

THE EPISTLE



Outside, the leaves are finally changing colors, the air is a little cooler, a successful Halloween Festival is behind us, and now we are turning our attention toward Thanksgiving celebrations. I believe that we have much to be thankful for this year as individuals and as a congregation. The following poem names many of the blessings that we experience as children of God. Perhaps you would like to read this poem aloud as your family gathers around the table to celebrate your many blessings this month.

"I THANK YOU, LORD"

By Leslie Rummel

*I thank You for the blessings You give to me each day.
They fill my life with abundant joy, more than words can say!
I thank You for my growing faith and the trials I've made it through.
I'm victorious and am made complete because of only You!
I thank You for the many times You carry me through my strife.
I long for, each passing day, Your presence in my life!
I thank You for Your only Son Who died and set me free.
I marvel at the fact that You think so much of me!
I thank You for Your tolerance and a love that never ends.
How glad I am that You are both my Savior and my Friend!
I thank You for the Holy Word that's powerful and true!
It's the plan You made and a gift that keeps me close to You!
I thank You for Your gentleness and desire to draw me near.
When You embrace me in Your arms I lose all doubt and fear!
But most of all I thank You, Lord, because You're God and King!
I'll praise You till the day I die; my heart will forever sing;
I Thank You, Lord!!!!*

What are you most thankful to the Lord for this day?

Merle and I are thankful for the opportunity to live and serve among you. We are enjoying getting to know you on a deeper level, and we look forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to work in and through you to bless others in this season.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Susan

Shoebox Packing Party

Bring your **items** at **5 P.M.** on **November 4th** for the Shoebox Packing Party in the **Family Life Center**. If you are able, share God's love with these children by donating items.

Also, St. Paul will serve as the collection site for Operation Christmas Child November 12-18, from 5:30-7:30 in the Family Life Center; with the exception of the first night's collection being held in the Laura Rollins room.

Epworth Christmas

We, at St. Paul, have an opportunity to spread God's message of love and caring for the children at Epworth in 3 ways.

- 1) Take an angel from the Angel Tree and purchase the requested gift. Do not wrap the gift. Remember to attach the angel to your gift.
- 2) You can provide a monetary gift or gift certificates. These gifts allow the children to go to the movies, go skating, bowling or enjoy a dinner away from campus during the Winter Break. If writing a check, write "Epworth" in the memo line.
- 3) You can donate a Gift Card (put the amount on the card and place in separate envelopes) from stores such as: Target, Wal-Mart, or Kohl's. The older children enjoy receiving gift cards to go shopping. This method also allows the staff to purchase gifts for the children who may be admitted just before Christmas.

Return your gifts to the church by December 11. The gifts will be delivered to Epworth on December 11. Leave your gifts of "Love" in the Laura Rollins room.

Thanksgiving Service

On **November 18**, at **6:30 P.M.**, Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. Attendees are asked to bring an offering of **canned goods**, which will be given to Christ Central, and place them in the box at the door.

UMYF

The youth will meet at **5:30 P.M.** on **November 4, 11, 18** in the youth room to begin a new series, **"Jesus Changes Everything."** They will **not** meet on **November 25**, and will conclude this study on **December 2**.

Growing in God Kids

G.I.G. Kids will meet from **5:30—6:30 P.M.** on **each Sunday in November** in the Social Hall, except November 18, due to Community Thanksgiving Service.

Church Council

On Wednesday, **November 28th**, Church Council will meet at **7 P.M.** in the **Laura Rollins room**. ***Note change in meeting place due to Girl Scouts meeting in the Social Hall on that evening.***

Playground Update

The playground equipment has been delivered and weather permitting, it will be installed November 2-3.

Trustee Update

The Trustees continue to clean closets and try to stay ahead of major repairs.

Christ Central cleaned a closet for us. We donated several items to them, and they, in return wanted to help St. Paul. They have been good neighbors.

Since there will be less yard work during the winter, we invite you volunteers to continue monitoring your section of the church grounds. Before cold weather arrives, please 'spiff up' your section. We appreciate all of the time and effort that you donate.

Let a Trustee know if you see repairs and improvements that are needed at St. Paul.

Poinsettias

This year we have partnered with Kay's Flower and Gift Shop to order poinsettias for the Christmas season. Maynard needs to know how many to order by **November 29**. Cost for the poinsettias is \$25 for regular and \$35 for large. Make your check payable to St. Paul UMC with a memo for poinsettia. The poinsettias will remain in the church December 9, 16, 23, and 30. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office by **Thursday, November 29**. You will not need to call the Flower and Gift Shop to place your order, Jill will do that for you.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Guest Preacher: Phil Thrailkill Daylight Saving Time Ends Operation Christmas Child Packing Party at 5:30 PM in FLC G.I.G. Kids 5:30 in SH UMYF 5:30 in youth room	5 SH reserved by Maryann Bayer for the Garden Club 2 P.M.	6 Election Day	7 Covenant Bible Study 10 A.M. in SH Choir Practice 6 P.M.	8 Covenant Bible Study 6:15 P.M. in SH	9	10
11 G.I.G. Kids 5:30 in SH UMYF 5:30 in youth room	12 FLC reserved by Lynn Anderson for Teacher's Organizational Mtg. 4:30 P.M.	13	14 Covenant Bible Study 10 A.M. in SH Choir Practice 6 P.M. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 PM in SH	15 Covenant Bible Study 6:15 P.M. in SH	16	17
	(1st night in Laura Rollins room)		Operation Christmas Child Drop Off in FLC 5:30-7:30 PM			
18 Community Thanksgiving Service 6:30 PM at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church UMYF 5:30 in youth room No G.I.G. Kids Operation Christmas Child	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25 Christ the King Sunday G.I.G. Kids 5:30 in SH No UMYF	26	27	28 Choir Practice 6 P.M. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 PM in SH Church Council 7 P.M. in Laura Rollins Room	29 Deadline to call church office to place poinsettia in Sanctuary for Christmas	30	

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Prayer List

Nursing Home: Dorothy Phillips, Ann Thompson, Billy Coleman, Kathleen Padgett, Irene Riddle, Eileen Quattlebaum

Shut Ins: Linda Beber, Grace Givens, Helen Humphries

Military: Chuck Bearon, Ryan Caulder, Robbie Grafton, Shannon Corley, Parker Hite, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Rollins, Ben Walker, Ryan Matthews

Friends and Family: Roy Rogers, Maryann Bayer, James Grasso, Darlene Hartley, Stacie Goff, Henry Wilson, Jaxon Berry, Chandler Johnson, Jonathon Smith, Allison and Brandon Berry

Condolences: The staff and congregation extend loving sympathy to Merle and Susan Maddox in the death of his mother Phyllis Maddox.

Congratulations:

- Best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Sam Wheeler on their marriage on October 6, 2018.
- Congratulations to David and Kaitlin Oswalt and Anna Grace who welcomed baby sister Adeline Elizabeth on October 2, 2018.

Memorials:

In memory of Phyllis Maddox by Janice McDaniel, Ralph & Sheree Riley, Kay Rankin, Scott & Allyson Martin, John & Kelly White

Birthdays and Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

2-Allene Able, Walker Beddoes, Blake Walker, Allen Easler
7-Nathan Willis, Matthew Rollins
8-Bob Ramey
9-Jessie Werts
10-Cyndel Wilson
12-Amber Newby
14-Grace Stover
15-Grig Herlong, Mary Helen Duffie, Melissa Stover
16- Ralph Riley
18-Andy Horne, Maggie Wills
19-Kay Rankin
20-M/M Jeremy Hunt
21-Bob Shealy
22-Nancy Grasso
25-Kristen Liner Holmes
27-Ronnie Able, Lauren Yonce
28-Allyson Martin
29-Viola Goff