

November 2018

Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Col. 3:15)

This month we will celebrate a national day of Thanksgiving. While it is not a liturgical holiday, it is still certainly appropriate that we, as God's people, should take the time to stop and reflect on all that we have for which to be thankful. The Apostle tells us that we are to be thankful. He is making it very clear that thankfulness is to be one of the characteristics of God's people. Are we marked by thankfulness?

We certainly do have much to be thankful for. God has certainly blessed us as a congregation as well as individually throughout this past year. But the Apostle Paul is talking about more than being thankful for specific things. He is talking about a general attitude of thankfulness, and he tells us this is the product of being ruled by the peace of Christ. We are able to have a spirit of thankfulness when we have the peace of Christ. We should be particularly thankful for the fact that we have the peace of Christ. We have that peace that Jesus has obtained for us through His death and resurrection. We have the peace that comes from knowing that all is well between us and God. We think of the eternal promises that we have through Jesus Christ and we cannot help but be thankful.

We will have our special Thanksgiving service once again this year. It would be incorrect to see coming to this service, or really any service, as being some type of requirement. It is an opportunity for us as God's people to gather together and give thanks to God for all of His blessings to us. It is an opportunity for us to gather together and recognize who it is that gives us all good things. I hope that you will join us for it.

In His service,
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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming
the saving
grace of
Jesus Christ
to all."*

Sermon Texts and Titles

November 1: On November 1st, we celebrate All Saints' Day. It is the day on which we remember the members of the congregation who died in the previous year. Our text is I John 3:1-3. The title of the sermon is "We We Are. What We Will Be." We focus on what it will be like for us on the day of the resurrection of the dead.

November 4: On November 4, we will have our Veterans' Day observance. The text of the sermon will be Mark 12:28-37. The title of the sermon will be "Perfect Love." We focus on Jesus' command to love others as ourselves. We will look at how that fits with the service of our military members. We will celebrate the blessings that we receive as American citizens.

November 8 & 11: Our text will be Mark 12:38-44. The title of the sermon is "Giving into (or in to) uncertainty. We will look at the confidence that we are able to have that God will provide for us in the future. It is that confidence that guides our attitudes toward the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

November 15 & 18: Our text for the day is Mark 13:1-13. The title of the sermon is "Don't Trust in Stones." We see how Jesus' disciples were impressed with the buildings and things of this world. Jesus warns them against placing their trust in anything in this world. He guides instead to place our trust in Him who is the solid rock.

November 21: Our Thanksgiving service will be held the evening before Thanksgiving. We will gather to give thanks to God for the many blessings that He pours out upon us. Our text will Luke 17:11-9. The title of the sermon will be "Noticing and Thanking." We will focus on the familiar account of the lepers who were healed by Jesus, and particularly the one who returned to give thanks.

November 15: This Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Our text is from Mark 13:32-37. The title of the sermon is "Watch!" We conclude the church year by focusing on the conclusion of all things when Jesus will return on the last day. Jesus encourages us to "Watch!" He is telling us to live our lives with the awareness that this world will not go on forever. Through faith in Him, we look forward to His return.



St. Paul Lutheran School News

Our Mission is Fishin' Matthew 4:19

Walk-a-Thon: The NEW Walk-a-Thon was a huge success again this year. The event raised \$15,040. This is another new record! We thank God for all of the people who so generously supported this event. The continued success of this event is remarkable. The funds raised go directly to support our mission of providing excellence in Christ-centered education.

Fall Festival: The first annual fall festival was held on October 12. There were lots of families that braved the cold and came up for family fun. It was a great event despite the temperatures.

4K Registration: We are currently accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. You can contact the school office for more information. St. Paul offers a full day five day a week program. Busing is also available from the LC and Kewaunee districts at the beginning and end of the day.

Voucher Program: St. Paul is a part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). The voucher program covers all the costs of education for qualifying families. This program would include any student going into 4K who met the eligibility requirements. Contact the school office if you have any questions in this regard.

Veterans Service: We will be honoring our veterans at the special Veterans' Day service on November 4. The kids will be singing during that service. The service will be held at 9:30 in the gym. It is an opportunity for the children to learn about the sacrifices that others have made for them. It is also an opportunity to honor those who have served us.

Christmas Bingo and Grandparents' Day: Christmas bingo will be held on December 19 at 8:15 am. We will begin with our chapel service that day. Mrs. Philips will have her students playing special music that day. Grandparents' breakfast will be held on January 29 at 8:30 am. Please mark your calendars for these events. The students love having their special family members join them for these events.

Upcoming Events: November 1 & 2 no school-teacher conference, November 13 & 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 21-23 no school-Thanksgiving break.



4K: It has been a fun and busy month of learning in 4K. We had lots of fun and special activities with guests to help enhance our learning! For Fire Safety month we had Fire Fighter Ben come in and teach all about fire safety! We had fun seeing the gear, learning how to Stop, Drop, and Roll, and how we need to have an escape plan with our families! To celebrate and build excitement in reading we had our first round of Mystery Readers! The class had fun trying to solve the mysteries as well as enjoyed getting to know parents and members of St. Paul church! We also had fun with our alphabet - making fun projects, learning silly songs, and playing fun games. We had fun hatching eggs for letter Ee, making corn with our feet for letter Cc, and creating fish for letter Ff. To celebrate fall, we also had fun making goopy slime, playing and working with leaves, and going in nature hunts! This class is working hard at learning their letters, numbers, shapes, and colors! They also read their first two books on their own as we began learning sight words and reading books! Nothing is more enjoyable than seeing a child realize they read a book "like a big kid" for the first time! All kinds of fun in education... can't wait to see what the next month holds! Don't forget if you want to be a guest reader - let me know... we would love to have you be a part of the learning fun!

5K: October was a busy month of learning. We worked on shapes, patterns, and writing numbers in math. During Bible time we explored stories that teach us that God keeps His promises as we met people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We have begun to work on our sight words and reading in our leveled readers. We estimated and investigated a pumpkin, we weighed, measured, cut, looked inside, and ate pumpkin seeds. We finished up the month with Red Ribbon Week, where we talk about being drug-free. Mrs. Sue Kratz came in to talk about living healthy and we had some fun dress up days. October will end with our fall party and then the teachers are off to Wisconsin Dells to attend the North and South Wisconsin District teachers conference for 2 days. We are thankful we have a Lutheran school!

1st and 2nd Grade: Each month when I sit down to reflect and write this small paragraph I am always amazed at how quickly the time has flown and how much is accomplished in a month's time. This month we began with our MAP Growth standardized assessments. The students worked so diligently and did an excellent job. We also completely enjoyed our first ever Fall Family Night! While the weather was a little chilly, the campfire kept us nice and toasty, and we enjoyed the movie, games, and snacks. We look forward to next year! In the classroom we are of course continuing to learn as much as we can! In Religion we are working on memorizing the 10 commandments and hearing all about how God took care of the Israelites in the desert and how He takes care of us too. In Science we are learning all about light. We have learned about different sources of light, about reflecting and bending light, and even transparent, translucent, and opaque objects. The end of the month found us celebrating Red Ribbon Week. This is a national time during the school year in which we celebrate being drug free and taking care of the bodies God has blessed us with. We had lots of fun dress up days during this week to help us remember to always be drug free. As we close out the month of October the teachers are heading to teacher conferences to meet with other Lutheran teachers from all over the state. This is the time of year we begin to think about all the things we have to be thankful for. St. Paul Church and School, its families, kiddos, members and community are definitely among those things. I pray that you all have a wonderful month and a blessed Thanksgiving!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: It is hard to believe that we are almost through the first quarter. The students continue to work hard in all of their classes. There was fun, fellowship, and food at our first Fall Family Night! It was a great success! We had a fun ending to our month. We all enjoyed celebrating "Red Ribbon Week" to show we keep our bodies' drug free. It was fun to come to school dressed up different each day of that week! We had our fall party. Thank you to Mrs. Gregorich and Mrs. Budworth for their hard work and great ideas! We had a great time! God bless your November.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Greetings from the upper grade classroom! We are two months into the school year and already we are off to a great start down the hall in the upper grade classroom. We recently finished our fall round of MAP testing to judge our students progress in several key subjects from the previous year. It was a busy and difficult week, but our students performed admirably to the best of their own abilities. Also, as noted in the previous newsletter, our class planned a trip to the Wade House in Greenbush for their annual Civil War Days. Here the students learned about field medicine, demonstrations of period weaponry, and even had the opportunity to become soldiers marching in formation. Although it was a chilly day, our students came away with a closer understanding of life during one of the most tumultuous periods of American history. Back in the classroom the students were hard at work completing various major projects for this first quarter. It is not only important for our children to know academic material, but also how to work with others and present in front of an audience. The seventh and eighth graders had a project on how early native american cultures have shaped our country and the fifth and sixth grade science class presented on the uses of specific minerals in our world today. Both groups did a fine job researching, working together, and presenting their findings. This is only a snapshot of all that we have done in the last month. God continues to bless us with new experiences and activities each and every day and we look forward to sharing more with you next month. Until then, have a wonderful fall season and a blessed month ahead!

SCRIP Update

- 1) Typically, in November, we begin ordering Scrip on a weekly basis to meet the customers' needs for the approaching holidays. Since there is no school on November 1 and 2, and we will have just ordered on October 27, we will not be ordering on November 3. We also will not be ordering on November 24 since there is no school November 21, 22, and 23. So, we will order November 10 and 17 and December 1, 8, and 15. So, please plan your holiday Scrip purchases and orders accordingly as to when Scrip will be ordered.
- 2) In the month of December, the last day before Christmas that Scrip will be sold before and after the church service will be Sunday, December 16. Scrip will not be sold in church for the Day School Christmas Program on December 20 or for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 23. Please plan accordingly. Scrip will be sold on Sunday, December 30 before and after the church service. Scrip can be purchased in the school office when the office is open. The office will be open before Christmas through Friday, December 21.
- 3) Scrip is in need of a seller. You will only need to sell once/month. You will be able to work with a current seller until you are comfortable selling on your own. For school parents - you can use this time as volunteer hours for the school.
- 4) Scrip is in need of a Scrip Coordinator. In order for the program to continue to function, it is imperative that someone take over the responsibility of the Scrip Coordinator position for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. The current Scrip Coordinator will be done as of December 31, 2018 and is willing to work with the new Scrip Coordinator as long as it takes for that person to feel comfortable with the position.

Low Denomination Scrip Gift Cards Available October 20 – December 14

The Great Lakes Scrip Center will have a limited number of special low denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gifts. The low denomination gift cards would be a great gift idea and at the same time support the Scrip Program. The low denomination cards will only be available until Friday, December 14 **or while supplies last**, so don't wait to place your orders. The following low denomination Scrip cards are available:

Amazon.com - \$10
Applebee's - \$10
Barnes & Noble - \$5
Cold Stone Creamery - \$5
CVS Pharmacy - \$10
Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse - \$10
Home Depot - \$10

- IHOP - \$10
- meijer - \$10
- Outback Steakhouse - \$10
- Panera Bread - \$5
- Red Lobster - \$10
- Starbuck's - \$5
- Target - \$10
- Taco Bell - \$5
- Walmart - \$10

If you would like to order these special low denomination gift cards, please write them in on the **back of the order form**. Even though some of these vendors are available on the front of the order from, these are special orders and should be written in on the back of the Scrip from. Our next order dates for Scrip in which these cards could be ordered are October 27, November 10, November 17, December 1, and December 8.

Thanks for your support of the Scrip Program.

The Scrip Committee

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Christian Service Guild News:

Christian Service Guild will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at 1:00pm in the church meeting room. Our skit will be "The Colors of Worship". All ladies are welcome to join us.

Bethesda Volunteer Day – Thursday, November 8 at 9am

Bethesda ½ Off Sale is Black Friday, November 23rd and November 24th, Small Business Saturday



December will be here before you know it! That means it will be time for fruit baskets for our prime timers of the congregation. Youth, please join us on Sunday, December 9th @10:45 in the St. Paul gym to assemble fruit baskets and deliver them to our PrimeTimers.....
 be on the lookout for your fruit basket the Sunday, December 9th.
 If you will not be home that day, please contact Sherry Byrne.



Stewardship News & Views

Mark 12:44 -- "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

Deut. 8:10 -- "And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you." And what a rich, peaceful, prosperous land the LORD has given us! As God blessed His people of old, so He continues to bless us. Let our lives demonstrate our thankfulness for His unceasing generosity.

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving -- that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider -- no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

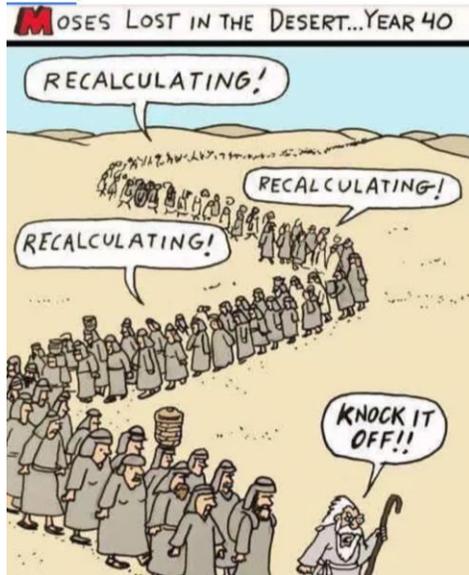
In Christ, the Stewardship Committee
Linda Dahlke, Tricia Brand, and Cindy Doell



Our annual Veteran's service will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 9:30am. It will be held in the school gym. All of the Veteran's organizations in Kewaunee County have been invited. There will be special patriotic music to enhance the service. Following the service, the teachers of St. Paul Lutheran school with some youth will be serving a lunch of chicken booyah, sandwiches, and dessert for \$6. The proceeds of the meal will go towards the purchase of tablets to be used by the students of the school. There will be ala carte pricing and if you want take-out, booyah will be sold for \$25 a gallon pail. Veterans will receive a free meal. If you are a veteran, and you want to march in with all the veterans, please meet in the hall outside the gym.



Holy Humor



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