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St. Paul's Epistle

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A note from Pastor Tim…

Depending on when you are reading this, the season of Advent is either right around the corner or has recently begun. The church and sanctuary have been decorated accordingly and one of the central pieces found in the religious context are nativity scenes.

Having said that, we all likely have several nativity scenes. I would imagine a few make their annual appearance somewhere in your homes. I also suspect most of us have several that rarely are displayed or even removed from your storage areas in the first place.

I am encouraging folks to bring to church an extra or unique nativity scene and show them throughout Advent. I am proposing this because there are so many different styles, themes, portrayals, many of which are very well done. In additional, on Advent 1, I am going to explain the purpose behind the pieces of the displays, the symbolism, how they have changed over the centuries, and if they still embody their intended meaning.

There will be a table set up in the entrance area, just before entering the sanctuary space. Depending on the level of participation, we can make more room as needed, but I would love to see some of the various depictions and presentations of the scene of Christ birth.

Pastor Timothy Holt

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Jennings Neukam
12/02 Anthony Mann
Deann Mann
Bucky Seitz
12/03 Connie Shipman
12/04 Bruce Terwiske
Reagan Weisheit
12/05 Huntter Fehribach
12/07 Steven Dodd
12/08 Brooke Neukam
12/09 Mary Lou Himsel
Andrea Lindsey
Kurt Schepers
12/10 John Church
Judy Kieffner
Kaitlyn Kline
Linda Schmitt
Davin Kellar
12/11 Christopher Ziegler
12/12 Julia Stenftenagel
12/14 Bailey Buse
Darrin Buchta
12/15 Marie Neukam
12/16 Rose Hoffman
Olivia Ruckriegel
Janice Seitz
12/17 Clay Green
12/18 Preston Brinkman
Stephanie Hautsch
Ryan Phillips
Crystal Salmon
Arlene Vonderheide
12/19 Doris Salmon
Jim Hoffman
William Vonderheide
12/20 Allan Huebner
Kathy Eisenhut
Nicole Lammers
Colten Lottes
Jared Mann
12/21 Jeanne Hoffman
Linda Huebner
12/22 Will Sendelweck
MacKenzie Lichlyter
12/23 Kaitlyn Bauer
12/24 Benjamin Cooper
Jessie Lichlyter
12/25 Debbie Bauer
Kent Beckman
Anthony Schmitt
12/26 Amy Beckman
Eli Holt
12/28 Cheryl Hauser
Deena Lewis
12/29 Anja Greulich
Katie Popp
Kristen Ruhe
Tripp Weisheit
12/30 Kierstin Bapple
12/31 Sydni Wiseman

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/02 Greg & Jennifer Bauer
12/05 Gene & Kathy Eisenhut
12/10 Jason & Julia Stenftenagel
12/27 Steve & Brandi Dodd
12/28 Ken & Sarah Giesler
12/29 Bruce & Tina Terwiske
Harvey & Lisa Himsel
12/30 Jeff & Gretchen Shelton

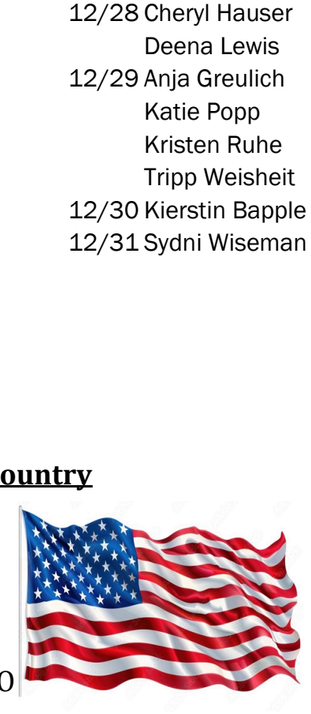
85+ BIRTHDAY and Baker
12/15 Marie Neukam
by Linda Mason

October Attendance

October 4	216
October 11	165
October 18	114
October 25	164

FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NOVEMBER IS:
Baby Items

In Service to Our Country
AMC Luke Himsel
Virginia Beach, VA
Joshua Hoffman
San Diego, CA
Cooper Uebelhor
Colorado Springs, CO





St. Paul's will be collecting food items for our local food bank December 1st—24th. This would be a great way to get the whole family involved in giving this Christmas season. Create a box for the whole month or add single items to the grocery cart in the welcome center.—Donna Rasche

Wreaths Across America is a program dedicated to the placement of Christmas Wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans buried in Arlington Cemetery and elsewhere in our nation. St. Paul's Church similarly participates.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 1:00 PM

Artificial wreaths are provided thanks to cemetery donations, and will be placed on the gravesites of Veterans buried at St. Paul's Cemetery.

The Cemetery Board is asking for volunteers on Saturday, December 19th at 1:00 PM. The event will go on rain or shine since it is in conjunction with the national event being held on this same date.

Everyone is invited to attend to remember those who served our country.

Wreaths will be removed from the graves on Saturday, January 9th, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our Veterans.

If you have any questions, call Marvin, Tom, or Harvey.

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA - November 3, 2026 Meeting

On November 3 at 6:30, 12 members of the ELCA met for their regular meeting and President elect Charyl Hauser opened the meeting with prayer. Representatives from Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes were present to recognize our congregation for 25 years of taking part in this project. Holly and Kimberly filled us in on the process of shipping and distribution of the shoe boxes. Items for older children – paper and pencils, anything with bright colors, balls and dolls. These were just a few suggestions. Some churches collect year-round, then have a packing party in November. Most boxes go overseas.

Following the program, offering was collected, along with Birthday offering. Prayer was given by Nancy Freyberger. Secretary's report was read. Change to Birthday cake for Melvin Meyer was made by Vicky Eisenhut not Melanie Freyberger. Report was then accepted. Treasurer's report was read. Motion to accept was made by Melanie Freyberger and seconded by Marie Neukam.
Motion carried.

Program and Fellowship: December meeting will be carry-in, with Christmas program. Meeting will begin at 6.

Stewardship and Service: Baby blankets were delivered. 6 to Deaconess Hospital, 10 to the ER department, 6 to Tri Cap, and 6 to Trotter House. Material from Kimball for blankets is available thru Danielle Schneider. Over 100 large blankets have been completed to date, for next year's Lutheran World Relief shipment. Visiting report was read.

Old Business: Completing WELCA book for 2027.

New Business: WELCA will donate to SWIACC- $500, Micah 6:8 -$200, Food Bank-$500 plus physical offering (baby items) for our Christmas gifts this year. We have 10 table bases but need tops. Buying 6" extendable lifetime tables was discussed. Tabled discussion for later date.
Birthday cakes for November: Carl Wening (Nov.15) by Jeanne Hoffman, Mary Ann Kieffner (Nov.16) by Marie Neukam.

Food Pantry item for November is Paper Products.

Blanket tacking will be Nov 12. This is the last date for this year. Will resume in January.
November committees: Visiting- JoAn Breitwieser and Arlene Luker, cards -Marilyn Shelton Flowers- Mary Ann Kieffner, December refreshments will be a carry-in meal.

Thanked October committees: Visiting- Jeanne Hoffman and Kathy Jarboe, Kathy also sent cards. Flowers- Mary Ann Kieffner, December refreshments will be a carry-in meal. Flowers- Nancy Freyberger, refreshments for the evening was Nancy Freyberger.

With no further business a motion by Marie Neukam was made to adjourn and seconded by Linda Mason. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeanne Hoffman,
Secretary



CEMETERY DUES REMINDER: *Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of $20 per family. This includes all members in immediate family, including non-member spouses, and children under the age of eighteen. Every member over eighteen years of age shall be required to pay the minimum cemetery dues as an individual. No additional charge for gravesites shall be made to members of St. Paul's whose dues are current.*

PERSONAL CARE HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Northwood

Gladys Chanley	420
Delbert Sendelweck	423
Harold Hembree	307
Patricia Sendelweck	502

St Charles

Wilma Buchta	507

Brookside Village

Mary Ann Jerger	Rm. 111

Homebound

Robert Huebner



The next WELCA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 PM. There will be a Christmas carry-in meal. No blanket tacking.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2026

INCOME		Month	Year to Date
	OFFERING	$ 18,183.87	$ 304,271.00
	BENEVOLENCE	$ 648.00	$ 9,661.50
	SACRED PLACES	$ 410.00	$ 12,850.00
	LOOSE OFFERING	$ 365.00	$ 6,664.00
	FUNDRAISING	$ 380.38	$ 791.66
	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		$ 4,093.38
	THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS	$ -	$ 1,474.00
	TOTAL	$ 19,987.25	$ 339,805.54
EXPENSES		$ 26,822.40	$ 324,685.50

OUR CHILDREN
OUR FUTURE !!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2026

12/6
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/13
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/20
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM + PARTY

12/27
WINTER BREAK: NO CLASS

All Saints' Sunday



Each candle holds a memory, a prayer, a name forever written on our hearts. on All Saints Day, we remembered those who have gone before us - the loved ones we miss and the faithful people whose love and example helped shape our faith. We give thanks for their lives and find comfort in God's promise that we will one day be together again. For all the saints, and for the light they continue to leave in our lives, thanks be to God.



WELCA





Thank you to every-one for the support that you gave our 'Operation Christmas Child' project. Due to your generosity, 66 filled shoe boxes were delivered to the drop off point. That brings our grand total to 1,879 for the 26 years that we have partici-pated. What an awesome gift to give. *-Many Blessings to you from the St. Paul's Women of the ELCA.*

