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November 2021 Newsletter

"Grace Notes" by Pastor Chad



Love Your Neighbor

(Bible study: Matthew 22: 34-46)

Charlie used to walk past every morning on his way to retrieve the mail from the post office box. For years, each day he would stop into the pizza shop to say hello to the guys, chitchat with the ladies in the hair salon, and say hello to the card store owner. Then one day he stopped coming into the pizza shop. One afternoon, he just didn't come. His daughter drove down and picked up the mail instead. It went like that for a few months. Then, suddenly, Charlie walked past again. This time, he had a walker. It was a very spiffy walker with hand brakes, a basket, and a seat.

He called out, "Hey, neighbors," to the pizza shop workers as he rolled into the restaurant. The pizza guys welcomed him back. Then Charlie said, "My neighbor got this walker for me. It's the Cadillac of walkers, ain't it?" The pizza guys agreed; Charlie smiled and nodded his head at them. On the way out of the shop he added, "It's great! I'm walking like I'm eighty again!"

Who couldn't love a guy like Charlie? His regular greetings, open smile, and generous attitude might remind us of an earlier time, a time when our neighbors stopped to say hello.

This story about Charlie was first shared back in 2011. Much, of course, has changed since then. The COVID-19 pandemic has really hampered such in-person interactions. For so many of us, interaction with others is limited to our laptops, smart phones, and on social media. The difficult of this technology is that it might make an embodied, physically present love of neighbor harder to spot in our neighborhoods and church communities. Still, don't we all seek that neighborly connection? We all need to give and receive love.

So, go ahead and share a little of Charlie's attitude. If you are able or are so inclined, take a walk. Smile at your neighbors; even with a mask, your face does light up when you smile, and others can perceive it. Stop into the pizza shop—or into your favorite "watering hole"—to say hello, wearing your mask and maintaining good social distance. You might feel as good as Charlie.

Council Corner

Louise Griffith,
President

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting held on October 20th, 2021.

The Treasurer’s report as a simple overview:

Income & Expenses-Unrestricted	September 2021	Year to Date
Income	\$10,083.26	\$38,960.21
Expenses	\$16,397.01	\$46,484.23
Difference Income vs Expense	\$-6,313.75	\$-7,524.02

The highlight of the Council meeting (for me) was the Youth report. The Youth Group has a number of plans in the works including helping the set up and tear down for the craft fair, helping FISH with Thanksgiving baskets, and adopting two families for Christmas as well as their highly anticipated visits as Christmas Elves to members in our congregation. Their service to the community and our congregation is truly a blessing!

Council continued its discussion concerning the ACTS for Vitality participation. Due to calendar conflicts, Council will meet with ACTS Synod Leaders in January 2022. We desired a personal visit for orientation and to review the congregational commitment. Some of the Lutheran churches in Reno, like St Paul’s, are still in the beginning stages seeking information and understanding.

Council is planning a leadership and short-term goal setting workshop on **November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be included. We are seeking help from congregation members to help us discover, plan, and take action on objectives and goals that would address the needs of the congregation. Please contact the office, Pastor Chad, or me if you plan to attend, so we have an approximate head count for lunch.

Council also continued its discussion on the new electronic sign that will take the place of the sign on the corner of our property. According to the St Paul’s Constitution, the cost of this project requires congregational approval. Council has called for a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. (after 2nd service)**. We will need a quorum in order to conduct business. Agenda will include seeking approval from the congregation to move forward with the sign project, to approve one of the two designs, and a discussion on how to finance the project if approved. Currently, we have approximately \$6,000 in dedicated funds towards the project that will cost approximately \$21,000.

Our next Council meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Peace be with you,

Louise Griffith, President

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Dear Friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Family,

During my time at your congregation, you have given me many opportunities to speak to you and lead in various ways. The trust it takes to allow someone who is so new among you to do these things is not lost on me and is greatly appreciated, and I will hold the memories of this place in my heart wherever I go after St. Paul's Lutheran Family.

One of the main themes in my preaching class that I want to impart to you all is the idea that the role of "proclamation" does not belong solely to the pastor but to everybody in the congregation. What you have at St. Paul's, the ELCA, and with Christianity as a whole is something people around you truly need. As it says in Romans 10:14-15:

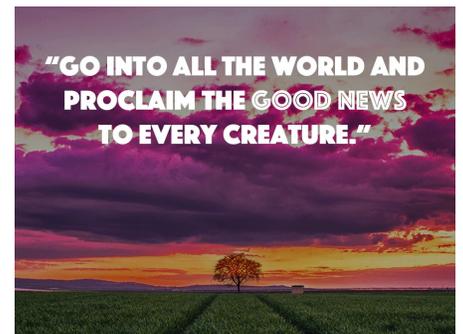
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Over the course of the rest of the semester, I am going to repeat the entire process I did for my last message again for the sermon I will be preaching on December 5th, which includes participatory Bible Study days before the sermon that will ultimately shape the message itself and opportunities for feedback after the sermon that will help shape me going forward. I will attempt to do two Bible Studies, one in person at the church and one over Zoom with specifics to come as the times get closer. I believe everybody involved with me the first time found the process enjoyable, and I hope to see new faces in the second round. It helps to hear the perspectives of people engaging with the scripture that I will be preaching on as well!

Being involved in the proclamation of the Gospel is of the highest importance to me. If you spend enough time around me, you have probably heard me say, at least once, that if all we are meant to do is pray and worship God, it would be much easier to do that in eternity. However, we are on this side of Heaven with a unique and timely mission to proclaim the Good News to people and bring the Kingdom today. This doesn't mean that everybody must become some great evangelist! As I mentioned in my second sermon during my time with you in this season, Jesus came to demonstrate a life of service to all. What does that look like in your life? Almost as if by providence, that same Sunday, we watched a video by the Sheriff about reaching out to the lonely people in our community *in person* who may have not seen someone in a while. What a beautiful way to be of service to someone in need! Not everyone needs to be a great theologian or evangelist to proclaim the Gospel. Everybody has a testimony as to what God has done in their lives or how they have been blessed by the community of Christians.

I hope and pray that every person who reads this will prayerfully consider how they can be involved in proclamation in their own lives. The people close to you, in your community, and in the world all need it! If this task seems too monumental for you, then perhaps you can be involved with me in either of my Bible Studies or my feedback process as a first step.

May you be as blessed as you have blessed me,
Bill Ledford





When the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows. Even in the darkest of times, we can praise God for his love, his sovereignty, and his promise to be near us when we call. Psalm 145:18

We gratefully and thankfully look forward to Thanksgiving 2021!

Praise to the Lord from

whom all blessings flow! It seems like a paradox to say this with the past seventeen months of pandemic and all that has unfolded in our worlds. No one has been immune. We've lost friends, associates, family, and other loved ones. We lost a comfortable, somewhat predictable way of life, and then suddenly in March 2020 everything changed.

We know and have a sense of hope that this year is different. With health precautions, we can carefully and gratefully gather with our loved ones and associate with those in our church family. This simple gathering of breaking bread together is a throwback to past generations and to be cherished and celebrated. This is what we've learned this year. The family traditions of gathering for graduations, birthdays, road trips, simple staycations with parking lot and backyard barbeques and music concerts are appreciated for their simplicity, joy, and camaraderie.

During these Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we can reinforce our beliefs of giving, generosity, and caring to ensure our brethren are safe and out of harm's way. We can provide ways through our stewardship to look after the Word according to God's instructions to us. Carson City Sheriff Kenny Furlong recently reached out to the church community for us to take a more concerted effort to help others. One way for us is to visit our friends and neighbors to check on both their physical and mental health or to ask if they need our or the church's assistance. Sheriff Furlong reminded us that an in-person home visit to deliver a prepared meal, or desert, along with

a personal message of caring and concern may be just what's needed to those feeling isolation or helplessness during the pandemic. Many of our elderly may need help with meals or transportation to Sunday or other weekly services.

As church members, we can also ask if any community endeavors need our help. One example is the upcoming Carson City Night Off the Streets (NOTS) warming shelter program, which provides a warm place for homeless people to spend their otherwise cold nights from November through March. For one month during the winter, St. Paul's will host the warming shelter, and volunteers are always needed.

There are other ways to show that St. Paul's and its members care. Every year, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves request toys for their Toys for Tots program. Donate to one of many food drives that are held during November and December. One of the most successful yearly collection drives is KTVN's "Share Your Christmas Drive-By Food Drive" generally held the first or second weekend in December.

We feel blessed this year and strive to heal from the darkest of days these last seventeen months by being your light to the world. Thank you, Lord, for your peace that transcends understanding and your love that endures forever. Amen

Charlotte LaCombe and Steve Ranson

Let your
light shine



Matthew 5:14-16



Coming Together Again in Mission and Ministry

When: Saturday, November 13, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: St Paul's Lutheran Family

The Church Council needs your help to develop a few, short-term goals for the coming year.

You are invited to attend this exciting workshop event and be a part of the all-important planning for St. Paul's.

The event will include lunch!

N.O.T.S.

Nights Off The Streets is in desperate need of volunteers to help in its warming shelter at St. Paul's and at other venues in Carson City.

Even if you can't spend a shift helping in the warming shelter, you can spread the word about it.

Please contact Pastor Chad 775 882-3020
or Jay Olshen 775 720-4188 for more information.

Check out this link as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g96b4OqMJe4>

Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars!

Advent begins on

Sunday, November 28th.



WORSHIP

In-person worship services are held on **Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

St. Paul's worship service is live-streamed via YouTube on Sundays at either 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. depending on the availability of a video tech. Check weekly. You can also find videos of past services on YouTube.

Directions for YouTube:

Click on the hyperlink or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>



Directions for Facebook Live

To watch Pastor Chad's Facebook Live programs, click on the hyperlink or copy and paste this link into your web browser. It will take you to Pastor Chad's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/cr.adamik>

St. Paul's has a Facebook page. Check it out and please "like" it!



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Lutheran-Family-105799488263902>



IN MEMORIAM 2021

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| Evelyn Luterick | Betty Thoreson |
| Renee Woslum | Greta O'Kelley |
| Dennis Moltz | JoAnne Zila |
| Colin McPhail | Cheryl Revelle Ewing |
| Chuck Lacugna | Peggy Truttman |

November Birthdays



- 2 Sharon Gesick
- 3 Judy McPhail
- 5 Michael Hautekeet
- 6 Phillip Martineau
- 9 Heather Johnson Brown
- 9 Victoria (Irene) McComb
- 11 Heather Silver
- 12 Vera Logie
- 14 Brian Anderson
- 15 Chad Adamik
- 16 Doug Thunder
- 16 Joshua Esenarro
- 17 Kevan Lesch
- 18 Dan O'Neill
- 18 Todd Russell
- 18 Linda Wilson
- 19 Bryan Chowanski
- 16 Teresa Enders
- 22 Kennedy Randle
- 26 Harold Hanson
- 26 Glenn Laursen
- 27 Nicholas Costonis
- 29 Karen Hone



A November Anniversary

- 29 George and Vicki Hamilton

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

We need readers, greeters, streaming camera operators, ushers, and more. Contact the church office today or those folks listed below!

Thank you in advance for your help!

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
victoriahamilton9@gmail.com

Counters: Mary DeFelice
marenang@hotmail.com

Greeters: Andrea Rud
askinnd@yahoo.com

Readers: Judy McPhail
ROMAC1945@outlook.com

Ushers: Dave Harrell
davidharrell93@yahoo.com



There is an urgent need for ushers. Dave Harrell is building an usher team and needs your help. This is a wonderful way to serve St. Paul's and your fellow worshippers!

Please see Dave after the Sunday service or call him at 775 315-4661 to volunteer.



Serving God By Serving Others

NEED HELP?

Are you in need of yard work, your deck stained, help around the house, your car washed, etc.?

Then contact Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

The Youth Group kids need to raise money throughout the year to attend Mount Cross Camp next summer.

Pastor Chad's
Office Hours

Wednesdays & Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Pastor Chad is available at other times by appointment. Please email chad.adamik@gmail.com or call the church office 775 882-3020.

**MONDAYS are Pastor Chad's Sabbath Day. On Monday, he will *shut off his cell phone*. If you must text Pastor Chad, please be aware that you will not get a response from him until Tuesday at the earliest. Cheers!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that Brette, our Office Assistant, is in the church office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. She works from home on Thursday and Friday.

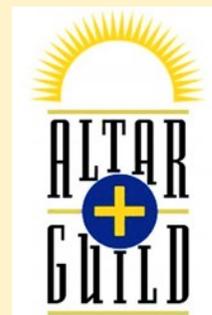


If you'd like to pick up communion packets for online worship services, you can do so Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

If you have an event, birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other special occasion you'd like to have published in the newsletter, please send the information to the church office by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

We look forward to your submissions.

There will be an
Altar Guild
meeting on Sunday,
November 14th
after the second
service.

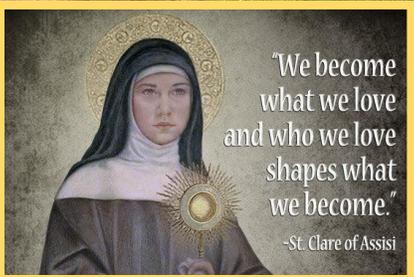




BLESSING of the ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 2nd a Blessing of the Animals was held on the front lawn of St. Paul's. Pastor Chad led a beautiful worship service that included the prayers of St. Francis and St. Clare.

It seemed dogs ruled the day, and they accompanied their humans to receive their special blessings. One lone cat named Steve did attend the service. Those whose pets could not attend brought photos, which were blessed by Pastor Chad.



St. Francis Prayer

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace; that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth; that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there are shadows, I may bring light; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal life.
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It's finally here!

**The annual Craftique
at St. Paul's is back!**

Come join the fun!

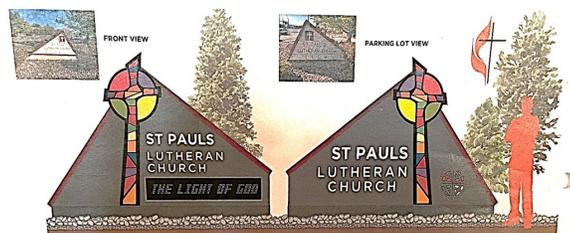


Event Location St. Paul's Lutheran Church · 1201 North Saliman Road · Carson City Event Location Corner of Saliman & Hwy 50 East · Carson City

READER BOARD CAMPAIGN

The campaign to raise funds for St. Paul's reader board is now underway! Please make your cheques out to St. Paul's and notate the funds are for the reader board. Thank you for your support!

If you would like to honor a friend or fellow St. Paul member with a memorial donation, please send your cheques to the church office with the name of the person you wish remembered.



Nights Off the Streets

I would like to quote the devotional from October 11th in *Christ in Our Home*, that some of you may have read, as this is spot on for us with NOTS:

"I spent two years as a Peace Corp volunteer in Gambia, West Africa, where I learned the local Wolof dialect. The Wolof word for community translates as *the people of the children of Adam*. I love this concrete definition for community, but more importantly, I love how the Gambian people lived out this reality.

When they said *community*, they were saying they believed everyone deserves respect and dignity. The word itself brings forward a reality that God intends for us all. I saw this reality of community when strangers were welcomed into people's homes with food and a place to sleep. Gambians couldn't understand how it was possible for people to be homeless."

This is our fifth year helping those that are challenged with finding a warm and dry place to lay their heads during the coldest months in Carson City. As you read this, we will have already started back up as of November 1st. Our **intense needs** are a) volunteers to simply be monitors through the night, every night and your prayers, b) your continued prayers. We are in process of attaining a Board of Directors, 501c3 status, staffing, funding, and more permanent housing (leased building). If you are interested in volunteering in any way or simply would like more information, please call or email me.

Jay Olshen
775 301-6301 (leave a message please)
olshen@charter.net





What are you grateful for in your life?

What is gratitude and why is it so important? Gratitude is important because it helps us see a world that is much bigger than ourselves. When we have gratitude, we can help each other grow personally or in business. We can help those less fortunate because we see and appreciate how much we already have.

Thanksgiving is a time for families to gather and to be thankful for all the blessings God has bestowed that year. My parents, who lived far away, decided to spend Thanksgiving with our family. My husband's parents had decided to do the same. On Thanksgiving Day, the two sets of parents joined our family of five for a lovely dinner. As it would happen, both sets of parents had married in the same year, and they would be celebrating forty years of marriage. After our Thanksgiving dinner, we had the children take the grandparents into the family room for games while my husband and I transformed the dining room from Thanksgiving to the ruby red decorations appropriate for a 40th wedding anniversary. A few guests arrived, and we had a nice celebration.

I always felt that I had been blessed that we were able to have that little party. By June my father had passed away, and my husband's mother had her first of many strokes that finally took her life. We never know what the next day will bring. We must learn to live our lives being grateful for the blessings God has given us.

Ruth Fitzgerald

Words cannot express the deep love and appreciation to my Lutheran Family for all their loving support and kindness given, a comforting hug, sympathy cards, donations given (in my mother's name), phone calls, providing refreshments and sharing memories both at the service and the reception to make my mother Peggy Truttman's Celebration of Life (held Sept. 18th) so memorable.

The family and I would also like to recognize and thank Reverend Stan Pesis for officiating the service and helping me to organize the service.

All your kind actions will forever be remembered with Love.

The Peace of the Lord Be With you All,
Linda Wilson and Family



I'm my lifetime I have been blessed with so much. I am very grateful to have a roof over my head, food on the table, my adorable feline furballs Waffle, Eddie, Steve, Tallulah, Rowdy, and Neville, and my wonderful job at St. Paul's Lutheran Family. Like many, I have known hardship and heartbreak, but God has always been faithful. He has always shown me the rainbow after the rain.

Brette O'Connell Elander

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind. Linda Hampton

It is through gratitude for the present moment that the spiritual dimension of life opens up. Eckhart Tolle

When I think of the things I'm grateful for, they are much too abundant to write about each. However, I can give a short list:

I'm grateful for a husband who supports me unconditionally even when he may think I'm a little off track! He shows me in dozens of different ways how much he loves me and that is a true blessing for someone who isn't always lovable.

Family - I was lucky to be born into a family that had strong faith; parents who were educated and believed strongly that it was important to learn as much as possible in any way possible; two sets of grandparents who never left any doubt in my mind as to how much they loved me; aunts and uncles who showed regularly how special they thought I was; siblings and their offspring who enjoy being together and have chosen mates that I look forward to spending time with.

I was blessed with a son and a daughter who have both done well in their professions and have married partners that I respect and enjoy. They have given me grandchildren and even great grandchildren that I love dearly and am lucky to be able to share time with them.

I am grateful to live in a country where I can worship my God in whatever way I choose—and I'm grateful for the people of St Paul's for welcoming me and putting their faith into action in so many ways; I'm grateful I live in a country where I can travel freely without fear of restrictions; a country where women are not treated quite equally but are making strides in that direction.

I'm grateful for the host of friends across the country who like me in spite of my many failings and who also hold me accountable when I veer off in a questionable direction.

God has blessed me with gifts to share with hospice patients, recipients of Meals on Wheels, homeless who are served by Nights Off the Streets, etc.

In all of these cases, I realize that except for God's grace I could be in need of those services. Fortunately, I don't lack for the basic needs of food, water, heat, lights, housing, etc.

So, these are the main things---but there are so many others. I am filled with gratitude.

Andrea Rud

The first Thanksgiving had more than food, it had romance. Despite the loss of lives, love blossomed in Plymouth Plantation. Miles Standish was hired as a military person for the trip to the New World. Being a healthy male, Miles "fancied" Priscilla Mullins, a single female. Similar to most males throughout history he feared the word, "NO." Miles asked John Alden to ask Priscilla for her hand in marriage to Miles. (During their first winter, Priscilla had lost her entire family; father, stepmother, and brother.)

The poet and relative of John and Priscilla Alden, William Wadsworth Longfellow in 1858 wrote the poem, The Courtship of Miles Standish. When John Alden stumbled asking Priscilla in the poem, she responded, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" Her response sparked the romance and marriage between John and Priscilla. Guys, the moral of the poem is when it comes to romance, **Man up!** Do your own bidding! **YOU** ask the love of your life to become your wife.

This Thanksgiving you can show how thankful you are by financially supporting St. Paul's Lutheran Family! Be the first to write your check for St. Paul's electronic sign project. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

Ken Beaton



History of the First Thanksgiving

by Rebecca Beatrice Brooks

The first Thanksgiving was a harvest celebration held by the pilgrims of Plymouth colony in the 17th century.

Many myths surround the first Thanksgiving. Very little is actually known about the event because only two firsthand accounts of the feast were ever written.

The first account is William Bradford's journal titled *Of Plymouth Plantation* and the other is a publication written by Edward Winslow entitled *Mourt's Relations*.



What is known is that the pilgrims held the first Thanksgiving feast to celebrate the successful fall harvest. Celebrating a fall harvest was an English tradition at the time, and the pilgrims had much to celebrate.

The fifty-three pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving were the only colonists to survive the long journey on the Mayflower and the first winter in the New World. Disease and starvation struck down half of the original 102 colonists.

These pilgrims made it through that first winter and, with the help of the local Wampanoag tribe, they had a hearty supply of food to sustain them through the next winter.

When Was the First Thanksgiving Celebrated?

Although the modern day Thanksgiving feast takes place on the fourth Thursday of November, the first Thanksgiving did not. This feast most likely happened sometime between September and November of 1621 after the fall harvest. The celebration took place for three days and included recreational activities.

Who Was at the First Thanksgiving?

Guests at the feast included ninety Wampanoag Indians from a nearby village, including their leader Massasoit.

One of these Indians, a young man named Squanto, spoke fluent English and had been appointed by Massasoit to serve as the pilgrim's translator and guide. Squanto learned English prior to the pilgrim's arrival after he was captured by English explorers and spent time in Europe as a slave. Neither Bradford or Winslow's account indicate whether the Indians were actually invited to the celebration or how they learned of it. Many historians have simply assumed they were invited. Edward Winslow's account merely states:

'Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.'

The First Thanksgiving Meal

We all have our favorite traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Maybe it's the golden-roasted turkey, herb stuffing, or chunky mashed potatoes. Maybe it's your mom's famous green bean casserole or grandma's pumpkin pie. Whatever it is, it may have stemmed from the first Thanksgiving festival in 1621, though it looks arguably different today.

So what did they eat on the first Thanksgiving? While no record exists documenting what was eaten, the meal at the first Thanksgiving between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag at Plymouth Colony probably included wild turkeys, geese, ducks, swans, fish, lobster, and clams. And the colony's governor, William Bradford, noted in a journal that "the Wampanoag guests arrived with an offering of five deer."

And since the festival was in honor of their first successful harvest, the feast also likely included berries, plums, grapes, cranberries, pumpkin, squash, onions, beans, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, carrots, and corn — which would have been turned into a porridge.

Sound familiar? Sure, because many of the foods eaten during that first Thanksgiving feast (except the seafood, which is a shame!) have carried on to become traditional staples of our modern-day Thanksgiving dinner.

The one food noticeably absent? Potatoes, which hadn't yet become popular with the English.

So this Thanksgiving when you're sitting around the dinner table with family and friends, be sure to tell them about the *real* first Thanksgiving meal enjoyed between the Pilgrims and the Indians. It's a bit of trivia everyone should be interested in hearing.

<https://www.makeitgrateful.com>

Other Countries Celebrate Thanksgiving Too

Norfolk Island

On Norfolk Island, Thanksgiving is a whaling good time (stick with me you'll get the pun in a second). It is technically an Australian territory, but it picked up the Thanksgiving tradition from American whalers who worked on the island during the 1960's.

Germany

Erntedankfest is a "harvest festival of thanks" that is celebrated mostly in the rural and religious communities of Germany.

Brazil

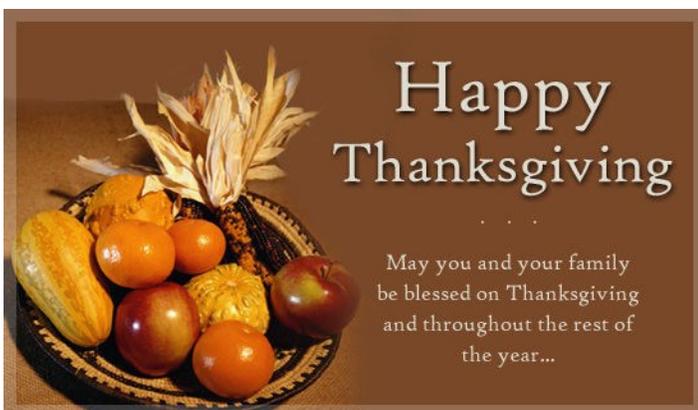
Brazil's day of Thanksgiving, or *Feliz Dia de Acción de Gracias* was inspired by the U.S. holiday and is celebrated in a similar manner with family, food, and giving thanks!

Japan

Japanese Thanksgiving is way to say thanks for the harvest, but also as a way to acknowledge the hard work of farmers. This "Labor Day" is nationally recognized on November 23rd in Japan.

Canada

Arising from the same European origins of harvest festivals that led to the United States' version, Canadian Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1578, when English explorer Martin Frobisher gave thanks for his fleet's safe travels in present-day Nunavut. Parliament made it a national holiday in 1879. But in 1957, Parliament moved it from November 6th, declaring, "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed."





All youth who are in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join Youth Group! We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions, please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

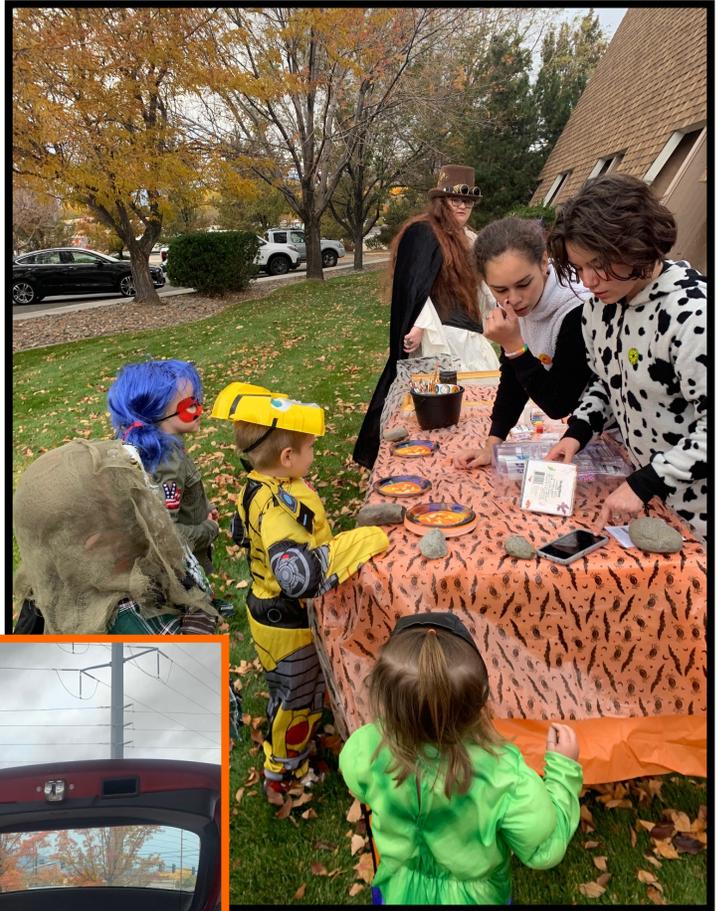
Pumpkin Spice & EVERYTHING nice

The youth have been busy this Fall. They hosted the **Truck-or-Treat** event on Saturday, October 23rd. We had a great turnout and lots of fun with many trunks all decorated, some even with games! The little Hulks, superheroes, zombies, and princesses all had a blast! Each got to stop at every car, and they all filled their buckets and bags with lots of candy. Thank you all those that came out in the rain and helped make this event a huge success!

THANK YOU!







Upcoming Youth Group Plans

November Plans:

Nov. 4: The youth will help set up for the Craft Fair (Nov. 5 & 6).

Nov. 6: The youth will help tear down after the Craft Fair.

Nov. 19 – 20: The Youth Group will have a Lock-in at the church. The lock-in starts on Friday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 p.m. and will last until Sat., Nov. 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 20: After the Lock-in, the youth will head to F.I.S.H. ('Friends In Service Helping') to help fill Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families.

December Plans:

The Youth Group plans to "adopt" two families this year for Christmas in which presents will be purchased, donated, gift wrapped, and delivered to the families at Eagle Valley Middle School. There will be an Angel Tree set up in the entry of the church with Wish List items. Members and friends of St. Paul's are invited to help the Youth Group members shop for gifts for the families that are adopted. More details will follow in the December newsletter.

The youth will go *Elfin* again this year! Date TBA.

The annual Secret Santa party will also be scheduled soon.

Other items:

The youth want to invest in some St. Paul's Lutheran Youth Group merchandise such as hoodies. A Youth Group logo is currently being developed.

Mt. Cross – The Youth Group is planning to go to Mt. Cross in the summer of 2022! The youth will be organizing fundraisers to help raise money for the trip to the camp. The average cost per camper is around \$500 - \$600.

Thank you for all your prayers! Traci Angel – Youth Group Leader; Nakita Jones, Amanda Castillo, and Mya Wilson – Assistant Youth Group Leaders

Christmas Angel Tree

The Youth Group has adopted two families in our community that are in need of Christmas cheer. The school where we adopted the families from last year was so excited we were willing to help again this year! The two families raved about the gifts we gave them.

We know that this year still looks a little different for everyone because of the pandemic. We will be giving each family Christmas gifts, a tree with decorations, and Christmas dinner. We are asking for help with the gifts for each member of the two families. They will be giving us a list of items they would like, and those Christmas wishes will be put on our tree. The Angel Tree will be located in the narthex by the front door. Once you pick your angel, please add your name to the chart of gift givers.

Ways to Shop: If you would like to shop online, you can have the gifts sent right to the church. If you would like the Youth Group members to shop for you, you can send a donation to the church, and they will shop for you.

These options mean you do not have to leave your home while still helping to bring cheer to those in need. If you are going out and about to shop, please bring your wrapped gift (with the angel's name attached) to the church by Sunday, December 5th.

If you have any questions, please contact Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

Thank you for helping with the true spirit of the season!





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimpka.



Congratulations to
Anna and Nicholas Little
who were married on October 9th.
May you have many happy
years together.

A Classic Thanksgiving Treat!

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 cup milk
1 large egg
2 tablespoons softened butter
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour
2 cups fresh *or* frozen whole cranberries

Directions

Grease 1 1/2-quart metal mold or casserole; set aside.

Combine all pudding ingredients *except* $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour and cranberries in bowl. Beat at medium speed until well mixed.

Toss together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour and cranberries in another bowl. Stir cranberry mixture into pudding batter. Pour into prepared dish. Cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Place rack in Dutch oven or roasting pan; add boiling water to just below rack. Place mold on rack. Cover; cook over medium heat at a low boil 2 hours or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. (Add boiling water occasionally to keep water level just below rack.)

Remove mold from Dutch oven; let stand 2-3 minutes. Remove aluminum foil; unmold onto large plate.

Serve with vanilla ice cream, hard sauce, or caramel sauce.



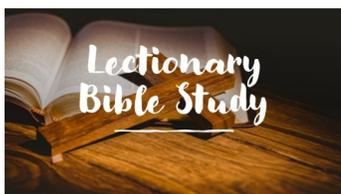
FAITH L.I.N.K.

(Living In New Knowledge)



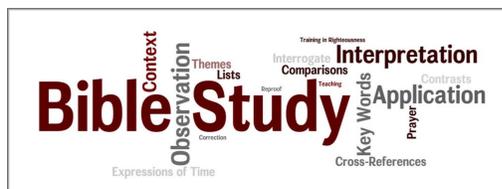
Join us for Faith L.I.N.K. on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. with a gathering in Friendship Hall for Sunday school opening with worship and prayer.

Children's Sunday school runs from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.



Pastor Chad leads adult Sunday school with Lectionary Bible Study from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

The WELCA Bible Study group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Vicki Hamilton is the leader wonderful group. We look forward to seeing you there.



New Members Class will begin soon!
Date and time TBA.
If you want to become a Lutheran or simply refresh your knowledge of the faith, this class is for you.

STITCHERS meet in Friendship Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. to noon.

No experience is required.
Just come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Check out this video about quilting!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEFPJb9HqKA>



We are grateful for all the wonderful members and friends of St. Paul's.

Thank you for your love, labor, tithes, offerings, and support!



**Order Your Christmas
Poinsettias Now!**

Name

In Memory/Honor of:

Qty. _____

Deadline to order is November 12th.

**The price is \$15.00 per plant.
Make cheques payable to St. Paul's
Lutheran Family. Thank you!**

