St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 22, 2026

Last Sunday of the Church Year
Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens
Hymns: 578, 564, 621, *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand* (screens only), 710, 597, 540
Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Denise and Randy Benda in honor of their parents; Joe and Dorothy Benda, and Elaine and Don Wiedman.

Poinsettia Orders — Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Orders are due by December 1. Cost is $13 again this season. Order forms are on the LWML table. Place orders and payment in Kathy Olson's church mailbox.



2027 Altar Flowers — The sign-up sheet to provide altar flowers in 2027 is now posted in the FLC hallway. If you have questions see Kathy.

Church Decorating — The Stewardship Board is decorating the church for Advent and Christmas on **Saturday, November 28** at 9:00am. Volunteers are encouraged to lend a hand.

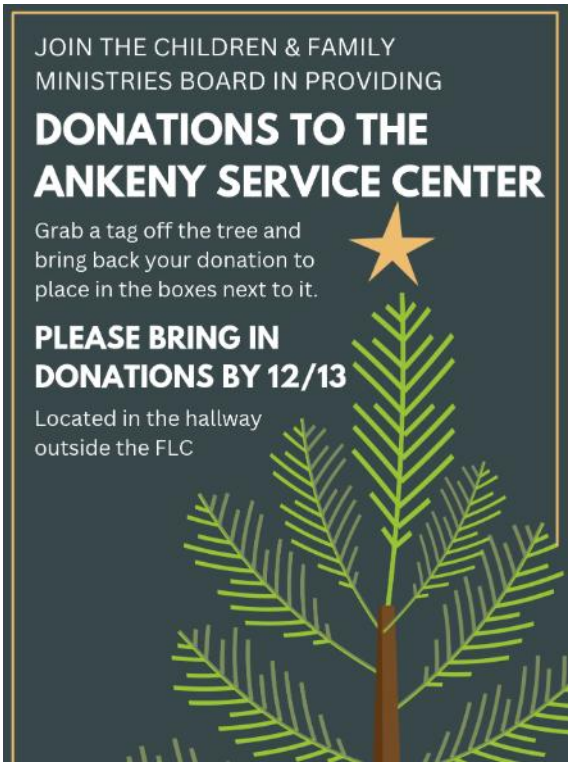


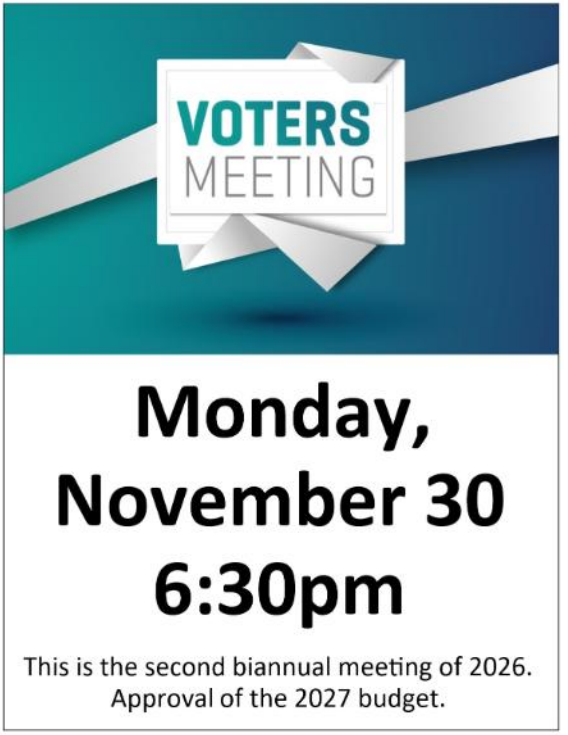
LWML Gathering Donations for Capitol View - LWML is gathering winter wear for the students and families at Capitol View Elementary in Des Moines. Please drop off winter coats, hats, gloves and socks for the kids and adults. They will also take diapers (sizes 3-5) and wipes. In December they have a festival for the families where they can "shop" for gifts, supplies and clothing. You can drop off donations by the LWML table near the church office (not the boxes in FLC hallway). Deadline is December 7 but if you need more time contact Kathy.

Building Healthy Families: Count Your Blessings — Sing along! *"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done..."* Written by Johnson Oatman Jr. in 1897, this beloved hymn became so popular that one observer reportedly said, "The men sing it, the boys whistle it, and the women rock their babies to sleep on it." There's a reason this hymn has stuck around for more than a century! It's a cheerful reminder to look beyond life's daily challenges and notice the countless ways God provides for us. His blessings are everywhere—sometimes we just need to stop long enough to count them! Here's a Thanksgiving challenge for your family: Take a few minutes to name your blessings, then compare lists. You might be surprised! And while you're at it, sing a verse or whistle the tune. -- *Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at Lutheran Family Service.*



November 29 Bulletin Submissions — Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please submit items for the November 29 bulletin to Kathy by Tuesday, November 24.





Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee
November 22 — Alyssa Forde, Sue Crawford
November 29 — Karen Kisker, Kim Rasler

Altar Flowers
November 22 — Denise & Randy Benda
December — Christmas decorations & poinsettias

Elder
November 22 — Gary Hauge
November 29 — Jon Jero

Offering Counters
November 22 — Dan Deppe, David Reddel
November 29 — Rod Silvey, Doyle Witt

Ushers November 22
8:00am — Eddie Bell, Dan Hubbard
10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Eric Bradley

Ushers November 29
8:00am — Tim Davies, Eric Forde
10:45am — Rod Silvey, Matt Hayden

Worship Slides November 22
8:00am — Kyle Stephens, Randy Sunderman
10:45am (livestream) — Vicki & Mike Sickels, Kaaren Eide

Worship Slides November 29
8:00am — Jessica Loghry
10:45am (livestream) — Jill & Jason Juhl, Logan Ellsworth

Attendance Sunday, November 15
8:00am — 154 10:45am — 138

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of Ken and Betty McConnell
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula and Jeremy Sellen
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Jim Harvey
Joel Ausan
Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovering from a stroke
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottlowski's brother-in-law
Kipp Petersen, ALS, friend of the Behrens family
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple's twin sister, in palliative care
Ronny Adams, stroke, relative of the Hilchens
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas
Ashley, friend of Jeremy and Paula Sellen, recovering from hand surgery
Grayson and Rachel Leavitt, health concerns, grandson and daughter of Joyce and Don Binneboese
Terri, cancer, sister-in-law of Strothcamps
Zach Saxton, motorcycle accident, Leola and Aurora's father
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedure
Marion Prill, Jennifer Heflebower's grandmother
Marcus, knee surgery, friend of Eddie Bell
Sam, Lauren, Freddy and family, struggling with addiction, friends of Johannes & Michelle Schrader
Brian Kreutner, Jennifer Kreutner and Joyce Peterson, parents and grandmother of Sarah Heilman
Greg Crawford, recovering from a broken pelvis
Erna Davies, declining health and hospitalization, Libby Wielenga's grandmother
John Ireland, cancer treatments, uncle of Annie Taugher and Susie McCarragher
Kane, eye surgery, child of Tori Gilbert's friend
Pam Houseman, medical concerns
Ken McConnell, recovering from surgery
Cianna Gilbert, Keagan's sister, struggling with sickness and health

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Fred Bell, cancer and health problems, Eddie Bell's grandfather
For the Boughtons, Aowyn Schrader's boyfriend's family, having family issues

For those in the military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild, Axel Pottratz

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry
Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members
Cookie Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans, Pat Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark Mueller, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt

This Week at St. Paul

Today	8:00am Worship Service
	9:15am Sunday School
	9:30am Bible Studies
	9:30am Catechumenate
	10:45am Worship Service
	2:00pm Mill Pond Service
Monday	9:00am Staff Meeting
	6:30pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	Offices Closed
Friday	Offices Closed
Saturday	9:00am Church Decorating