

News and Views



Worship with us November 13th!

The women of our congregation are involved in many projects and we are having women who work on each project talk about them.

Our Thankoffering gifts this year will be added to those from last year and donated to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) FILL THE WELL project. Gifts to this project will help raise \$1 million for programs that will bring purified water to the world's poorest people. Water touches all aspects of life. Without reliable sources of water, farmers can't grow crops to sell or to feed their families. Women and children must often travel miles each day to collect water. And drinking dirty water is a constant threat for disease. LWR works with local partners to improve rural communities' access to water, digging wells and drilling boreholes, building and restoring irrigation systems, providing clean drinking water during emergencies, and training communities on sanitation practices. Monies donated are used for some of the following:

- \$35.00 provides an emergency water filter to a family coping with disaster
- \$150.00 gives a family a gravity-fed water filter, allowing children to attend school rather than fetch water.
- \$500 gives an entire community a water system that provides clean water for drinking and bathing.
- \$2500 gives a community an irrigation system to water their fields and help them grow crops for years to come.

Bibles in the Pews

It was not too long ago that someone suggested that it would be great if St. Paul had Bibles in each of the pews. It would be good for meditation, as well as reading the lessons as printed in the Bible in order to understand the context of the lessons. This is a great idea and so we began to look at the selections of pew Bibles. Paperbacks seemed too damageable and then an offer arrived that was perfect, for us. Hardbound, with larger print, and free shipping...not to mention being on sale too! Our budget allowed for some, contributions put more Bibles in the pews. Now we have four Bibles for each pew. Thank you so much to everyone who made this happen. God's Word is a harvest waiting to happen, it will not return empty. And, if you prefer to use your own Bible you can bring it to church when you come!



When: November 20th
at 6:30 p.m
Where: St. Paul Lutheran
After: a cookie fellowship

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

This year will be Sandra's last year coordinating this event. So if you feel the call to take on this ministry please let us know. The decorating for Christmas will be on December 2 at 6 PM. This is a Friday evening. If everything is not finished by the end of the evening we will continue on Saturday morning, Dec. 3 at 9 AM. However, the more hands...the lighter the work...and the more fun. So come out and let's see how beautiful we can make our church.

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What is Going On with the PhoneTree?

The answer: I don't know! I apologize for the last couple times when you received a call and nothing was said. The ENTIRE phone list was called and **not connected** (that is when nothing happens)! I am trying to find the solution, especially since it worked perfectly for the times prior to Fall Fest. Please be patient as our top minds (not mine) are on the case.

However, when you do get a call from St. Paul on the PhoneTree, please say "Hello" even though you are talking to a machine. That word keys in the process of playing the recorded message. Silly, I know, but thanks.



We're Collecting Cell Phones Again

It's that time once again. We are collecting old cell phones you might have and don't use any longer. Since you have that new I-phone, or whichever, and you can't just dump your old phone...why not contribute it to a good cause. These old phones are refurbished and then given to either the military, or other service organizations. The phones then are given to people who need a phone to connect with family, for example. It is a great cause and the St. Paul is paid for the old phones. So look in the back of your desk or drawers and pull out those old phones and put them in the box in the narthex of our church. We'll take care of the rest, and thanks.



Military Faith Comes By Hearing

We are already familiar with "Faith Comes by Hearing." This is the Bible on tape program. But our military soldiers cannot carry around a 'big ol' cassette player' while they are on patrol. So the Military has connected with the "Faith" program and developed a Bible Stik were the trouper can place earplugs in his ear and listen to the Work of God while keeping his hands free. This product will be on display at our Annual Congregation meeting on Nov. 13. You can learn more about how this program works and we, as St. Paul members, can become partners to get the Bible into the hands of our service people.

Cross Walk



What an exciting month! October 2011 is in the bag, as they say, and what a month it was! We successfully completed the 2-weekend Pumpkin Fest, Fall Fest, a youth-led 5th Sunday service and a bowling night! Around these things we fit in 4 weekend fellowships, 4 Wednesday night Bible Studies and a 5th Quarter Fellowship! I was blown away by the level of support our youth, their parents, and the entire church gave us during the Pumpkin Fest. If you haven't heard, our final tally for Pumpkin Fest was \$2050, and that was after being rained out on the first weekend!

Aside from the Pumpkin Fest success, the single thing that stood out most to me was the level of commitment I had from the youth. Our numbers have stayed consistent all month, averaging 10 youth for Wednesday night Bible Study and 13-15 for our weekend fellowships! We had 12 different youth work at the Pumpkin Fest and on Fall Fest Sunday we had 11 youth that worked the entire event from set up to teardown. How awesome is that?!

The month of November will continue to build on this success, with many opportunities to get involved. One such event will be November 12, when we will have a youth sponsored Church Yard Sale, with donated items to be sold to raise money for the youth program. On that day we will be trying out some new fund raising ideas as well, so stay tuned! We also have the prepared Thanksgiving meals which our youth will deliver to those who are home bound this month. More details regarding both will be given as the month progresses!

I am continually inspired by the growth and excitement I see in our youth as they leave behind the "couch potato" mentality and continue to get involved and be innovative. For example, we voted to name our youth room the "Power House," where we will meet to discover the Power of God's Word, and receive power from Christian fellowship.

Additionally, they voted to call our Youth Program "Cross Walk", which aside from the great play on words, is based on the idea that a cross walk provides a safe path through a perilous situation. As a follower of Christ, we have given a safe path to follow through the perils of life. All we have to do is **"Keep our eyes on the Cross, and Walk in faith!"**

Ben Walker



*Fourth Monday
Domino Day at St. Paul's*

Date:

Fourth Monday of every month

Time:

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place:

St. Paul Education Building

"THE BLACKBOARD"

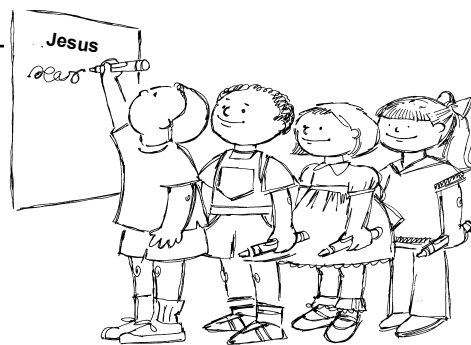
News from our St. Paul Lutheran schools

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Elementary School—Sheila Debus, Principal

(512) 365-6161



CDC News - -

THANKS to St. Paul members & youth, School & CDC parents, students, friends, Taylor Businesses, friends from near & far for a successful fundraiser. The Live Auction netted \$10,952. The children had a lot of fun preparing projects for parents and friends to purchase. Businesses, members and friends donated a fantastic assortment of items for the auctions and raffles. 803 BBQ plates were served at lunch, a fantastic response with so many community events to choose from on Sunday. We are blessed with supportive friends and members. Thanks for your donations of time, talent and items. You made the event a success. Total profit to be announced at a later date.

Fall Pictures are scheduled for October 29.

Ms. Grace Bulgerin and her Busy Bees Garden Group (St Paul CDC After Schoolers) have planted a vegetable container garden in front of the CDC playground. The plants are beautiful. "Proof - You just have to know how." Thanks Grace for your many volunteer hours.

Thanksgiving Holidays. November 24 & 25. This is the month the students study thankfulness, who they are thankful for and what they are thankful for. Most of all thankfulness for Jesus and His love. Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

St. Paul Elementary School

"Pumpkin pies behind us (Fall Fest) and pumpkin pies before us (Thanksgiving)...we love this time of year!"

First and foremost, we want to thank all who donated desserts, items, and time to help make this year's Fall Fest a success!

Hats off also to Coach Laxson - flag football has started! Of the 54 students eligible to participate in this after school activity, 32 have signed up. Not only do they have a great time, and learn the finer points of flag football, it also helps kids develop a healthy foundation for any future sports they may participate in. Thanks, Coach! Go long!

We have available St. Paul Warrior shirts, jackets, hats...(or just about anything else you can think of), with our new logo. Please contact Carrie or Sheila if you would like to place an order or find out pricing. 365-6161 or stpaultayloroffice@yahoo.com

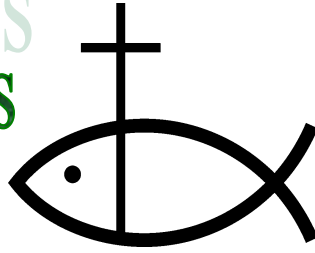
Thursday, November 10 is our Veteran's Day chapel service, at 8:00am. Please feel free to visit our special service honoring Veterans.

Our Thanksgiving holiday begins on Wednesday, November 23 with an early release at 12 that day...we return to school on Tuesday, November 29 (Monday is a staff development day).

Let's come to him with thanksgiving. Let's sing songs to him...Psalm 95:2



Go WARRIORS!



Why Go to Church?

A little while ago I was asked this simple question: why go to church? At first I was a bit at a loss. I stuttered out a few standard answers (especially Lutheran ones) such as: this is where we worship God, and, because God said to, and, to hear the Word of God preached and receive the sacraments. That last one is a biggie...and it got me to thinking about other reasons.

Each church is different...and alike. There are many stories about folks who travel in a different country, but still go to church on Sunday. The language is different but the hymns are recognizable. The Holy Communion is still the body and blood of our Lord and the cross still means salvation. But, why go to church? One big reason is because this is where you feel at home. Even if the service may be new to you, the comfortable feeling of being in worship is overwhelming. That feeling doesn't happen if you are not a regular attendee of worship in a church.

For some of our older generation, going to church is just what you did, and do. There is almost a desperate need to have our faith renewed, restored and inspired. The Gospel cannot be stored up. It needs constant refreshing...like the manna in the wilderness. It is gathered and used up...but then the next day it is given fresh.

Why go to church? Because we can! Because in spite of everything society may throw at us God has something better. Because church is where we grow in communion and fellowship with other Christians. This can only happen in church.

See you in church.



NEW Monday Study Beginning in November

At 7:00 PM on November 7, a Monday, we will begin an **Adult Confirmation Review**. I don't call this a class because it is more of a discussion of questions that Martin Luther brings up in his Small Catechism. This Study will review these significant points in the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments. The study will last for 7 weeks, ending before Christmas. Absolutely EVERYONE is invited! Now is an opportunity to ask your questions, refresh your understanding of the Catechism and fill in the blanks from your confirmation study (and if you missed confirmation...this would definitely be a place to start). I hope to see you there.



PRAYER : Savior Lord, Healing Spirit, in this moment, lead my heart to hold carefully all for whom I pray. Help me to consider all that You have done for your children, and then, I pray that Your Holy Spirit bless them with healing and wholeness. Bring light and peace into each life that we all might feel your comforting presence. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Members: Abby Johnson, Randall Bohls, Edna Werchan, Nema Bohls, Emma Heselmeyer, Gussie Arlege, Rose King, Clara Voight

Family, friends, and loved ones: our nation, Harold Walker, Jim Ferrier, Lee Schaefer, Gladys Lindgren, Diana Beran, Jennifer Neddeau, Dara Rozell, Lizzie Tennyson, Loraine McCarty, Karen Hyer, Brian Gross, Elizabeth Lovejoy, Christi Davidson, Lou Ann Maddox, Keith Sowers, Samantha Munkowsky, Marilyn & Donna DeMari, Abby Alderete, Gay Keys, Josie Mowers, Chris Otts, Elisabeth Skrovan, Sylvia Slagle, Susan Shores, Trishia Mueller, John Brown, Robert Garrett, David Click & Family, Marie Davis, Betty Cruz, Wilma Hoerig, John Graff, Abigail Alexander, Luke David Jackson, Joshua Bockerstette, Julie Johnson, Pamela Morton, Connie Steelhammer, Evon Higgins, Gail Matthys, Eric Richardson, Mike Parry, Jessica Golden, Cole Riddle, Larry Rydell, David M. Bulgerin, Alton Peters, Carole Byler, Margaret Smith, Kimberly Jones, Trent Holmstrom

Military: Thomas Teggeman, Afganistan

Asst. Living/Nursing Home:

Grace Place- Hannah Hays, Dorothy Rhea

Court of Round Rock- Aline Kautz

Cottages of Chandler Creek- Helen Scruggs

SPJST AL- Lena Leschber

SPJST NH- Hattie Becker, Mamie Danek, Birdie Eulenfeld, Olga George, Ruth Preston, Bernice Schroeder

Granger Villa- Alma Heselmeyer, Emma Heselmeyer, Frances Moehnke, Desy Mueller, Edna Werchan

Will'O'Bell- Gussie Arledge, Erwin Teggeman

Pflugerville Care Ctr- Susie Priesmeyer

Regency, Temple - Willie Pokorny

Trinity Care Ctr- Rylie Brewer, Annie Schernik, Pauline Sorenson

A Report from St. Paul Women - -

The Women of St. Paul raised \$547.56 at the Bratwurst. A big thank you goes to the women for donating the desserts and working at the supper.

BAPTIZED October 16th during worship were Pearl Annelle, Nathaniel Henry, and Alexander Walter. They are the children of Charles and Jennifer Howard. Charles and Jennifer also joined the church October 30th. Welcome!



Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed! Our church has accepted responsibility for covering three delivery routes on **Mondays** for Meals on Wheels. At present, we have openings. Besides Mondays, we also have folks that deliver on other days. It only takes an hour. Be at the Nutrition Center at 10:30, deliver 15 – 20 meals (you don't have to stay and talk with each client), return the supplies, and be on your way. If you can help deliver meals, call the church office at 352-2327. For more information, call the Center at 352-5539.

Monday, November 7

- LaVerne & Dennis Richter
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Open - Volunteer needed

Monday, November 21

- LaVerne & Dennis Richter
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Open - Volunteer needed

Monday, November 14

- Naomi & Bobby Pasemann
- Mark Krueger
- Marilyn & Lonnie Raschke

Monday, November 28

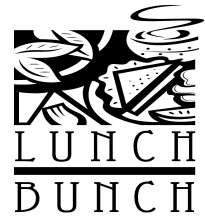
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Miles Baska
- Marilyn & Lonnie Raschke



Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Ministry Committee** The Senior Ministry Committee will start meeting on the last Wednesday of the month beginning with the November meeting. The meeting for November is November 30th at 10:00 am in St. Paul House. Plans are to fill the gift bags for our shut in members on that date. We will be needing volunteers to deliver the gifts. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX STARTING ON DECEMBER 4TH. THE GIFTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE SAME TIME.

The Lunch Bunch will get together for lunch on Monday, November 14th at 11:30 am at Baylor Seafood & Steak. Please join us for good food and conversation. Normally we get together on the 3rd Monday of the month but Thanksgiving is that week.



"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share."
 ~W. Clement Stone

Fall Back

Turn your clocks back Sat. night - November 5th.





Sunday Worship ave. Attendance: 157
 Sunday School ave. Attendance: 51

Income & Expenses:

Monthly

Income	\$21,830.36
Expenses	\$20,605.80
Income Minus Expenses	\$1,224.56

Year-to-Date

Income	\$197,765.89
Expenses	\$192,443.26
Income Minus Expenses	\$5,322.63

Benevolence

Goal for 2011	\$13,000
Received for the month	\$547.00
Received YTD	\$4,325.50

Mission of the Month:

Shepherd's Heart	\$441.00
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Mamie Danek will turn 92 years young November 4th.

Elda Heselmeyer will turn 95 years young November 8th.

Katy Wilson will turn 81 years young November 9th.

Lomis Weber will turn 82 years young November 15th.

Willie Heselmeyer will turn 97 years young November 17th.

Bernice Schroeder will turn 88 years young November 17th.



.. Janet Brinkmeyer, Logan & Debbie Brinkmeyer, and Tracie Luna family at the death of Herman, a longtime member of St. Paul. His funeral was held at the church on September 30th.

.. family of Gertrude Porter. Her funeral was held September 30th.

Anniversary Blessings

Willie & Elda Heselmeyer are celebrating 73 years of marriage on November 2nd.

Alvin & Katy Wilson are celebrating 54 years of marriage on November 17th.

Dennis & LaVerne Richter are celebrating 51 years of marriage on November 26th.

NOVEMBER Mission of the Month

WORLD HUNGER

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 6, 2011

Asst. Minister: Dave Kinnaman
Council Ushers: Michael Schwettman, James Preece, Sharon Pick
Altar Set-up: Marilyn Grimm, Janet Brinkmeyer Altar Asst: Sheila
Altar Clean-up: Sheila Bullock, Rhonda Ochoa, Tracy Richter

Greeters: Janet Brinkmeyer, Colbey Bullock
Asst. Ushers: Katy Safarik, Paula Safarik
Reader: Aurora Wold-Krogmann
Acolytes: Bethany Cohen, Dante Reed

November 13, 2011

Council Ushers: Mel Bullock, Lynn Prinz, Dave Kinnaman

Greeters: Sheila Bullock, Pam David
Asst. Ushers: Sean Scheffel, Jack Stolle
Reader: Carla Beran
Acolyte: Katie Stolte

November 20, 2011

Asst. Minister: Jewel Kruse
Council Ushers: Bob Grimm, Buddy Townsend, Mark Stoll
Altar Set-up: Sheila Bullock, Rhonda Ochoa, Tracy Richter Altar Asst: Kathie
Altar Clean-up: Carol Lantzsch, Naomi Pasemann, Kathie Preece

Greeters: Shirley Evans, Carolyn Gauthier
Asst. Ushers: Byron Townsend, Dylan Townsend
Reader: Janet Brinkmeyer
Acolytes: Garrett Johnson, Aaron Prinz

November 27, 2011

Council Ushers: Rose King, Pat Erwin, Chris Koehne

Greeters: Carolyn Jacobson, Dan Jansky
Asst. Ushers: Billy Turner, Collin Vanecek
Reader: Jennifer Bullock
Acolyte: Jackson Rohlack

November 2011

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 4, 2011

Asst. Minister: James Preece
Council Ushers: Michael Schwettman, James Preece, Sharon Pick
Altar Set-up: Carol Lantzsch, Naomi Pasemann, Kathie Preece Altar Asst: Rhonda
Altar Clean-up: Marilyn Raschke, Beverly Ash, Elaine Oser

Greeters: Katrina Jansky, Margaret Kerlin
Asst. Ushers: Susan Basco, Bertha Mary Beran
Reader: Dinna Cohen
Acolytes: Rosie Morgan, Peter Erwin

December 11, 2011

Council Ushers: Mel Bullock, Lynn Prinz, Dave Kinnaman

Greeters: Bonnie Kiesling, Jackie Kotrla
Asst. Ushers: Janet Brinkmeyer, Jennifer Bullock
Reader: Darlene Dodson
Acolyte: Christian Stoll

December 18, 2011

Asst. Minister: Allison Erwin
Council Ushers: Bob Grimm, Buddy Townsend, Mark Stoll
Altar Set-up: Marilyn Raschke, Beverly Ash, Elaine Oser Altar Asst: Marilyn Grimm
Altar Clean-up: Marilyn Grimm, Janet Brinkmeyer

Greeters: Carol Lindell, Mark Lindell
Asst. Ushers: Sheila Bullock, Chad David
Reader: Katrina Jansky
Acolytes: Carolyn Gauthier, Colton Prinz

December 25, 2011

Council Ushers: Rose King, Pat Erwin, Chris Koehne

Greeters: Peggy Mathis, Bethany Matthys
Asst. Ushers: Kristi Gauthier, Dan Jansky
Reader: Debbie Matthys
Acolyte: Colton Schiller

CHRISTMAS EVE

Acolytes - Kenneth Kruse and Jackson Rohlack

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Please Take Note
of December Newsletter Deadline:

If you have an announcement
or items for the newsletter
please have them to the office
by DECEMBER 16
due to the editor's duties!!