



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices saying “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well. Luke 17:11-19

Giving Thanks

Ah, November. The time when the kids are on their sugar highs from Halloween, the leaves are dwindling down, the weather is getting cooler, and winter is coming. The time when summer clothes are being put away, and winter coats are coming out. Rakes are being replaced with shovels, air conditioners with heaters, flip flops with boots. This is not everyone’s favorite time of the year. But yet late October and early November have a certain excitement to them as well. Yes winter is coming, but also on their way are the holidays. Christmas and New Years are always exciting, but there is another holiday that shows up in November; Thanksgiving.

How quickly do we forget to give thanks to God for all his blessings. In times of cold we forget to give thanks that God has given us bodies that can stay warm on their own. In times of looking at the budgets for the holidays we forget all the blessings he has already given us. In our eager anticipation for next year to begin, we forget to give thanks for all the blessings that 2022 has given us. Many of us would say “Well if God had given us a better year then we would be more thankful.” But scripturally that is not true- as we see in the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers.

This is the classic story of Thanksgiving, 10 lepers were healed and only 1 gave thanks. For those who are unfamiliar, leprosy is a skin disease that quickly spreads. Therefore if anyone would catch the leprosy they would be cast out of the community. So Jesus, by healing these men was actually reinstating them back into the community! 9 went straight back into the community, only 1 returned to give thanks to Jesus. What a sorry state we as humans are in! If the story ended with the one returning then it would be purely about how few people actually give thanks. But the story continues, and it gives us even more details as to what was going on. You see, this man was a Samaritan, a people who were cast out and frowned upon by the Israelites. The idea of him going to the Jewish priests was absurd. Sure he was healed from his leprosy, but he could never be healed from being a Samaritan! So when Jesus sent him to the priests, I am sure he was wondering if they would actually receive him back into society. But when he saw that he was cleansed, oh what joy he must have felt. But where was he to go with this joy? The Jewish community would not receive him, the priests would still find fault in him. What hope did he have? He could not change his identity, who he was in order to fit in, the problems were more than skin deep.

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So he went to the only place where he belonged, to the only Jewish member who showed him care. Jesus- he went to go be with Jesus; the only one who accepted him. Then Jesus did something even more remarkable- he told the man that his faith has made him well. He was not a part of the community of Jesus because of issues that were skin deep, but because of the faith that was deep within him. This is a community that could never be robbed from him. Genetics and disease had robbed him of a true sense of community, but Jesus had given him a community that could never be removed.

How often do we take the blessings of God just to fit into the rest of the world? We use our money to win worldly friends, to gain pleasure. We have habits and routines that help make us fit in with those around us. Yet God is still the one who gives us all things, and he always will when we are a part of the community, a part of the people gathered together giving thanks. He has not called us, he has not forgiven us so that we can be part of this world, but so that we can be made well, so that we can be with him. So this November, this Thanksgiving, give thanks to God and spend time with him. For he has made you well, now you can be part of his community forever. Let us give thanks to this sort of God.

Peace,
Pastor Josh



Thanksgiving Worship

With Holy Communion

Wednesday November 23rd at 6:00pm

Thursday November 24th at 9:00am

“Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise.”





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This is My Son!

An Advent Series - 2022

“Every disappointment involves unmet expectations.” Often young couples struggle in marriages as expectations aren’t met, especially when a husband or wife lets their spouse down. Marriage is not the only source of disappointment and unmet expectations. Every human relationship will deal with these issues. Have you been happy with every decision an elected official has made, even one for whom you voted? Does your boss ever let you down? Have your employees always done their job well? Do your friends always come through for you? Do your children always make good and wise decisions based on what you have taught them?

Human beings will disappoint by failing to meet expectations. No wonder the psalmist tells us in Psalm 146:3-4, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.”

Parents have hopes and expectations for their children. Sometimes these are healthy expectations. Other times parents place unfair or unrealistic expectations on their children. This upcoming Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers.



Week 1 - November 30: Cain, the son of Adam - the first murderer in history

Week 2 - December 7: Ishmael, the son of Abraham - not the child of promise

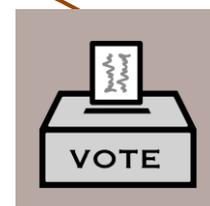
Week 3 - December 14: Absalom, the son of David - heartbreaking rebellious son

Yet each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son. This Son is the true Son of Adam. He is the true Son of Abraham. He is the true Son of David. He is the Son who never disappointed His Father. He is the Son who never did any wrong. He is the Son of whom the Father spoke: “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5).

This true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, is also the Son of God, the very Son of God now living in our flesh and blood. This Son is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, who fulfills the hope of salvation “that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:5). During this series, entitled “This Is My Son,” you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

Voters Meeting November 13 at 9:15am

Sunday School & Bible Studies will be cancelled that day so everyone can come to this important meeting.



Men's Bible Breakfast

Men's Bible Breakfast meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month shortly before 7:00am. We talk a little football, we talk a little bit about life, and share with each other. We also share a good breakfast cooked by one of the guys. Then we study the Scriptures.

This fall we are going to study the **"I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.** Whenever missionaries translate the Bible into a new language to give to people who have never received God's Word, the Gospel of John is usually the first book to be translated. John's main goal is that we the reader will know who Jesus is, and what he has done for their salvation. Jesus is well-known through the seven I am statements that Jesus made, declaring himself to be Yahweh, which is the Old Testament name of the One True God. This study will take a look at these statements and see who Jesus wants us to know him as. The second half of the study will be looking at some other key events in the gospel account.

In November we will gather on the 12th & 26th. All men are welcome to come. The 79th street doors are open. Come and bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – The Book of Psalms

There are one hundred and fifty psalms that are recorded in the Book of Psalms. Some are prayerful and devotional. Other psalms are praise and thanksgiving. Still others teach and instruct. Some are prophetic and still others are called the imprecatory psalms, asking God to avenge enemies.

Beginning in late October, we are going to be studying selected Psalms. It's a great time to join in Bible Study. Luther calls the book of Psalms a "miniature Bible," for they cover so much of Christian faith and life. The truths found in the Psalms also reflect the heart and soul of the faithful believer in the One True God and the worship life we share together.

We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great time to study God's Word, grow in faith, and become a more devoted follower of Christ. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ to grow in knowing the Lord and His Word.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: The Worship and the Glory of God

During the months of November and December, we will be looking at the Biblical history of the worship of God and the glory of God. The first altar built was one made by Noah, the man who built the Ark and was saved by God from the great flood. Other altars were built along the way, by Abraham, by the people of God who worshiped at the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Finally a "permanent" place of worship was established in Solomon's temple. Where is the altar today? Where does the Glory of God dwell in the 21st century. Come and grow in knowing God's Word, in basking in His glory and salvation, that you might worship Him in Spirit and Truth. We meet Thursdays at 10:00am, except on Thanksgiving!



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day, also called **All Hallows' Day**, **Hallowmas**, or **Feast of All Saints**, in the Christian church, a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on November 1 in the United States. This year, on the weekend of November 5 & 6, we will remember these saints during our worship services:

Elizabeth Anne Bland

Judith Ann Weil

Margaret June Bender

Gladys Marie Delaney

Diana Joy Takala

Shirley Mae Gallatin

Elenor June Spitzer

Russell Myron Kenngott

Willard Paul Hinkel

Dolores Bertha Frahm

Harvey C Laurich

Lorie Lynn Miller

George Joe Pups

Russell William Kenngott

Mary Anne Goede

Kenneth Hsiao Liang Chang

Richard Walter Hoelke

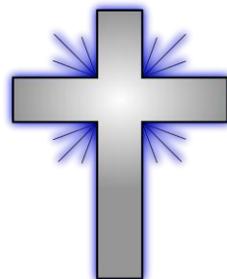
Janis Ilmars Reinbachs

James Robert Spitzer

Steven Russell Wollerman

Kenneth James Gammon

Trudy Ellen Taylor



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Advent Worship

Wednesday November 30

10:00am & 6:00pm

*An Advent Meal will be served
at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall*



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On November 5th

turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed.

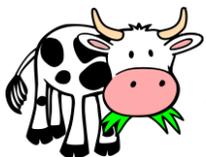


Groundwork Guatemala

Due to continuing Covid-19 concerns, the Groundwork Guatemala Mission remains closed to church teams. BUT!!! School continues for sponsored children, including 3 children sponsored by St. Paul's congregation. We will have a door offering on the weekend of November 12 and 13. Please plan to contribute generously! Thank you for your continued support!



Ladies Groups



Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Outback Steakhouse on Layton Avenue on Wednesday November 9th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

Last month 55 quilts were blessed and delivered to Orphan Grain Train. They will be distributed to those in need nationwide and internationally. Now we start over for next year. We are always on the lookout for poly/cotton flat sheets in good condition that can be used as quilt backs. The microfiber or thin silky sheets do not work. Please consider donating your non-white sheets to the quilters rather than using them for drop cloths and messy jobs. Come and visit us on a 1st, 3rd, or 5th Monday in the Fellowship Hall. We are there from 9am until 11:30am.

Quilting dates for November are:

November – 7th and 21st

December – Off for the holidays



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

Ladies Guild Bake Sale



Ladies Guild is having a bake sale on Saturday November 12th after the church service. Come visit us in the Fellowship Hall and purchase a treat or two for home. We are raising funds for school tuition for the Guatemalan student we support. Thank you for your support.

St. Paul's Altar Guild

Poinsettia time is here! We will be getting our Christmas poinsettias from Milaeger's this year. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Order deadline is November 23rd. *No late orders accepted.* Order envelopes are in the narthex and in the elevator room. Thank you.



Board of Missional Community



Yard Clean Up- November 5th at 9:30am

We will be having a neighborhood yard clean up day. Please bring rakes and tarps, and let us take care of the neighbors around us! We will also be having lunch after the work is done. Please come! If any youth need service project hours these will certainly qualify.

January 27-29, 2023 ~ Rest & Recharge 2023 is a women's Retreat that focuses on rest from daily pressure and reconnecting to your identity in Christ. For more information contact Natalie Romano at natalieromano@bethelightcoaching.org or Heather Sanchez at thisonewildlifeco@gmail.com



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Our weekend worship services are broadcast on TWO radio stations each Sunday at 8:00am. "JOY" 1340 AM and 98.7 FM



A Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

Yes, my dear friends in Christ, we are still planning a trip 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. We will get to see Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord, and Nazareth where Jesus grew up, and get to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught the crowds and once calmed the sea.

Well, this is the plan for the year of our Lord, 2023. The trip is set to take place leaving on June 19; we will be gone 13 days. Jo and I still hope that many of you would like to make the trip with us.

The cost of the trip is \$4,650 per person/double occupancy and covers all costs of the trip, including airfare, lodging, bus transportation, three meals/day, entrance fees and the like. There are already about 20 members of St. Paul's planning to join the journey.



If you have other questions, please send me an email to me at harold@splcwa.org or give me a call at church, 414-541-6250.

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.



Divine Connections

Divine Connections, in partnership with Capuchins Community Services, will again be providing Thanksgiving meals for those in need.

Beginning November 5, 2022, we will have Thanksgiving boxes in the Narthex.

Just grab a box and start collecting the items listed on the box.

This can be an individual project or gather your friends, family or other group and begin collecting and stuffing the box.

Please bring all full boxes to the Library (off Lincoln Ave. ramp) no later than November 13, 2022.

The boxes will be picked up and delivered to those in need in the community. Contact Crystal Barry at 414-416-3989 with any questions.



Sharing God's Bounty



Rejoice in the Lord

Psalms 104 recounts the wonders of God, talking about his creation and sustenance of the earth. What might the psalmist be thinking about as he composes this hymn of praise? Perhaps he was lying on his back on a beautiful, warm day, looking at a sun-filled sky. He starts to ponder the vastness of blue, and, as he does, he cannot help but break into praise. His thoughts shift from the beauty of the heavens to the wonder of the seas and their depths. Then he focuses more immediately on how God provides for all that he has made. The more he praises God, the more reasons he thinks of to continue doing so.

The beauty of nature can bring about such feelings of awe in us. Like the psalmist, we should give credit to the Creator and praise him for his works of such beauty and wonder.

But what about the cloudy days, the days when the sun doesn't break through, the days when cold winds blow through our souls, the days when the future looks bleak? At those times, our feelings of praise are not found within us. Instead of being compelled to break into songs of thanksgiving, we may break into complaining.

The psalmist says, "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live" (verse 33). Our praise is not the result of our feelings but rather in response to God for all he has done. Our praises resound all our lives – the sunny and the cloudy days. Our praises continue because they emanate, not from the sun, but from the Son and flow back to him again.

Creator God, we look around ourselves and see the wonder of your work. Help us never to take for granted the beauty with which you surround us. Thank you for the even greater work you have done within us as you have given us eternal, spiritual life in your Son. Give us such gratitude that we cannot but help breaking into praise and telling others about what you have done for and in us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Are the majority of Christians in the world today really aware of the simple and sometimes difficult needs of others, as Jesus had been?

Opportunities to serve are all around us. In our churches, volunteers can commit to being a disciple of Christ by willingly giving of their time and talent.

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

Youth News

Senior High School Activities

Senior High Servant Trip Meeting- November 11th at 6:30. We will be voting on where we want to go on a servant trip this summer. The two options we have narrowed it down to are either All Nations Outreach at Camp Lutherhaven Indiana, or Idaho Adventures in Wallace Idaho. Contact Pastor Josh if you want more details before making the final decision.



Senior High Lock In- Immediately following the meeting we will be having a Senior High Lock In. We will have games, devotions and other activities throughout the night. Please come, boys please bring snacks, and girls bring drinks. Let Pastor Josh know if you can make it!



Open Gyms

Every third Sunday of the Month we will have the gym open to all of our Middle and High School Students!

Middle School Kids are from 5:00 – 6:15pm and High School Kids from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Pastor Josh has some fun activities planned for the kids, as well as some great devotions. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Josh.



Check out the progress of our new playground!

Hello All!

My name is Josiah Hahn and I am the 8th grade teacher here at St. Paul's. This year, the 8th grade class has an awesome opportunity to go on a field trip to St. Louis! We are excited for this opportunity, but are currently working on the logistics of paying for this trip. With that being said, we are excited to offer you an opportunity to support us and eat some tasty treats! After each church service, beginning November 5th, there will be a table in the narthex where we will be selling bundtlets from *Nothing Bundt Cakes*. If you would like to order 1 or more, they will be delivered to you after your selected church service the following week. Each bundtlet has a selling price of \$6. Hopefully, we can help meet all of your sweet tooth needs!

In Christ,
Josiah Hahn



Thank you from The Kindergartners and everyone else at the ECC to Mrs. Janet Johnson for her fantastic job this summer making the outside at the little school look beautiful! God has certainly blessed us with her gifts and talents! She is amazing!





Milwaukee Lutheran Music Boosters presents the
42nd Annual Artisan Craft Fair and Bake Sale

November 12, 2022 from 9:00am – 3:00pm in the Field House

Over 100 booths! Admission is \$3.00 at the door.

Follow their facebook page for all the details: www.facebook.com/MLHSCraftFair



A South Wisconsin District prolife ministry is seeking applicants for the full-time position of **Executive Director**. Candidates are also being sought for two part time positions of **Refuge House Manager**. Refuge House is shelter for mothers in need operated by *A Place of Refuge Ministries*, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization. For job descriptions and other information, please contact APOR board president, Rev. David Paape, at repaa@aol.com or (414) 430-5030.

Dear St. Paul's Congregation,

I am a student working with CUW (Concordia University Wisconsin) administration to organize a large FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) event. The goal is to pack enough meals to feed 1,000 children for one year.

The event will be on April 20th-22nd, 2023. We need to raise \$100,000 so every bit counts. Here's the donation page: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2304-045sc-mequon-wi-1000-children-for-a-year/c427656>

We aren't ready for volunteers yet, that will come in a few months. If you have any questions, please contact me, Isaiah Mudge, at: isaiah.mudge@cuw.edu

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an OUTSTANDING success!

Thanks to your contributions, we sold over 600 books at our Fair. We also collected more than \$800 for **All for Books™**, a program turning Book Fair donations into books for children who cannot afford them.

My reward for hosting the Book Fair is watching your kids fall in love with books. It is so amazing to hear the excitement in their voice when students talk about new stories and characters they have discovered. All that joy wouldn't be possible without support from our church and school community.

If your child missed out on the Fair (or already finished every new book), there's still time to shop! Our Book Fair will continue online until October 23rd and your purchases will still benefit our school. Click here to shop our Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulslutherangradeschool1>
I hope to see you and your family at our next Fair. Until then, happy reading!

Gratefully, Nikki Lemberger Book Fair Chairperson St. Paul's

