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### Easy Tips to Make Stocking Stuffers Extra Special

Great stocking stuffers are fun for the whole family. Below are some tips to make these even more special!

**Mix Useful and Fun Stuff:** Add a mix of handy things (like hand creams or mini flashlights) along with some fun surprises (like stickers or glow sticks). Keeps it practical but still playful!

**Make it Personal:** Toss in a little something that matches their interests. For example, a nail polish for the glam lover, or a puzzle for someone who loves a challenge.

**Go with a Theme:** Pick a vibe for each stocking like, self-care, cozy vibes, or winter must-haves. It makes everything feel more thought-out.

**Add a Little Note:** Slip in a quick note or a small card with each gift for an extra bit of thoughtfulness.

**Wrap Everything Up:** Wrap each little gift on its own. It makes such a difference!

These stocking stuffer ideas show you don't have to spend a ton to make meaningful gifts. Give some of these tips a try, and keep the holidays extra special without going overboard on spending!



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# St. Paul's Epistle

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### A note from Pastor Tim...

If you have been in our sanctuary the past couple of weeks, you can't help but see the majority of our decorations for the season of Advent have been put up.

The council, parents, and confirmation students always do a great job, and this year is no different. The evening goes smoothly, it is enjoyable, and results of their efforts are immediately recognizable.

A few new items were purchased this year, which you will certainly notice. These were made possible through memorial donations for Dave Kieffner and Kristi Fuhrman. We were happy to have a designation for those funds and trust the families will find a level of joy in seeing where those memorial gifts went.

The majority of the time, such gifts are left undesignated and as a result, sit unused for an indefinite period of time. When there are areas within the church where a loved one was personally invested, and memorial donations are offered in their name, the intended purpose is for that to be used. I encourage any families this may be applicable to, consider what was meaningful, or an area that can be updated or replaced, and share that vision. That is a way of blessing the church and honoring those who had faithfully served.

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	Hunter 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
12/16	Olivia Ruckriegel
	Janice Seitz
12/17	Clay Green

## In Service to Our Country

### Austin Breitwieser

Redzikowo, Poland

### AMC Luke Himsel

Virginia Beach, VA

### Cooper Uebelhor

Colorado Springs, CO



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



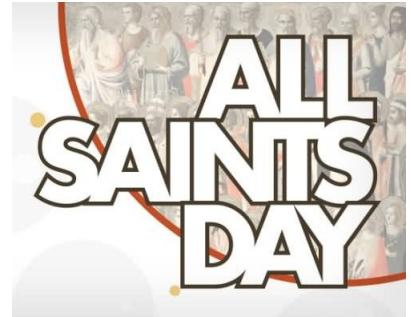
12/02	Greg & Jennifer Bauer
12/05	Gene & Kathy Eisenhut
12/10	Jason & Julia Stenftenagel
12/27	Steve & Brandi Dodd
12/28	Ken & Sarah Giesler
12/29	Bruce & Tina Terwiske
12/30	Harvey & Lisa Himsel
	Jeff & Gretchen Shelton

**FOOD BANK ITEM  
FOR DECEMBER IS:  
BABY ITEMS**

## October Attendance

October 5	167
October 12	140
October 19 (Fall break)	79
October 26	133

On Sunday, November 2nd, we celebrated All Saints' Day, giving thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us — those who have shaped our faith, guided our steps, and shared God's love with us. May their lives remind us to walk in hope, serve with compassion, and shine Christ's light in the world.



St. Paul's will be collecting food items for our local food bank during the month of December. 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. See the Reverse Advent calendar below for a list.  
-Donna Rasche



## Nellie Madeline Chinn Baptism

The Chinn family and congregation celebrated the baptism of Nellie Madeline Chinn, daughter of Andy and Gabbie. Nellie was born on September 17, 2025, and is the beloved little sister of Calla and Drew. Proud grandparents are Bruce & Tina Terwiske and Bruce & Sarah Chinn. Her sponsors are Lydia Hollinden and Jared Myrick. May God bless Nellie and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal  
December 2 - peanut butter  
December 3 - stuffing mix  
December 4 - boxed potatoes  
December 5 - macaroni and cheese  
December 6 - canned fruit  
December 7 - canned tomatoes  
December 8 - canned tuna  
December 9 - dessert mix  
December 10 - jar of applesauce  
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes  
December 12 - cranberry sauce  
December 13 - canned beans  
December 14 - box of crackers  
December 15 - package of rice  
December 16 - package of oatmeal  
December 17 - package pasta  
December 18 - spaghetti sauce  
December 19 - chicken noodle soup  
December 20 - tomato soup  
December 21 - can corn  
December 22 - can mixed vegetables  
December 23 - can carrots  
December 24 - can green beans

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At the November 16th worship service, the Wiseman family and friends shared special music in honor of Hoyt Wiseman's 80th birthday! Thank you, Hoyt, for all you've done and continue to do for the St. Paul's Family and thanks to all who shared their musical gifts with the congregation!



**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 & HOME-BOUND

<b>Northwood</b>	
Gladys Chanley	406
Delbert Sendelweck	Rm. 426
Wilma Buchta	Apt 3
Harold Hembree	403A
Patricia Sendelweck	Apt 23
Juanita Hembree	102
<b>Brookside Village</b>	
Mary Ann Jerger	Rm. 111
<b>Homebound</b>	
Marcella Weisheit	
Robert Huebner	
Pat Opel	



## OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE !!

### Arts & Crafts

Our Sunday School children spent a beautiful Sunday morning celebrating God's creation through their fall activity following service! It's such a blessing to watch their faith blossom as they learn, laugh, and grow together in Christ's love.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2025

INCOME	Month	Year to Date
OFFERING	\$ 13,527.00	\$ 202,033.80
BENEVOLENCE	\$ 606.00	\$ 6,988.00
SACRED PLACES	\$ 650.00	\$ 177,586.07
BACKPACK BUDDIES	\$ 383.19	\$ 2,398.36
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 322.00	\$ 4,880.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME*	\$ 309.00	\$ 1,005.29
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS	\$ 9.00	\$ 1,158.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 3.69	\$ 30.12
TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF E.D. JONES FUNDS**	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,809.88</b>	<b>\$ 441,079.64</b>
 EXPENSES		
	<b>\$ 24,127.81</b>	<b>\$ 432,960.87</b>

\*Miscellaneous income amount was a reimbursement of a credit card late fee, quarterly deposit from Prudential Financial Services and reimbursement for youth camp

\*\*Temporary loan of E. D. Jones investment account funds to bridge gap until Sacred Places grant award money is received. Will be paid back.

## St. Paul's Women of the ELCA—November 4, 2025 Meeting

Women of the ELCA met on November 4 @ 6:30. 14 members were in attendance. President Darlene Ziegler opened the meeting with a devotion based on Psalm 16.

Regular and Birthday offerings were collected followed by prayer.

Secretaries report was read and approved. Treasury report was read. Motion to accept by Marie Neukam and seconded by Donna Rasche, motion carried.

Program & Fellowship report: December meeting will be carry-in meal with a Christmas program. Meeting will begin at 6:00. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Stewardship & Service report: Baby blankets were delivered. 7 to Tri Cap and 8 to Trotter House. Items for Homeless were delivered to Sandy Hoing. Help for Christmas party is needed. No date has yet been set. Will let us know. Items for Lutheran World Relief were delivered, with 6 other churches from area participating. Blanket tacking will be November 13 at 1:00. Donna and JoAn thanked all who helped with the kitchen cleaning.

Taking items for Food Pantry using the reverse Advent Calendar found in bulletin.

Visiting report for October was read.

Old Business: Shoe Boxes need to be turned in by November 16.

WELCA Christmas donations will go to Sandy Hoing for Evansville Homeless-\$300, Food Pantry-\$500. and Pastor Holt- \$200. Motion was made by Kathy Jarboe and seconded by Linda Mason.

Motion carried.

\$7000.00 from Ham Salad account will be given to church council to use were needed.

Motion by Vicki Eisenhut and seconded by Kathy Jarboe. Motion carried.

Physical offering to the Dove House will be collected at the December meeting.

New Business: Worked on WELCA committees for 2026.

Correspondence: Thank you from Trotter House.

Birthdays: Carl Wening (11/15) by Melanie Freyberger and Mary Ann Kieffner (11/16) by Jamie Harris.

Thanked October Committees: Visiting- Jeanne Hoffman and Kathy Jarboe, Kathy also sent cards.

Darlene Ziegler and Rosie Hoffman, cards by Darlene Ziegler. Flowers- Beth Buchta,

Food Pantry item- Paper Products

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

Members then filled 20 + shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Secretary, Jeanne Hoffman

# WELCA

WELCA would like to thank everyone that has donated material that is used to make baby quilts. Pictured is Lora Williams. She has donated tubs of material for this project. The result are beautiful handmade quilts that are donated to non profit organizations. Thank you Lora and to the congregation for your continued support.



**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.



**WREATHS -across- AMERICA**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 2:00 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 13th at 2:00 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 3rd, 2026 at 12:30 PM. Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our Veterans.

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

The next WELCA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM.