✞✞✞ Our Week at St. Paul's ✞✞✞

Sunday, November 29, 2020
8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15-10am Zoom Bible Study

Monday, November 30, 2020
Financial Count (Schmidt, Rahn, B. Pulcher)

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
7:15am Men's Bible Study (Narthex)
3:30pm Confirmation
5:30pm Trustee Meeting (Narthex)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
11:00am & 6:30pm Advent Services
1:30pm Food Pantry (Lower Level)
5:30-6:15pm Confirmation

Thursday, December 3, 2020
11:30am Ladies League (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Board of Education (Zoom)

Friday, December 4, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020
11:00am Communion Service

Sunday, December 6, 2020
8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am-10am Zoom Bible Study

WE THANK THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sat., Nov. 28 11:00am
Pastor Stephen Krenz — Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Bob Thoma — Usher: Kevin Miller
Worship Screens: Karl Nowak

Sun., Nov. 29, 8:00am
Pastor Stephen Krenz — Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Scott Moeslein — Ushers: Joe & Jan Starek, Scott Moeslein
Worship Screens: Karl Nowak

Sun., Nov. 29, 10:30am
Pastor Stephen Krenz — Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Dave Greatting — Ushers: Dave Greatting & Terry Kempf
Worship Screens: Martin Mueller

PRAYER REQUESTS

✞For **Pastor Sievers** recovering from health issues
✞For Bob Granzow, brother of **Alberta Spradling** for rapid healing of health problems
✞For Eunice Greer, mother of **Don Greer**, recovering from illness
✞For Ed Rehmer, brother of **Wanda Gross,** recovering from cancer surgery
✞For **Marge Drexler** for strength and healing
✞For Hazel Behr, friend of **Marge Drexler**, who had open heart surgery
✞For **Delbert Vieregge** recovering at Oak Hill following recent hospitalization
✞For Matt Schaefer who is home recuperating from serious injuries after a fall
✞For Kenny Althoff, father of **Stephanie Lammert**, at Missouri Baptist Hospital
✞For Roy Spradling, twin brother of **Ray Spradling**, recovering from a stroke

✞For those with Covid-19
Jean McLaughlin, **Lisa Krenz's** mother; **Josh Colyer**, Randy & **Cindy Hill**
Tom and Pam Thompson, Food Pantry patrons in the hospital
Zack Borders, friend of the Pruden family, hospitalized
Debbie Jordan, adult confirmation student

✞For those undergoing cancer treatments/living with cancer
Carol Toenjes, sister of **Mike Arras**
Jean Landgraf, friend of the congregation
Jan Hoffman, friend of **Sandy Roessler**
Carrie Yates, friend of **Donna Lake**
Marian Ritter, daughter-in-law of **Dale and LaVerne Ritter**
David Mehrtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense**
Debbie Kern
Hal Brinkman, friend of **Charlie & Jeanine Consolino**
Anne Marie Barks, friend of **Charlie Consolino**
Dale Vaughn, son of **Barbra Schneider**
Jason Kellenberger, son of **Judith Kellenberger**
Dennis Krump, brother of **Judith Kellenberger**

SPECIAL CONCERNS
For three young clients of Life Network facing difficult times in their lives
For our Health Care Workers
For our community leaders

OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS
Daniel Heise Michael Heise Brenda Henkler Amy Henerfauth
Robert Henerfauth Lorelei Henerfauth Thomas Henerfauth

Our Response To His Love With Our Attendance
Worship Services: Sat. 11/21 – **14 ;** Sun., 11/22– **50;** Wed., 11/25 -
Men's Bible Study**: 5** Sunday Bible Study**: 10**

Our Response To His Love With Our Offerings
General Fund: Received 11/22/2020: **$2,879.00**
Building Repair Fund: Received 11/22/2020: **$0**
Donations Received for the new Church Signs - **$9,780** Goal **- $10,000**

Announcements
November 29, 2020

Weekend Worship: This weekend's worship theme for this, the first Sunday in Advent is titled "Staying awake without the Caffeine" based on Mark 13:24-27.

Mid-week Advent Services: This year's advent theme is titled "Isaiah Hope". This week's sermon title is "Undeserved and Unexpected" based on Isaiah 64:1-9. The services will be held at 11am and 6:30pm. We are asking those who will be coming to the 11am Advent service to mask for the whole service. Those coming to the 6:30pm service are invited to take off their masks once they sit down.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Throughout the month of December we will be looking closely at our Old Testament and Epistle reading for each week. This week the class will look at Isaiah 64:1-9, and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9.

Sunday School starting again in January: The Board of Education decided to pause Sunday School temporarily and to hopefully restart Sunday School for pre-school--High School after the first of the year. \

Christmas Program: While we will not be having our regular Christmas program this year, every week during Advent a few young people will be assisting with an early reading in the service, and during the children's message reciting and reading key parts of the Christmas account.

Advent Devotions: The Board of Outreach has purchased over a hundred advent devotional booklets. We hope these daily Advent devotions will not only benefit our members, but also will be a blessing to many others. Please pick up extra and give them away to family, friends, and neighbors. The two advent devotional options can be found on the table in the church entryway (narthex).

Christmas Gift Guide: On the back table in the narthex is a Christmas catalogue from Concordia Publishing House. If you would like to order Christian books or other faith centered items please pick one up.

Bell Choir: Due to the rising Covid-19 cases in our area, the bell choir will not be meeting for the rest of the year. The present plan is to start practices again the first Wednesday in February.

The GIVING TREE is back! The Board of Christian Caring had previously announced that they would not be doing the Giving Tree this year. However, after discussion with Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis, we will be having a small Giving Tree for seven kids. Look for the display (coming soon) in the Narthex if you would like to provide a gift for a child in need. Gifts need to be returned to the collection box in the Narthex NO LATER THAN December 16th. For any questions, please call Stefanie Newbill at 618.207.5659.

Life Night: The board of youth has tentatively set Sunday, January 10th from 5-7pm for a 5th-9th grade evening of food, devotion, and activities. We are planning to do this on the second Sunday of every month between January and April of 2021. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Food Pantry: On Nov. 4 the Food Pantry served 26 households – 52 adults and 7 children. On Nov. 18 we served 34 households – 64 adults and 13 children. Presently our biggest need is TOILET PAPER. We cannot buy in bulk as Costco and Sams are sold out and most retailers have limits on amount we can purchase.

Tree Set Up and Friendsgiving Event. It is that time of year again for the tree set up! 5th – 12th grade students are asked to help on Sunday, November 29th after the 10:30 AM service. We will also have food and activities afterwards in the fellowship hall for our Friendsgiving event. Please RSVP to Christina Schmitt ahead of time.

Christmas Basket Fundraiser. The youth are having one more fundraiser and will be bringing back the gift basket giveaway for the Christmas season. The 2 themed Christmas baskets will be open to the congregation for entries starting on December 6th and ending on December 20th. We will not be selling tickets but accepting donations instead (like what we did for Valentines Day). The youth are asked to be present on each of the Sundays during the giveaway time to help. All proceeds will go towards the youth group 2021 mission trip.

Intention of Giving Forms: The 2021 Intention of Giving Forms have been mailed out. Please fill out and mail or bring back to church. A survey on electronic giving is also included in this mailing. A box to collect these forms has been placed in the narthex.