

The Dove News

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School - Batavia, New York

November & December 2022



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“Reasons to Say Thanks”

Did you ever find yourself staring at the words, “*Thanksgiving Day*” on the calendar and wondering what in the world you had to be thankful for? It could happen if a job loss makes you wonder how you’ll ever get enough money to take care of your family. Or, if you’ve recently heard nothing but bad news from your doctor. Or, if someone you had entrusted with your heart has broken it and walked away. And, of course, none of us are thankful for the huge inflation that is costing us more and more to put food on the table, gas in our cars, and heat our homes this winter!

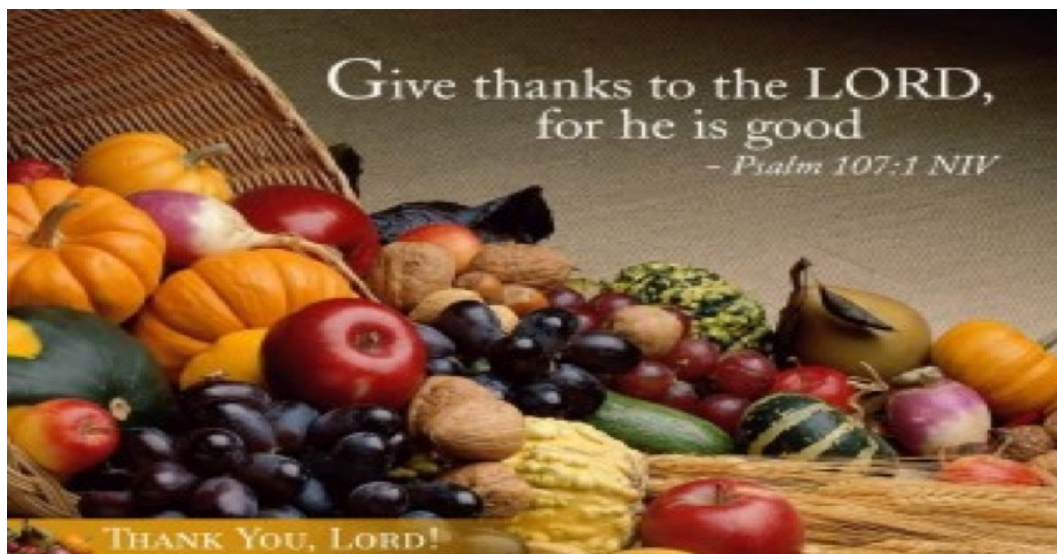
The reasons we may find it hard to give thanks are as many as the troubles we face each day. Hardships don’t pause for a Thanksgiving break! But, there is a way to find reasons to be very thankful during even the darkest days of our lives. When the curtain of struggles seems to block out all the joy, we can still **CHOOSE** to be thankful.

One way is to look into your Bible to see all the things God provides to make us grateful, which have nothing to do with our own circumstances. We can give God thanks for His unfailing goodness; for His holy Name; for deliverance from sin; for victory over death; for God’s nearness always! When all joy seems gone, we can still find reasons to thank God – even if it means thanking Him that our difficulties will one day be replaced by the perfect joys of Heaven!

We certainly thank God for all of you loving folks at St. Paul! I don’t think I’ve ever been shown as much appreciation as your pastor, than right here! Sylvia and I sincerely feel your love and support, as well as your prayers. God deserves all praise for His blessings upon us over these past three years. He has brought a strong spirit of unity, in spite of the many problematic issues we’ve had to face. And, perhaps soon, we’ll be giving Him thanks for providing us a full-time pastor to shepherd St. Paul Church and School in the coming years. As we look forward to 2023 and our 150-year celebration of this church and 25-year celebration of our school, may we bring our praise to God for always taking good care of us!

Have a very Blessed Thanksgiving,

Pastor Richard & Sylvia Pape





“Celebrate the Baby!”

Why do we celebrate Jesus’ birthday quite differently than other important birthdays? When we honor historical figures, like Washington or Lincoln, we don’t think about them as *babies*! We don’t have pictures of cute, little Abe Lincoln in his log cabin in Kentucky. Of course not. We remember him for his great contributions as an adult president.

However, for Jesus it is proper that we celebrate Him as a Child. Think about when He was born. Shepherds came to honor Him. Later, wisemen from the East brought Him gifts. Did these people all understand what Christ would eventually accomplish?

But, they were right in doing what they did, because Jesus’ Birth was the most remarkable even in human history!

As a baby Jesus was remarkable because He was God, divine and holy, in human form. He visited this planet as Creator of the universe! Marvel at His Incarnation and stand in awe of a wiggly, little baby who is the Creator of each of us who worship Him. Then step back in wonder, for the story gets much better. This Divine Baby grew into a Perfect Man, the “Second Adam”, who perfectly obeyed His Father in Heaven and willingly gave His life for our pardon and redemption, salvation and never-ending life!

Celebrate this Baby and trust this Savior with all your heart! That’s how to make this Christmas and every Christmas joyous and complete!

Joy to Your World with Jesus in Your Heart,

Pastor Richard & Sylvia Pape

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November and December Sermons

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 6th! Fall Back 1 Hour

NOV 6th – “WHAT IS TO BECOME OF US?”

NOV 13TH – “THE CHURCH THAT WORKS TOGETHER – STAYS TOGETHER!”

NOV 20TH – “THE ROOT AND FRUIT OF THANKSGIVING”

NOV 27TH - “BUILDING AN ADVENT ARK”

DEC 4TH - “ARE YOU STANDING IN THE DOORWAY?”

DEC 11TH – “ARE YOU EXPECTING – OR JUST WAITING?”

DEC 18TH - “THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!”

DEC 24TH – “REJOICING IN THE CHRIST CHILD!”

DEC 25TH - “YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN!”

**WE MISS YOU! JESUS IS HERE
WAITING TO SEE YOU!**

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**FOR UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN.**

ISAIAH 9:6



LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Here we are in November and December....and almost at the end of the church calendar year and beginning another new one!!!! It still amazes me where the time does go! I know that with our finite minds we have 24 hours in a day, but sometimes the days seem longer as "stuff" drags on and then sometimes the days go quickly when you see your children and grandchildren growing to new heights. We love the warm sunshine and also the pure white glistening snow! We love the colors of autumn and then the green of spring! What a wonderful God we serve where everything has a season! Your leadership team has been serving you well, making necessary decisions for the good of our church and school. The congregation voted positively for calling Pastor Schilling, and that is in the process. Now, for us all, to pray that it is the match that God has in mind for St. Paul, and that he will visit and absolutely want to be our full-time pastor. Should that not be the will of God, then we begin anew, with God's direction always. The Leadership team meets usually every month, and all are welcome. We do look forward to serving with you and also celebrating with you in this next anniversary year!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am sitting at the computer on this warm sunny day in October...looking ahead to November and December of our calendar year. The church calendar is not the same as our monthly calendar. November marks the end of one church year and the beginning of another with Advent and Christmas seasons. I absolutely love the seasons that New York brings to us...and most especially Advent and Christmas help to make the winter season a bit more joy filled. We have much to celebrate this calendar year... with the anniversaries of the church and of the school. I look forward to the various activities and dinners that are being planned as we look ahead. I am eternally grateful for all who serve in our congregation and on our boards and teams. I love the new "groups" popping up in our midst, which of course build relationships and renews our spirits! Services are live streamed and we have consistent attendance during our Sunday services. We are so blessed. Please continue to pray for our Call Committee as the follow through continues with Pastor Schilling. Please continue to pray continued healing in our midst and in our world.

St. Paul School Board report:

Our dedicated and active school board, in the spirit of Christ, began the year by welcoming principal, Susan Wakefield and 3rd & 4th grade teacher, Krysta Austin. Returning faculty includes Pre-K& Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Porter and her assistant Donna Luce, 1st & 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Shetler and 5th & 6th grade teacher Mrs. Dunn.

New School Board members accepted the following positions: Dennis Kumpf—Vice president, Rebecca Schie—Secretary, Jackie Blank —assisting Lynn Eick, as Financial Chairman. Returning board members: Ellen Larson—President, Kristin Prospero—Marketing & HR, Joanna Weicher—Fundraising, John Wolff & Dave Whitcomb—Facilities. Susan Wakefield is Liaison between school board & faculty. Pastor Pape is our Spiritual Advisor. Shannon Kabel is our Leadership Team representative while Jeremy McClellan is our FOLKs parent group representative.

Dave Whitcomb checked our curriculum alignment with New York State education standards and we are in almost complete compliance. He reported records show our students are well prepared for future education following graduation from St. Paul's. Another goal is to eventually update our school handbook. We will be making plans for the upcoming 25th anniversary of our school.

Upcoming fundraisers include: the Turkey Raffle—tickets are available until November 4th, also watch for Kutter's & Christmas Wreath Sales. The Golf Tournament run by FOLKs was a huge success earning close to \$4,000. Many thanks to Becca Hijnacki & her team.

Publicity of our school will be increased as Mrs. Wakefield reaches out to the community with our mission. She recently spoke at Mogadore Chapel thanking them for a generous donation.

Faculty, Staff & Board Members, along with the Leadership Team will be taking the annual "Child Abuse Prevention" training.



QUILTERS

THANK YOU for all of the generous donations keeping quilters supplied and busy making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. At this time, we have sufficient fabric and sheets, so we ask that you do not bring any more until we have used up much of our supply.

DONATIONS of blankets and mattress pads are still needed for the middles of quilts. Please be sure these are freshly laundered before donating. If you have some other donation that might work for a middle, please check first with a quilter. Fleece is no longer accepted by LWR, because it is found to pollute the water supply in areas that have no filtration.

Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. All are invited to join in the fun of creating warm and attractive quilts for those in need. If you would like to help tie, pin, or sew, we welcome you. Come and enjoy some conversation while you show compassion for those in need.



Well, here we are in November and December. We assembled 14 more school kits with the help of the women in LWML...and we now have 80 to send to LWR.

LWML is celebrating 80 years...and so we are all suppose to think in terms of 80 increments, hence the school kits! We, usually meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month and our devotion team has picked the theme "women of the bible" for this year. December is when we take most of what we have collected in our treasury and divide it amongst the missions that we choose. What a blessing that is. Every cent that we collect in our monthly collection and in our mite boxes, God is faithful to multiply 10-fold....and then we are able to bless others in that way.

Our December meeting, on the 13th, due to the holidays, will be a potluck Christmas dinner...so plan on attending that. LWML Sunday will be January 8th. We continue to send cards to those who need a bit of a pick me up and pray for all those with needs. We are blessed to have some members who also serve at the Buffalo Zone level of LWML and also at the District level. God is gracious, helping all of us use our talents and gifts to serve Him and others.

Come and share the love of Christ with us!!!!

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you for helping to complete 80 school kits for LWR in honor of LWML's 80th anniversary. These will bless children around the world. In many countries if the parent cannot provide school supplies, children are not able to attend school. Some families have fled their homeland and are unable to take supplies with them. The children of these refugees will not miss out on continuing their education when they receive a school kit. Children who receive an education are enabled to become self-supporting adults. You have helped 80 children toward this goal.





Tired of Robo Calls? Aren't we all?!

If you would like to receive a truly 'Friendly Call' from a church volunteer, we would love to offer this to you. Are the days or weeks a little long and you would like to hear a caring, friendly voice or just have someone check in once in a while? If you are interested, for whatever reason, please call Sandy Weiler at 585-409-1090 or Joyce Shultz at 585-757-2218.

LIGHT HOUSE STATION

November 1-30 will be 30 days of prayer for the Light House Station in Warsaw, New York. Please pray for the residents, the staff and the future of the ministry.

They are a maternity home serving western NY by providing young women experiencing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy short-term, immediate residential assistance in a Christ centered home.

We will be taking a special collection on Sunday, November 27th. www.theLightHouseStation.org



Attention St. Paul Choir Members: We will plan to sing November 6th, November 20th; December 4th, December 18th, December 24th and December 25th (depending on availability of choir members), and will continue to rehearse weekly after the Sunday service. The Sundays we sing during the service, we will meet downstairs at 9:40. Please feel free to join us at any time, we love having new members!

Altar Care Training

Saturday, November 12th at 1pm there will be a training, on how to care for our church altar, here at the church. All who are interested are welcome to attend.



Bell Choir Practice will continue on Tuesday's at 6:30pm for November & December. Practice will be at 6:00pm when coincides on same day as LWML.



School News



FOLKS

The next FOLKS meeting is November 8th at 6:30pm

****Welcome Jolene Geddis as the new FOLKS Treasurer!****

Principal's Posting

Picture Day was very special. The children all looked so wonderful. The photographer was pleased with how each of the children responded to her instructions. We were told that the photographs should arrive in a couple weeks.

We are excited about our Dance-A-Thon on Monday, October 31st, 2022 from 1:00pm until 2:00pm. We have invited the Prayer Partners to join us. This will give them a chance to connect with their child.

Remember that the Turkey Raffle is ongoing. The 3 fresh, pasture-raised, 18lb+ turkey will be ready on November 19th, 2022. Tickets are available in the office through November 4th. ****Don't forget to turn in your ticket stubs prior to November 7th****

I am very proud of the hard work and the progress that the children are making in their study of Art. It is exciting to me, in my role as Art teacher, to see their accomplishments. They will bring work home on some weeks, on others I keep their work as a record of how far they have come in their understanding of Art concepts.

The Lord led me to James 1: 5 this morning. The verse states 'That if any of you need wisdom you should ask God, and it will be given you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking.' I know that I need to be reminded of that truth.

Susan Wakefield

Library News from Ellen Larson

As I write this, students are busily and thoughtfully making cards for Pastor Pape in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month.

Weekly classes are continuing to read, listen, share & complete activities to enhance our stories.

1st & 2nd grades are listening to and discussing the book "Moana". They are also realizing that missionaries spread Christianity to islands and other areas.

Students in 3rd & 4th grade are appreciating God's world through the eyes of animals in "The Wind & The Willows".

Venturing west, our 5th & 6th graders are joining "Caddie Woodlawn" as more of God's world is explored and settled.

All of our students are a terrific group to enjoy as we share time together.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Turkey Raffle Tickets 1/\$5 or 5/\$20

Tickets are available in the office until November 4th. ****Don't forget to turn in your ticket stubs!! Drawing will be 11/7.**

Christmas Wreath Sale—orders due by

November 16th. Make checks payable to FOLKS. ****Order pickup is Sunday, Nov. 20th 9:30am - 12pm at the church.**

Bake Sale—plan on having a bake sale following the Christmas Program December 16th.

Kutter's Cheese — Date TBD in Nov

Breakfast with Santa—Saturday, Dec. 3rd

@ **Applebee's**. Flapjack Fundraiser 8am-10am.

****Help needed — must buy tickets prior to event.**



20" WREATHS - \$30
40" WREATHS - \$45
RED OR BURGUNDY BOWS

PICKUP SUNDAY NOV 20, 9:30A-12P
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, 31 WASHINGTON AVE BATAVIA

ORDERS DUE NOV 16
PAYMENT DUE AT ORDER
CHECKS PAYABLE TO FOLKS

Return this portion with payment by Nov 16th. Make checks payable to FOLKS.

Name _____	Phone _____			
	Price Each	Qty BURGUNDY	Qty RED	Subtotal:
20" Wreath	\$30			
40" Wreath	\$45			

Order forms are also

available in the Narthex.

TOTAL DUE: _____

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

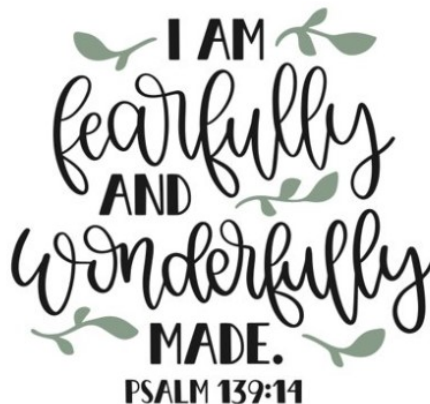


BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES



November Birthday's	Mth-day
Stacey Pangrazio	2-Nov
Jason Guiste	3-Nov
Andrew Henning	4-Nov
Josephine Thielemann	5-Nov
McKenzie Wilson	6-Nov
Bill McEwen	8-Nov
Liana Smart	8-Nov
Catherine Taylor	12-Nov
Delores Johnson	13-Nov
Mitch Clattenburg	15-Nov
Betty Huntley	15-Nov
Gordon Offhaus	15-Nov
Ashley Henning	17-Nov
Susan Spiotta	17-Nov
Dennis Kumpf	18-Nov
Christina Summers	18-Nov
Melissa Clark	19-Nov
Betty Van Nest	19-Nov
Daniel SPRING	20-Nov
Gloria Chapman	21-Nov
Joyce Yunker	21-Nov
David Rigerman	29-Nov
Jack Dorf	30-Nov
Tom Preston	30-Nov

School Birthday's	
Kula, Avalon	11/4
Serafin, Moira	11/20
Janis, Caleb	11/21
Hurd, Lexington	11/22
Schrader, Tomas	11/24
McClellan, Lyla	11/28



December Birthday's	Mth-day
Ann Marie Sheehan	1-Dec
Megan Wahl	1-Dec
Patricia Klafehn	2-Dec
Duane Scroger	2-Dec
Tony Crupi	4-Dec
Peggy McComb	4-Dec
Sarah Yandow	4-Dec
Nate Kabel	5-Dec
Jean Berry	8-Dec
Tim Hinz	9-Dec
Courtney Burch	10-Dec
Nissa Burch	10-Dec
Ron Burroughs	10-Dec
Susan Pangrazio	10-Dec
Jacob Coolbaugh	13-Dec
Al Clattenburg	16-Dec
Paul Fleming	19-Dec
Brenda Seward	23-Dec
Kyleigh Kabel	24-Dec
Michelle Taylor	24-Dec
Gabriel Weicher	24-Dec
Hank Mudzynski	26-Dec
Daniel DeMare	27-Dec
Dylan Maier	29-Dec
Erik Maier	29-Dec
Trevor Maier	29-Dec
Joe Prospero	29-Dec
Joanna Weicher	31-Dec

November Anniversaries	Mth-day	Years ...
Deborah Cross & John P. Henning Sr.	5-Nov	16
Tina & Michael Woods	15-Nov	21
Dave & Ruth Rigerman	18-Nov	54
Al & Elsie Clattenburg	29-Nov	68

December Anniversaries	Mth-day	Years ...
John & Sharon Wolff	6-Dec	46
James & Cheryl Allein	17-Dec	27
Quinton & Michelle Taylor	31-Dec	34

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November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Faculty Work Day - No School Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	2 Chapel 9:30am	3	4 Turkey Raffle Tickets Due	5
6 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am Choir Rehearsal	7	8 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom) FOLKs Meeting 6:30pm Library	9 Chapel 9:30am School Board Mtg 6:30pm	10	11 Veterans Day No School	12 Altar Care Training 1pm
13 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am Communion Elders Training 11:15am	14 Parent/Teacher Conf. 14-18 Leadership Meeting 6:30pm	15 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom) LMWL 7pm Mem Hall	16 Chapel 9:30am	17	18	19
20 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am Advent/Christmas decorating	21	22 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	23 No School 23-25	24 Thanksgiving No School 23-25	25 No School 23-25	26
27 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am Communion Choir Rehearsal	28	29 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	30 Chapel 9:30am	1	2	3
4	5	Notes: Bell Choir practice Tuesday's at 6:30 (6pm when coincides with LWML) Sunday School Christmas program practice starts October 30th. Altar Care Training Saturday, November 12th @ 1pm. Advent & Christmas decorating after service November 20th with Pizza to follow.				

December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am	5	6 Make-up Picture Day Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	7 Chapel 9:30am	8	9	10
11 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am Communion	12	13 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	14 Chapel 9:30am School Board Mtg 6:30pm	15	16 Christmas Program 6:30pm	17
18 Adult Bible 8:30am Worship - 10am	19 Leadership Meeting 6:30pm	20 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	21 Chapel 9:30am	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm Christmas Vacation 12/24 - 1/2
25 Christmas Service 10am Communion	26 Office Closed	27 Quilters 9-11am Prayer 11am (zoom)	28	29	30	31
1	2	Notes				
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