will be away those two days. Please contact the church office (570.675.3859 or email: [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net)) if you have a pastoral emergency during that time.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

October finished with the delivery of cute decorated pumpkins to our shut-ins; our Sunday School did a fine job decorating and they brought many smiles from the recipients.

We also completed our first 20 fleece blankets and we will be taking a break until next spring when we plan to make 20 more. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to your help again in the spring!

There are plans in the works for Advent this year. Our annual "Mitten" tree will be in place starting the First Sunday in Advent. Please attach children's new mittens, scarves and/or gloves (even socks) to the tree which will be located in the hallway leading to the social hall. After Christmas, they will be given to our Head Start and Early Intervention children and to others in need. It's always nice to know our children are warm and cozy during the coming winter months.

Something new for Advent this year will be "The Giving Tree" which will be located in the foyer. You will have a choice of donating to World Hunger and/or Lutheran Disaster Relief. Gifts may be made in honor/memory of a loved one and will provide much needed funds. More details will be coming in the weekly bulletins.

Committee meetings are held at 10:00 am the third Wednesday of the month and new members are always welcome!

In a special message for World Food Day, ELCA World Hunger wrote, "In The Gambia, Anna participated in a cashew farming project supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. The project is one of several initiatives aimed at building food security and creating new opportunities for Gambians. In this project, women and girls from rural areas with high rates of poverty learn how to grow and market cashew nuts for income. With the additional money, Anna can afford food, clothing, school fees for her children and investments in her growing business. Anna's story is just one example of your generosity to ELCA World Hunger transforming a life and ushering in a future filled with hope." Thank you for your support.

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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Flooding, drought, wildfire, and destructive storms are all happening in our own country and around the world, and Lutheran Disaster Response is there in relief and reconstruction. Your contributions go far in the actual work this ministry does. Special envelopes in the pew holders and a designated button under the "Online Giving" tab on our website are the two easiest ways to make a contribution. Thank you for your support.



**DORCAS LUNCHEON**

All women of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (and guests) are welcome to attend the annual Dorcas Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. This year’s event will be a delicious luncheon served at the Apple Tree Terrace in Dallas. Plans include Christmas themed devotions, a buffet style meal followed by captivating musical entertainment.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church Narthex in the month of November. Price per person will be in the \$25 range, depending on current market prices. A set price will be posted on the sign-up sheet. Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is Sunday, December 4. If sign-up is inconvenient, please call the church office at 570.675.3859 or email at [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) to place your name on the sign-up list.

We’d love to see you at Apple Tree!

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**CHRISTMAS  
POINSETTIAS**

Enclosed with this newsletter is an order form and envelope for you to place your order for poinsettias that will be

used to decorate the sanctuary Christmas Eve. Please note that you may also place your order online via St. Paul’s website at [www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) and click on the Online Giving link. Be sure to include the name of the person in whose memory or honor you are giving the poinsettia(s). You may also specify a color, red or white. Deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 27.

Hi Everyone,

Music! I love music – almost any kind. When I was reading my on-line issue from National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), part of National Institute of Health (NIH), I found a fabulous article on music and how it affects health issues.

In the article you can click on various health issues to see how music can help. The health issues are: Pain, Anxiety, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cancer, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Cognitive Impairment and Dementia, Depression, Fibromyalgia, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s Disease, Preterm Infants, and Schizophrenia. Find the article at <https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/music-and-health-what-you-need-to-know?nav=govd> . I did print out the ones on Cancer and Pain.

If you would like copies of either of these or the main article, please ask at the office. Thanks, Carol and Gail.

I’ve been reading and reading and reading about Long COVID. Other than all the different symptoms there is no cure yet, but many, many research studies are going on. In Tel Aviv, Israel and also in the U.S. there is some hope in the results of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. To those who are dealing with Long COVID: please keep your doctor informed, keep a diary and ask if s/he is aware of any COVID Recovery Centers or Specialists available. Many are being developed. On Geisinger’s site, I found a Post-COVID Clinic but couldn’t find anything on Commonwealth Health’s website.

In Love and Service and Gratitude,  
Gail Ide, Health Ministry Team



## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

The Sunday School children will create a turkey for the “Thanks for Giving” in their classrooms. The “Turkeys” will be displayed in the Narthex for judging on November 19-20. Children and adults are invited to vote for their favorite turkey by contributing a non-perishable food item to the basket of their choice; all food will be donated to the Bank Mountain Food Pantry.

and



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

All ages  
“Advent Event”

Sunday, November 27  
First Sunday in Advent  
During the Sunday School hour.

Additional details will be in the  
upcoming church bulletins.

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### **HONORING OUR VETERANS**

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War 1 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 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.



### **FROM THE MAILBOX**

TO ALL THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS OF ST. PAUL’S SUNDAY SCHOOL....Thank you for the great decorated pumpkin you made for me...and thanks to Karen Mertz for delivering it to my house. I love the pumpkin!

Marjorie Fritzing

The following thank you notes were sent to St. Paul’s from Head Start Children....

“Thank you for my new shoes.”

“I wanted to say thank you for my new sneakers! They have my dad’s favorite color green on them. I really like blue as well. Thank you again!”

“Thank you so very much! I love them.”

“Thank you sooo much for my new shoes. I can run sooo fast in them.”

“Thank you St. Paul’s Church for the new sneakers!! I really love them!”

“Thank you for my new sneakers!”

“Thank you for the new shoes...I love them”

“Thank you so much for my new sneakers...they fit great!”



# Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



## What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

# Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

*Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.*



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began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_.  
Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_.  
And feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_."  
Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_.  
What would they do? They'd need a whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_.  
Five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_?  
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you,  
done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

