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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Wherever you ended up, and whom ever you spent time with, it is my wish that it was meaningful in some manner.

St. Paul's and Christ Lutheran participate in a joint service each Thanksgiving Eve. I understand that evening is not ideal for the majority, between traveling, preparing for the following day, whatever the case, I get it. Therefore, I want to offer a portion of my Thanksgiving Eve message centering around the outlook of a thankful heart.

It is easy to feel grateful when everything is fantastic. You are on vacation, change of scenery, everyone is in a good mood, you are not worrying about work, etc. You can just relax. The problem is, how often does that happen? Couple times a year? Maybe not even that for some. Therefore, how do you continually find positivity the rest of the time? One answer is to focus on the seemingly insignificant.

Begin with the parts of your life that take place every day and appear to be rather inconsequential. We all have small chunks of time and occurrences that repeat every day. Those are the aspects that make up your life. Your life isn't relaxing on the beach. Your life in walking into the house after a long day. It's interacting with someone you care about during a meal. It is enjoying time with coworkers or neighbors. These little things that are right there in front of us; they aren't little, it's a massive percentage of your life. It takes more work than you realize to get them right, but there is a ripple effect, the insignificant transforms into something much larger. Consider the aspects of your life that get overlooked and deemed minor, and reflect upon how they could be viewed in a more significant light.

Pastor Timothy Holt

CHURCH COUNCIL



Thank you to the outgoing council members. Your service to St. Paul's is appreciated:
John Potts, Darlene Ziegler, Deidra Church, Cheryl Hauser, and Julia Stenftenagel

Welcome to the five newly elected council members:
Keith Keller, Jen Begle, Mike Weisheit, Debbie Bauer, and Brandie Beck

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement
Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12/01 Jennings Neukam	12/18 Crystal Salmon
12/02 Anthony Mann	Arlene Vonderheide
Deann Mann	12/19 Doris Salmon
Bucky Seitz	Jim Hoffman
12/03 Connie Shipman	William Vonderheide
12/04 Bruce Terwiske	12/20 Allan Huebner
Reagan Weisheit	Kathy Eisenhut
12/05 Huntter Fehribach	Nicole Lammers
12/07 Steven Dodd	Colten Lottes
12/08 Brooke Neukam	Jared Mann
12/09 Mary Lou Himsel	12/21 Jeanne Hoffman
Andrea Lindsey	Linda Huebner
Kurt Schepers	12/22 Will Sendelweck
12/10 John Church	MacKenzie Lichlyter
Judy Kieffner	12/23 Kaitlyn Bauer
Kaitlyn Kline	12/24 Benjamin Cooper
Linda Schmitt	Jessie Lichlyter
Davin Kellar	12/25 Debbie Bauer
12/11 Christopher Ziegler	Kent Beckman
12/12 Julia Stenftenagel	12/26 Anthony Schmitt
12/14 Darrin Buchta	Amy Beckman
12/15 Marie Neukam	Eli Holt
12/16 Rose Hoffman	12/28 Cheryl Hauser
Olivia Ruckriegel	Deena Lewis
Janice Seitz	12/29 Katie Popp
12/17 Clay Green	Kristen Ruhe
12/18 Preston Brinkman	Tripp Weisheit
Stephanie Hautsch	12/30 Kierstin Bapple
	12/31 Sydni Wiseman

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/02 Greg & Jennifer Bauer
12/05 Gene & Kathy Eisenhut
12/10 Jason & Julia Stenftenagel
12/27 Steve & Brandi Dodd
12/28 Ken & Sarah Giesler
12/29 Bruce & Tina Terwiske
Harvey & Lisa Himsel
12/30 Jeff & Gretchen Shelton



In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser	Redzikowo, Poland
AMC Luke Himsel	Virginia Beach, VA
Cooper Uebelhor	Colorado Springs, CO

HAPPY
Holidays

**FOOD BANK ITEM FOR
DECEMBER IS:
*BABY ITEMS***

WELCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/CARRY-IN

The December WELCA meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd, beginning at **6:00 PM** in our fellowship hall. We will have a carry-in meal and program, followed by a short meeting. Not a regular attendee to the monthly meetings? That's OK; we would love to have anyone that would like to join in on a little fellowship! So many hands help out during the year with visiting, flowers, making ham salad, assisting at funeral dinners, blanket tacking, and the list continues! So hope to see you Tuesday, December 3rd!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2024**

12/1
BACKPACK BUDDIES (CHILDREN'S SERMON)
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/8
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/15
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/22
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARTY

12/29
WINTER BREAK: NO CLASS

CHRISTMAS WREATHS HONORING VETERANS

Wreaths Across America is a program dedicated to the placement of Christmas Wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans buried in Arlington Cemetery and elsewhere in our nation.

St. Paul's is participating in a similar program this year. Through donations to the cemetery, artificial wreaths with bows have been purchased to be placed on the gravesites of the Veterans buried in our cemetery.

We believe this will be a very touching event and we are inviting all of you to come to participate. Observers are also encouraged to come and can even remain in the car to watch if desired.

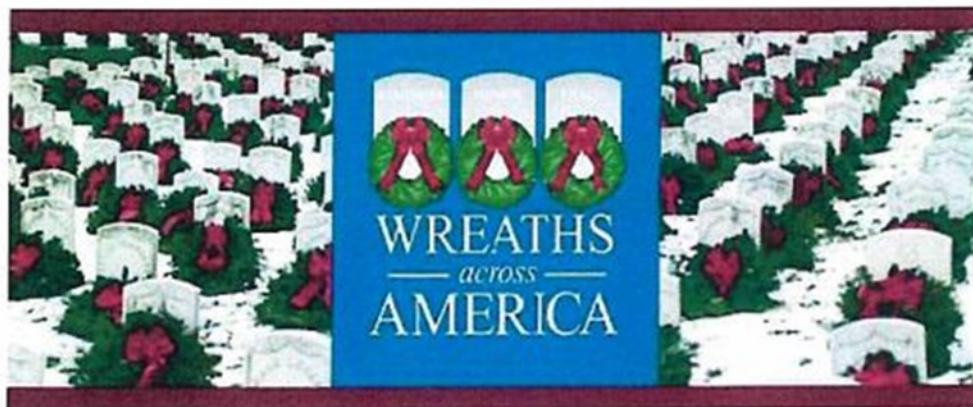
The event will go on rain or shine since it is in conjunction with the national event being held on this same date.

The Cemetery Board is asking for individuals to help place the wreaths on the graves. Volunteers are asked to meet at St. Paul's Cemetery by 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 14th.

Wreaths will be removed from the graves at 12:30 PM on Saturday, January 4th, 2025.

Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our veterans. The date and time again are, **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th AT 2:00 PM.**

If you have any questions call Marvin, Harvey or Tom.



NURSING HOME & HOMEBOUND

Northwood/Good Sam.

Gladys Chanley Rm. 307
 Wilma Buchta Apt. 3
 Delbert Sendelweck 426
 Gene Mehne 513

Brookside

Mary Ann Jerger Rm. 111

Timbers

Dian Gehlhausen Rm. 410

Cathedral Health

Kristi Fuhrman Rm. 26

Homebound

Marcella Weisheit
 Robert Huebner

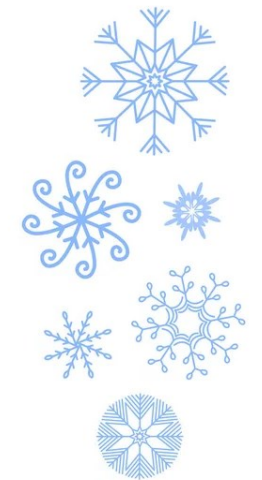
October Attendance

Oct. 6, 2023	141
Oct. 13, 2023	102
Oct. 20, 2023	126
Oct. 27, 2023	143

Annual reports for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie Rumfelt: secretaryst.paul@frontier no later than December 8th. Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER		Month	YTD
INCOME			
	OFFERING	\$15,863.97	\$375,520.74
	BENEVOLENCE	\$551.00	\$7,080.00
	OTHER INCOME	\$840.33	\$3,804.32
	TOTAL	\$17,255.30	\$386,405.06
EXPENSE		\$10,955.83	\$396,302.51
PROFIT/LOSS		\$6,299.47	-\$9,897.45
BUDGET		\$26,925.83	\$269,258.33
OVER/UNDER BUDGET		-\$9,670.53	\$117,146.73



St. Paul's will be collecting food items for our local food bank during the month of December. This would be a great way to get the whole family involved in giving this Christmas season. Create a box for the whole month or add single items to the grocery cart in the welcome center.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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St. Paul's Women of the ELCA- November 5, 2024 meeting

President Cheryl Hauser opened the November meeting with a devotion titled "Embrace the Season," followed by prayer. 11 members were in attendance.

The program for the evening was moved to the end, where women helped fill Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The meeting continued with offering and prayer. Also, 2 birthdays for November were noted.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasures report was read and motion by Donna Rasche and seconded by Kathy Jarboe. Motion approved.

Program and Fellowship report- December will be our Christmas meeting. Program will be Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Stewardship and Service – Baby blankets delivered for November were 6 to Memorial Hospital, 6 to Memorial Hospital Family Care, 6 to SWICCA. Also, 20 baby blankets and 17 large blankets were given to Hurricane Relief. Again this year we will be accepting items for the food bank, using the Reverse Advent Calendar.

Old Business: November 17 is last day to turn in X-mas shoe boxes. Thank Offerings are due by end of November.

WELCA Christmas donations will be, physical offering- items for Build-a-Basket, plus X-mas offering will go to Generations. \$200.00 to Food Bank, and \$200.00 to Crises Connection.

New Business: Christmas meeting will be on December 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. With a carry-in meal. All women of the church are invited.

December 8, the Celebration Singers will be at our Church. Starting at 3:00 p.m. Cookie donations are needed for reception following their performance.

Birthdays cakes for November are: Joan Bauer on Nov 15 by Melanie Freyberger, Mary Ann Kieffner on Nov 16 also by Melanie Freyberger.

Blanket tacking November 15 at 1:00.

Food Bank item – Baby items.

President Hauser thanked the October Committees: Visiting- Mary Beth Lottes and Amy Beckman, Cards- Tara Betz.

Flowers and Refreshments- Nancy Freyberger

November Committees: Visiting- Mary Bauer and Sue Striegel, Cards- Jennifer Bauer.

Flowers- Kathy Jarboe and Refreshments- Jeanne Hoffman.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jeanne Hoffman.

Women of the ELCA 

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Christmas is in the air!
Thanks to all who participated to bring in the holiday spirit for all to enjoy during the holiday season!



LYO



A BIG thanks to LYO for serving a fabulous breakfast after the Annual Council Meeting.



During the month of December, the LYO will be collecting supplies and wish list items for the **Ronald McDonald House** in Evansville. A box will be located in the Welcome Center to collect the donated items. Members of the LYO will deliver supplies to the Ronald McDonald House after the first of the year. *Thanks in advance for your generosity!*



WISH LIST

- Guests**
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, razors, etc.)
 - Travel-size toiletries
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - First aid supplies and pain medications
 - Toys for babies, toddlers, and younger children
 - Board books for babies and toddlers
 - Crayons and colored pencils (up to 16 count)
 - Card games for older kids and adults
 - Puzzle books for adults

- Rooms**
- Queen-size sheet sets, white only (300+ thread count)
 - Queen-size blankets, white only
 - Queen-size waterproof mattress pads
 - Standard pillows and pillowcases, white only
 - Pack 'N Play fitted sheets
 - Crib-sized fitted sheets and mattress pads
 - Bath and hand towels, white only
 - Washcloths and bath mats, white only

- Food and Snacks**
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
 - Pantry staples (sugar, flour, crackers, chicken and beef stock, cooking oil, spices, pasta, pasta sauces, cake mixes, bread, etc.)
 - Refrigerator staples (beef, pork, chicken, milk, eggs, sliced and shredded cheeses, hot dogs deli meat, etc.)
 - Freezer staples (meats, vegetables, waffles, pancakes, casseroles, pizzas, etc.)
 - Canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, pasta, etc.)
 - Condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, etc.)
 - Sugar and sweetener packets
 - 8-ounce bottled water
 - Boxed mac n' cheese
 - Boxed meal mixes (like Hamburger Helper)
 - Coffee (ground and pods)
 - Coffee creamer
 - Peanut butter and jelly
 - Single-serving juice boxes, chips, pretzels, nuts, granola bars, breakfast bars, snack cakes
 - Hot chocolate packets
 - Shakable marshmallows (for hot chocolate)
 - Gum and candy

- Household**
- Laundry supplies
 - Rubber gloves
 - All-Purpose cleaner
 - Sponges and foam cleaning pads
 - Disinfecting spray and wipes
 - Furniture polish
 - Swiffer replacement pads (wet and dry)
 - Swiffer wet solution refills
 - Toilet bowl cleaner
 - Dishwasher pods
 - Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates
 - 12-ounce hot/cold cups and lids
 - Plastic flatware
 - Plastic wrap and heavy duty aluminum foil
 - 4-, 10-, 13-, and 55-gallon trash bags
 - Antibacterial liquid hand soap
 - Storage containers with lids (various sizes)
 - Ziploc Bags (all sizes)

- Supplies**
- 8.5 x 11 plain white 20-lb copy paper
 - 5mil laminating sheets
 - 8.5 x 11 white 65-lb cardstock paper
 - Forever postage stamps
 - AA batteries
 - AAA batteries
 - 60W LED light bulbs

- Gift Cards**
- Target or Walmart
 - Schnuck's
 - Visa or MasterCard
 - Amazon
 - Home Depot or Lowe's
 - Costco
 - Local gas stations, restaurants, and movie theaters

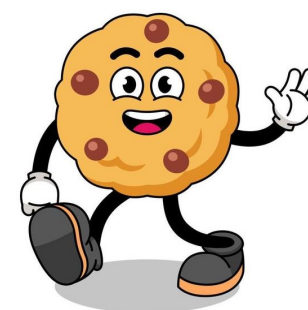
Thank You!



Due to the medical circumstances of our guests, we can accept only new and unopened items. Donations may be dropped off at Ronald McDonald House Washington or Ronald McDonald House Gateway any day of the week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feel free to call with questions or for directions.

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St. Paul's LYO will again be hosting a **Cookie Walk** on **December 22nd**, following the **Children's Christmas Program**. There will be homemade cookies, candies and other treats which will be sold by the pound. This is a good way to get a wide variety of goodies for your Christmas get-togethers. If anyone would like to donate items, a sign-up sheet will be available on the Welcome Center Desk. Thanks in advance for your support!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Join the LYO in spreading Christmas cheer to our area nursing home residents on **Sunday, December 8th**. We will begin at Brookside Village at **11:30 a.m.** and then head to Serenity Spring sharing some of our favorite Christmas songs. We had a great time last year so please plan to attend. *Everyone is welcome!*

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project

Thank you to everyone for the support that you gave! Due to your generosity, 63 filled shoe boxes were delivered to the drop off point. That brings our grand total to 1,747 for the 24 years that we have participated. What an awesome gift to give. Many Blessings to you from the St. Paul's Women of the ELCA.



BAPTISM

ALLI, CAMDYN, AND LAINIEY HOFFMAN

Alli, Camdyn, and Lainey Hoffman were baptized on November 10th. They are the children of Chad and Haylee Hoffman.

Alli was born on Oct. 17, 2013; Camdyn and Lainey were born on April 8, 2024. They are the grandchildren of Tim & Julie Hoffman and Dean & Deb Cody. Their sponsors were; Alli, Amber Bass and Ally Bass, Camdyn, Austin Colomaio and Brynn Wilson, and Lainey, Will Kemper and Nicole Anderson.