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Thanksgiving at St. Paul's *It's a little different this year.*

Please make plans to worship at our Thanksgiving Eve service: Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00PM.

Consider also joining us on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, at 1:00PM, for your Thanksgiving meal. If you have nowhere to go or no one coming to you, then bring your favorite dish (side dish or dessert) to share. The Rymans will be roasting a number of turkeys for all to enjoy. Rolls will also be provided.

And if you want to have a really good appetite, join Susan, Mark, and Wyclif at 11:00AM for a walk on the church trails before we eat.

If you plan to be with us for Thanksgiving dinner, please call the church office with the number in your party, or mark the Friendship Register next to your name with "Turkey x ____" (the number in your party).



Smile Until You See Red

You may have noticed a large photograph inside the front doors of the sanctuary. That photo was taken almost a year ago, on last Reformation Sunday. We all wore red in honor of that historic event.

Monday, October 31st is Reformation Day but we will celebrate the day before, calling it **Reformation Sunday**. I encourage you to **wear red** again so that we may take another colorful picture together after church. Another large print will be made and hung under the 2021 photograph. For a while we will be able to make comparisons, seeing who has become a part of our church family over the past year.

After a month or two, we will take down last year's picture, leaving up this year's group photo so that visitors may see the people of St. Paul's. I recall a visiting pastor stopping in front of that large photo, and saying, "Wow." It does make an impression on folks coming through our doors for the first time.

So, don your best red clothing and wear a big smile on the last Sunday of the month. We will take our 2022 family portrait on the front porch directly following worship.

Sunday, November 6 is All Saints Sunday.

On All Saints Sunday, we recognize and remember the members of St. Paul's, and our immediate family members, who have passed on before us to the Church Triumphant.

Biscuits and beverages will be available in the fellowship hall **November 6 at 8:30am**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast and fellowship before Sunday School.

Sunday, November 6, there will be a brief meeting at the beginning of worship in order to take nominations from the congregation for council, nominating committee, and delegates to go to the LCMC Gathering in 2023. You are asked to confirm with the person before you nominate them, to be sure they are willing and able to serve.

Members of council and the finance committee will be available in the conference room after worship on November 6, to address questions you may have concerning the proposed budget for 2023. Please ask your questions before the annual meeting on November 13, at which time we will vote on the budget for the upcoming year.

The **Altar Guild** will have their annual meeting on Sunday, November 6, at 3pm in the conference room.

Sundays

- Men's Choir practice each Sunday, 3pm
- Handbell practice each Sunday, 4pm
- Vespers each Sunday—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed on our Facebook page.
- Nov. 6 – All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 6 – Daylight savings time ends
- Nov. 6 – Breakfast before Sunday school, 8:30am
- Nov. 6 – Brief meeting for nominations from congregation, 10:30am
- Nov. 6 – Recognition of council nominees, 10:30am
- Nov. 6 – Budget questions after worship (after photo) in conference room
- Nov. 6 – Altar Guild, conference room, 3pm
- Nov. 6 – Girl Scouts, picnic shelter, 3pm
- Nov. 6 – Kathy Ketchie circle, 5pm
- Nov. 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:30am
- Nov. 13 – All-youth Bible study, 2:30pm
- Nov. 20 – New Council members installed, 10:30am

Mondays

- Faith Academy after-school program each Monday, 1pm-3pm
(*November 21, week of Thanksgiving, no program*)
- Nov. 7 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- Nov. 14 – Blood drive, 1:30-6pm
- Nov. 14 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- Nov. 21 – Council, 6:30pm
- Nov. 21 – Newsletter articles due for December newsletter this week
- Nov. 28 – Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Adult Confirmation Class, each Tuesday, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, each Tuesday, 7pm
- Nov. 1 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Nov. 8 – Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Nov. 8 – Executive Committee, 7pm
- Nov. 15 – Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations homeschool group each Wednesday, 8:30am-3:30pm
(*will not meet the week of Thanksgiving, November 23*)
- Call Committee, each Wednesday, 6pm
- Adult Choir practice each Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class each Wednesday, 7:30pm
(*no class Thanksgiving Eve, November 23*)
- Nov. 2 – Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Eve service, 7pm

Thursdays

- Bible Study, each Thursday in the fellowship hall, 10am and 6pm
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day, church office closed
- Nov. 24 – Trail hike with the Rymans, 11am
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving potluck meal (meat & bread provided), 1pm

Fridays

- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 11 – Girl Scouts sleep-over at the church, 7pm
- Nov. 25 – Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturdays

- Nov. 5 – Ol' Timey Stew, 6pm
- Nov. 12 – Girls Scouts at the church until 4pm
- Nov. 26 – Middle and high school youth go to Binns-Counts to deliver donated items to the community. They will stay overnight, returning mid-day Sunday, Nov. 27

Meetings of the Lutheran Women

Kathy Ketchie Circle – Sunday, November 6, 5pm

Hama Lingle Circle – Monday, November 7, 7pm (Melinda Redding, hostess)

Grace Ridenhour Circle – Tuesday, November 1, 6:30pm

Ellen Bumgarner Circle – Wednesday, November 2, 10am

Melissa Lura Circle – Monday, November 14, 6:30pm

Bonnie Bost Circle – Tuesday, November 8, 7pm

The **Friendship Club** will meet Tuesday, December 20th, at 10:30am. The *Y Wonders*, a singing group sponsored by the Salisbury YMCA, will be with us in the Fellowship Hall for a program and covered dish luncheon.



★ December 17, 2022 ★
National Wreaths Across America Day



Please help
Girl Scout Troop 743 by
sponsoring a wreath today to be
placed on a Veteran's grave
this December at
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex

Just scan the QR code to your right with your
smart phone camera to make a donation online or
visit wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0277



#FindAWay2022!

Wreaths Across America

Girl Scout Troop 743 will help place wreaths on graves at the Salisbury National Cemetery on December 17. If you would like to pay for one or more to be placed, write "wreath" and how many you are paying for on your offering envelope. **Wreaths are \$15 each. Money is due to the organization on the 27th.** Please contact Nicole Amos with any questions. Thank you for your support in honoring our military during the Christmas season.

Stephen Ministry

October found us with 3 new Stephen's Ministers at St. Paul's. Donna Lyerly, Larry Clark, and Tricia Clark were commissioned as Stephen Ministers here at our church. What a wonderful testament to the power of God's call.

Our Lay Ministers are devoted Christians, anxious to share God's love and healing power with their care receivers. Please take some time to thank them for their dedication, hard work (10 weeks of intense study), and devotion to this congregation.

While you may or may not be one of their care receivers, don't hesitate to ask them for a prayer, or a good word if you need it. They are YOUR ministers, here for YOU. The pastor can't do it alone. These folks are here to assist at any time for everyone at St. Paul's.

Jan McCanless

Final Blood Drive of 2022

The final blood drive for 2022 at our church will be **Monday, November 14th**, from 1:30pm – 6:00pm (*please note time change*) in the Fellowship Hall. If you have donated during the past year, you will receive an appointment time the last week of October.

Our church has a goal of 35 units which has been reached at all three blood drives this year with the help of those donors who give "double red blood cell" units. Our total of 117 units so far means that over 300 individuals can be helped since each unit collected can be divided into transfusions for three individuals. Whole blood units are not divided, but other units are divided into 1) plasma and white blood cells for those with low immune disorders, 2) red blood cells for those with issues such as anemia, and 3) platelets for those with blood clotting problems.

If you plan to donate, be sure to eat lunch and drink plenty of water before coming to register. If you have been deferred because of low hemoglobin (this causes over 90% of deferrals), begin taking over the counter iron supplements or eat green, leafy vegetables (Kale, spinach, etc.), dried fruit (raisins are great), and /or eat liver (this may not be your favorite, but apparently it is for our pastor).

New donors are always needed to replace those who can no longer donate due to health and/or medication issues. Please consider giving this "gift of life" to someone who can never repay that debt to you. If you have not donated in the past and can help our church reach its goal, please contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930 or email pherford1@yahoo.com.

Thanksgiving

Find the 28 **bold** words from Psalm 95:1–5.

A G M P L Y X E M E R O C K D
L H P R U K A H S W T T H N O
L T T E F F T I F I H Z L O G
X R L S Y Z O Q U A A D D G K
Q A P E O N S G N O S R R P Y
M E A N J C R K D N A H P O T
A S G C Q S S F G N I S G A L
D B A E M G E I M N Y O E S D
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P D I Z E A O T M E G L C R A
S N E B N M T R P I M K I N G
G M A D E G N I E E G R J F T
N L S D N M V H O O D U O R P
T F M O U N T A I N S W G F S

Oh **come**, let us **sing** to the **LORD**; let us make a **joyful noise** to the **rock** of our **salvation**! Let us come into his **presence** with **thanksgiving**; let us make a joyful noise to him with **songs** of **praise**! For the LORD is a great **God**, and a **great King above all gods**. In his **hand** are the **depths** of the **earth**; the **heights** of the **mountains** are his also. The **sea** is his, for he **made** it, and his **hands formed** the **dry land**.

Unscramble the verse:

Ectiounn tsyadsefalt in ryeapr iegnb tawcufhl ni ti htwi nngiiavshkgt.

Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and concerns during my recent bronchitis and asthma illness. God bless my church family.

Judi Honbarger

Thank you to everyone who has said a prayer, sent a card, made a call, brought a meal, and expressed your concern. God has truly been with our family. There is still work to be done for healing and strength, so please continue your prayers. We truly appreciate everything.

Leilani Watson & family

It takes a village—or a congregation—to make a successful bazaar. And boy, did the women have a great bazaar. Over \$8,000 was raised that day, September 24, and money from the sale is still coming in.

So many to thank...

- The Property Brothers for their help with setting up and tearing down the tables.
- Those that donated drinks, water or food for the Chicken Dinners. Thanks to Glen Amos for cooking the chickens, Nicole for organizing, and the Kathy Ketchie Circle for putting the dinners together.
- The raffle baskets raised over \$1,000. Thanks for putting those together.
- The ladies did an awesome job of sharing their canning expertise.
- Those who did a craft to help fill up our tables – so many talents this church has.
- Thanks to Helen Gordon and her merry group of bread makers. And all those that shared their baking talents.
- Thanks to Jennifer Aldridge (and parents) with the Melissa Lura group for trying the frozen meals. 59 chicken pies were made and sold, and 69 Ziti were made. We still have about 18 Ziti left...still time to pick up a quick meal! (On sale for \$15.00)
- Even Pastor Ryman shared his pen and ink and photography skills.
- Thanks to our check out ladies who kept our money straight.
- And most of all thanks to Libby Bingham for organizing our Bazaar Meetings and bringing her special touch to all the bazaar tables.

Special thanks to all who came out and supported the Bazaar. It was a day of fun and fellowship, and we all need that. On to planning the 2024 Bazaar.

St. Paul's Lutheran Women

Dear Friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$92.92. You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God's Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable. We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

Decorating the Church for Advent

Advent is fast approaching, and we need volunteers to assist in decorating for the season. The tree and all other decorations will be placed on Saturday, December 3rd, at 9:00am. Decorations will be removed on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:00am. Check your calendar for both dates and call Bonnie Hinson at 704-279-3126 or email her at lwaynehinson@yahoo.com to let her know how you are willing to help.

The Youth and Family Committee will be placing luminaries around the front lawn on Saturday, December 3rd. You may sponsor a luminary in honor or memory of someone with a gift of any amount. All donations will go to the Youth Fund.

Poinsettias will be placed in the church the weekend before Christmas. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, they will be \$13 each this year. Forms for luminaries and poinsettias are available in the narthex. The last day to order a poinsettia will be Sunday, December 4th.

If you wish to have a name listed in the booklet, you may sponsor a luminary for the youth fund, or purchase a poinsettia. We will not list gifts in lieu of poinsettias.

Income and Expenses for September 2022

Income: \$37,634 • Expenses: \$26,674

Income over Expense for September: \$10,959

Income over Expense YTD: \$35,289

Capital Building Fund as of September 30: \$227,112

October income/expenses will be in the December Newsletter.

Gifts to Honor

Gifts were received in honor of Karen and Tim Deal for the Capital Building Fund, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary (October 14) from

Crystal and Dana Bost
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Nancy Powell

A gift was received in honor of Lisa Raymer's October 19th birthday for the General Fund from

Franda Raymer

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Conner Wilson for the Capital Building Fund from

Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Cindy and Frank Hinson
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

Gifts were received in memory of Ann Heilig for the Capital Building Fund from

Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

Gifts were received in memory of Shirley Johnson for the Capital Building Fund from

Crystal and Dana Bost
Karen and Tim Deal

Gifts were received in memory of Paula Ritchie Kadel for the Capital Building Fund from

Anonymous donor
Travis and Cindy Alligood
Crystal and Dana Bost
Alice Davis
Judi and D.W. Honbarger
Nancy Powell
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor
Nancy and Vaughn Wilhelm

A gift was received in memory of Paula Ritchie Kadel for the Helping Hands Fund from

Linda and Jerry Beaver

A gift was received in memory of Lloyd Casper for the Capital Building Fund from

Cindy and Travis Alligood
Susan and Ben Bernhardt
Crystal and Dana Bost
Alice Davis
Karen and Tim Deal
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Helen Gordon
Judi and D.W. Honbarger
Irene Miller
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

A gift was received in memory of Lloyd Casper for the Helping Hands Fund from

Vance Goodman

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's on Friday, October 7, for Paula Ritchie Kadel. Please keep the Ritchie and Kadel families in prayer. Paula was the daughter of Mary Ruth and Paul Ritchie. She grew up as a member of St. Paul's.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Randy Johnson. Randy's mother, Shirley Johnson, died October 1, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Lloyd Casper, who died Sunday, October 9, 2022. Lloyd was the father of Linda Miller and Teresa Peeler.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Michael Bernhardt who died October 11, 2022. Michael was a son of Carlyn and W.A. Bernhardt. He grew up as a member of St. Paul's, and was a cousin to the Bernhardts, Alan Lyerly, and Jean Lilley.

October 28—Note to the congregation Prayers for the Ryman

Pastor Ryman's sister, Leslie, continues to hang on to life. That said, she is suffering greatly while Hospice helps her endure. She is very fit, other than the cancer, so she is able to withstand longer than most would.

As a result, Pastor will be staying with her for the duration. Susan is headed home, but he will be back when this difficult time has concluded.

...giving thanks
always and
for everything
to God
the Father
in the name of
our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20



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