

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Lamplighter – November 2018



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You are invited to join us this November for a number of special days of worship. (We meet each Sunday at 8:30 and 10 AM):

Sunday, November 4--All Saints Sunday. Join us as we give thanks for the sure hope of the resurrection which God gives through His Son, Jesus Christ. We will also give thanks for those who have passed away in our parish family since last All Saints' Day. We will give out a copy of the 23rd Psalm on that day.

Sunday, November 11--Stewardship Sunday #1, "Finding Rest in Jesus Sunday." All our Stewardship Sundays are based on hymn 699 in Lutheran Service Book, "I Head the Voice of Jesus Say." We will give out 2019 St. Paul's Calendars on this day. We will also take a moment to recognize our St. Paul's Veterans. Veterans

from the community are also welcome to join us. We will serve a continental breakfast after the 10 AM service.

Sunday, November 18--Stewardship Sunday #2, "Living Waters Sunday." All people in attendance will receive a small bottle of Poland Spring water. We will also give out 2019 church offering envelopes on this day.

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM--Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Join us for a candlelight service as we give thanks to God for all His blessings. We give out copies of the poem, "Thank You God (from A to Z)" written by Pastor Robert Holsten

Sunday, November 25--Stewardship Sunday #3, "Light of Jesus Sunday." All people in attendance will receive a tea candle. We will also give out Advent devotional booklets on this day.

I look forward to sharing these November services with you!

In Christ,

Pastor Robert Holsten

### NOTES FROM PASTOR

**THE MEMBERS OF ST PAUL'S CONGREGATION SHARE THEIR SYMPATHY** and the sure hope of the resurrection with the family of Janice Predonzani. Janice, Diane Huening's sister, passed away after a long battle with cancer on October 5. Janice's funeral took place at St. Anthony's in Northvale on October 10.

**THE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION SHARE THEIR SYMPATHY** and the sure hope of the resurrection with the family of Inge Stuebing. Inge, Carol Dorow's aunt and Agnes Riss' sister, passed away on October 3 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Inge was 94 years old.

A memorial service for Inge took place in Cape Cod on October 31

**THANK YOU** to the members of St. Paul's Ladies Aid, St. Paul's Christian Fellowship Committee, the Whole Stein Polka Trio (Katy, Eric and Joan Holsten), and all who helped with or attended St. Paul's Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest, which took place on October 13<sup>th</sup> was an evening of fine food, fellowship, and fun! We're grateful for your hard work and service in making it happen! Thanks also to Thrivent, whose Action Team grant help sponsor the event.

## OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

### ELDERS

- Reviewed Pastor's report at last meeting.
- Set schedule for upcoming month
- Will meet again on November 6th.
- Also discussed that St Matthews is considering the sale of their church property.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday school is reduced by two children: praying for more children.
- Will be starting to get ready for Christmas pageant.

### MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

- Lily the Comfort Dog was here for a brunch on Sept 30th
- Missions for October is Millneck Manor, November is Family Promise, and December is Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.
- Oktoberfest is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- Will help with Oktoberfest on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### PROPERTY

- Alarm system had a problem and was repaired
- The exit signs needed new batteries
- A ballast had to be replaced in a fluorescent light fixture.
- Outside walls were painted.

### STEWARDSHIP

- Went to Rockleigh home on September 18<sup>th</sup> and handed out Thrivent shirts.
- Going to Rockleigh home on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with an Oktoberfest/ Halloween theme
- Started a new Bible study with help on being anxious.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Directory work is in progress, and there is a rough draft.

- Organ repair company has not gotten back to us.
- Choir is looking at new robes, and have sent for samples
- We are still discussing ideas for possible changes in the constitution.
- Charlie Munsch went to the President's meeting on October 13th.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Received forms for nomination of Synodical officers. The forms are due in January

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dylan Ross
- 6 Samantha Merz, David Riecken
- 10 James Lake
- 14 Christopher Hass
- 16 Nicholas Schneider
- 19 Scott Johnson
- 20 Christian Wiederholz
- 22 Jordan Kemprowski
- 23 Jessica Kilduff
- 26 Jeannette Bickel
- 28 Roger Fyfe, Nicholas Weber
- 29 Mark Fiedler

### LADIES AID

St. Paul's Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 1 PM in Koepchen Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a devotion, refreshments (served by Janice Pierro) and the rest of our meeting. We serve St. Paul's and the church at large in a variety of ways. Come and see!

**Do You WORRY?** Are you anxious? A Bible study is taking place to address these concerns. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 10 AM (Nov. 1 and 8) in the Conference Room. Led by Donna Munsch, we will be discussing Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*.

Join us also for a four session Christmas Bible study from Max Lucado, *Because of Bethlehem*, on Tuesdays at 10 AM beginning November 13. –Donna Munsch