

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The times are changing! There is that chill in the air! The leaves are turning and this moves us into one of my favorite times of the year. There are lots of wonderful things ahead for us in the month of November, in our families and here at church!

As far as church goes, there are many things to look forward to. Certainly at the top of my list is that we will hear a decision from Pastor Weston Wildauer and whether he will be accepting the Divine Call to become our next Associate Pastor. We will observe “All Saints’ Day” on the weekend of November 6-7. We will also be having our semi-annual Voters’ Assembly meeting. It will take place on November 14, ***right after late service in the fellowship hall.*** We are changing things up a bit, providing lunch as we hear board reports, and then having the business meeting. Come, grab a sandwich, and get involved!

During the pandemic, we had a year without our Basketball Tournaments here at St. Paul’s. But on November 19-20, we will have our annual girl’s tournament, with Panther Burgers, Chili, Nachos and all those other goodies . . . along with some great basketball games. Come and cheer on our lady Panthers.

Of course, for family times, November brings the great celebration of Thanksgiving. We are blessed that most of our kids will make it home. I hope that you and your family have some wonderful traditions and opportunities to get together. We will also have Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day worship service. Come out and thank the God of each and every blessing in life!

Among the manifold changes of our times, one thing remains constant: Our God and His love, His grace, His truth. As the author of the letter to the Hebrews puts it: ***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)*** And, again, as the prophet Malachi once penned: **“I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”**

Change is a constant in our society: changes in cultural norms, changes in government, changes in technology, changes in the seasons, and even the changes I see in that face that looks back at me in the mirror. The older I get, the less I like change.

So my heart echoes evermore the lyrics of that blessed hymn, Abide with me: “. . . ***change and decay in all around I see! O, Thou, who changest not abide with me.*** Yes, the times are changing! In the midst of all the change, may we stay anchored in the One who never changes.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Bender

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SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING RESULTS

On October 10th we had a special Voter's Meeting to Call our Associate Pastor. Please keep Pastor Weston Wildauer, his family, and his current church in your prayers as he considers his Call to St. Paul's.

November Voter's Meeting

Sunday November 14th after the 10:30
worship service

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a
sandwich as we discuss
important church matters.



Thanksgiving Worship

November 24 at 6:00pm

November 25 at 9:00am

“Generations United ‘In All Things’ . . . as Stewards”

Fall Stewardship Theme for the year of our Lord, 2021

Christ Jesus, our Lord, should be preeminent “In All Things.” This is the theme for our church and school which comes from Colossians 1:15-20. This is especially true when it comes to “stewardship,” for all things were created by Jesus, through Jesus, and for Jesus!! Because of His Gospel, we are called to be stewards “In All Things.”

Often we think of “stewardship” as just a money kind of thing. This is way off base. **Christian Stewardship** is the *free and joyous activity* of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. All of life is an issue of stewardship. To help us grow in understanding this and living it out, the following lists the dates and themes of our Fall Stewardship Emphasis:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
November 6-7, 2021	In the Use of Financial Resources Given to Us
November 14, 2021	Commitment Sunday

Please pray that our Lord and His Spirit will grow each of us to be evermore “Generations United ‘In All Things’ . . . as Stewards.”



Bible Studies

Men's Bible Breakfast – The Letter to the Colossians

Jesus is to be preeminent in all things. That is what we are discussing as we take our spiritual journey through Paul's letter to the Colossians. In the month of November we will delve into chapter 2. We will discuss how "in Christ are hidden *all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*" We will learn to be guarded against man's philosophy, his empty deceit and the elemental spirits of the world that seek to draw us away from Christ. For God has made us *Alive in Christ, rooted and ground in the true faith.*

We gather on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. In November, this will be the 13th and the 27th. We gather in the fellowship hall shortly before 7am. One of the guys cooks a great breakfast; we eat, we pray, and we study God's Word. The 79th street doors are open; All men are invited. Bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: Romans

Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most important epistles in the New Testament. Christians need to know the doctrines well. We are currently in the midst of chapters 9-11 as the apostle Paul teaches on election, on the spread of the gospel to both Jew and Gentile, and the mystery of salvation in Christ.

We meet at 9:15am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you in class! You will be spiritually blessed by God's truth!!

Thursday Morning Bible Class: Nurturing Your Faith – Called

In the month of November we will be finishing up this wonderful study on the Book of Ephesians. Each and every believer in Jesus is "Called." We are "called to faith;" we are "called to walk with Christ;" we are called to share with others the riches of God's grace that belong to us but should not be kept to ourselves.

There are so many ways this plays out in our lives, especially if we *intentionally seek to fulfill our calling!* The Book of Ephesians forms the basis for this study. Come! Grow! Understand! Then live out your calling day by day. We meet each Thursday at 10am in the fellowship hall. Come to the Lincoln doors to be "buzzed" in. Hope to see you there.

*The City of West Allis common council meeting on **November 16th** is where they will vote on whether or not to approve our plans for our playground. This is especially important for those who live within a 6 block radius of church to attend the meeting if available, to speak in favor of our plans.*



All Saints Weekend

November 6 & 7, 2021

Patricia Lee Lamp

Edith Florence Wollerman

John Lewis Ficken

Danny Jerome Key

Donald Walter Lorenz

Leonard F. Lacoursiere

Junie Mae Lorenz

John Larkin Barber

Arlene Virginia Kurer

Steven Ryan Sarff

Lola Mae Taylor

Carol Joyce Schuerman

Janet Ann Koehn

Barbara Jean Pederson

Nancy June Luke

Versa Agnes Reichert

Marilyn Clara Albrecht





A Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” So the old Good Friday spiritual asks regarding the cross our Lord bore for each one of us. In Baptism, the spiritual answer is “Yes.” Check out Romans 6! However, what a blessing it would be to actually walk and see where Jesus lived and ministered!!

I, Pastor Bender, have always longed to visit the land of Israel, to walk the way of sorrows to Golgotha, to see the temple mount where a great temple once stood, where Jesus drove out the money changers, where sacrifice was made year after year. What joy to see Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord, to see Nazareth where Jesus grew up, to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught the crowds and once calmed the sea. It would bless my heart to stand on the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed, “Not my will, but Thy will be done” the night before He died on the cross for our sins. My wife, Jo, has the same longing.

Well, that is our hope for the year of our Lord, 2023. We hope that many of you would like to make the trip with us. If you are interested in going or if you have other questions, please send me an email to me at harold@splcwa.org or give me a call at church, 541-6250.

May God grant us to make this journey and bless our hearts to see the actual places on God’s earth where Holy History took place. Our tour will be led by the Rev. Nabil Nour; Israel is his homeland. Pastor Nour is a Palestinian by blood, and citizen of Israel by birth, baptized into Christ in the Catholic church, and now a faithful Lutheran pastor. He is a joy and has great passion for our Lord!

Dear fellow members of St. Paul’s,

It has been truly a pleasure serving our congregation the past 8 years as the Jr. High Youth Leader. After prayerful consideration the time has come for me to step back and allow a new servant(s) lead and develop Jesus loving, faith building youth in our community at St. Paul’s. When I began this journey I was unsure how it would all happen, who would help, and I had other questions as well. We met monthly for the most part doing various activities related to social experiences, servant opportunities within our church and school, and community service projects. I would love to see these opportunities continue for our 6-8 youth in our congregation. I am asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering for this leadership role. I can tell you that I have been blessed immeasurably by the past 8 years by the kids that participated in Jr. Youth. Please consider whether this could be God’s calling for you. I promise to help and guide you in the direction you choose to take the program and will happily discuss what we did in more detail with anyone who would consider stepping into this role. Ironically, but not uncommon in serving roles, I was way more blessed by doing what we did than I could ever have imagined. Joy is multiplied in service. Please contact myself (ssmajn@yahoo.com) or Pastor Bender for further info or to volunteer. Our youth depend on us!! Thank you and God bless. ~ Shelly Mueller

Groundwork Guatemala

It's been 20 months since your Groundwork Guatemala team returned from Guatemala! Shortly after our departure, borders were closed and air travel ceased. Our hosts, Ginny and Kevin Holmes, got back to Arizona on one of the last flights; they have been unable to return due to the uncertainty that they would be able to leave the country again for the US. Currently, most of Guatemala is in the high-risk "red zone." Only about 12% of people are fully vaccinated, with poor availability of vaccines. At this point, there is no clear plan for resumption of "regular" mission activity or team travel to Guatemala.

The missionary staff in Guatemala continues to work within government restrictions. Nurse Ana makes sure her patients have the medicine and attention they need. Brisa keeps very busy keeping track of the progress of nearly 300 sponsored children. She makes sure that children moving from primary to junior high, or up to high school, find an appropriate school and get registered. Carlos prepares and distributes about 125 food bags each month in El Rincon, Buena Vista, and Gonzalez Park. Julian keeps all the vehicles in working order, and recently rebuilt the shelters in Buena Vista. Oscar has been going out to ministry sites to give the kids a craft and snack. Manuel helps Oscar and has been conducting a Faith Lesson in Buena Vista occasionally. Sandra continues to do all the bookkeeping; she must work from home as there is no affordable public transportation.

St. Paul's continues to sponsor 2 students, Cristino and Santos, who will be 9th graders when the new school year begins in January. As high school students, they will choose a "major" field of study, such as bookkeeping/accounting, psychology, health care, etc. which will aim them toward a future career. Cristino continues to do well in school, but Santos has struggled with virtual learning. We are hoping his grades will allow him to continue in the scholarship program.

Once again, your Groundwork Team is asking for your financial support of Cristino and Santos. There will be a door offering after services November 13-14, and we ask for your generous contribution of tuition money at that time!

And, please keep Ginny, Kevin, all the local Guatemalan missionaries, the students, and all the wonderful people we have been privileged to meet, in your prayers.



Calling ALL St. Paul Alumni & Friends

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday November 19 to help support our team during the St. Paul's girls basketball tournament. You may play for our pep rally

Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30PM before the games begin AND/OR during our first team game around 7:00PM. Contact Michelle Prince:

michelle@splcwa.org or the school 414-541-6251 to let us know if you can join us! Let's praise the Lord with our instruments and celebrate our team!

Ladies Guild

The LWML Mite Box is in the narthex the first weekend of each month. Pick up a small box at the Welcome Center in the narthex and put your change in it. Thanks for supporting missions all around the world in this easy way. The Mitten Basket is in the narthex to receive hats, mittens, scarves & socks. The items will be taken to Hope Lutheran Church – Milwaukee.

Widows Lunch

 All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Honeybutter Café 7221 S. 76th Street on Wednesday November 10th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

On Saturday, October 9th, the 102 completed quilts were delivered to the truck at the ingathering located in Racine. This was the first leg of their journey to individuals in need. The quilts will make a stop at the warehouse in St Paul, Minnesota. While there, they will be unpacked and then bundled with other quilts to make a bale. We are able to track our quilts via the LWR tracking system on the web. This tracking all starts with the shipping label we put on our boxes when packing the quilts.



Thank you to the quilters; Dory Yale, Ruth Miller, Nancy Hoelke, Lynn Kozlowski, Sue Chuppa, Deanna Stockinger and Janet Johnson for the many hours put into creating the quilts. Thank you to the members and friends for the donations of sheets, fabric and supplies used in creating the quilts. I feel extremely blessed to be working with a wonderful group of ladies and having such a supportive church family.

Our group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays at 9:00am until 11:30am. Below are the dates during November we will meet. You are invited to come join us....No sewing experience necessary.

November 1st, 15th and 29th

We will be off in December for the holidays and will start meeting again in January.

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com



Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

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Scholarships for Lutheran Congregants

Concordia University Wisconsin is proud to offer scholarships that are uniquely designed to support the future leaders of the Church – individuals who will live out their vocations in both called and non-church work settings. Two such scholarships are:

Luther Promise: High school graduates in this congregation may receive up to \$20,000 annually. Visit cuw.edu/luther-promise for details.

Uncommon Scholarships: Lutheran congregants may receive \$500 per each three-credit course on eligible graduate programs. Visit cuw.edu/uncommon-scholarships for details.



Music Notes



Come and JOIN US:

***Instrumentalists** - Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play a song sometime for worship? Add your instrument to a hymn or song? Accompany a choir piece? Contact Michelle and let her know if you can help serve the Lord in this way.

***Soloists**- Do you like to sing and praise the LORD? Contact Michelle and help lead hymns in worship, sing a song on your own to edify the congregation. Share your gifts and talents and serve the LORD with gladness.

***Evening Bell Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 6:10 PM -Sept - May. We play for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you are able to count, tap your toes, we can help you learn how to ring a bell at the right time in the music. Come out and give it a try

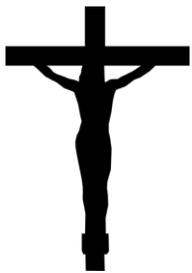
***St. Paul's Evening Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 7:30 PM Sept - May. We sing for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, come out and give our group a try. All voices Welcome!!!

***Praise Team** - Our group leads worship during Sept - May on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 AM and June-August - selected Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

PRACTICE: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM in the church balcony

We NEED: Singers, bass player, guitars, percussion

Contact: michelle@splcwa.org or (text) 414-552-4938 or call: 414-541-6250 ext 3013



Jesus is our Redeemer. He is coming again to bring us home. This month's song will be a blessing as we come to the end of the church year and review the lessons that teach us about our Lord coming again for us!

There Is A Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done*

*Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain
Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done*

*When I stand in glory I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done*

Sharing God's Bounty

Showing our Gratitude

God gives us his love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through his Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of his bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make him comfortable, run errands for him, offer our best food, and give him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to his Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love, which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all his gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

Blessings during this Thanksgiving season!

Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.

If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.

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The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

Youth News



High School Youth

❖ Thanks to a few of our youth who helped serve hot drinks!

❖ National Youth Gathering Registration

On November 1 we will mail in the registration form and deposit check for those who got registrations in to Pastor Bender in the month of October. It looks like 16-18 youth will be included in the first packet sent in along with 7 adults. *It's not too late to register. We can add participants over the next few months. If you want to come to the NYG, speak to PB soon.* If you need any financial assistance or have questions, please speak to Pastor Bender. Additional registration forms are available from Mary in the church office.

❖ Dinner and a Movie . . . and Bible Study @ Pastor Bender's house: November 21

We will meet around 6pm. We will eat dinner as we watch the movie, "I Can Only Imagine," the true story of the life of the lead singer of Mercy Me. It's a powerful story of love, forgiveness, and redemption. Then we will delve into God's Word to become better disciples of Jesus in our relationships with our parents. *We should finish up about 8:30pm.* PB's house is located at 2367 S. 118th Street.

❖ Coming Soon

1. Serve at an Advent Supper in December
2. Christmas Gathering - Any Parents' willing to host?
3. Regroup Meeting on January 2 - Fundraisers, Family Groups, and Lock-in



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THANKSGIVING

AS WE GATHER TOGETHER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
ENJOYING THE EVENTS OF THE DAY,
LET US REMEMBER THE MEANING OF THE DAY
THANKING GOD FOR ALL THE BLESSING UPON
OUR NATION AND THE PERSONAL BLESSING AS WELL.
PRAYING GOD WILL GUIDE US, FOR THE NATION IS GOING ASTRAY.
OUR FAITH, MORALS AND CULTURE ARE BEING ATTACKED.
OUR HOPE IS IN GOD ALONE.
FOR GOD ALONE CAN MAKE US KNOWN AS A CHRISTIAN NATION AGAIN.
GOD BLESS AMERICA!

ELAINE LEMKE



I will praise the name of God with a
song, and will magnify him with
thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

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November 2021

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 AM Quilters	2 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education 7:00 PM Board of Missional Community @ Sanchez	3	4 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Finance 6:10 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir	5	6 5:00 PM Worship <i>Daylight Savings</i>
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