

# ST. PAUL'S TROY LUTHERAN

## NOVEMBER, 2019

### Thoughts from Pastor Landskroener

November is a month for remembering. It starts with All Saints' Day on November 1 when we remember the saints who now rest from their labors. On November 10, Veterans Day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces. Also, not to be overlooked, it's Martin Luther's birthday. On November 24 we celebrate the end of another Church Year and remember the gifts of grace we've received even as we look forward to Christ's return in glory and judgment. And on Thanksgiving Eve (November 27) at 7:00 pm, we remember and give thanks for the many blessings we have received from God, and from others.

Now, I can't talk about all of these in one article, but I would like to draw your attention to All Saints' Day, which we will celebrate on Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3. And what a wondrous day it is! In fact, the Lutheran Confessions give us three reasons to honor them. The first honor is thanksgiving: "We should thank God for showing examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church. . . . The second honor is the strengthening of our faith: when we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we are encouraged to believe that grace does indeed abound more than sin (Rom. 4:20). The third honor is the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues, which each should imitate in accordance with his calling." (Ap XXI, Tappert 229-230).

So as we celebrate All Saints' Day, we celebrate the blessings of God on all the saints of the Holy Christian Church who have been freed by death from this vale of tears. They have entered their rest in Christ, even as they await their resurrection! Their gift of eternal life that began in baptism continues even in the grave and will find its fulfillment when our Lord Jesus returns to raise them from the dead. These saints include the saints of old as well as our loved ones who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors. Hymn 679 "Oh, How Blest Are They" beautifully describes the joy of the day:

### Oh, How Blest Are They

1. Oh, how blest are they whose toils are ended,  
Who through death have unto God ascended!  
    They have arisen  
From the cares which keep us still in prison.
2. We are still as in a dungeon living,  
Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;  
    Our undertakings  
Are but toils and troubles and heartbreakings
3. They meanwhile are in chambers sleeping,  
Quiet and set free from all their weeping;  
    No cross or sadness  
There can hinder their untroubled gladness
4. Christ has wiped away their tears forever;  
They have that for which we still endeavor.  
    By them are chanted  
Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted.
5. Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us;  
Lead forth and cast this world behind us  
    With You the Anointed,  
Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed

Now, as we celebrate and honor the saints, we remember that they are not angels. They have not received their wings. The Bible doesn't say they watch over us. So we certainly don't worship them or pray to them, but it is still quite proper to honor those who have gone before us into the Kingdom of Glory. However, we have no command from God to pray to them or any promise that they hear us. We also do not trust in their merits or good works for anything, and

we do not trust in them to get us to heaven. For they did not die for our sins and we are not accounted righteous for their sakes. That honor belongs to Christ Jesus alone, for He is the only One through whom we are certain that our sins are forgiven. He is the only One whose death is sufficient sacrifice for our sins. He is the only One whose merits benefit us since He is the only One to have kept and fulfilled God's Law perfectly. He is the only One through whom we pray to our heavenly Father.

So even as we honor the saints, we "thank, praise, serve, and obey" our Lord who gave them forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation even as He gives them to us.

And this why the Divine Service is so important for us. Indeed, it is central to the Christian life. After all, when we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, we join with the "angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven" standing in God's presence, singing His

praises, and giving Him all honor and glory. We also rejoice to receive from Him the Body and Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. In that blessed Meal we get a foretaste of the feast to come. So as we participate in the liturgy by receiving God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Word and Sacrament, and responding with prayers and hymns of honor and praise, we are rehearsing for that great feast which will have no end. What we do now prepares us for what we will do for eternity.

God grant that each of us so rejoice in honoring and communing with the saints that we wouldn't miss any opportunity to do so. God bless your All Saints' Day celebration

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor

## Fall Family Festival

St. Paul's held a Fall Family Festival and Chili Cook-Off on October 18, 2019. This event was free of charge and open to anyone in the community. Families and friends gathered indoors and out to enjoy food over the bonfire, pumpkin painting, hayrides, face painting, a balloon artist, a bounce house, and of course, tasting and voting for their favorite chili in the cook-off!

Our chili winner this year was Sharon Wolf, with Donna Bloemer as the runner up. Both participants received a gift certificate to Troy Frozen Foods. Thanks to all who competed, donated items or volunteered their talents, and joined us for an evening of good fall fun! We shared our left-over abundance with Ministries Unlimited. Each of you are a blessing to our St. Paul's family!

Blessings,  
Lauren



### **The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) News for November:**

**Thank you, St. Paul's members!** Our Lutheran World Relief ingathering brought in 7 Personal Care Kits, 14 School Kits, 13 Baby Care Kits, 1 quilt and 30 pounds of soap. Our "Joyful Noise" mites collection gathered \$297.42 to be sent to missions. What a wonderful way to share with others. Proverbs 22:9 (ESV) "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."

**Saturday, November 2, LWML Metro Central Zone Fall Breakfast** at St. Paul's Troy. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30am with the Opening at 9:00am. Please bring your breakfast breads or coffee cakes to the Ministry Center by 8:15. Contact Valerie Meyer or Kay Butts to volunteer.

**Monday, November 25, 7:00pm LWML Meeting** in the church basement Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be led by Mary Ann Bonneville. Refreshment servers will be Adeline Amen and Mary Ann Bonneville. Our ingathering will be Ministries Unlimited Christmas gifts. We'll be making Christmas crafts to share with our shut-ins. We'd love to have you join us! Please come!

**Monday, December 2, 7:00pm Christmas Party:** in the church basement Fellowship Hall. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5-10 limit) for Crazy Bunco and one dozen Christmas cookies. Please come enjoy the fun!

**December 16-21. Ministries Unlimited Christmas** Gathering and Distribution at Troy United Methodist Church.

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

#### **Newsletter Article – November 2019**

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward

Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



### **November Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**1:** *Thomas & Adele Milkert*, Kathleen Sury, Richard Sury; **2:** Frances Hosto; **3:** *Jeff & Susie Merkel*, Maggie Norris; **4:** *Ronald & Betty Criley*, Robert Harlow; **5:** George Godell, Lonnie Meier, James Williams; **6:** Katelyn Godell; **7:** Joshua Rose; **8:** Judy Sipes; **9:** Lexi Edler, Bonnie Levo, *Leonard & Judy Suess*; **10:** Edna Meier, *David & Valerie Meyer*, Alexei Wiemers; **12:** Bernadel Brodie **13:** Connie Chrisciel, Lauren McLaughlin, Tom Unger; **14:** Linda Craig; **15:** Tristan Clover, Alan Kilzer; **16:** Catherine Bess, Brooke Merkel, Jayden Ponce; **17:** Tammy Rodenbaugh; **18:** Jeanne Gavlick, Elizabeth Schaefer, Lindsay Zeller; **19:** *David & Lisa Parizon*, Arnold Sahs, *Monroe & Josephine White*; **20:** Sara Rhymer; **25:** Kathryn Meyer, Christopher Schaefer; **26:** Joy Burton Kirsten Thomas; **27:** Gary Brumm, Amanda Clover, Helen Klausing **28:** Linda Beuth; **29:** Steven Doyle, *Roy & JoAnn Harris*, David Peverly; **30:** Bruce Wilderman

**P.S.** Is your special day listed above? If not, please contact the church office so the records can be updated

## Sunday School News

The Sunday School has been working on our fall mission project – **Operation Christmas Child!!**

We have invited each Sunday School child, with the help of family, to collect and bring items each week to Sunday School to fill a shoebox to send to a child in need.

The Adult Sunday Bible Study is also involved to help us make this project a success by filling a shoe box with a spouse, a friend, or as an individual.

“Special” Christmas shoe boxes will be provided.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to get involved in this mission.

### SO WHAT DO YOU DO????

Pick a gender and age range, and find the respective suggestion list in the narthex on filling a shoe box.

Start buying, and remember everything must fit in a shoe box. So do some creative packing. :)  
Bring all items in a bag or shoebox NO LATER than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>. Either give the bag to a Sunday School teacher, or drop it off in the narthex in a bag labeled “Operation Christmas Child.” Our Sunday School children will carefully pack your items in a beautiful Christmas shoe box and take care of the postage.

A special touch would be to add a photo of yourself or your family and enclose it in a Christmas card.  
And PRAY that your box is received with the LOVE of JESUS!

*Love  
Never  
Fails*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

## **Addresses for Our Homebound Members**

Mrs. Lila Goedelman  
St. Paul's Senior Community  
1021 West E St.  
Room 2055B  
Belleville, IL 62220

Mrs. Fran Hosto  
MorningSide Care Center  
39 Dorothy Drive, Rm #112  
Troy, IL 62294

Mrs. Barb Wright  
MorningSide Care Center  
39 Dorothy Drive, Rm #310  
Troy, IL 62294

Mrs. LaVerne Boeshans  
123 W. Throp  
Troy, IL 62294

Mrs. Jean Tieman  
San Gabriel Memory Care  
2509 Frank Watson Parkway  
Highland, IL 62249

Shirley Schnoeker  
300 South Station Road  
Apt. 8303  
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Lois Rodenbaugh  
714 Troy Road  
Collinsville, IL 62234

## **Veteran's Day is November 11**

Please make sure to thank our vets for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. These men and women have given of themselves so that we can enjoy our freedoms. Some have even made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their very lives in defense of their country. They deserve our thanks and our prayers. And if you see any family members, thank them as well. They have made almost as many sacrifices as their soldier. As they say, freedom is not free.

# Thanksgiving

Wow! It's already November, and Thanksgiving quickly approaches (along with the Holidays, but that's another musing). Thanksgiving is sort of becoming the forgotten holiday. I mean, other than that gigantic turkey dinner and holiday parades and football on TV, people just don't think about Thanksgiving and what it means, or what it should mean. These days people pay more attention to Halloween, and decorating their houses with ghosts and goblins; and then immediately getting the Christmas décor up, shopping for gifts, and sending Christmas cards (complete with the dreaded family newsletter). Thanksgiving has just gotten lost in the mix, and that's not fair. Even in the hymnal there are only four Thanksgiving Hymns. I'm disappointed in that.

God gives us so many blessings every single day! There is always, always, always something to be thankful for! There should be hymns upon hymns upon hymns thanking God for those blessings, no matter how large or small they be. I grew up on a farm, and giving thanks to God for a bountiful harvest was important to us. I guess that's why I like the hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (LW 892). It says this:

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

"God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied." Maybe instead of putting so much emphasis on Halloween, or worrying so much about those Christmas decorations, we could take a little extra time to give thanks to our God who provided it all for us.

Love,  
Lana





## Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education has a new process for submitting box tops. This is great news for our school as it will eliminate the extra cost of supplies and postage! There is a Box Top app in the App Store on your phone. If you're comfortable with downloading this app, once you've made a purchase at any store that participates in the BTFE program, simply open the app on your phone and scan the receipt. The school will immediately receive credit for any qualifying purchases. Your receipt must be scanned within 14 days of purchase. If you do not wish to download the app, you may leave your receipt at school where it can be scanned and then returned to you if needed.

Box Tops may still be clipped and turned in to school until this method is phased out. We are able to "double dip" during this time so even if you scan your receipt, you can still clip these box tops.

We will continue the Box Top Hero monthly contest. In order to keep track of individual box tops sent it, please continue to send in Box Tops in a baggie with the student's name written on it. If you send your receipt to school to be scanned, please write your student's name on the receipt. If you are scanning your own Box Tops please take a screen shot once you receive confirmation showing the amount earned for the school. You can send your confirmation to Kelly Garcia at 618-781-2842, or [kelgar7@gmail.com](mailto:kelgar7@gmail.com).



## Day Light Saving Time Ends November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Don't forget to set your clocks back!!!!

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## ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

With the first month and a half of school under our belts, things are starting to settle down for the little people in preschool 3 and prekindergarten 4. Our preschool 3 classes, sporting a bible-based curriculum, have covered the Old Testament stories of creation through the birth of Issac. We're currently learning about Joseph and his brothers. Much like a bible study, we examine how the stories relate to our lives and the world around us, using these examinations to further our social and emotional development. Unlike a bible study, we also relate the stories to our bi-weekly letters!

Many of our prekindergarten 4 classmates are old pros at the school routine by now, and we've not only managed to learn our letters Aa-Dd, but we've also read the stories of various Old Testament figures, including the lesson behind Jacob and Esau. With pre-k being more rigorously pre-academic, we've studied everything from angel fish to dinosaurs, and we're particularly enthused about our Show and Tell sessions each Friday afternoon! We brought in our family pictures to display in our classroom so that we can talk to our classmates about the people who love us, and we even brought our own baby photos to compare ourselves then and now!

Our first field trip of the year is under our belts, as well. The entire school went to Willoughby Farm in late September, and we all enjoyed a great nature walk, petting and feeding the farm animals, crafting, and taking a wagon ride. It was fantastic to attend a field trip with the older students, as the little ones very much enjoy spending time with them. One of the highlights of the week for the smaller preschool 3 class is spending just a half hour eating snacks and having play time with Mr. Lingel's 7th and 8th grade class each Friday morning. The students at St. Paul's from the youngest to the oldest really behave like a family, and it's wonderful to see that on display when all of them are together. I'm so excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!

Halie Clayton

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*New, interested in a particular function or getting involved?*  
*Have a question? **Here's who to talk to at St. Paul's.***

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Men's Ministry:

Holy Smokers: *Dave Meyer, 618-667-1347*

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Helping Hands [funeral dinners, social ministry needs: *Grace Cottingham, 618-667-6552 and/or Shirley Rood, 618-667-9256*

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Prayer Chain: *Adeline Amen, 618-667-2549 and Debbie Wittenberg, 618-667-7357*



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## Serving St. Paul's in November 2019

**Saturday, November 2, 6:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Tristan Clover; **Altar Guild:** Yvonne Rieger **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Bob and Joyce Hoffmann; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Ushers:** Sam Italiano, Brion Boeshans, Randy Jones, and Seth Schaefer;

**Sunday, November 3, 8:00 am** **Acolyte:** Jackson Moody; **Altar Guild:** Yvonne Rieger; **Elder:** TBD **Greeter:** Josh & Jenni Hunt; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen **Ushers:** Joe Walls, Jacob Doyle, and Jim Kesterson,

**Sunday, November 3, 10:30 am** **Acolyte:** Gibson Hunt; **Collator:** Nancy Thomas; **Greeter:** Ruth Schmitt; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Ushers:** Colin McLaughlin, Ted Fedder, Keith Jackson, and Dave Thomas

**Saturday, November 9, 6:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Amelia Sievers; **Altar Guild:** Mary Ann Bonneville and Bonnie Levo; **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Larry and Kathy Brokering; **Pianist:** Jennifer Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Brion Boeshans,, Seth Schaefer, Sam Italiano, and Randy Jones

**Sunday, November 10, 8:00 am** **Acolyte:** Alexia Clover; **Greeter:** Edna Meier; **Pianist:** Jennifer Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Joe Walls, Jason Powell, Mike Salanitro, and Fred Patterson;

**Sunday, November 10, 10:30 am** **Acolyte:** Maggie Norris; **Altar Guild:** Mary Ann Bonneville and Bonnie Levo; **Collator:** Mary Bornert **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Ruth Schmitt; **Pianist:** Jennifer Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Colin McLaughlin, Tony Sipes, Mark Schlemer, and Tim Wittenberg

**Saturday, November 16, 6:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Dean Hupp; **Altar Guild:** Adeline Amen and Pat Watson **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Jim and Shirley Rood; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Ushers:** Sam Italiano, Brion Boeshans, Seth Schaefer, and Kevin Campe;

**Sunday, November 17, 8:00 am** **Acolyte:** Stevie Stock; **Altar Guild:** Adeline Amen and Pat Watson **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Sheryl Moore; **Organist:** Jo White; **Ushers:** Jacob Doyle, Ken Sipes, Joe Walls, and Jim Kesterson

**Sunday, November 17, 10:30 am** **Acolyte:** Ian Carruthers; **Collator:** Pat Watson; **Greeter:** Kay Butts; **Pianist:** Erica Sipes; **Ushers:** Jason Kesterson, Keith Jackson, Tim Wittenberg, and Ted Fedder

**Saturday, November 23, 6:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Tyler Beuth; **Altar Guild:** Fran Kohl and Pat Moore **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** TBD; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Kevin Campe, Brion Boeshans, Sam Italiano, and Randy Jones;

**Sunday, November 24, 8:00 am** **Acolyte:** Natalie Kenison; **Greeter:** Yvonne Rieger; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Jacob Doyle, Steve Doyle, Fred Patterson, and Mike Hampton

**Sunday, November 24, 10:30 am** **Acolyte:** Andrew Lilienkamp; **Altar Guild:** Fran Kohl and Pat Moore; **Collator:** Randy & Debbie Jones; **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** Josh and Jenni Hunt; **Pianist:** Tim Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Jason Kesterson, Mark Schlemer, Dave Thomas, and Tony Sipes

**Wednesday, November 27, Thanksgiving Eve, 7:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Amelia Sievers; **Altar Guild:** Fran Kohl and Pat Moore; **Elder:** TBD; **Pianist:** Jen Wittenberg; **Ushers:** Sam Italiano, Jason Kesterson, Kevin Campe, and Tony Sipes

**Saturday, November 30, 6:00 pm** **Acolyte:** Sophia Everett; **Altar Guild:** Grace Cottingham and Bev Wooldridge; **Elder:** TBD; **Greeter:** TBD; **Organist:** Claudia Loethen; **Ushers:** Sam Italiano, Brion Boeshans, Seth Schaefer, and Kyle Sipes

