



St. Paul's News

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Dear Friends and Family at St. Paul's,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At the end of this month we celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving! I have never figured out why we show our thankfulness for everything we have by stuffing our faces with more food than anyone needs, but I sure do enjoy it. As the holiday moves closer, I would like to challenge all those reading to make this a month of thankfulness, and not just 1 day. And no, I don't mean overeating every day leading up to Thanksgiving. What I mean, is that we spend a few minutes every day in prayer to God, recognizing and thanking him for all that he has given us. I've found that the more I stop and give thanks, the less bothered I am by inconveniences in my day. Some call this, the "attitude of gratitude", and it is not hard to have. It does take intentionality, though.

As we consider all the things to be thankful for, I am certainly thankful for St. Paul and its wonderful history. Not a history of what it has done, but the history of who it has been. It has been, and still is, a church filled with faithful followers of Jesus, doing their best to honor him and serve him. That is what we need to hold forth in our minds when we think about our church. Though we may face challenges moving forward, we have so much to be thankful for. One thing I am especially thankful for is a partner in ministry for the Advent season. This year we will be bringing back our mid-week Advent services jointly with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We will have a soup supper prior to a short service in the evening, to prepare our hearts to receive the greatest gift ever given to this world: Jesus in the flesh. We will have more details available as the time draws near. But until then, it is my prayer that God would lead each of our hearts to recognize and thank him for all that he has given us.

Your Brother in Christ
Vicar Jim Dorner





Coffee Hour

As we look ahead to the new year, we want to make everyone aware of some changes that will be coming. The wonderful and talented Tina Harris will be stepping down as the Coffee Hour Coordinator. We are so grateful to her, and all her helpers, for the amazing spread she puts before us each week. We are currently exploring options to continue offering a lunch every Sunday. If you are interested in taking over for Tina, or working with a group to do so, please speak to Vicar Jim. Also, please pray about how we might continue this ministry offering into the new year.



November 25 is the deadline to order poinsettias for the altar for Christmas. The price is \$10 per plant and are available in red, pink, and white. Please see Frances VanAcker to place your order .



THE Sign Painting Party on October 27th .

It was a great afternoon and everyone went home with a beautiful holiday sign that they made!



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon

will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every

Lutheran Cluster Community Outreach Project – November:

We continue to support the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter, which opens in early November. We are collecting:

- Laundry Products (liquid, powder, pods, dryer sheets)
- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Pine-sol
- Solid (Jelly) air fresheners (no plug-in)
- Lyso spray disinfectants
- Toilet Cleaner
- Toilet Brushes
- Paper towels
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Handi Wipes (heavy duty, multi use)

These items may be dropped off in the basket in the back of the church. As always thank you so much for your help!

CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSINGS

No one wants to hear it, but it is November. That 4 letter word will be soon upon us.

If the weather is bad, check with TV and radio stations for cancellations and closures at St. Paul's. There will be notification on Capital News 9, channels 6,10,13, WXXA, and radio stations FLY92, WGY, WRVE, B-95.5.

Cornucopia



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Shelter Dinners:

Has your furnace come on yet? I know mine has. And yet in Albany, there are people who don't have somewhere to be warm. The Overflow Shelter at First Lutheran Church, offers a place to be warm, take a shower and have a meal. It provides dinners nightly, November through April, for homeless men in the area and St. Paul's has volunteered to help with these meals. We are scheduled to prepare dinners on:

December 10, 2019

February 4, 2020

March 31, 2020

April 28, 2020



Please check your calendars to see which dinner (or dinners) you would like to help with. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary, with spaces for Main Course, Salad & Sides, and Dessert. You can sign up for one or more of these dinner components. You'll find it very rewarding to make these dinners. And thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions see Sheryl Baum.

St. Paul's Cleaning Ministry



November Cleaning – Our focus in November will be the sanctuary, narthex and stairs going down to Luther Hall. We'll meet on **Saturday, November 16, 8:30-10:30**. Please come and help out, even if it's just for an hour. Thank you!

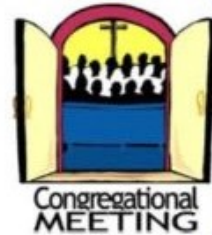
UPCOMING EVENT FOR PROJECT 2020:

COIN COLLECTION will begin before Thanksgiving and continue throughout next year. Cans will be distributed and you are asked to put your change in them. That little bit of change each day will add up! Please watch for upcoming information and plan to participate.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24 AFTER WORSHIP. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS THE BUDGET FOR 2021 WILL BE PRESENTED AND MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS ABOUT OUR LORD'S WORK HERE AT ST. PAUL'S.



SUPPLIES

The Supply Cards for November are posted on the board in the back of the church. Please remember to take one or two and purchase those items and bring them in the next week. This is a BIG help to our budget! Thank you!



Please be sure to check your email for the Sign Up Genius for St. Paul's for November. Take a few moments and sign up to bring a few items or to help out in the kitchen.



4. Heath Northup
August Dorner
8. Kade Flynn
ANNETTE KAHLER
LINDA KINDLON
11. MARTHA KRATZ
- 18 Brodey Flynn
22. JOAN ALDI
TINA HARRIS
24. MICHAELA SCARLATTA
25. JEREMY DAVID
26. ADLEEN AKHTAR




NOVEMBER IS OPEN FOR ALTAR FLOWERS. THE COST OF FLOWERS IS \$30 PER WEEK. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

COFFEE HOUR

Please continue to check the "Sign Up Genius" in your email. We are so fortunate to have Tina Harris coordinating our Coffee Hours and taking on the responsibility. We need to all pitch in a little bit to help her. There are simple items and chores to sign up for each week. Most "chores" won't take long at all.

If you don't have email—please check with Tina about items needed. You don't even have to think





ELDER
James Roberts

DATE	FLOWERS	SERVICE STEWARD	Communion Assistant	ALTAR
11/4		Braxton Harris	Noor Javed	Julie and Bailey Alexander
11/11		Andrew VanAcker	Anne Ragoni	Noor Javed and Family
11/18		Andrew VanAcker	Anne Ragoni	Noor Javed and Family
11/25		Mark Simmons	Chamberlain Harris	Frances and Andrew VanAcker