

St. Paul Epistle



NOVEMBER 2024


St. Paul Lutheran Church Our Vision:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:
Saturday Worship: 5:30pm - Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Sunday School 10:30am - Bible Class 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER 2024

Nov 2	Turkey Days & Rummage Sale 8am - 1pm
Nov 3	Special Presentation: Christ in the Passover 10:30am
Nov 4	Grief Share Support Group 6pm - 8pm
Nov 6	Board of Elders Meeting 5:30pm
Nov 9	Boy Scout Chili Feed 11am - 7pm
Nov 10	Voters Meeting 10:30am
Nov 10	Men's Event at the home of Jeff & Erin Huebschman
Nov 11	Mission Circle Meeting 6pm
Nov 12	Board of Education Meeting 7pm at the Lafrenz home
Nov 12	Grief Share Support Group 6pm - 8pm
Nov 14	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
Nov 16	Grief Share Surviving the Holidays 9:30am - 12pm
Nov 17	Special Presentation: Zach Barz 10:30am
Nov 19	Grief Share Support Group 6pm - 8pm
Nov 23	Advent Family Activity 9:30am - 11am
Nov 25	Golden Age Euchre Club 1pm
Nov 26	Grief Share Support Group 6pm - 8pm
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm
Nov 28/29	OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

10 THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR: 2024 EDITION

*"Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name". -Psalm 30:4*

November in the church is marked by several occasions and celebrations. Overall, the church year is wrapping up and our attention is drawn once again to the return of Christ as risen and glorious King. It's also the month when Americans observe a day of Thanksgiving.

I did one of these lists in 2022 and it was fun to look back, so I'm doing another one this year. Here are a few blessings I'm counting this year at St. Paul (in no particular order):

1. **Parking lot cookouts.** We had one in June and another in September. God blessed us with beautiful days, opportunities to connect with our neighbors, and good times.
2. **New members.** In 2024 we welcomed Rich and Linda Ratka into our family. Sebastian Fox was also confirmed, and we have been blessed to get to know Misty and Joseph Stangl and their boys JJ and Gabe as they worship with us and attend membership and confirmation classes.
3. **Generous hearts.** Through VBS and the proceeds of our fair booth, we were able to donate over \$4000 to Convivium to cover 2 weeks of their casserole giveaway program. In addition, a new Christian education scholarship fund was established.
4. **Organ Project.** Following the theme of generosity, we have raised almost \$100,000 for the repairs and upgrades to our pipe organ. The project should begin in the summer of 2025.
5. Our **Director of Music.** Dr. David Pitt has been a big blessing in musical leadership. He has enhanced congregational participation in worship and brings out the best in our little choir.
6. Our **leaders.** Speaking of strong leadership, God has blessed St. Paul with many dedicated and hard-working leaders. I'm thankful for Sunday school and confirmation teachers, board chairs, officers, our faithful secretary, and many others and all that they do to make this place "home."
7. **Worship Committee.** We revived an old St. Paul tradition of having a worship committee to assist in making decisions about music, sanctuary adornment, and other worship practices.
8. **GriefShare.** Ruth Barz facilitated an initial 13-week GriefShare group that was a blessing to both church members and community members who attended. A leadership team was recruited to conduct a second group with the goal of offering this regularly as part of our ministry.

9. **Partnership with the University of Dubuque.** We were privileged to have the UD chamber singers here again this year. We have had a presence on campus, and we are thankful for the students the Lord has led to be part of our church family.

10. **JESUS.** What ultimately makes St. Paul a home for those who wander the weary road is the gracious presence of the Savior who constantly comes into our midst under the humble means of Word and Sacrament and blesses the broken. THANKS BE TO GOD!

See you in Church,



Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

The Mission circle met and finalized details for Turkey days coming up on Saturday, November 2nd. We have designated \$1,000 toward the hurricane relief fund. Our mites for October were \$140.78, thank you everyone. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, November 11th at 6pm.** We would love to see some new faces. We always meet the second Monday of the month at 6pm and it lasts about an hour. Thank you!
President - Nancy Henry



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **November** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

*Stuffing Mix
Pumpkin*

*Evaporated Milk
Bar & Dish Soap*

*Facial Tissues
Ramen Noodles*



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - Saturdays 3pm - 4:30pm This is open to everyone. A great way to get a refresher on the core teachings of the faith.
- **Sunday Adult Class:**
November 3rd - Christ in the Passover, Greg Savitt
November 17th - Mission of Christ in Costa Rica, Zach Barz
November 24th - Myth or Faith?
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be November 14th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Days off - Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

OFFICIAL ACTS – October 2024

Baptisms: None **Junior Confirmation: None**
Adult Confirmation: None **Weddings: None**
Transfer In: None
Transferred Out: *Andrew & Ariana Dorn*
Funeral/Memorial: None



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: The new flower chart will be out soon. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges
563 599 2745



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 7th at 10:00am.

BOARD OF MISSION & MINISTRY

Good Neighbor Fund: Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge.

Grief Share Support Group: The weekly videos feature nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, and the video is followed by a small group discussion about what is viewed. Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort, and the sure hope of the Gospel in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. Grief Share will be held **at St. Paul's Lutheran Church** from: **6pm to 8pm**. Cost **\$10 per participant**. Child Care: **No**. Any questions contact: **Ruth Barz 563-500-7893**. To register, go to: **griefshare.org/findagroup** and search for **St. Paul Lutheran group**.



November 2 & 3, we will be joined by Greg Savitt from Rock of Israel Ministries. At the beginning of each service, he will share his story as a Jew who came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. He will lead us during Sunday Bible Study (10:30am) in a demonstration on Christ in the Passover. Greg will also join us for lunch at Convivium Urban Farmstead (2811 Jackson St.) following the presentation. We will also take up a door offering to support Greg and the work of Rock of Israel in bringing the Gospel to the Jews. He will have books and materials available as well. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Savitt to St. Paul

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**



Advent 2024

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 9:30-11 AM

All ages are welcome to take part, as we prepare for this season of preparation! This year, we will each have the opportunity to create a piece of gallery glass (similar to stained glass) for our homes. Don't think you're the creative type? Come anyway! The project can be as involved as you'd like it to be and the time of fellowship for our church family will be worth it!

RSVP to Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com or 815.876.6426) **by November 16** so we're sure to have enough supplies!

St. Paul Family Christmas Service

This year's Family Christmas Celebration will be held on **Saturday, December 14 at the 5:30 pm worship service**, with hearty finger foods and fellowship to follow!

As an intergenerational event, there are opportunities for all ages to participate: speaking parts, non-speaking costumed roles, and special music. **Rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 7 at 9:30 am**. Look for sign up sheets at church!

NEXT MEETING: November 12 | 7 pm at the Lafrenz home

If you have any questions or would like to be involved with the board of Christian education, connect with

Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426)
or Kendra Lafrenz (kendrag897@gmail.com)!

Grieving a loss? Know someone who is?

GriefShare®

Surviving the *Holidays*

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to
navigate the challenges of the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Location

Lutheran Church
2025 Jackson St.
Dubuque, IA 52001
[https://www.griefshare.org/
events/249811](https://www.griefshare.org/events/249811)

Date & time

9:30-12:00
Includes a light brunch
Saturday, Nov. 16th
9:30-12:00

Contact info

rbarz@lutheranfamily
service.org
563-500-7893

[griefshare.org/holidays](https://www.griefshare.org/holidays)



November

Anniversaries

11-Pastor Jon & Katy Crawford 16-Larry & Judy Marcue
 23-Dick & Eunice Kokemiller 24-Alan & Jennifer Calonder



November

BAPTISMS

1-Marion Crowe	1-Ken Ranson	1-Will Wehrspann
5-Daniel Adams, Jr.	6-Jon Lutz	8-Kayla Budewitz
9-Ethan Kelley	10-Jon Barz	10-Austin Litka
10-Nate Litka	10-Lydia Weland	14-Sebastian Fox
18-Myles Worden	20-Damaris Eichman	20-Annette Purnhage
21-Jacob Unsen	28-Nancy Clark, Sr.	28-Barrett Zasada



November

Birthdays

2-Andi Kittle	3-Charlie Wehrspann	4-Carroll Weinhold
5-Jim Ayers	9-Nate Litka	12-Austin Litka
14-Dick Kokemiller	15-Nancy Henry	19-Andrew Bain
21-Lydia Wehrspann	22-Nancy Clark, Sr.	24-Bill Heller
26-Dave Krause	30-Zeke Key	

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN NOVEMBER

Wilma Spear William Eichman Leonard Diederichs
Lorraine Tegeler Georgia Knuth

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Rocco DiMaggio (relative of Pastor Crawford)
Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Care Initiatives), Jan Anderson

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Diane Schultz

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

Boy Scout Troop #48
Annual Chili Feed, Bake Sale & Crafts

St. Paul Lutheran Church
20th & Jackson Street
Dubuque, IA
In the church basement

Saturday, November 9, 2024
11:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.



2 Bowls of Chili or
2 Hotdogs or
1 of each
Milk, Coffee and Dessert

Cost is \$6.00

(Children 5 & under Free!)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2024

	Sat, Nov 2, 5:30pm	Sun, Nov 3, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	Kristie Fry	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 9, 5:30pm	Sun, Nov 10, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 16, 5:30pm	Sun, Nov 17, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dr. Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Nov 23, 5:30pm	Sun Nov 24, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Wed, Nov 27, 5:30pm (Thanksgiving Eve)	
Head Usher:	TBD	
Altar Guild:	N/A	
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	
	Sat, Nov 30, 5:30pm	Sun Dec 1, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	N/A	
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt