St. Paul's News for the Week of November 03, 2024

Festival of All Saints

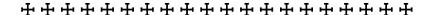
All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. With thanksgiving we remember all the faithful departed, especially those most dear to us who have died. Today's readings are filled with rich images of the eternal life promised to all the saints. The holy meal is a foretaste of that great and promised feast where death or pain will be no more. Even in the midst of loss and grief God wipes away the tears from our eyes and makes all things new.

Pastor Barbara will be away November 1-3. For urgent pastoral care concerns, please call or text Pastor Kathy Ieirien, 302-668-3823.

Meet The Pastoral Candidate

Join us today, Saturday, November 2, from 4:30-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a meet and greet with our pastoral candidate. Lite fare will be served. Then on Sunday, November 3, the candidate will preach and preside at our 10 AM Service of Holy Communion. After worship, all members in good standing are invited to attend a congregational meeting at which we will vote to extend a call. A coffee social will follow the meeting.

Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2, you will want to set your clocks back by one hour. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep before we celebrate All Saints Sunday with our pastoral candidate preaching and presiding over Holy Communion. Worship will be immediately followed by a congregational meeting.



No Live Stream

The All Saints service will not be live streamed in order to preserve confidentiality for our pastoral candidate. Once they have made their current congregation aware of their new call, a recording version of the service will be made available for viewing on our Facebook page under videos. Therefore, we ask everyone to maintain confidentiality until the candidate has given us the "all clear" to make the results of our congregational vote public.

Our pastoral candidate will preach and preside at our Service of Holy Communion celebrating the Festival of All Saints this Sunday, November 3, at 10 AM. Immediately following worship, all members in good standing are encouraged to stay for a congregational meeting at which we will vote to call the candidate as our next pastor. A representative of the DE-MD Synod will be present to lead the meeting.

The service will not be livestreamed this week in consideration of the confidentiality of the call process. It will however be recorded for distribution at a later time.

If you did not get to attend the meet and greet on Saturday, you can meet the candidate and their family at the coffee social following the congregational meeting. For the life of this congregation, this is a very important decision to be made by as many of our voting members as possible.

In just three weeks it will be Thanksgiving and time for our annual Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center Thanksgiving collection. On Sunday, November 24, please bring donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall for sorting, packing, and transporting to Hilltop. We are also accepting cash and will do the shopping for you! Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.

Anglican Jamestown, Virginia was founded in 1607, and yet, a Roman Catholic Reliquary (a container with relics) was found in one of the early Jamestown graves. Oops! Certainly, an indicator of a "messy transition" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in British North America. Who says history is boring? Join us next Sunday, November 10, at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room to dig deeper into this religious mystery with Eric Mease.

FISH is as early as it can be this month – Friday, November 15 – so break out your baking pans and help us by making little loaves of pumpkin, cranberry, banana, or "whatever" bread. Bundle them up in clear plastic wrap or aluminum foil and note the type of bread on the outside of the wrapping. (We don't want anyone with a nut allergy to get a surprise!). The main drop off times will be Sunday, November 10, during and immediately after worship, and on Thursday, November 14, from 6 – 8 PM. We're planning for 35 families this Thanksgiving, so we'd like to have 70 - 75 breads for the clients. Still have questions or need a special drop off time? Call or email Keith Bart (302-345-6107/ keith.m.bart@gmail.com).

And, as we do every month, we invite any and all members of the congregation to help with the other FISH activities. The Food Bank pickup will be on Thursday, November 14, at 1 PM, followed by the re-boxing at 2 PM, then packing at 6:30 PM that same evening. The distribution will be on Friday, November 15, starting at 2:30 PM. The latter three events all take place in Fellowship Hall. As always, a big thank you to everyone for participating!

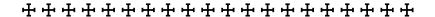
The Membership Ministry Team is excited to begin phase two of the process of creating a new membership directory. During the month of November, we invite you to have your photo taken in the blue room just before and after the 10 AM service. Or you have the option of submitting your favorite headshot of you as a single, a couple, or a family. The back table in the narthex has a box labeled St. Paul's Directory Information Sheets. Please pick up a sheet and instructions on how to update your information, and when completed, return it to the box. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

Now that the annual campaign has blasted off, we have another way for you to make your pledge. You can print it at home! The link below will take you to an online version of the pledge card which you can print and return via the mail, or put in the offering plate or gold box at church.

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your pledge for HERE in 2025 and BEYOND in the form of an Endowment gift. Then return it in the next few weeks. Why the urgency? We'd like to be able to tell our new pastor that we've reached our goal prior to their arrival - a "Welcome!" gift for them - and us - to celebrate the start of their pastorate.

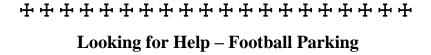
Currently, we have forty-two pledges: \$244,400 for our HERE campaign and \$12,170 towards the BEYOND. Thank you.

https://stpaulsnewarkde.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pledge-Card-Sept_2024-1-1.pdf



Remembering Our Homebound Seniors

The Membership Ministry Team invites you to participate in brightening someone's day by helping us celebrate our homebound seniors at Thanksgiving time. We are seeking folks who would like to visit a senior during the week of Sunday, November 10, and bring them a thanksgiving card, a plant, and a lap robe or prayer shawl. At this time we need seventeen thanksgiving cards and seventeen small, fall plants. We have plenty of robes and shawls. To volunteer, please contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.



Our School Board has been permitted by Church Council to manage parking in our lots for the UD Football game on Saturday, November 9. We are short staffed this year because we don't have parents available to assist, so we are looking for a few folks from the congregation who have a few hours on a Saturday to help out. Start time for the game is 1:00 PM. We would need three to four hours of your time. If you're available and interested, please contact Bill Saylor at bsaylor2@verizon.net or 302-834-4074 for further details. Thank you!!

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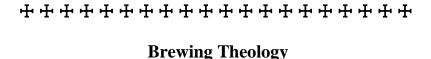
Coming WELCA Attraction

On Saturday, November 16, the Women of the ELCA will join the Quilters for a fun morning of quilting, from 9 AM through lunch at 12 PM. There will also be opportunities for quill art with Barb Rhodes and making wreath of life prayer beads with Mary Beth Bergstrom. Please RSVP to Kaye Tyson (kaye.tyson@comcast.net) or Mary Beth Bergstrom (mbbergstrom@verizon.net) so they know how many to expect for fun, fellowship and lunch, which will be provided by WELCA.

St. Paul's Older Wiser Lutheran's will go bowling on Wednesday afternoon, November 13, at Wilma's in Wilmington. They will enjoy duckpin bowling and Cajun cuisine.

They will then celebrate the holidays at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre, also in Wilmington, on Wednesday, December 4. They will attend the 1 PM performance of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" and enjoy lunch and beverages prior to the show.

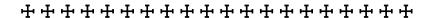
Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike Sunday, November 17, after worship. Snow Goose Trail at White Clay Creek is a 3.1 mile wooded trail with some small hills, located at 199 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark. You can park at Pike Creek Bible Church lot. Questions? Contact hike leader Rudy Schock at 814-574-8243 or rschock324@gmail.com.



Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage next Wednesday, November 13, at the Autumn Arch. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive in Newark for fun and fellowship.

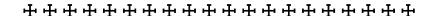
St. Paul's avid readers meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the Youth Room. Please join us for conversation and fellowship. Have a favorite book to recommend? Upcoming Books:

December 11** "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (** Second Tuesday)



Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can *still* hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found in the upper right-hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.



In Response to God's Love

We offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for ministry and mission. For those worshipping at home, we ask you to remember your pledges and to continue making your offering available by mail or online contribution. A QR Code is included in this worship folder which will take you directly to our *Tithe.ly* online giving page. Use the drop-down menu of funds. NOTE: Please consider covering the fees associated with using *Tithe.ly* when you make your online donation.

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