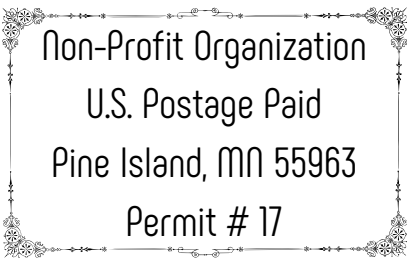


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A Word From Your Pastor



Last Thanksgiving was the last time my mother was at my home for a meal. Many years before, after the meal had been cleared and the dishes washed Mother said, "I'm done. I'm too old to do this again. Thanksgiving is yours from now on." Thanksgiving meals are still much like when I grew up; too much food combined with a variety of relatives and friends who find themselves far from home. Around the table last year, besides my parents and Mark and I were my sister and a brother, Mark's sister, Mom's sister, Dad's brother, our daughter, all their spouses, a cousin and a lot of food. I used Mom's recipe for stuffing, her china and crystal and Mark gathered chairs from around the house.

It is no surprise that Thanksgiving celebrations are centered around a meal. The holiday was created at a time when many American's lives were centered on producing food for their families. A gathering centered on a meal was an appropriate way to celebrate a bountiful or even adequate crop and that enough had been harvested to feed one's family until the next harvest. Today very few Americans are farmers, with most of our groceries come from the store and we continue to celebrate Thanksgiving with a meal. Having a meal with friends and loved ones is a wonderful way to celebrate special relationships whether we grew or even cooked the food. We also use this time of year, while saying thanks in a variety of ways, to remember the many people who are not able to eat daily.

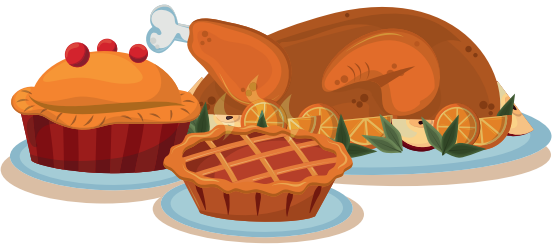
This November the Sunday School Students are leading Saint Paul Lutheran in raising Food Insecurity Awareness through gathering food for the food insecure; a very important way to celebrate Thanksgiving and the many blessings God places in our lives. (Read more about this later in the Newsletter) Sunday November 24 is when Saint Paul Lutheran celebrates Thanksgiving in worship. As part of that service, we plan to bring all the food gathered during November to the altar as part of our offerings. You may bring your offering of food during the month or on November 24. (of course, cash and checks are also welcome) After worship, the food will be delivered to the food shelf for distribution; maybe even before Thanksgiving.

Confirmation students tell me, Thanksgiving is one of the times in the year when their families always pray before eating. They also tell me praying is hard, so I offer you a Thanksgiving prayer. Maybe you can pass it around the table with each person praying a line and of course you can add more lines.

Thanksgiving is a time for special meals and to make sure everyone gets to eat daily meals.

Shalom Pr Marie

God, we start this meal with thanksgiving.
For the people surrounding us and for those who could not join us this year.
For those new to this table and for those who will not eat at this table again.
For our favorite foods and the favorites of others.
For those who cooked and for those who will clean up.
For those who work today in hospitals and on highways so that we may be together.
For the Holy Spirit's gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness that we get to share with each other.
For our ancestors in faith who taught us and showed us how to love others, just like you, O God love us and bless us. Amen



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Our Mission

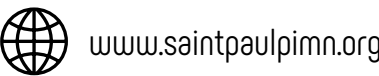
*"Guided by God's love, we are called to welcome, love, and work for God's people
.....here, there, and every where."*

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**Worship Schedule: 9am Sunday: In- Person, YouTube,
and Facebook**



Important Dates

November

All Saints Day.....November 3
Confirmation Mentor Night.....November 6
First Grade Prayer Cube Milestone.....November 10
Quilt Blessing Sunday.....November 17
Council Meeting.....November 21
Thanksgiving Worship.....November 24
Church Office Closed.....November 28



December

Advent Fest.....December 1
Children's Christmas Program.....December 15
Daylight Christmas Eve Service.....December 19 @ 11AM
Church Office Closing Early.....December 24
Christmas Eve Service.....December 24 @ 3PM
Christmas Eve Service.....December 24 @ 5PM
Christmas Eve Service.....December 24 @ 10PM
Church Office Closed.....December 25
Church Office Closed.....December 26
No Sunday School.....December 29



January

Church Office Closed.....January 1
Anniversary of Baptism.....January 5
Confirmation Mentor Night.....January 15
Annual Meeting.....January 26



News and Announcements

Prayer Cube Milestone

On November 10th at 10:15 in Room A, first grade students and their parent(s) are invited to join Pastor Marie in the Prayer Cube Milestone. These interactive bedtime and mealtime prayer cubes are a great way for children to begin leading prayers on their own. While RSVP's are not at all required, they are appreciated as they help us gauge how many will be attending this class. You can RSVP letting us know you and your child will be in attendance by calling the office at 507-356-8925 or by e-mailing saintpaulpi@yahoo.com

Saint Paul's Gift Giving Tree

The cooperation of area churches and Pine Island Schools to collect gifts for families in need last year was a resounding success. Forty-seven families and 119 children within our school district benefited from the outpouring of generosity and love. This year's Holiday Giving event begins November 17th and ends December 8th.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church will again be donating boys and girls clothing (tops and bottoms). Participation details will be posted at church. Families in need will be invited to visit school in early December to select items their children need.

If you have questions, please contact Sandy Schroeder at 507-356-4946 or Karen Doll at 507-273-7623. Thank you for helping children in our community!



Council and Committee Openings

Ever considered sitting on the Saint Paul Lutheran Church Council? This year on council there are several positions that will need to be filled! The open council positions:

Vice President
Stewardship
Missions

Maybe council is more than you're wanting to commit to, but you want to help out a little more. How about sitting in on a committee? The following committees also have open spots:

Nominating
Special Gifts
Audit

If you have any questions about any of these positions or any interest, please reach out to Pastor Marie or Council President, Doug Strandell.

Quilt Blessing Sunday

Quilt Blessing Sunday will be November 17th. Come see all of the beautiful quilts that our Mission quilters work so hard on throughout the year that are donated to those in need. Also, that day, you will have the opportunity to purchase one of these quilts (for \$80 or more as you see fit!) with all of the proceeds going directly to purchasing more quilting supplies.

Advent Fest

Advent Fest will be held on December 1st in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This Intergenerational event has a whole new project this year!





All Saints

Mark Hindermann

March 18, 1935-December 4, 2023

Bernard Witt

July 15, 1939 - February 13, 2024

Joe Heimberg

May 22, 1950 – March 10, 2024

Carol Moreland

May 4, 1935-April 21, 2024

Dean Cocker

March 13, 1954 – May 23, 2024

Dean Krambeer

December 26, 1946 – May 29, 2024

Marvin Arndt

May 8, 1941 – July 1, 2024

Beverly Peterson

February 2, 1935-July 17, 2024

Deloris Skalicky

December 9, 1931 – July 26, 2024



Faith Formation

Sunday School

Thank you to all of you who supported our Sunday school kids selling apples in the months of September and October! Our kids raised \$226.00! For the month of November, Sunday school kids are asking for your support to "stock the shelves!" We are collecting any non-perishable food (and non-food) items through the Sunday of Thanksgiving worship. We will have a special location in church for you to bring these items - you won't miss it! To kick off this event, our 2nd grade through 6th grade Sunday school class did some apple-proceeds shopping at Island Market & delivered the groceries to the food shelf where Tracy Barness provided a wonderful experience for our kids to learn about the food shelf, weigh in the food & stock the shelves there! We look forward to seeing how much we can pack the shelves at Saint Paul in the month of November!



Confirmation

On October 27th, fourteen students were confirmed. They affirmed the Baptismal Vows taken on by their parents and Baptismal sponsors the day each were Baptized. Congratulations and many blessings to our newest confirmands:

Peyton Kay Barnett
Grace Emily Duncan
Caiden James Dean Gansen
William John Houdek
Abigail Etta Hunzelman
Parker Lee Johnson
Ella Lynn Leiferman
Bennett Michael Matzek
Avery Morgan McNamara
Max Michael Njus
Lilly Ann Omberg
Langston Robert Passow
Isaac Victor Rossow
Aaron Wesley Stolp



NOVEMBER

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