

OCTOBER 2024 St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church Connection
106 S. Maple St. PO Box 357 North Freedom, WI 53951

Message from the Pastor



Thanksgiving

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:18)

On the November calendar we mark the 4th Thursday as "Thanksgiving." This month it falls on the 28th. Many of us will be gathered with family at a table loaded with food, giving thanks to God for his bountiful goodness to us.

But November 28th isn't the only Thanksgiving Day this month. Here are a few more:

November 1st is called "All Saints' Day." It isn't on a Sunday this year so we aren't observing it, but give thanks to God for the saints, believers who've died and gone to heaven, and the examples that they've given us.

November 5th is Election Day. As much as we gripe about campaign commercials and poor choices in candidates, let's thank God that we live in a democracy where we can vote for government officials from the president down to local offices. Many in the world do not have a say in their government.

November 11th is Veterans' Day. Thank God for those veterans who have served God and country, keeping our national defenses and helping to promote peace in this world. If you get a chance, thank a veteran or two personally this day!

November 24th is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This day we give thanks to Christ the King, who reigns over heaven and earth, and will come again in glory to judge all the world.

Then on November 27th we will have our Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's. Give thanks to God for this additional day to come to church, worship with fellow believers, and praise God for so many blessings.

The other Sundays this month are also thanksgiving days, as we thank God for coming to us through the means of grace, the gospel in Word and Sacrament.

And finally, every day this month is a day of thanksgiving! Thank God for opening your eyes and waking up to another day; for food to eat and water to drink, for clothes to wear and work and school to go to; for people to talk with and people who love you. Thank God for loving you that day, for his grace and mercy that forgives your sins in Jesus Christ.

May you enjoy your thanksgiving this month—every day!

--Pastor Timothy Blauert

Worship Services & Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions themes

We continue the trek through the Bible in November! This month we'll finish Leviticus, get through Numbers and begin Deuteronomy. Sundays will take us through Psalms 19-26. God bless your reading!

Service themes in November

Nov. 3 (24th Sun. after Pentecost): Love God and your neighbor.

Nov. 10 (25th Sun. after Pentecost): Trust God with your offerings.

Nov. 17 (26th Sun. after Pentecost): Prepare for the coming judgment.

Nov. 24 (27th Sun. after Pentecost): Christ the King will return.

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Thanksgiving Service

Wed., Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courtyards with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)

The Church Council will meet on Sunday, November 10th between the services.

LADIES' AID NEWS

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. We invite all ladies of St. Paul's to join us for fellowship and service to the Lord!

Craft and Bake Sale: November 3rd



The Ladies' Aid annual craft & bake sale will be held before and after the Nov. 3rd 8:30 am service. Please bring your items on Sat., Nov. 2nd any time between 8 am and 6 pm.

The Ladies' Aid will decide where proceeds will go.



BIBLE STUDY

"Lessons from Luther"

A 3-week class on October 20, 27 & November 3.

Times: 8:45-9:45 am, Oct. 27; after fellowship hour on Nov. 3.

There's still room to join us! Learn how God used Martin Luther as his instrument for restoring God's Word to the church.



CHILI COOK-OFF: November 11th

Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.

Free will offering to WELS Christian Aid and Relief for Hurricane Victims

Please sign up at church to participate!
Prize for the winner!



Game Night: Mon., Nov. 18, 6:30 pm

Bring a snack to pass, a beverage and a game and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring a friend too!

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Christmas Decorating



We will decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30th, starting at 8 a.m. The more hands to help, the faster it will get done! Come and beautify the church to celebrate our Savior's birth!

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2024 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!

Altar Flowers



On the table in the fellowship hall, please sign up to bring altar flowers for a particular Sunday, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or just on your own. Please refer to the directions in the fellowship hall for caring for altar flowers.

CARDS



Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

"TRUNK OR TREAT": October 31



Thank you to all who signed up to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" at St. Paul's this year! We'll be meeting at 3:30 p.m. and hosting it from 4 to dark on Halloween, Oct. 31st. Thank you to Thrivent for supplying the treats and promotional materials!

NEWS from the WELS

In September, Hurricane Helene inflicted much damage to the southern and eastern United States. Our WELS church in Martinez, Georgia also suffered some property damage. WELS Christian Aid and Relief is assessing the damage in these areas and working with area congregations to coordinate assistance. Learn more at wels.net/relief.

Our Offerings & Service to the Lord (September and October)

Sep. 1, 8:30 am	Attend.: 23; Offering: \$1,318
Sep. 8, 7:30 am	Attend.: 38; Offering: \$1,255
10 am	Attend.: 17; Offering: \$960
Sep. 15, 7:30 am	Attend.: 34; Offering: \$695
10 am	Attend.: 12; Offering: \$395
Sep. 22, 7:30 am	Attend.: 40; Offering: \$1,810
10 am	Attend.: 19; Offering: \$600
Sep. 29, 7:30 am	Attend.: 29; Offering: \$776.78
10 am	Attend.: 18; Offering: \$616
Oct. 6, 8:30 am	Attend.: 51; Offering: \$2,978
Oct. 13, 8:30 am	Attend.: 32; Offering: \$1,285
10 am	Attend.: 9; Offering: \$460
Oct. 20, 8:30 am	Attend.: 30; Offering: \$1,745
10 am	Attend.: 18; Offering: \$640

Ave. attendance: 8:30 am: 37; 7:30 am: 34; 10 am: 16.

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ST. PAUL'S "INFORMATION" PAGE

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Blauert
Church secretary: Elaine Shimniok

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Worship times: Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.
First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after
the service on the first Sunday of the month.

Adult Bible study: Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or
after the service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Church Council

President: Jim Dohner
Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman
Secretary: Paul Fuller
Treasurer: Mark Shimniok
Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman
Head usher: Roy Schneider

Ladies' Aid

President: Elaine Shimniok
Secretary: Lynn Zimmerman
Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok
Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm
LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

Church organist

Susan Grossenbacher

Church Custodian Vonnie Leifer (& Walt
Klaetsch)

**Please remember our shut-in members with
your prayers and visits**

Linda Faivre (at home)
Ellie Schultz

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the
hospital, or are having any other difficulties.
He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and
pray with you, as well as offer communion.
Contact information for him is in the left
column of this page.



Happy Anniversary to:

Mike & Tracy Weiland – November 12, 1994



Happy Birthday to:

Melissa Shimniok – November 2
Tracy Weiland – November 3
Kay Gaetzke – November 4
Arvin Faivre – November 9
Wyatt Klaetsch – November 9
Kristy Sorenson – November 12
Ellie Seaton – November 18
Harold Bockler – November 21
Brad Verstein – November 23
Danny Baumgarten – November 26
Phillip Klemm – November 28

*Passage to remember this month: "When you
have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD
your God for the good land he has given you"
(Deuteronomy 8:10).*