

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive

us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In **✝** Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C Amen.


GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there

was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

(Refrain: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *(Refrain)*

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.)

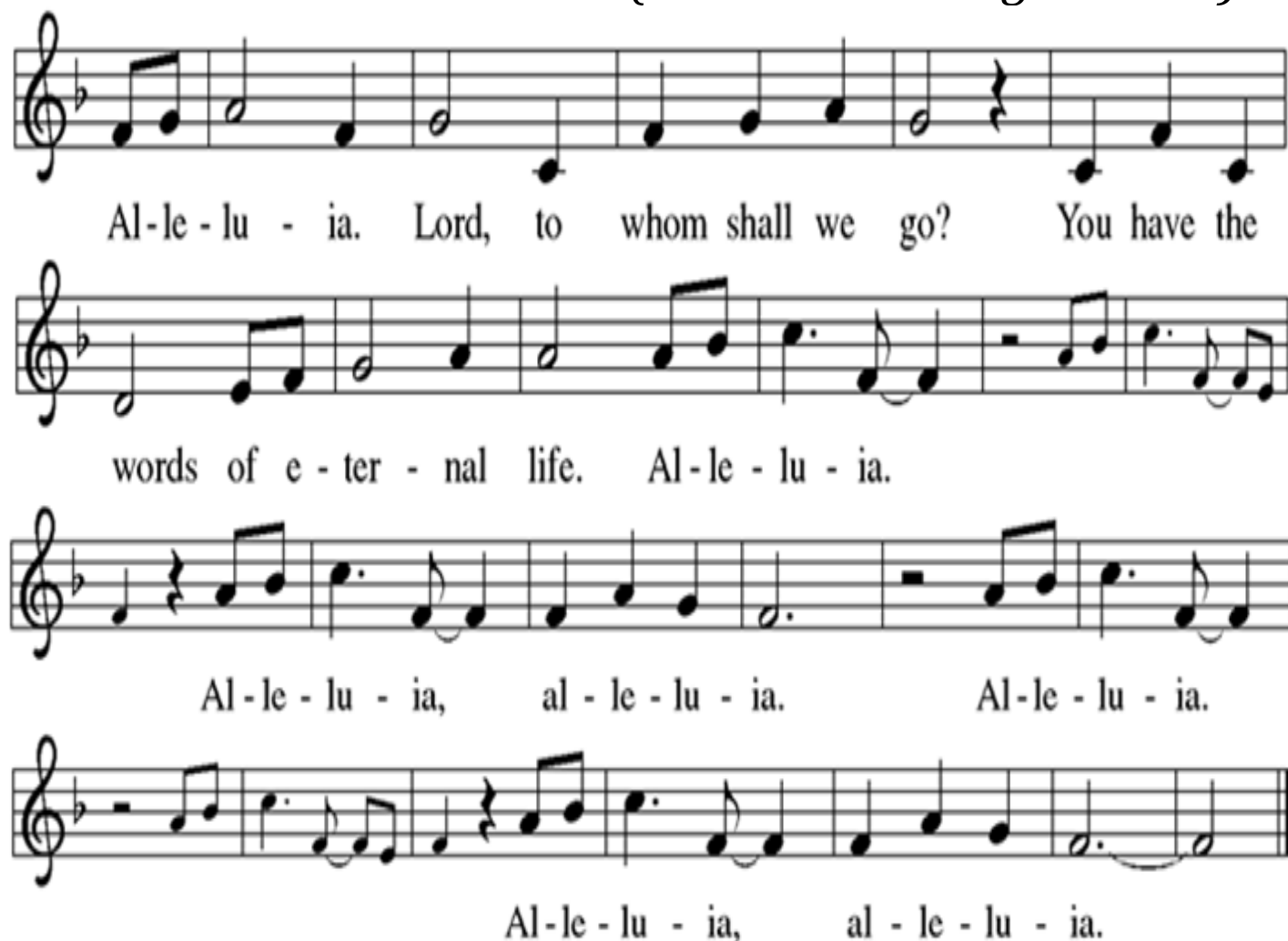
SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his
slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he
sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been

invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 265* *"Christ, Whose
Glory Fills the Skies"*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. *(We pray especially for Ruth Ann Beck, Leroy Bleemel, Barb Dell, Keith Freyberger, Juanita Hembree, Lisa Himself, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, Jim Seitz, Cindy Seng, Martha Jane Tucker and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himself and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- WOV 730 *"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"*
WOV 737 *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*
WOV 734 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you

run and not be wea - ry. May your



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

*LBW 320 "O God, Our Help in
Ages Past"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday Spotlight

Luanna Meyer Family by Wanda Krodel

Luanna was in the first class confirmed in English with Rev. E.P. Boening. She also remembers Christmas Day 1946. She was 16 and helped her father, Clipsy Sendelweck, remove hymnals from the burning church. They took them to the home of Clipsy's father, George Sendelweck, which was next door to Luanna's present home.

Luanna also taught Sunday School for many years while her children were in school. She learned many Bible stories with her students.

All four of her children were baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's. My dad, Linus Meyer, served on church council as financial secretary, president & trustee. When he was financial secretary, we kids helped lay offering envelopes in order on our kitchen table each Sunday afternoon. Dad also did numerous repairs at the church doing carpentry.

I too was active in many activities at St. Paul's. This included Sunday School, where I was an angel in one Christmas program; junior and senior choir, until leaving for school in 1967; and Luther League, where I served as an officer.

Martha Buchta and I went to Earlham College in Richmond, IN for leadership training with the Caravaners after a program they presented to our local Luther League. We enjoyed fall hayrides

with area Lutheran youth for a lot of fun. The first LYO rally for our district was held at St. Paul's prior to the first synod LYO assembly at Purdue University, "Lift High the Cross". Youth were active in Sunday School classes with Kenny Fuhrman and Jim Schnarr teaching. We also toured Wittenberg University with Rev. A.D. Rehrig & Joan.

I was asked out on a first date with Larry Krodel after cantata practice on Palm Sunday 1965. Larry and I were both confirmed at St. Paul's and married by A.D. Rehrig in 1968.

We are glad to be back worshiping and serving at St. Paul's.

Wanda Krodel

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Gene Mehne
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Tina Terwiske
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Abbie Freyberger & Lilly Lottes
Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 240 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 15th – Oct. 22nd, 2023

Sun. Oct 15 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series
Sun. Oct 22 nd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (no communion)
	10:00 AM	LYO Meeting
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series

***** Pastor Holt will be out of town October 17th - 23rd, Pastor Fleece will be available for emergency situations and can be reached at 812-296-8163.**

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



That's a Wrap! St. Paul's 175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday October 8, 2023

More than 250 people attended our final 175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday celebration luncheon on October 8. The day was hosted by WELCA which not only conducted their annual Harvest Home event but also led worship and held a fabulous bake sale.

Many members invited friends and family who grew up at St. Paul and now live elsewhere. Among the special guests were Mark Rehrig, son of Rev. A. D. Rehrig who served us in the 1960's; Brad Schroeder, son of Rev. Charles Schroeder who served in the mid-70's; Janine Andrews, daughter of Rev. William Andrews who served from 1980-1995; and members of the Schaber family who used to live next door to the church.

The Evangelism Committee hosted a photo booth, cookbooks were distributed (and are still available), a special cake with St. Paul's photos was baked by Tina Terwiske, mums were used as table decorations and sent home with guests, and meals were delivered to shut-ins.

The day also marked Pastor Appreciation Day and Pastor Holt was honored with a gift from the St. Paul's Church Council along with many individual notes and gifts from those in attendance. Mark Rehrig surprised everyone with a gift of \$1,500.00 from his sister, Jenni Hill and him, in memory of his parents, Pastor Rehrig and Joan.

The St. Paul's 175th Team would like to express gratitude for the hundreds of people who helped in any way with this year's celebration. A small group will be working on an update to our history from 1998-present over the next few months.

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Sunday School

OCTOBER 2023

10/1

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

4th - 6th:

Backpack Buddies

10/8

Heritage Sunday Meal:

No class

10/15

Fall Break:

No Class

10/22

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

10/29

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

The Women of the ELCA will have the 'Shoe Boxes' available in the welcome center on **Sunday, October 8th through Sunday, November 5th**. Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

Some gift suggestions that are noted are:

- ⇒ School supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons, markers, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring books
- ⇒ Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes
- ⇒ Non Liquid Hygiene Items: mild bar soap (put in plastic bag), comb, washcloth
- ⇒ Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

DO NOT INCLUDE: war related items like toy guns, knives or military figures; candy, toothpaste, gum; liquids or lotions; breakable items such as snow globes; aerosol cans

Remember, if you don't want to shop there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 5th**. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.

Valet Parking

Anyone interested in assisting with valet parking on Sunday mornings, please stop in the office to pick-up a brief information sheet and to make a copy of your driver's license. If you have any questions, please see any council member.

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The Dubois County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 31st, at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's. A dinner will be served in the fellowship hall followed by a business meeting and a program presented by Terry Seitz on the 175th Anniversary of St. Paul's. The cost of the meal is \$16.00. The public is invited to attend. For reservations call Tom Fierst at (812)630-8882 or email at tfierst@twc.com. Reservations are due by October 24th.

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Reminder: There are five Sundays in October. There will be an offering plate in the rear of the church if you wish to donate to the 5th Sunday Community Assistance Fund.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO