St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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November 2026 Newsletter

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am
Thursday 6:30pm
Sunday School 8:30 am – 9:45 am



"Thank You! Lord"

"1Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

2Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

3Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He Who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

4Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!

5For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations."

– Psalm 100

Q - When do people appreciate good health the most?

A - When they are sick.

Many years ago I heard a story that has stayed in my mind and inspired me to be thankful

and to show thanks for all the blessings that are easily taken for granted.

After WW II, a couple gave a memorial at church in memory of their son, who was killed in the war.

Seeing the memorial announcement in the bulletin, a husband turned to his wife and said,

"Maybe we should give a memorial for our son?"

The wife asked, "Why? Our son came home safe from the war?"

The husband responded, "Exactly! We should be thankful to have him with us!"

Are we truly mindful of all the blessings we enjoy every day?

How many blessings do we just "take for granted"?

In verse 5 of Psalm 100, Scripture says,

"The LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever

and His faithfulness to all generations."

Yes! God is consistently, reliably, unrelentingly, – Good, Loving, Faithful!

So, what is our response? Are we consistently, reliably, unrelentingly, – Thankful?

Do we "Come into His presence with singing"?

Will we "Enter His courts with Praise"?

Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's you can come and join in worship,

Thanking God for His Goodness, Love and Faithfulness on the National Day of Thanksgiving.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
SPY hosted movie 3:30p
Monday, November 2
Book Study 4:30pm
Board of Trustees 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 3
Fall Bible Study 3pm & 6pm
Wednesday, November 4
7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 5
Worship w/HC 6:30 pm
Board of Education 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 8
LOVE, INC Sunday
Council Meeting 11:15 am
9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Monday, November 9
Book Study 4:30pm
Board of Elders 7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 11
8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 12
LWML Meeting 10:00 am
Worship 6:30 w/HC
Sunday, November 15
Sunday School sings at 10:00am Service
Wednesday, November 18
7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 19
Worship 6:30 pm w/HC
Monday, November 23
Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, November
8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day
Worship 9:00 am
Sunday, November 29
9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

REMINDER: Announcements for the bulletin are due by noon on Wednesdays. Announcements can be emailed to stpaulscascade@hotmail.com or call the church office 528-8094 or you can leave a hand written note and put in the holder outside of the office.



1	Sofia Jimenez
2	Ed Beck
4	Peter Wegmann
6	Cooter Haak
7	Thomas Kowalczyk
11	Jason Haak
15	Donna TenPas
17	Debra Huibregtse
19	Katherine Arbuckle
21	Jessica Haak
	River Wegner
22	Jonathan Hintz
	Rick Wright
24	Seth Ogreenc
25	Charles Flunker
	Liam Czerwinski
27	Laura Reis
28	Francis Arbuckle
29	Duncan Doherty
	Justin LaPorte



2	Randy & Gayle Flunker
6	Michael & Jennifer Schneider
9	Fred & Joy Arbuckle
25	Tim & Sara Block

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!



"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"
– 1 John 3:1

Bill Schultz III	**November 11, 1951**
Paul Schultz	**November 14, 1971**
Randy Pietsch	**November 19, 1950**
Katherine Arbuckle	**November 19, 2010**
Randy Flunker	**November 24, 1957**
Priya Luedtke	**November 26, 2016**
Jeff Seider	**November 27, 1955**
Liam Czerwinski	**November 27, 2014**

Elders Minutes

October 12th Elders' meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. by chairman Francis. Present were Peter, Dominic, Francis, Dan, Pastor, and Tim by phone. Pastor opened with a prayer. There were no official acts since our last meeting. Pastor had 16 private communion visits in September.

We reviewed the outdoor church service/ return to Sunday School picnic. We felt everything went quite well. We set up for approximately 75 people outside and seating for 80 inside for the meal which seemed appropriate. Thank you to all that assisted whether by helping or contributing a dish to pass!

We discussed upcoming elections for open church board positions. We came up with a few potential candidates that we will contact to see if they would consider running for open positions. There will be 2 open elder positions to fill. Also, an open position on stewardship and trustees. If anyone is interested or would like more information on what is involved, please feel free to contact an elder, pastor, or current board member of the board you may be interested in.

Follow up discussion was held regarding talking with district president Nathan Meador in regards to the process of putting in a call for a replacement pastor whenever Pastor Bidinger would decide to retire. We cannot put in a call until pastor Bidinger gives a final date of service. At that time, we would put in a call for a new pastor and we would be assigned a temporary pastor for the interim until we find a replacement. Pastor reported no plans to retire in the near future at this time.

Pastor informed us that he would like to have vacation for Sunday November 22nd. Current plan is for Pastor to prepare the service and record the sermon. Service will be led by an elder as we did last year. Dominic will most likely lead the service.

We reviewed upcoming church service schedules. Sunday Nov. 22nd will be one service at 9:00 AM. (no Sunday School). Sunday Dec. 20th 10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas program at 10:00AM service. Sunday Dec.27th one service at 9:00 AM.

It was brought up that church council meetings have been poorly attended. Council meetings are to be attended by the church officers and the chairman of each board. If the chairman cannot attend, another representative from that board should attend in their place. Our discussion revealed that it is often forgotten or not known when the meetings are. Meetings are held on somewhat of a floating schedule throughout the year not a set reoccurring date and time. We will ask the council to schedule their next meeting each time they hold a meeting and that a reminder message or e-mail could be sent out perhaps on the day of or the day preceding their next meeting. Council meetings are also generally listed on the church calendars and bulletins so please watch those as well.

A discussion was held regarding things that some other churches do boost involvement of church members and the results those churches have seen from doing this. For example, having worship attendance requirements, requirements of members to perform tasks or duties around the church, participation in groups or classes. The end goal being strengthening the congregation by having involved, dedicated, members that share responsibility and take pride and a sense of ownership in their church and congregation. Other discussion on the subject involved enforcement, and risk versus reward of losing members who may not want to meet requirements, holding a talent survey to match people with tasks of interest to them. In general, other churches that have done these things have reported positive results. More discussion to be held at future meetings and possible discussions for long-term planning group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Schultz



Trustees Minutes

The October meeting of the board of trustees was held October 5th at 6:40 pm. Pastor opened with prayer with Nate, Randy, Mark, and Anthony present.

Old business

We discussed the replacement of the blacktop parking lot. We need to see what asphalt companies are out there and get some estimates. One idea was to do it in sections over a few years to spread out the cost.

New business

The fire inspector came through and reported that we need to update the battery backups, and we will install them before the end of the month as required.

After the meeting we took down the fans in church, counted the exit signs and changed the furnace filters.

Mark Schultz, Secretary

Board of Education

Board of Education meeting Oct. 1st, 2026.
Present at the meeting, Kathy B., Margie A., Kennedy M., Steve O., Sam B., and Pastor.
Meeting started at 7:52pm
Pastor opened with prayer
Margie: asked about advent calendars
Parents were asking what time Sunday school is done at.
Sunday school is from 8:30am-9:45am
Sub list - Steve is working on it
Sunday school teachers will have fellowship time in December.
Janitors: Teachers are to wipe down their tables every Sunday.
Sunday school curriculum: Growing in Christ is out of print, so we will start to look into other curriculum for next year.
Christmas program: Talk to Jess to see what she needs help with.
Next Meeting on November 5th at 7:30pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.

Kathy Breit, Secretary

The LWML meeting was called to order by Co-President with devotion by Pastor on the Mustard Seed- God is at work in us. Trust in the Lord. God is a strong foundation.
There was only one birthday this month-Betty Payne.
There were nine members present- Betty, J., Patti Z., Jen S., Karen M., Nydia G., Gail K., Bev H., Linda F., and Diane P.
The secretary's and Treasurer reports were approved as read.
The Fall Retreat in Manitowoc was reported on by Jen, Karen, Nydia and Bev.
The kitchen was cleaned on September 23rd. Next kitchen day to be determined in 2027.
Next year more tortes and cookies are needed for the LWML Sunday discussion how it went and changes that need to be made.
The Flower chart for October and November was discussed.
Fellowship for October was discussed.
Cookie & Candy Bake Sale discussion. Linda getting Thrivent card and Diane will go shopping. More to be determined at our November meeting.
We voted on Missions for October to be the Gathering Place and Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach.
Discussion on Christmas flower for Altars. Flower committee is Linda, Betty J., and Jen. More discussion in November.
Next Meeting will be November 12, 2026 at 10am.
Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the LWML pledge.

Beverly Hinz, Secretary



LWML COOKIE AND CANDY BAKE SALE
Saturday, December 5th and Sunday December 6th
11am-1pm.



QUARTERLY MEETING

October 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order with 13 members and pastor present. Pastor opened with prayer. Diane P. read the secretary's report. A motion was made to accept. Motion carried.

Mike S. gave the treasurer's report. All electrical problems have been fixed except one sound problem.

Total cost so far is $11,000.00. We have a $5,000.00 dollar deductible. A check for $6,000.00 from insurance company has been received. The new dishwasher was paid for by member donations. All bills have been paid except money to be put in Reserve Account. Checkbook balance as of September 30, 2026 is $987.59

BUSINESS:

OFFICIAL ACTS: (07-01-26 – 09-30-26)

Marriages:

Nathan Strassburg/Abigail Vrubley
09/19/2026

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Dan S. reported there has been poor attendance at council Meetings. If you cannot make the meeting, please have one of your other board members attend for you. The chairman of each board will ask the members of their board what day works best. Todd T. will send out a text. Sunday School will present a skit on October 25th for Reformation Sunday.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Randy P. reported that the retaining wall will have to wait until Spring to be repaired. Nate C. is looking into cost of whole church surge protector and if it is necessary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

No scholarships have been applied for.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Levi M., Jr reported that Anniversary Celebration went well. The board is going to pass on having Trunk or Treat this year for Halloween. Love Inc. Sunday will be held November 8th. Christmas bags will be stuffed at their November 21st meeting.

OTHER:

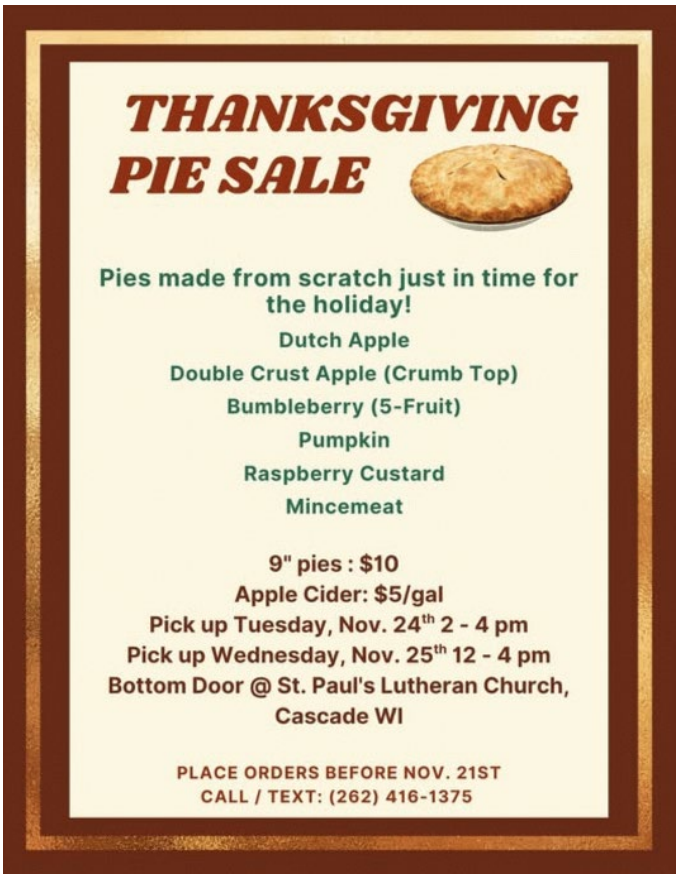
Please consider volunteering for one of the boards. There was no charge to fix air conditioners

There was no other business and a motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Diane Pietsch, Secretary



Bethlehem's Craft & Vendor Fair takes place November 7th from 9:00am-2:00pm.
Come shop local crafters and vendors, stop at the bake sale and raffles, and enjoy some concessions.
$2 admission fee, which includes 1 free raffle ticket.
1121 Georgia Ave., Sheboygan.



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LOVE, INC Sunday will be November 8th!! Come and hear Thomas Peloquin as he gives information on Love, Inc. Thomas will be at both services as well as in between services. We will be collecting Toilet Paper for Love, inc.

Drivers Needed
On behalf of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Sheboygan County, we would like to thank you for your collaborative efforts in getting the word out regarding our programs, services, resources & support throughout the year!

We are reaching out to request your assistance in promoting our **Volunteer Driver Program** ~ we are in **URGENT** need of Drivers ~ we have many more requests for transportation to medical appointments by our aging community than we have driver availability.

Our transportation service to medical appointments is a wonderful service to offer, but difficult to promote when you are unable to fulfill the requests.

Many folks in the aging community, frankly, do not have many options for transportation and need to get to their medical appointments - live alone, no family in the area, etc.

Hopefully, you are reading this and a member or members of your congregation comes to mind.... or you are willing to post the below / attached flyer on a board, in your bulletin, social media, etc. ANY ASSISTANCE is truly appreciated.

To learn more, please contact: ADRC at *920-467-4193*



Anyone interested in joining the church Choir for Thanksgiving contact Jenny B. at 920-528-8881



Our dishwasher died and the new dishwasher with a cost of $5,830 has been fully funded by generous contributors. A huge thank you to Randy Pietsch, all the trustees and those that contributed to the new dishwasher.

Five Things to Help Invite Someone to Church

1. Pray for Your Guest—Who do you know that needs Jesus? Are you praying for them regularly? Pause and pray for that person now. Are you asking God to work in their hearts? Seems simple, but it's so simple we don't do it. Begin by praying right now for someone you would like to bring to church this weekend (or soon.)

2. Speak Up with a Friendly Spirit—Gulp! I know, this is the hurdle. Opening your mouth is a fearful thing when it comes to "religion." I figure it this way, if Jesus opened His palms to my nails, then I can open my mouth for my friend. This doesn't have to be mechanical or weird. Just kindly say, "Hey, would you like to come to church with me Sunday?" I know, it seems random, or even scary if you don't do it much. But you just might be shocked! Because of point one, God is already be working to soften the heart of that person. So, decide right now—WHO will you invite to church this weekend?

3. Add a Caring Expression of Love—A cup of coffee and a sweet treat before church, lunch after church, an offer to pick them up, a gift book or Bible while they are with you, a thank you note or gift card—there are many ways to express love to people. Food always speaks care and compassion. Jesus fed a LOT of people! Couple your invitation with some "second mile" expression of personal interest. Be a true friend, not just a religious recruiter.

4. Team Up with Others—Chances are you and other Christian friends know the same lost or discouraged person. Perhaps you could get together with the morning service being the hub. Perhaps you could schedule a fellowship at your home with Christian friends, and intentionally invite a guest to participate. Perhaps you could all meet for coffee before church. There are a lot of ways to be creative and courageous with the help of others. I know of several occasions recently where our EBC church family members scheduled home gatherings with Christians for the express purpose of inviting a non-Christian friend. It breaks the ice and touches the heart! Christian community is a powerful evangelistic tool.

5. Cultivate Compassionate Habits Toward Others—Instead of seeing through people all day, see people. Ask your coworkers how you can pray for them. Leave a hand-written note for a waitress. Tell someone at a drive-through that they are doing a good job. Smile at people. As you cultivate compassion, God will naturally open doors for you to converse and encourage. Yesterday my wife was in a store. As she checked out, she began talking with the attendant. The conversation went from "Where are you from" immediately to "My daughter just moved to Newington" to "Oh, your husband's a pastor? My daughter is looking for a church!" It all happened in a moment because of a smile and warm spirit.

There are open doors and opportunities all around us. The question is, will we be too busy today to do the thing that could have the single greatest eternal impact? Your simple, loving, kind invitation to a healthy church could radically reorientate someone's life and eternal destiny through Jesus!

Don't be anxious over "how" to do it. Just rest in Him, be yourself, and trust Him to do the hard stuff!

I pray God will richly reward your desire to bring a guest to church with you Sunday!



It's that time of the year as prepare to fill open positions on the various boards of the church.

We ask that you pray fully to consider the open positions of Board of Elders, Board of Trustees and Board of Stewardship.

If you are interested, please contact Francis Arbuckle, Chairman Board of Elders, Nate Cerwinski, Chairman Board of Trustees or Levi Melius Jr., Chairman Board of Stewardship

Church Officers & Board Members 2026

President- Fred Arbuckle
Vice- President-Todd Triebensee
Secretary-Diane Pietsch
Treasurer-Mike Schneider
Financial Secretary-Betty Johnston
Steve Ogreenc, Board of Ed Chair
Sunday School Coordinator
Margie Arbuckle
Francis Arbuckle, Board of Elders
Nate Czerwinski, Board of Trustees
Frank Arbuckle, Board of Trustees
Levi Melius, Jr., Board of Stewarship
Patti Zimmerman, Thrivent Committee
Linda Fischer, Funeral Meal Coordinator
Randy Pietsch, Cemetery Association
Jenny Bidinger, St. Paul's Youth Group

Please call church office at 920.528.8094 for contact information.