

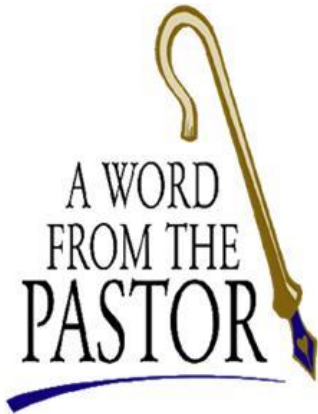
# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## November 2021 Newsletter



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### Greetings and His peace to you!



I pray that this newsletter is not only a monthly encouragement to you but also something that keeps you tied to our family that sees God the Father as it's creator and provider, God the Son as it's Redeemer and head, and God the Holy Spirit as it's Sanctifier and keeper.

For a while now, we have been wondering what is going on in this world and often getting discouraged because it appears that there is no end in sight. While many things may look bad at times, things are not always as they seem. We may be in for a life-changing ride and we may be having to ride out and learn to do a few things differently, but there is one thing that was, is, and always will be the same. That is God and His word and promise.

We have been warned for ages that changes like we're experiencing would befall not only us as follower of Christ, but the entire world too. These changes that we currently face look quite bad and are part of a bigger picture that is threatening not only our way of life we've come to know, but our very beliefs. This 'new' Marxism is a truly evil idea. The changes infiltrating our society like fellow human creatures having struggles with who they are, where they come from, what the truth is, determining who is their friend and foe, earthly powers driven by evil spiritual powers trying to convince people to believe lies, who (or what) their belief and trust are in, and even near-future persecution are from none other than the devil.

These things are not new. Jesus faced it. The disciples faced it. Our early Christian brothers and sisters faced it. And it looks to be our turn if things continue the way they are.

I do not point these things out to scare you. I do it because we cannot ignore them if we are to stand firm against them and help others who are swayed into these evil things because they are lost and have no direction or hope. It is our called vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Good News to

everyone. Jesus the Christ included every believer when He gave the great Commission in **Matt 28:19-20**. Following Jesus is not easy, but it's worth it. As Christians, we should look *backwards* at our lives. Not from the lives we have now in this world. We need to look backwards from our *eternal lives* in heaven and to see what we need to do in this life here on earth. When we look backwards knowing that we have a guaranteed, prepared place in heaven it becomes a lot easier to go and teach in this world because God has laid claim to us as His and He won't abandon or forsake us. On the contrary, He promised to keep us as His and bring us to heaven because of Jesus. What does He promise in this life as we face evil that we may be called to face? Jesus shares this His disciples and us in **Luke 12:8-12** and again in **Luke 21:8-19**. In these 2 passages, Jesus Himself says not to "**meditate beforehand on how to answer**" and that He Himself and the Holy Spirit will give us what to say when confronted. Even when those confronted are rulers are "**kings and governors.**" With that kind of a promise, how can we not boldly proclaim to those that desperately need to hear the hope that is God's Word?

We are His and He made us. And He saved and keeps us. And if He is for us, who can successfully be against us? NO ONE! Stand firm in your Holy Spirit strengthened faith as these scary things are seen on the news and other places! And as they creep into our daily lives here in our quiet community.

God forsook and deserted His Son so that He wouldn't have to leave or forsake you. He is here, giving you exactly what you need, exactly when you need it. Always has, always will. Now that's good news in an age where much of the news isn't!

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

in His name,

*Pastor Mike Metzler*

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*On Sunday, Nov 14, Pastor will be at the 2nd Session of the Doxology program.*

*We will be having a guest pastor lead worship.*

# NEWS

**Thank You for the Pastor Appreciation Gift! ~ Pastor Mike**

**All Saints Day:** Carol, Kristi, Dayton and to those we loved and went home this year.

**Daylight Savings:** Nov. 7th (fall back)

**Acolyte Schedule:**

Nov 7th: Nik

Nov 14th: Noah

Nov 21st: Zander

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Nov 24th:

Nov. 28th: Grace



**Ushers:** Troy and Tonette Peterson for Nov.

If anyone would like to usher for December or any month next year, talk to John

**Orange envelopes:** Will be mailed out the middle of November, due by the end of the year.

**GermanFest:** Thank You to everyone who helped in any way during GermanFest, it was a great success! We served 182 people.

**Thank You from Jacob Roubinek:** Our most sincere thanks to all who donated, volunteered, and attended my kidney transplant benefit. We are absolutely overwhelmed by the love and support shown by our family and community. The generosity of all has provided us with the funding to cover expenses related to the transplant for both myself and my donor. Our hearts are full and at peace knowing God is in control and his great love for us will never fail. A young lady in our community is awaiting a kidney transplant. If you are moved, please consider a lifesaving kidney donation for Savannah Davis. Contact the donor coordinator, Savanna Gust, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital at 612-863-8886 and reference Savannah.

*Blessing, Love the Roubinek Family*

There are boxed **Christmas Cards for sale** in the bookcase, if anyone needs cards for the holiday season.

If anyone would like a copy of **address and phone numbers** of our members, please see Jennifer to get a copy. Phone numbers and address change so you can always double check the office for updates.

**Thank you** Matt and Jayne Maser for hosting the church picnic

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## NOV 2021

3rd: Ryan Ausmus  
 4th: Charlie Ausmus  
 5th: Florence Benoit  
       Mona Klar  
 9th: Jared Christensen  
 12th: Florence Berquist  
       Christina Somnuk  
 15th: Isaac Maser  
 18th: Yvonne Cottrell  
 19th: Issac and Shelby Maser  
 22nd: Tony Nelson  
       MaKenna Kroschel  
 25th: Marlowe Zabrok  
 30th: Norah Ausmus

*If we missed anyone, please let  
 Jennifer know!*

## Flower Chart:

Nov 7th: Mary Ann Lyon.....  
       .....in loving memory of John  
 Nov 14th: Tony and Carol Nelson  
 Nov. 21st: Doug and Wendy Kottke.....  
       ..... Happy Thanksgiving  
 Nov 28th: Ausmus Family

## Prayer List:

Jacob Roubinek and all those who are  
 in need of a prayer!

## Newsletter Deadline:

Please email anything for the  
 newsletter to the church email  
 by the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month.

Thank you!!

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# YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will continue **Wednesday meetings**. We will start at 6pm with dinner followed by games, a lesson, and other activities. All youth grades 7-12 are welcome to attend.

Circuit Youth events will be available on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2pm-4pm. The location rotates between churches.

Get updates and reminders by signing into our Remind group with text, app or email. Use this web address in your browser: [remind.com/join/ygstpaul](https://remind.com/join/ygstpaul) OR Text the message @ygstpaul to the number 81010.

Wednesday Meeting Dates (6pm at Church)

- November 17
- December 8
- January 19
- February 16
- May 11
- June 1

For any questions about Youth Group feel free to contact Rebecca at 612-247-9319 (call or text) or [rebecca.perrotti@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.perrotti@gmail.com)

**WREATH'S** will be delivered on Sunday, Nov 21, 2021.

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Hello and blessings to you!

Our October event went well! The youth played several activities including a challenge course that were related to Luther and the Reformation! We also talked about the Reformation as well as a few things about how we talk to other people about Christ. **Our next event will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley on November 14th from 2:00-4:00 pm.** It will be Thanksgiving themed :). Please see your Pastor or youth leader for more details!

Hope to see you there!

~ LeAnn Gregoire, Circuit Youth Worker/ Deaconess Intern

# C.A.S.E

Welcome Charlotte, Corbin, Levi, Isla, Marlowe, Abe, Liam, Piper, Croix, Norah.

Music, devotion, snack, and lesson keeps them busy.

# CONFIRMATION

Hey y'all! Welcome to the Confirmation Corner!

We are almost into November (maybe into by the time some folks read this) and moving forward at a pretty good pace already. It's good not to have to go through the rig-a-ma-roll of making COVID adjustments!

We've combined the 1st and 2nd year students and they now all meet together on Sundays after worship. They are studying the petitions of Lord's Prayer and their meanings as well as having Bible verse memory work. Some of these petitions are hard to see the good for us as we pray the Lord's Prayer.

Please keep our 7 students in your prayers.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, please contact Pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at [revmentzler18@gmail.com](mailto:revmentzler18@gmail.com)



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin practicing for the Children's Christmas Program soon. Please Karissa or Yonna know if your child will be participating in the program this year.

Thank you!

# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**  
Wednesday Nov 24th at 7pm

## **Holiday decoration**

Nov 28 after worship

## **Advent**

Wednesday's at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Dec 1, 8, 15 with soup and sandwich provided

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

3pm & 10pm with communion

## **Christmas Day Worship**

9am with communion

## **12/26 Regular Sunday Worship**

9am with communion



**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
10-11-2021**

**Present :** Wendy Kottke, Doug Kottke, Robbie Robinson, Greg Kroschel, Pastor, Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Matt Maser, Toby Hickle, David Berqist, John Frank  
Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:02pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

**Secretary's report** was accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report** was accepted as read upon motion by John, second by Robbie

Income: \$149,809.77 Checking \$9,942.46

Expense: \$155,928.30 Savings \$59,035.72

Net Income: -\$6118.53

(Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

**Pastor's report:** home/office visits, Confirmation, CASE, online devotions, newspaper article, Bible Study, Mighty Fortress Board meeting, church picnic, GermanFest, circuit meeting, elder meeting, church clean up day, youth worker zoom meeting, circuit youth event, SPL youth meeting November 14th, Pastor will be at the Doxology.

**Old Business**

\*The guys went up in the boom for inspection and repair of the steeple. Unfortunately, there are still some leaks from an unknown area. Miller's will be here in two weeks to hopefully find and repair the problem.

\*The sound system is working. Some adjustments need to be made to the mixer/equipment. John will look into this.

\*GermanFest went well. Thank you to everyone that helped. 181 people were served.

\*The church picnic went well. Thank you to Matt & Jayne for hosting.

\*Little Lambs is on hold due to low enrollment and no teacher.

\*New furnaces have been installed.

\*Roubinek benefit went well.

\*Pastor's salary/benefit pkg will be brought to the voters on Sunday. Someone will check with the Synod regarding the line change of some income-to-housing changes per Pastor's request.

\*Summer Gospel Concerts proposed budget is \$4000 motion Matt second Robbie

\*Motion John and second Robbie to increase the Secretary's salary \$2.00/ hr beginning October 1, 2021 (\$14.00/hr) and another \$1.00 on January 1, 2022 (\$15.00/hr)

\*All proposed budgets for 2022 will be brought to the voters on Sunday, 10-17-21

**New Business**

\*Snow removal bid will be received from Jeff's. They will check to see if sidewalk snow removal is needed since there is no LL.

\*Motion by Greg and second by Toby, we will allow piano practice on Wednesdays with a leader as long as the building and property are respected.

Upon motion by John and second by David, we adjourned at 9:28pm, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Quarterly Voter's Meeting**  
**October 17, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 10:22AM with 26 members present. Pastor opened with prayer.

**Secretary's report** was accepted as read upon motion by Loren Vogler and second Jayne Maser.

**Treasurer's report** was accepted as read upon motion by Carol Robinson, second by Carolyn Vogler

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**Pastor's report:** home/office visits, 1 baptism, 1 funeral, 3 installations, online devotions, CASE, Confirmation, Bible Study, newspaper articles, Elders meeting, council meeting, circuit meetings, educator installation, VBS, attended Doxology program, circuit pastor's breakfast, LL open house, youth events, confirmation retreat, gospel concerts, circuit youth event, cleanup day, Mighty Fortress meeting, fall pastor's conference, church picnic

**Youth group** has begun meeting monthly. Invites were sent out to all youth in the congregation. Currently have a wreath fundraiser going on. Balance is \$7531.33  
**LL** is on hold due to no teacher. If a teacher is found in November, class will resume if children enroll. Balance is \$18,606.27

**Sunday School** is going well. Christmas program practice will begin next month.

**CASE** has 10 kids in attendance and is going well. Chapel, music, snack, & lesson fills their day.

**Old Business**

\*Miller roofing will be here Friday 10-22 to inspect and repair any leaks.

\*GermanFest went great. 182 adults 1 child served. 12 pies \$342.50. Cards \$135.00. Silent Auction \$939.00. Total deposit \$3438.50. We are waiting for bills for food and advertising. A follow up meeting will be held Sunday 10-24 after church. Possibility of bumping up the time next year.

\*Thank you to Matt & Jayne for a successful and fun church picnic.

\*Roubinek fundraiser went well.

\*All furnaces have been replaced and are working efficiently. We are waiting on a possible rebate.

\*Parking lot was resurfaced.

\*Member address directories will be sent out with the next newsletter. Motion MaryAnn Lyon, second Carol Robinson.

## **New Business**

\*2022 budget. Health Insurance seems high, Toby will check into this.

\*Motion Jayne Maser second Carol Robinson to allow \$2000.00 annually to be moved from Pastors salary to his housing, per his request.

\*Secretary salary will increase \$2/hr as of 10-1-2021, and \$1/hr 1-1-2022. The salary will be \$15/hr as of 1-1-2022. Extra training will be offered as well. Motion Robbie Robinson second Marv Maser.

\*Motion Jayne Maser second Lynette Maser to approve 2022 budget as presented.

\*Motion Robbie Robinson second Carolyn Vogler to budget \$4000 for Summer Gospel Concerts

\*Orange Envelopes will go out in the next newsletter

\*Upon motion by Jayne Maser and second Loren Vogler, \$4000 will be sent annually to LCMS for missions.

\*11/24 7PM will be Thanksgiving Eve worship.

Advent will be 12-1/8/15 at 7PM with soup & sandwich supper (provided) at 6PM.

12/24 Christmas Eve worship at 3pm & 10pm with communion

12/25 Christmas Day worship at 9am with communion

12/26 regular Sunday worship at 9am with communion.

Matt & Jayne will talk to Connie to see about helping with music for a few services.

Motion Robbie Robinson second Jayne Maser.

\*11/28 will be Christmas decorating following worship. Motion MaryAnn Lyon second Karissa Ausmus Upon motion by Carol Robinson and second by David Berquist, we adjourned at 12:06pm closing with the Doxology.

*Respectfully submitted, Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*



# CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Pastor

Rev. Mike Metzler

## Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

## Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh  
Cydelle Klande

## Organists

Sue Hickie  
Connie Odendahl

## Church Council

*Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month*

**Chairman:** Randy Hickie

**Vice Chair:** Toby Hickie

**Elders:** Robbie Robinson, John Frank,  
Matt Maser, Greg Kroschel

**Trustees:** Rick Williams,  
David Berquist, Doug Kottke

**Secretary:** Tonette Peterson

**Financial Secretary:** Cydelle Klande

**Treasurer:** Wendy Kottke

## Stewardship

**9/13/21 to 10/24/21**

General Fund .....	\$13,499.39
Altar Flowers .....	\$20.00
CASE .....	\$245.00
Fellowship Rental .....	\$150.00
GermanFest .....	\$3,438.50
Missions .....	\$15.00
Sunday School .....	\$24.00

**TOTAL .....** \$17,391.89



# CREATION MOMENTS

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Unique

#### **1 Peter 5:6-7**

*"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."*



Every second, our sun casts energy equaling over four-and-a-half million horsepower on every square mile of earth. Yet the earth receives less than one-tenth of one percent of the sun's energy.

Our galaxy contains 100 billion stars, of which our sun is only about average. Truly God's power is so great that we cannot even measure the relatively small amount of power He has used

to energize the cosmos!

This makes many people ask, "How can such a great God care about me?" Yet He does, and He has shown us that He does. He has written a unique genetic code that describes you and only you. If your unique code would be written out as information in the average book today, it would take over a million pages to describe you. In all the universe, there is only one you! Why has He gone to all this work just for you? Because He wanted to get to know you, love you and have a relationship with you.

This is why God sent His only Son into our world. That Son of God, Jesus Christ, lived a life that was perfectly pleasing to God. In contrast, we have all gone our own way and have almost ruined God's creation. But God's Son died on the cross for us so that we might be forgiven. God accepted this sacrifice on our behalf, and this was proven by Christ's resurrection from the dead. You can learn more about God's special love for the unique person you are in the Bible.

Photo: False-colored infrared image of the core of the Milky Way Galaxy, taken by NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope.

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# NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE	4	5 Pastor off	6 Pastor off
7 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	8 7pm Council Mtg	9	10 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE	11	12 Pastor off	13 Pastor off
14 9am Worship w/ Communion (Guest Pastor) 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 2pm Circuit Youth Event	15	16	17 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm CASE 6pm Youth Group Mtg	18	19 Dec Newsletter Due Date! Pastor off	20 Pastor off
21 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	22	23	24 NO Case 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 Pastor off	27 Pastor off
28 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School Holiday Décor Day!!	29	30				

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NOVEMBER 2021

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