



The Messenger

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 17, 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

1126 S. Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 260-423-2496

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday, November 17 ~ 9:30 a.m. Divine Service
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, November 20
Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost
8:45 a.m. Matins (Student Chapel)

TODAY IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

We welcome Sabrina Pietrowski and Ashley Marshall, who have been instructed in the Lutheran doctrine and will confirm the faith they received in holy baptism. Please join with us in welcoming our newest members.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.

Join us today for Bible class, coffee, donuts, and fellowship immediately following the Divine Service. Today, Pastor Hoem will lead us on a study of classic ways to combat temptation as we orbit our life around Jesus. **NEW LOCATION—We will meet in the school cafeteria.** Please use the entrance at the playground where there is access to the elevator.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Parents bring your children to the school cafeteria for refreshments and the Opening. Teachers will take them to their classes from there. Sunday School and Bible study will end at 11:30 a.m.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

Join Pastor and Kristin Hoem at their house as we learn what wisdom teaches about family life and what it takes to be a Proverbs kind of woman. Call the church office for details.

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

Join us for midweek Bible Study with the "Life of David" (from I and II Samuel) and the line that God draws to David's "greater Son" and LORD, Jesus the Christ. Meet on the first floor of the Indiana District Office, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Cage.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Men, start your day in God's Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet with Pastor Cage on the first floor of the Indiana District Office.

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

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

Our Giving For November 3

Budget Envelopes	\$17,950.89
CLHS	\$10.00
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$289.73
Plate Offerings	\$320.00
School Income	\$920.00
Total Income	\$19,490.62
Ladies Aid	\$35.00
PEF/Student Assistance	\$100.00
Gathering In Christ	\$12,145.39
Total of All Donations	\$31,771.01

Our Giving For November 10

Budget Envelopes	\$19,066.19
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$14.73
Plate Offerings	\$332.62
School Income	\$2,626.49
Total Income	\$22,040.03
PEF/School Endowment	\$57.94
Gathering In Christ	\$7,193.59
Total of All Donations	\$29,291.56

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, November 3 ~ 9:30 a.m.	290
Sunday, November 10 ~ 9:30 a.m.	371

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, November 17 ~

Altar Guild: *Sally Ware and Pam Johnson*

Elder: *Ethan Ernst*

Ushers: *Dan Wietfeldt, Dave and Josh Vandre, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Barry Mezger, Mark Vandre*

Sunday, November 24 ~

Altar Guild: *Margo Ernst and Raquel Geller*

Elder: *Paul Kroenke*

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

Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday Morning Prayer Group

Join us Monday mornings (following the school calendar for closures) to pray for our church and school. Meet outside the school office by 8:30 a.m. and we will pray together for about 20 minutes. Contact Jill Clem if you have any questions, 206-403-0273 or veitclem@hotmail.com.

St. Paul's Supper Club-5:30 p.m. Wednesday November 20—Golden China (5820 Challenger near Lima & Washington Cntr.) Call the church (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations. This will be the last supper club of the year due to the beginning of Advent the following week.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Give thanks to God for all of His gifts! Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that there will be no service on Thanksgiving Day as the church and school will be closed.

Ladies Aid Cookie Walk Returns!!

The 17th Ladies Aid Gingerbread Lane Cookie Walk will return on Sunday, December 8, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. The Ladies Aid “delightful cookie” callers will be contacting the “never-fail” cookie bakers soon requesting three dozen (one batch) of homemade cookies. Ladies of the congregation will be baking their “ooh and ahh” cookies for their major fundraising event! A three pound bakery box filled with the buyer's choice will sell for \$10.00. Proceeds will finance the purchase of a new refrigerator for the renovated/enlarged Nerger Assembly Room kitchen. The event will take place in the school gymnasium after church. Please use the playground entrance where there is access to the elevator. Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie!

Deck The Halls

Decorating the church for Christmas has been a fun tradition for many in our congregation over the years. This year we are decorating on Fridays, December 6 and 20 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please consider helping us decorate! Meet at the main sanctuary doors.

Advent Suppers

Due to the renovation this year, we will not be able to hold our Advent suppers prior to our Wednesday evening Advent services. However, don't let that discourage you from joining us on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 at noon and 6:30 p.m. for worship. We look forward to the renovation project being complete and resuming normal activities soon.

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Carolyn Bobay, in memory of Vic Bobay.

The Altar flowers for November 10 were given to the glory of God by Judy Helmchen, in memory of Robert and Christel Helmchen.

Teacher Openings for 2025-2026

St. Paul's Lutheran School is now accepting teacher candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking for 4th grade and 6th grade homeroom and English/Literature teachers. Interested candidates may contact Principal Andy Whirrett at 260-424-0049 or awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org.

Guide Book & Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions, and events plus a complete directory of all members. It will be provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you have moved, are planning to move soon, or changed your phone number, please call the church office at 423-2496 and let us know by November 25.

No More State Income Tax!!

That's right. Looking for ways to stretch your giving ability? Then turn your state income tax into a donation for St. Paul's. No matter how big or how small your state income tax may be, it can all be eliminated with donations to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (LSGO) designated for St. Paul's Lutheran School. Want to give to CLHS as well? LSGO donations may also be designated for CLHS. With the end of the year approaching, now is a good time to reduce or eliminate your state income tax for 2024. See the “LSGO Giving” attachment for details. Contact information is provided if you have any questions. Thank you!

November 17 – Pentecost 26

The heart broken by abortion may be sitting beside us in church. This one desperately longs for the relief and healing only God's forgiveness affords (Hebrews 10:22). We have no right to refuse them this Word because we fear political controversy. Instead, we have the privilege to proclaim abortion as sin and explicitly identify it as atoned for in Christ.

November 2024

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					1 <u>All Saints' Day</u>	2
3 <u>Daylight Saving Ends</u> 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School	4 4pm—Handbell Practice 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	5	6 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:00pm - Choir Practice School Music Room	7 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office	8	9
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PRAY

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

St. Paul's Students and Their Families:

† Trine'd, Cairo, Maria, Naomi, Gabriel

Gathering In Christ:

† God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ" building project.

For Thanksgiving:

† For Sabrina Pietrowski and Ashley Marshall, confirmed today.

† For the arrival of Lydia Marie Lind, daughter of Sam and Cassie Lind.

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† John Furniss & Susan Balsamo-Furniss

† Harris Beck

† Roger Couch

† Bob Demaree

† Nick Demaree

† Joanne Engstrom

† Carolyn Falkenstern

† Dennis Harmeyer

† Terry Harmeyer

† Mary Hathaway

† Judy Helmchen

† Lonni Helmchen

† Jerry Huitt

† John Huitt

† Roy Huitt

† Ruth Huitt

† Juanita Jefferson

† Karen Johnson

† Pam Johnson

† Kelly Kochensparger

† Jodi Kreiger

† Gail Ludvigson

† Sandy Macon

† John Mader

† James Maier

† Leah Maier

† Eleanor Marine

† Joan Messmann

† Mary Mundt

† Sara Nordling

† Juan Perez

† Ron Rastl

† ...and those who care for them.

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Judy Backs

† Nathan Davis

† Chris Gill (James Goodwin's sister)

† Dennis and Jane Jordan

† Lorene Langsdale

† Diane Lewis

† Mike Snider

Our Homebound Members:

† Neva Aldridge

† Joan Badders

† Myra Carrier

† Mary Ann Cordes

† Jane Doehrmann

† Phoebe Fett

† Rodney Hall

† Jan Leffel

† Lois Meyer

† Ernestine Morrison

† Larry Murphy

† Esther Pinnow

† Leona Puff

† Carolyn Reincke

† Susan Schamberg

† Walter Schroeder

† Rev. Ralph Seilaff

† Dorothy Taylor

† Mary Weick

† Sharon Williams

Serving in the Armed Forces

† KiVuan Edwards

† Cierra Germann

† Rev. Brian Hamer

† Zachary Harmeyer

† Jasmine Jackson

† Austin Kerr

† Courtney Linnemeier

† Sharia Macon

† Jamara Moore-Chambers

† Rev. Joshua Schiff

† Brandon Sreeton

† 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