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Prayer And Thanksgiving

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Anxiousness is the destroyer of a cheerful heart. Worry is the enemy of calm and peace. But it seems like we can't escape them. They're always creeping around ready to pounce at any point of the day. There's another breaking news update. There's another text from your sister about mom's condition. For our youth, it's another notification on their phone with pictures of what they might be missing out on or who has said what about whom most recently. Anxiousness and worry creeping and crawling about usually because we don't know what's coming next or what the future might hold and here we have the Apostle Paul in the letter to the Philippians almost nonchalantly saying "don't be anxious."

How can he say that? Doesn't he know what we are daily facing? Well, yes he does. Considering the fact that St. Paul is writing in captivity in Rome and even calls himself an *ambassador in chains* (Ephesians 6:20) it is easily seen that if anyone has reason to be anxious it would be him. He could receive a terrible sentence, including death, at any time. And yet he seems confident. How could this be? How can he combat the anxiousness and worry that certainly his situation would allow? Thankfully, he lets us know. *In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* Prayer with thanksgiving.

This does two things. In the first place, it takes me outside of myself to realize once again that I'm not God and that I have a Father in heaven who is God and cares about me and has promised to hear my prayers. The second part about thanksgiving is to recall what our Lord has already done for you (the psalms are filled with "remembering the Lord's wondrous works") and what he has promised to continue to do for you (i.e. not leave you as orphans - John 14:18). In this way, then, we are drawn to dwell on what is known rather than what we might be unsure of which causes anxiousness and worry. And what we know, and what St. Paul knew and also commends us towards, is that which appears just before our verse above: *The Lord is at hand* (Philippians 4:5). The Lord is at hand, is near, to hear your prayers about anxious things, for you to be calmed by Him who has done wondrous works for you. Prayer and thanksgiving are St. Paul's practical admonition to you to combat anxiousness and be reorientated away from the unknown and toward the known love in Christ for you. *Evening, morning, and noon I cry in distress, and He hears my voice* (Psalm 55:17).

So Thanksgiving Day each November it's good to give thanks and pray - and we should for the Lord is near and has provided - yet our daily lives need these constants in them as well that we would be calmed and assured by our Lord Jesus who, thankfully, continues to provide all that we need to support this body and life. This includes daily bread and His peace which surpassing understanding. May God grant it that we know this always and learn to pray with thanksgiving and all earnestness. Think of Paul in chains or Daniel in wicked Babylon who prayed three times daily and know that the Lord is at hand to sustain you in all things.

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP – *so much information!!!*

Sunday School classes are going pretty smoothly. The kids seem to be doing well with the new curriculum. We hope you've enjoyed having the children play bells. It's wonderful to see them up in front of the church. We will be playing bells on November 5th and November 12th.

Coffee hour and snack time have been well-attended. I'd like to get the 8th -12th grade kids and some parents to help with cleaning up each week (wipe tables, wash dishes, push chairs in, sweep if needed, put supplies and leftovers away, etc.) Doesn't it seem fair to get some others involved, so the teachers don't have to clean up after teaching class?

Check this out: I recently found out about a haybale decorating contest at Kohl Farms. The farm provided the giant round haybale, my husband and two daughters helped me decorate it into a Thankful Turkey. We won 2nd prize - \$175 (because we were late finding out about the contest). \$100 was used to purchase extra pumpkins for our pumpkin sale fundraiser (since our patch got flooded; rotting many of our pumpkins). The other \$75 is going toward the Kohl Farm fieldtrip. Next year, I'd like to have each Sunday School class and the Youth Group each decorate a bale. Let's see what we can create!

Sunday School Cookie Walk was a success at the bazaar. We raised over \$700 just on the Cookie Walk! As a reward for a job well done, the Sunday school families are invited to Kohl Farms on Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. following coffee/snacks. Each family will drive to the farm and leave on their own. Cookie Walk \$ and Haybale contest \$ will pay for this fieldtrip. If you'd like to purchase concessions or anything else while you are there, that is your \$ responsibility. Thanks.

We will be providing Thanksgiving Feast boxes for 5 area school families. SS and YG families are asked to donate groceries to help fill these boxes (potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberries, rolls, butter, milk, whipped cream, etc.) Frozen turkeys will be purchased and pies frozen from the bazaar will be donated. All food donations should be at church by Sunday, November 19th.

Sunday School and Youth Group will be providing Advent Supper on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. Teachers, students, and youth are asked to arrive by 5:20 p.m. to help with setup, to help serve, to stay for service and then help with cleanup. Dinner will be homemade soups, fresh-baked bread, veggies with dip, and pie for dessert! A free-will offering will be taken to help offset cost of Christmas Adopt-A-Family gifts.

This year we will be doing the Children's Christmas Program a little differently. I'm hoping to get lots of people involved! On Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for Christmas cookie decorating, followed by a Christmas Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary. The children will be telling the Christmas Story by memorizing verses, and everyone is invited to sing Christmas hymns with us. We should be done by 6:30 (and pizza will be provided immediately after). Memory verses will be sent home soon!

Youth Group is hosting a family fun event at Main Events in Cass City on Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. I realize it's opening weekend of deer hunting, but it will be dark by then, so no excuses! Everyone is invited to come have some fun with the youth group! We will rent the upstairs (batting cages, cornhole, darts, and football bowling) and snacks will be provided. We can utilize pumpkin \$ to help pay for the rental. Please bring money for drinks! Hope to see lots of St. Paul there.

In order to plan enough snacks, please RSVP to Susan by Wednesday, November 15th 586 246-4567.



The regular meeting of St. Paul Ladies Aid was called to order by President Ruth Fluegge on Sunday, October 1, 2023 following our worship service.

A devotion was read by the secretary from *Portals of Prayer*. Real Power – In the Scriptures ‘you’ll find no mightier act from God than His Son’s death on the cross for our lives.’

The Ladies Aid Mission Statement was read in unison by the members present. Twelve members answered roll call. The minutes of our September 10, 2023 meeting was read. Jyl Shope made a motion to accept the minutes as read; supported by Wanda Dubs; carried. A thank you card from Molly Sprague was read for her confirmation gift.

Our treasurer reported that we currently have \$6,000 in our treasury. She also made note that at the end of the year we will have \$4,000. Motion made by Wanda Dubs; supported by Jyl Shope; carried.

Old Business:

1. Peggy Parrish is ill and will not be able to supply a salad for the upcoming Winkel. A volunteer replacement was needed. Patti Reinhardt agreed to supply the salad.
2. We needed to be sure that each section of the bazaar has a supervisor. These ladies volunteered to fill these positions.

Pie station – Shirley Fritz & Melissa Deming
Take & Bakes – Ruth Fluegge

3. Procedure sheets were passed out. Each section was asked to read their procedures, make any needed changes, and return them to Ruth Kumaus to be recorded for future use.

New Business:

1. Officers for 2024 are to be elected in October. After a short discussion Joyce Metzger made a motion to keep the officers the same as 2023; supported by Shirley Fritz; carried. Two ladies (Jyl Shope and Patti Reinhardt) did state that they would possibly replace the treasurer in a year or two as she has shown interest in retiring from the position.
2. Carpet replacement in the narthex was a new topic of discussion. Would we share the cost with the church? Where would the money from the church come from – General Fund, Building Fund? More research needs to be done and a cost estimate made. Then we will decide if and how much we will contribute.

A motion was made by Joyce Metzger & supported by Peggy Parrish to adjourn the meeting; Carried. We closed with singing the doxology and praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Salcido, Secretary

Looking Ahead

ADVENT SUPPERS AND EVENING SERVICES

St. Paul will be hosting Advent supper and service on Wednesday, December 6th and 20th. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 p.m., with Advent service to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd will host service on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. Join us in preparation for the coming of our Lord’s birth.

HATS OFF!



SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK FOR AN AMAZING CHURCH BAZAAR....

- To Pioneer Sugar for donating sugar for canning and baking.
- To Coca Cola Company for donating all the drinks for the bazaar luncheon.
- To Sherwood on the Hill for donating all the ice for the bazaar.
- To those who donated \$ toward supplies/groceries.
- To those who donated canning jars and supplies. Your donations really helped offset the cost of canning and preserving. NOTE: FEEL FREE TO DONATE YOUR JARS BACK WHEN YOU EMPTY THEM!
- To the canners of the church. We had over 900 jars of canned goods plus horseradish available for sale at the bazaar this year. We did have some new people helping with canning, but we need more for next year. If you can help or want to learn, please contact me. I'll put you in touch with the seasoned veterans. They can teach you and/or get the produce to you for preserving. It's time for the younger generation to start learning the tricks of the trade!
- To all the wonderful bakers!!!! We had so many more baked goods this year, it was awesome. More people baked goodies, breads, pies, cookies than ever before. WOW WOW WOW! Left-over baked goods and pies have been frozen and will be used for: Coffee hour, Advent Supper, and Thanksgiving Feast Boxes.
- To all the people who helped with horseradish! We had about 50 people (adults and kids) who helped dig, wash, peel, grind, and package 336 half pints and 37 pints. If we sell out, we will make over \$1,600 on horseradish alone!
- To the tireless crew who worked the kitchen and luncheon. I don't know that I've ever seen the line so long for so long! We made

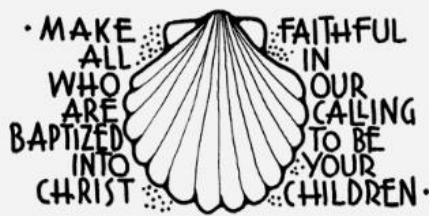
more soups and sandwiches than we've ever made, and the soups were ALL GONE by 1:00 p.m. The leftover sandwiches and individual desserts were sold after church on the 15th. The rest was donated to Sebewaing Sugar Factory and Birch View AFC.

- To the 50+ volunteers who helped at the bazaar... YOU ROCKED IT OUT PEOPLE! It's amazing what a tiny church can do in one day. They say "many hands make light work". Well, I don't know that it was "light work", but everyone who came to help made this our most successful bazaar yet. Every single volunteer is appreciated (bake sale, canned goods, pie station, white elephant, crafts, plants, cutlery, runners, setup, cleanup, baskets, money takers and counters, organizers, etc.) The Lord has been good to St Paul. God bless all of us!
- To everyone who came to support the bazaar by purchasing. We made about \$17,000 this year! That money will help support our church, many community organizations, local schools, and other mission projects outside our community. Thanks for shopping at St. Paul!
- To Ruth Kumaus for all your organizing and behind-the-scenes work that you do all year to ensure that the bazaar runs smoothly and gets better every year. Thanks, Ruth, for everything you do!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
GREAT JOB
GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!



Don't forget to turn your clocks back when you go to bed on November 4th! Daylight savings time ends on November 5th. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep and then come see us at church and Sunday.



On Sunday, October 8, 2023 we were blessed to welcome into the family of faith at St. Paul by the washing and renewal of Holy Baptism Boden Matthew Shepard, infant son of Ken and Tiffany Shepard.

Serving as sponsors for Boden are Julie Kreh, Margret Shepard, and Keith & Beth Johnson. He was welcomed home by big brother, Jaxson and big sister, Charlotte. Boden is the grandson of Dean and Julie Kreh.

Please keep this family in your prayers as they live their lives together in Jesus.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.

LIFE QUOTES

The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder '(Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
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THANKSGIVING

SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. as we give thanks to our Gracious God for the cornucopia of spiritual fruit that we share with one another – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

***** We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantry on Thanksgiving Eve. Check out the list posted on the bulletin board. Please share what you can.

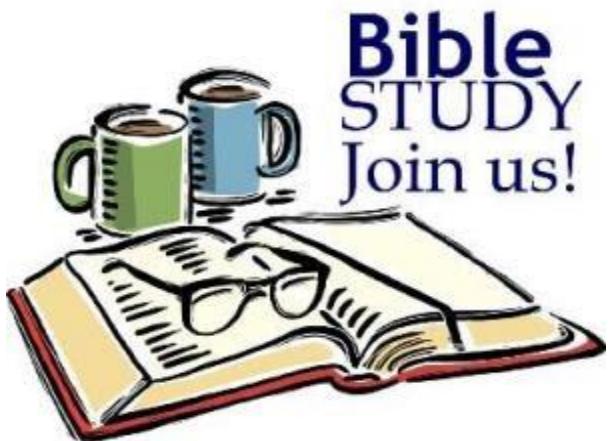


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Keep them in your prayers, maybe give them a call and/or visit them.

NewsLetter DEADLine

The deadline for the November issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" will be **Sunday, November 19, 2023**. You can email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com



Bible Study continues at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday nights. Why not come and grow in God's Word? We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Sign up today for

A HOLY CONVERSATION SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Have you noticed that during the last two decades there has been a resurgence of interest and fascination in supernatural phenomena, featuring everything from movies, books, and TV shows about ghosts, demonic possession, paranormal, exorcisms, occult, and satanic worship? With all that has been written and produced it can be difficult to ascertain fact from fiction. Are these real? Do we have documented evidence of such things? Do they affect our daily lives? What do we do about these things? You've got real questions and Dr. Robert Bennett has real answers.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several members of the Special Events Committee have served for many years and would like to take a break. Therefore, we need at least a couple of people (men and/or women) who would be willing to serve in this capacity.

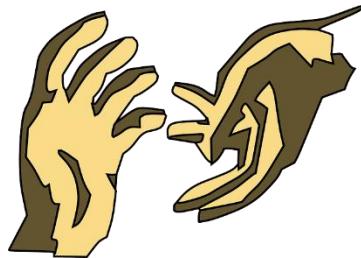
This committee takes care of the food – serving and clean-up – for any out-of-the-ordinary events that come up at church, i.e. Pastors' Winkels, New Member receptions, Graduate Sunday, etc.

If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Sandy Salcido in the church office.



St. Paul Ladies Aid will be making cheese balls again this year on Saturday, November 18th. They will be available for pick up that day or on Sunday, November 19th. Order forms will be available soon to take orders. **The deadline to turn in order forms will be Tuesday, November 14th.**

A sheet will also be posted to sign up to help make the cheeseballs. It's not a hard job – just takes time. If you can help in any way it would be appreciated. You don't have to be a Ladies Aid member to help.



LET'S LEND A HELPING HAND

In the past St. Paul has generously supported seminary students at Concordia Theological Seminary. Our last seminary student has graduated and is continuing his education in the Austin, Texas area. Now it's time for us to consider sending our \$\$\$ in another young student's direction.

Pastor Suggitt contacted Concordia and was given the name of a student who can use our assistance. The men who are preparing to go into the Pastoral Ministry can often use our financial help as well as our prayers. Our new seminarian's name is Ian Habicht and he is from Good Shepherd, Cass City.

Please keep these men all in your prayers as you consider sponsoring Ian.

Recycle Recycle Recycle

Once you've used the canned goods that you purchased from the bazaar you can return the jars to be refilled next year. Gets rid of the clutter and saves us from having to buy more jars. It's a win-win situation.

Also, if you bought one of the beautiful gift baskets and you don't want the basket, return it too. We use the medium and large baskets and they can be pricey.



Happy Birthday

Nov. 2 – Eric Wissner
 3 – Dean Deering
 3 – Tiffany O'Hare
 4 – Tiffany Murphy
 4 – Cody Howard
 5 – Olivia Dyer
 7 – Travis Deering
 8 – Kevin Truemner
 8 – Matthew Ricker
 12 – Tracy Schaper
 12 – Connor Timmons
 13 – Myrna Born
 15 – Melissa Gilbert
 16 – Tristan Deming
 16 – Melissa Witkovsky
 16 – Jylan Shope
 20 – Clinton Shope
 20 – Megan Schaper
 20 – Riley Richmond
 21 – Emily Dubs
 23 – Connor Ewald
 24 – Brianna Fritz
 24 – Kendal Truemner
 25 – Walter Haag
 27 – Amanda Gettel
 27 – Jeffrey Dubs
 30 – Ashley Hiles
 30 – Dianna Dubs

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 3 – Richard & Beverly Wise
 4 – Lee & Janet Truemner
 6 – Pastor & Kristen Suggitt
 21 – Kendal & Rose Truemner
 22 – Gerald & Angela Dubs
 24 – Gerald & Bonnie Nowaczyk



Nov. 5 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag
 Nov. 12 – Ken Haley & Joe Salcido
 Nov. 19 – Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling
 Nov. 26 – Josh Sprague & Robert Haag



Nov. 5 – Derrick & Paula Holland and Family
 Nov. 12 – Jyl Shope
 Nov. 19 – Josh & Lisa Sprague and Family
 Nov. 26 – Ron & Wendy Tabar



Nov. 12 – Jylan Shope & Chris Gettel
 Nov. 26 – Patti Reinhardt & Kari Ricker



Lucille Welchner
 Kristen Suggitt



November Altar Flowers

Margaret Timmons
 Tammy Timmons

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS & Coffee Hr. Ladies Aid Mtg. 1:30 PM Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	6 6:00 PM Choir	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10	11
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26 8:30 AM Service No SS or Catechism 3:00 PM Adult Catechesis	27 6:00 PM Choir	28 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30		

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