



The Messenger

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 19, 2023

Bible Study Opportunities

Early Bible Study—Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

During November, Dr. Geoff Robinson continues teaching on Angelology. Meet in the Nerger Room.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Youth, ages 2 through high school, meet in the Nerger Room before heading off to your classes.

Adult Bible Study—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

“Managing God’s Gifts: Our Christian Stewardship” Meet in the Nerger Room.

Adult Instruction—Lutheranism 101

Pastor Hoem is leading this Adult Instruction class. If you, or someone you know, wants to learn more about or review what it means to be Lutheran, join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Founders Room.

Women’s Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

“Women of the Bible” continues on Monday, November 20th. Join Pastor and Kristin Hoem as we look at Ruth who demonstrated the true beauty of faith-filled devotion and selfless service for the good of her neighbor. What a great opportunity to be encouraged by other women. Bring your friends!

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Cage in the Nerger Room for the Epistle to the Hebrews depicting the superiority of Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study-7:00 a.m.

There will be no Bible study this week due to Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Robinson leads the class on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, November 19, 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

Our Giving For November 12

Budget Envelopes	\$15,114.12
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$29.73
Plate Offerings	\$384.50
School Income	\$807.37
Total Income	\$16,335.72
Ladies Aid/Bakeless Sale	\$100.00
PEF/School Endowment	\$57.94
Gathering In Christ	\$13,947.79
Total of All Donations	\$30,441.45

Attendance for Last Week

Sunday, November 12 ~ 9:30 a.m. 243

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, November 19 ~

Altar Guild: *Sally Ware and Pam Johnson*

Elder: *Dan Wietfeldt*

Ushers: *David Vandre, Josh Vandre, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Adam Seeger, Barry Mezger, Tony Lardy dell*

Sunday, November 26 ~

Altar Guild: *Kara Mezger and Barb Doerffler*

Elder: *John Hrehov*

Ushers: *Dave Geller, Matt Geller, David Kruse, Dan Kramer, Dean Trainer, Russ Harges, Jack Hall, Sam Lind*

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Williams family, in honor of Arwen Els Williams’ baptismal birthday.

The Chancel flowers have been given to the glory of God by Judy Helmchen, in memory of Robert Helmchen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Give thanks to God for all of His gifts! Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please note that there will be no service on Thanksgiving Day as the church and school will be closed.

Church Office Closed

Please note the office is closed on Nov. 23-24. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 260-423-2496, option 6.

St. Paul's Choirs On Worship Anew

Our Choristers will be featured on November 19th and 26th. Performances will be broadcast on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on EPTA 21.2 (NBC). Or, you can access all their performances anytime by going to the archives on the Worship Anew website at <https://worshipanew.org/>.

St. Paul's Supper Club

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Come when you can.

Upcoming locations:

November 22—Thanksgiving Eve (No Supper Club)

November 29—Cheddar's (305 W. Coliseum Blvd.)

Please call the church office (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations. Advent Suppers December 6, 13, & 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nerger Rm.

QR Code

Please see the QR code in the bulletin for another easy way to support the ministries of St. Paul's. Scan this code on your smartphone to give a onetime or reoccurring offering or donation.



Help Decorate St. Paul's for Christmas

It takes many hands to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and we need your help! Join in the fun and lend a hand on one or both Saturdays starting from 9 am - noon. On **December 2nd**, we'll be assembling and decorating the trees along with hanging the garland and wreaths. On **December 16th**, the banners are raised, the Nativity is set up, and poinsettias arranged. You'll enjoy the fellowship and this opportunity to serve your church.

Poinsettia Donations Needed

Poinsettia plants will once again add to the beauty of the altar area for Christmas services. Please consider leaving a donation at the church office marked for Poinsettias to help cover the cost of these flowers. Thank you!

Issues, Etc.

A radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio that provides excellent Christian radio programming can be found at issuesetc.org.

St. Paul's Robotics Team

We are looking for a sponsor to partner with our robotics team, the Robo Bears! Help our junior high students learn and compete against some of the best robotics teams in the state and nation. These competitions help students build confidence and learn engineering and programming skills to solve unique challenges while competing against other robotics teams. We are working with Concordia Lutheran High School JROTC robotics teams and are grateful for the mentorship and competition. We need your help to support our team and to build for the future. Please contact James Goodwin at 260-348-2327 or lutheranrobotics@outlook.com.

Christmas at the Embassy

Join CLHS for their annual Christmas at the Embassy concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 at the Historic Embassy Theater. The 2023 event, "The Savior Reigns: Repeat the Sounding Joy!" will showcase the talents of CLHS music department students with choral, instrumental, and orchestral music. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$18 for general admission and are on sale now at Ticketmaster or the Embassy Box Office. Begin your Christmas celebrations with song and some holiday cheer!

2024-2025 Scholarship Opportunity

The Lutheran Foundation is now accepting Health Professions and Nursing Scholarship Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship awards start at \$1,000 for selected recipients. This is a broad category that encompasses undergraduate and graduate students in nursing, counseling, physical therapy, mental health, dental and medical programs, and more. Applicants of all denominations are encouraged to apply. Visit <https://thelutheranfoundation.org/investing/scholarships> for full details on eligibility and to apply. Applications are due by noon on February 1, 2024.

CTSFW Food Co-Op

For the month of November, let's focus on soups and crackers, and holiday baking supplies. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. Please consider donating to the Seminary's food co-op to help ease the financial burden of Seminary families. Please drop off your donations on the cart located near the elevator.

November 19–Pentecost 25

Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

November 2023

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			<p>1 All Saints' Day</p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel</p> <p>9-10am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library</p> <p>9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am— Golden Heirs Nerger Room</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Daylight Saving Ends</p> <p>All Saints' Day(observed)</p> <p>8:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Divine Service</p> <p>10:45am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm— Seminary Hymn Festival</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel</p> <p>9-10am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library</p> <p>9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p> <p>5:30pm - Elders</p> <p>7pm - Church Council</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30am—Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am—Divine Service</p> <p>10:45am—Gathering in Christ Commitment Celebration Meal (school gym)</p> <p>No Bible Study/Sunday School after the service.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel</p> <p>9-10am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library</p> <p>9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p> <p>1pm—Murder Mystery Matinee, school gym</p> <p>6pm— BOEE Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm—Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, school gym</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Divine Service</p> <p>10:45am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm - BOEE</p> <p>6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO CHAPEL</p> <p>9-10am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Divine Service</p> <p>10:45am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:45am - School Chapel</p> <p>9-10am - SCRIP Sales</p> <p>2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library</p> <p>9am - Bible Study IN District Office</p>		

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St. Paul's Students & Their Families:

† Avery, Aveyah, Avielle, Ava

Gathering In Christ:

† For our "Gathering In Christ" project, that St. Paul's may continue to stand as a sign that God still proclaims and extends the Gospel of His Son into the Fort Wayne community.

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† Susan Balsamo-Furniss † Sam Suarez
† Harris Beck † Mary Vandre
† Carolyn Falkenstern † Betty Wheaton
† Victoria Garland † Ron & Sharon Williams
† Steve Hackman
† Amy Hamer
† Dennis Harmeyer
† Lonni Helmchen
† Antonio Hoem
† Thomas Hoem
† John Huitt
† Roy Huitt
† Ruth Huitt
† Diana Hunter
† Juanita Jefferson
† Karen Johnson
† Mark Knoblauch
† Kelly Kochensparger
† Jodi Kreiger
† Dan Kruse
† Jan Leffel
† Andy Leininger
† Sandy Macon
† John Mader
† Joan Messmann
† Florence Mitchell
† Carolyn Moore
† Mary Mundt
† Larry & Louela Murphy
† Barbara Nelson
† Stephen Pollock
† Ron Rastl
† Andrew Scholes
† Janice Schmidt
† Wanda Schweyer
† Fred Scott
† Gretchen Seilaff
† Rev. Ralph Seilaff

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† George & Sara Davis
† Mike Edgington
† Robin Irie
† Vida Konkle
† Helen Kuehnert
† Micah Lind
† James Maier
† Leah Maier
† Sara Nordling
† Amanda Seeger

Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge
† Joan Badders
† Marilyn Berning
† Myra Carrier
† Mary Ann Cordes
† Phoebe Fett
† Rodney Hall
† Lois Meyer
† Ernestine Morrison
† Esther Pinnow
† Leona Puff
† Carolyn Reincke
† Walter Schroeder
† Dorothy Taylor
† Mary Weick

Serving in the Armed Forces:

† Abigail Dunno
† KiVuan Edwards
† Cierra Germann
† Brian Hamer
† Zachary Harmeyer
† Jarrell Harris
† Jasmine Jackson
† Austin Kerr
† Courtney Linnemeier
† Sharia Macon
† Jamara Moore
† Brandon Screeton
† John Sheaffer Jr.
† Ryan Sheaffer
† Brandon Skalicky

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310