

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

"With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn," proclaims the presiding minister in the eucharistic prayer. On the festival of All Saints' we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. But even more, they are worshippers with us this day as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death.

ALL SAINTS' CONCERT

Plan to join us this afternoon, **Sunday, November 2, at 4:00 PM** as our Sanctuary Choir and guest vocalists and instrumentalists present Faure's exceptional masterwork "Requiem." Our handbell ensemble will also perform, as well as organ and harp. There will also be opportunity for those gathered to sing. A freewill offering will benefit St. Paul's Friends of Music fund, helping to offset the costs of this concert. A lite reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregation Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has called a special Congregational Meeting to be held on **Sunday, November 16**, immediately following the service. The sole purpose of the meeting is to decide whether to accept a proposal to install solar panels on the church. Hard copies of the proposal are available in the Welcome Center area. Please conserve paper by viewing the electronic document as you are able (<https://bit.ly/StPaulsNewarkSolarPanels>).

SAINTLY SENIORS

Your Membership Ministry team is inviting you to participate in making a craft to present to our saintly seniors this fall. You can help in two ways - come on **Sunday, November 16** and enjoy the craft making. And volunteer to visit one of our homebound seniors later that week or just before Thanksgiving. Please RSVP to Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

We're still in the midst of our own "World Series" for our 2026 Pledging Campaign, and so far we've gotten forty-four pledges for \$274,915 towards our Operating Fund goal of \$345,000 and another \$9,850 for Endowment's target of \$15,000. Thank you to everyone who has already made their commitment to our church!

Please prayerfully and carefully consider making a pledge if you haven't already. Pledge cards are available in the popcorn box on the Big Board. When you've filled it out you can drop it in the Gold Box or mail it to the Church Office or put it in the Offering plate on Sunday. Be part of our winning team here at St. Paul's as we round third base and head for home!

ADULT FORUM

On **Sunday, November 9**, Victoria Kenyon, a doctoral candidate in Art History, starts a series on the history of Christian painting. "From a New Religion to the Renaissance" will explore how artists represented Christian stories and themes from the church's early days to around the sixteenth century. How did the faithful decorate their first places of worship—the catacombs—and create religious iconography in a pagan world? What forms and techniques did painters like Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo use to bring the holy down to humanity? It all starts at **8:30 AM** in the Blue Room.

BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on Wednesday, **November 5, at 7:00 PM** at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "The Impact of technology on spirituality - discuss the film "Social Dilemma".

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Reservations along with payment are needed by **Wednesday, November 5** for the Wednesday, December 17 trip to Candlelight Theatre. Cost is \$64.50 per person and includes meal, show and gratuity. To make reservations or questions, contact Roy Palo. His email is – palonpaa@aol.com. Phone number is cell (302) 561-0728, home (302) 456-9757. Mailing address is 8 Charcoal Ct. Newark, DE 19702-3642.

A HILLTOP THANKSGIVING

November means St. Paul's will work with all Lutheran congregations in New Castle County and collect badly needed and much appreciated Thanksgiving baskets for needy families at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center in Wilmington. Those baskets include: frozen turkeys, boxed stuffing and mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Please bring your contributions to the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 23, by 10:00 AM**. Cash donations are also encouraged and we'll do your shopping for you! Thank you.

FISH BREADS - MAKE 'EM, BAKE 'EM, AND TAKE 'EM TO CHURCH!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner - so FISH is prepping for our distribution on November 21, including our annual FISH breads. If you'd like to help, break out your baking pans and make a few little loaves of pumpkin or cranberry or banana or "whatever" bread to share. 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!). Our drop off times will be the preceding Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Still have questions or need a special drop off time? Call or email Keith Bart (302-345-6107 / keith.m.bart@gmail.com).

We invite any and all members of the congregation to help with the Food Bank pickup and re-boxing on Thursday, November 20 at 1 PM, followed immediately by the box packing, and then distribution on Friday the 21st, starting at 2:30 PM.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Thursday, November 20**, we will host a prayer service that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Worship will be in the Memorial Garden at **7:00 PM** with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Newark interfaith community will hold their annual Service of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, November 25**, at 7:00 PM. This year the service will be held at Temple Beth El, located at 301 Possum Park Road. The theme is "Courage to Care, Grace to be Grateful" based on Micah 6:8 and Talmud. Everyone is asked to bring a canned good for the food pantry. A kosher reception will follow.



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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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Send prayer requests to:

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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

the church office at office@stpaulsnewarkde.org

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