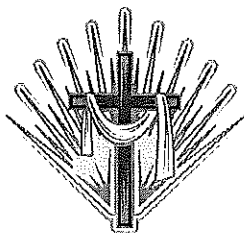


THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL

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The Mission Statement of St. Paul Lutheran Church

By God's grace, we exist to prepare hearts, minds, and souls for life in the world and in eternity.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136)

We pray for God's richest blessings in your life and hope that you will be able to join us for worship in God's house on Sundays at 9am or Wednesdays at 6pm. Masks are optional.

Congregation elections will be held at the next Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 7pm. Please note this meeting is held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. All Voters are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our missionaries, Rev. David and Joyce Erber.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUNDAYS, 9AM

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Now Thank We All Our God

(Hymn #895)

*Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wonderous things has done, In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next!*

*All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns, With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And will be evermore.*

ONE Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service will be held this year on Wednesday, November 23rd at **7pm**. **No service will be held on Thanksgiving Day.**

As has been our tradition at St. Paul, you will have the opportunity to respond to God's goodness by bringing a thankoffering of non-perishable food items to the altar during the service. Our Faith in Action team will distribute these bountiful gifts to those in need when they visit our food pantry.

May you and your families be abundantly blessed this thanksgiving as you respond to His gifts of love to you!

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

(Colossians 3:16)

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Give Thanks to the LORD, For He Is Good, For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

On November 24th, our nation will again celebrate Thanksgiving, and because we are such a diverse nation, we'll celebrate it in so many different ways. A few will take the day off, but otherwise ignore it, because they don't believe that there is anyone to whom they need to show thanks. Others may celebrate the day alone because they have no one with whom they can share their thankfulness. For many, no matter what their beliefs, there will certainly be parades and food and football and shopping.

But for us Christians, along with all the traditions and ways we may spend Thanksgiving Day, the true purpose of the day will be close to our hearts and will cause us to reflect on our generous God's perfect love for us. Luther summed up God's physical gifts like this:

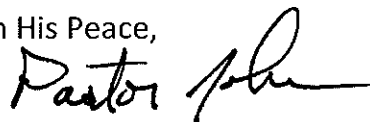
"God has made me and all creatures; He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife (spouse) and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

(Explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed)

But God knew that because of our sin, all of that still wouldn't be enough, so He offers even greater gifts: His complete Word so that we could know Him and His Will for our lives—both *in the Law*, which shows us our sin and guides the way we are to live, *and in the Gospel*, which is the only way we can know – *without any doubt* – that because He has saved us through faith in Christ's death and resurrection, our sins won't condemn us!

In whatever way you choose to celebrate the holiday, give thanks to God for all of His gifts, with special thanks for the Greatest Gift that you will ever receive, from the Greatest of all Givers: Eternal life through His Son – our Savior – Jesus Christ.

In His Peace,



Our Thanksgiving Worship Service at St. Paul will be at 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve, 11-23-2022

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs., 9-1pm; Fridays 9-2pm

To register for worship services go to signup.stpaul@gmail.com or call (708) 423-1040

To view our calendar, visit www.stpauloaklawn.org

The deadline for placing articles in the newsletter is the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Send submissions to sbarry@stpauloaklawn.org.

BURIAL:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the following family:

To the family of *Rose Marie Woods* called to her eternal rest on October 10, 2022 and buried on October 18, 2022.

THANK YOU TO ST. PAUL CONGREGATION

To Our St. Paul Family: Gloria Crook absolutely loved St. Paul's church, school, and congregation. Even before she was a member, she helped with the computer classes and hot lunches. When she finally became a member, she loved being a part of the Ladies Guild and Bible classes as well as her monthly newsletter assembly. We cannot express how important every one of you were in her life. Her relationship with you grew as did her relationship with God. The past couple of months have been extremely challenging for us and we thank you for all of your prayers and good thoughts as well as the calls and visitation as we said our final goodbye's. So, thank you. Thank you for everything. Most importantly, thank you for loving our Gloria as much as we did. Sincerely, The Crook, Galligani and Kern Families

OSF HEALTHCARE ~ COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SUPPORT

The holiday season can be especially difficult after the loss of a loved one. Whether the loss was recent or sometime ago, feelings of grief can be overwhelming and intense during the holiday season. OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center offers an evening of support and guidance to bereaved families preparing for the holidays on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The leader of the support group is Father Jim Heneghan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a national speaker on grief and loss. **Registration is required and spaces are limited.** Please call their Bereavement Coordinator, Sheila Fields at (708) 229-4299.

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CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the narthex for you and your family to pick up when you come to worship on Sunday, November 20th or on Wednesday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm). Please be careful not to use your 2022 in 2023. You may also pick up your envelopes in the church office Monday-Thursday, 9-1pm and on Friday, 9-2pm.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Congregational elections will be held and the budget for 2023 will be considered at the next meeting of the Voters Assembly on Tuesday, November 15th at 7pm. **Please note that the Voters Assembly meets the Tuesday BEFORE Thanksgiving.** All Voters are encouraged to attend. If you would like to become a voter, the requirements are: 1) Be a communicant member of this congregation 18 or more years of age; 2) You must attend one voters meeting and state your intent to become a voter. At your second meeting you will become a voting member and have the right to vote at that meeting; 3) Every voting member is obligated to attend all meetings of the Voters Assembly.

WILL YOU SERVE THE LORD AT ST. PAUL?

Congregational elections will be held at our November 15th Voters' meeting. You must be a member of St. Paul congregation and be at least 18 years old to run for these offices. Terms of the positions are two years, with the exception of the Board of Elders who serve a term of three years. Any positions that are "vacant" are one-year terms as they are filling a position not currently occupied. If the Lord has placed it on your heart to serve on one of our boards, contact Ruth Sievers (708) 952-9902 or Pastor John in the church office (708) 423-1040.

ADVENT SUPPERS AND SERVICES

Advent services will be held on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14 at 7pm. There is no evening service at 6pm. Suppers are served from 5:30-6:30pm. More information on the suppers will be announced during worship. Following supper, a hymn-sing begins in the church about 6:40pm. We begin decorating the church for Christmas after the worship service on December 7. If anyone is interested in helping to decorate, just stay after service. Thank you.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Advent devotions are available in the narthex and wings of the church for you to take home and share with your family as you prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth. The joy Christians experience at Christmas comes from God's gift to mankind. Our salvation begins with God promising to send a Redeemer. It comes to fruition in the birth of Jesus, God's Son sent to save the world. In *A Son Is Given*, the wondrous drama of God's love unfolds for us in the detailed narrative of events surrounding the birth of Jesus, who came to be God with us, Immanuel. You can also download this devotional by going to www.adventdevotions.net.

COLLECTION OF MISSION MATERIALS

Giving the gift of Jesus is the best gift a person can give and receive no matter what time of the year it is. St. Paul collects Bibles, hymnals, Portals of Prayer, children's Bible stories, devotion books and Bible study materials to send to our missionaries around the world. If you care to share some of these

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materials as a holiday gift, please bring your donations to the Founders Room and place them in the clear collection container marked "Mission Materials".

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Thank you to all who remember to keep the church office (708) 423-1040 informed of the status of our ill members and friends! It is very much appreciated, as we do want to know for whom and for what situation we are praying! St. Paul also has a *Prayer Chain*. If you would like to participate or place your name on the prayer chain, please call the church office. We also encourage YOUR prayers for the persons named in the lists that follow.

OUR MEMBERS: Betty Beegle; Jan Briede; Delphine Cherry; Mary Ann Colander; Lenore Curran; Mike Degidio; Beverly Fishbaugh; Loretta Frank; Louis Clayton Frank; Gerrardo Garcia; Olivia Garcia; Genevieve, Jane & Freddie Giacobbe; Cathy Gleason; Julie & Larry Gurga; Katherine Hice; Kevin Hickey; Art Hornburg; Herta Iversen; Graham Jackson; Lois Kaminske; Ron Klingensmith; Linda Kosary; Betty Kruckow; Ingrid Lesko; Sue and Bob Marcinkowski; Dawn McNicholas; Gloria Meyer; Warren A. Miller; Patricia Murdoch; Janice Przybycien; Marge Rochlitz; Kurt Seehofer; Beverly Sellers; Patty Sellers; Norma Silinski; Carol Small; Melva Smith

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: Diane Bernitt; Ron Hickey; Betty Larson; Lisa Polezoes; Delores Stegemann

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION: Cathy Becker; Henry Bonder; Pam Brown; Sharon Bryant; Peyton Bryce; Selma Carmichel; Frankie Coglinase; Judy Collins; Bridget & Nick DeAngelo; Denise DeLaurentis; Shirley Demyres; Justin & Ashley Fasel; Matt Favero; Barbara & Emily Feehan; Mark Fishbaugh; Gloria Folsom; Robert Gonzalez; Jerry Gross; Debbie Guarascio; Janice Hernandez; Brenda Gurgel; Donald Hakanson; Shawn Harland; Alan Hecke; Charley Heitz; Ann Herold; Bob Hessert; Phyllis Hicks; Helena Hoffman; Elaine Hoffstetter; Doreen Holford; Carl Hoppe; Vern Howe; Kyle Hughes; Rich Huscher; Monica Iversen; Dana Kahn; Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.; Pam Kirk; Kim Koenig; Christopher Kosary; Maryann Krieg (Wilke); Dorothy Kroll; Ken Kruckow; The Lamberth family; Carol Loecherbach; Ron Lunt; Nora Maculitis; Eugene Marcinkowski; Ken Matz; Iris McCoy; Carol Milazzo; Paul Moeller; Andrew Mrochen; Paul Noffke; Roberta & Carlos Owens; Pam Palhegyi; Patricia Paulsen; Sandy Plath; Jackie Plichta; Barb Potter; Doris Potts; Fred Raddatz; Guillermo Rameriz; Raquel Rameriz; Rose Rohloff; Kimberly Rooney; Julie Rottier; Sophia Salus; Rhonda Scott; Allyson Seehofer; Al Silinski; Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.; Sue Sortino; Janet Trierweiler; Bernadette & Rich Trusk; Heather and Josh Turro; Wayne Volk; Vicki Warren; Gene Wawrzynikowski; Pastor Mark Willig; Sandra Wilson; Jean & Al Zirbel

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Mark Brown (son of Pam Brown and nephew of Beth Matusевичius) Naval Reserves/Great Lakes Naval Base, Chicago); Peter Scialabba (son of Susan Scialabba and nephew of Sharon Helmbold) Special Forces; Adam Skelton (grandson of Rich and Jan Briede) stationed in Qatar; Christopher Skopec (son of Steven and Debbie Skopec) stationed in North Carolina; Sean Rosales (son of Ed and Mia Rosales) stationed in Japan.

(Please let the church office (708) 423-1040 know when your need for our prayer list is over.)

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GROW IN CHRIST ~ ADULT BIBLE CLASS

All are invited to Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the Timothy Room. Coffee, tea or juice, and pre-wrapped goodies are provided so please come and join us!

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved or if your phone number or email address has changed, please contact the church office (708) 423-1040 or email sbarry@stpauloaklawn.org to let us know so you can continue to receive the news at St. Paul and we can keep our records up to date. Thank you!

WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

Please call the church office to let us know when you or a member of your family has been admitted to the hospital. If Pastor is allowed to visit you when you are hospitalized, he will.

THE MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Have you ever stopped to think about the lives of missionaries? I mean really stop and think about what they are called to do? They proclaim the Gospel by helping, serving, and caring for the different nations, wherever they are called upon to serve. They build friendships, learn an entirely different language, and serve with compassionate, inspired, and motivated hearts. Rev. David and Joyce Erber are the missionaries we support with our monetary gifts and prayers as they serve the Lord and bring the truth of the Gospel to light to those they serve in Ghana, Africa. Remember them in your prayers.

POP TOP TABS

St. Paul is saving pop top tabs to help benefit Ronald McDonald House which is a place to call home for families of children who are ill and in the care of Advocate Children's Hospital. Please save your pop top tabs and bring them to the church office. A bright green box for collecting your pop top tabs is on the counter in the narthex. Every tab makes a difference. Thank you for your donations.

WORSHIP ANEW

"Worship Anew" is a worship service, filled with hymns of praise, a time of prayer and the Gospel message. The program airs on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. on Channel 50.1, Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on the Total Living Network, Comcast Channel 138. If you have Satellite Direct TV, you can view the program Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on Total Christian Television, Channel 377. If you have a computer, you can also view the current week's program by going on-line to www.worshipanew.org. Programs can be viewed on cable/satellite stations Sundays at 8am (CW50-WPWR) and on Sundays at 10:30am on TCT (Satellite Station 377 DirecTV) as follows: 1008 AT&T U-Verse (SD); 8 AT&T U-Verse (HD); 8 Comcast Cable-TC (SD); 184 Comcast Cable-TC (HD); 8 Wow! (SD); 204 Wow! (HD); 50 DirecTV Local -Chicago; 8495 Dish Network; 50 Dish net Local - Chicago. Worship Anew is also now on the American Forces Network (AFN) television broadcast. For broadcast time, check local listings for Sunday on AFN Prime Atlantic/Pacific. View all programs at www.WorshipAnew.org.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Message from the Elders: Dear Fellow Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church: The Board of Elders extends greetings to all members and is excited to witness the many examples of creativity and

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innovative outreach at St. Paul. We commend the many boards and committees on their dedication to spreading the Word of God in the local community. We are happy to help in these efforts to the best of our ability—whether that means offering an encouraging word, rolling up our sleeves and assisting with set up, or making our presence felt as attendees.

The Elders have been involved in several activities as of late:

1. We have assisted Pastor Moeller in compiling lists of active and inactive members and brainstorming ways to increase attendance at St. Paul worship services. John Lilja has been instrumental in this undertaking.
2. We are keeping tabs on visitors and making sure that they are contacted.
3. We remain actively engaged in Operation Barnabas. Under the direction of Rich Przybycien, we recently organized a successful veterans' appreciation luncheon, and we support regular efforts to send care packages to men and women in the various branches of the military.
4. We work together with Pastor Moeller to review, organize, and modify Sunday and midweek services. Stan Wirtschoreck and Dave Kandel are especially involved in these types of projects. We are currently considering reestablishing the use of the Common Cup during Communion. We also wish to announce that Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, 23 November, at 7:00 p.m. Also, Advent services begin on Wednesday, 30 November, at 7:00 p.m.; individual boards and committees will sponsor pre-service dinners, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.
5. Curtis Simonson, a member of the Board of Elders, has been leading a Bible study on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Timothy Room. The popular series, *The Chosen*, is the focus of the study. Each week, one episode of the series is shown, and then there is time afterwards for discussion.

The writer of this short information blurb is new to the job. Surely I have misdescribed or omitted one or more important items. Forgive me. I will get better as time goes on. Sincerely, David Witkosky, St. Paul Board of Elders

Message from the Director of Music: The Adult Choir is back! Our group may be small, but they are practicing each week to be able to bring joyful music to our worship services! Thank you to Glenn and Marilyn Bitner, Lori Freeze, Dave Kandel, Bill Leise, Susan E. Volk, and Stan Wirtschoreck for their time and service to our congregation! We hope that others will want to join us as we begin practicing for Advent and Christmas services. Rehearsals are at 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday evening (with the exception of Thanksgiving Eve). If you enjoy singing, please consider coming to the rehearsals. You will be very welcome!

In addition to the choir's singing at two of our Stewardship services, the following vocalists sang on the other Sundays in October: Thank you to Bill Leise, Sue Marcinkowski, Clarisse Rose, and Stan Wirtschoreck. I also want to thank Mrs. Diane Johannes for being our guest pianist on Reformation Sunday, October 30, so that I could attend my granddaughter's confirmation. Ruth Sievers

Message from the Ladies Guild: The Ladies Living for Christ Guild hosted 21 women and Pastor John at our October 25th Welcome Luncheon and meeting. After lunch, we heard minutes from our Board meetings, a report from our treasurer, and a final report of our September Vendor/Craft Show. Guild members approved the following three motions from the Board: to give \$2,000 (our profit from

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the Show + some additional funds) for the renovation of the Timothy Room bathroom to a kitchenette; to again host a Vendor/Craft show on October 7, 2023 and to host the LWML Zone 13 spring, 2023 rally.

The next Guild meeting will be November 15th. This meeting will include a service project - assembling Advent devotional booklets for our congregation and guests. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited and welcome to join us!

Message from the Stewardship Board: Thank you to all who participated in our 3-week 2022 Stewardship Program and were also able to attend the brunch and fellowship we hosted on October 23rd. A special thanks to all who returned their commitment cards! It is not too late to consider what your financial commitment for the Lord's work at St. Paul might be in 2023. The amount you state on the form is added to the total amount committed by all our members. It is not published and does not hold you responsible if that amount needs to be changed (either higher or lower) during the year. Commitment forms may still be returned on Sunday mornings or sent to the church office. The faith journey messages of our members are a highlight of our Stewardship Sundays each year. They encourage us to a greater commitment of service to our Lord! Special thanks this year go to Betty Shamasko, Kevin Kenealy, and Pastor John for being willing to share their faith journeys with us!

Message from the LWML: Dear LWML Members and Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of MITE BOX OFFERINGS. All of the NID LWML Mission projects that were voted on for the 2020-2022 year were paid in full. **During the 2020-2022 year your LWML members and congregation contributed \$1,028.00 to mite boxes.** Blessings to you and your congregation! Paulette Bennett, Zone 13 President

Message from Operation Barnabas: It's November and the holiday season is upon us, starting with Thanksgiving. We all are thankful for all the gifts GOD has given us during these trying times. There is one other holiday in November, and that being Veterans Day. The day we say, "thank you for your service" to Veterans who have given so much of themselves. Besides the veterans there are 1.3 million active military personnel, of which there are over 150,000 deployed around the world and at sea. We currently are sending 8 care packages, 4 of the packages are going to Chaplains of which 3 are LCMS Chaplains. These care packages are shared with other troops. I am personally proud of the congregation at St Paul for your efforts over the years in supporting veterans and active-duty troops deployed around the world. Your efforts have helped to lift the morale of veterans and the active-duty troops deployed far from home especially during the holidays. Remember to keep them and their families in your prayers. May GOD bless all. Rich Przybycien

Message from Faith in Action / Social Ministries: As the seasons change, our Oak Lawn Community Garden and our St. Paul Garden will close till spring. We truly have been blessed with beautiful blossoms from our perennial garden and a bountiful harvest to share with our food pantry clients. Our gardens have produced 1124 lbs. of produce. This produce has been received joyfully. We want to thank Oak Lawn Park District, School District 123, and the Village of Oak Lawn for donating the use of three of their garden beds to FIA. Thank you especially to our gardeners for keeping the garden watered, weeded, pruned, and gathered; thank you Glenn & Marilyn Bitner, Martha & John

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Moeller, June Hagberg, Cathy Kumke, John Lilja, Deb Mandac, Martha Moeller, Lorrie Ragland, JoAnne Stiso, and Mike and Debbie Will. We want to also thank the congregation for its support for this project.

FIA will again distribute holiday bags to families in need through our food pantry in November and December. With these holiday bags, we help families celebrate the holidays by adding a few extra items to their bags. These bags will include a 3 lb. boneless turkey breast along with extra items listed below. We need your help! FIA is asking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of these special additions to our bags. If you would like to help, any monetary donation would be appreciated. Donations can be placed in a regular church envelope; make the check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, but place **FIA Social Ministry** on the memo line. Your support with donations of non-perishable food is always appreciated. You will also have an opportunity to bring shelf stable food items to the altar during the Thanksgiving service.

HOLIDAY BAGS INCLUDE:

3 lb. Turkey Breast/Stuffing/Gravy Packets/Chicken Broth/Instant Mashed Potatoes or boxed Potatoes/Canned Yams/Peas/Carrots/Canned Tomatoes/Cranberry Sauce/Jell-O or Pudding Package/Frosting/Cake or Brownie Mix/Canned Tomatoes/Cream of Mushroom Soup/ & an Extra Item: olives, salad dressing/canned mushrooms/or Manwich/\$\$\$ Money is always welcome! \$\$\$

We are also running low on Cold Cereal / Corn / Green Beans / Soup / Fruit / Hamburger Helper for our regular bags. Any shelf stable items are welcome! Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

Our Christmas collection is for the children of Worth township, which includes the families of Oak Lawn community. They are looking for donations of **new** unwrapped toys or new clothing for ages 0-14. This program helps families with financial difficulties by providing items for their children during the holidays. They are in desperate need of older children's gifts. Here are some ideas: socks, hoodies, sweaters, board games, new beauty items, stocking stuffers, puzzles, fast food \$5 gift cards. Items should be new, but do not need to be expensive. Any items you think older children would desire are appreciated.

FIA still supports the BEDS-Plus ministry by sponsoring the men's cook team to prepare meals and delivering them monthly to the BEDS-Plus center in LaGrange. We have hopeful news for the winter months! The plan right now is to open BEDS shelters on December 1st and run them until March. BEDS will still keep some clients in hotels. The future plan is for locations in Oak Lawn, maybe Palos, and in the western suburbs. All this is pending based on covid numbers and church availability. Please keep the homeless and the BEDS care team and staff in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone that continues to make donations to FIA. All our clients thank you from the bottom of their hearts, and so do we! FIA Social Ministry

MEMORIALS & THANKOFFERINGS

MEMORIALS

Given by:

Karen Nordstrom
Ruth Sievers
Herta Iversen
Kathy Hughes
Regina Nordquist
Lois Eichmann
Dorothy Pavella

In Memory Of:

Gloria Crook
Gloria Crook
Gloria Crook
Gloria Crook
Gloria Crook
Gloria Crook
Jason Stewart

Designated for:

Endowment Fund
Faith in Action
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund

THANK OFFERINGS

Given by:

Grace Kreten
Evelyn Leise
Regina Nordquist
Debbie & Mike Will

For:

Blessings Received
Blessings Received
My Birthday
Debbie's Birthday

Designated for:

Faith in Action
General Fund
General Fund
Faith in Action

Give Thanks

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say,
I am strong,
Let the poor say,
I am rich,
Because of what the Lord
Has done for us
Give Thanks ... Give Thanks
(Words by Henry Smith)**

A Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank thee, God, for blessings
The big ones and the small,
Thy tender love and mercy
that guards and keeps us all.

The fresh awakening of joy
that comes with morning light,
Sunlit hours to fill the day
and restful sleep at night.

The hope, the beauty, and the love
that brighten each day's living,
We praise thee, and our hearts are filled
with joy and with thanksgiving.

The pride that's found in work well done,
the love of those who care,
The peace of mind, the sweet content
that comes with quiet prayer.

Thanksgiving Blessings!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Reformation 9am - Communion Service 10am - Adult Bible Class	31 Halloween	1 First Day of American Indian Heritage 4:45pm - Confirmation Class 6:30pm - Elders & Trustees 6:30pm - FIA & Evang/Far Ed	2 2pm - Food Pantry 6pm - Communion Service 7:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 6:30pm - Bible Study - The Chosen 6:30pm - Stewardship	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends 9am - Communion Service 10:15am - Adult Bible Class	7 7pm - Svt Luth Chorus Reh	8 Election Day 10am - Ladies Aid Mtg 4:45pm - Confirmation Class 6:30pm - Council	9 6pm - Communion Service 7:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30pm - Bible Study - The Chosen	11 Veterans Day	12
13 9am - Communion Service 10:15am - Adult Bible Class	14 7pm - Svt Luth Chorus Reh	15 10:30am - Barnabas Care Pkgs. 3pm - Beds Cook Team 4:45pm - Confirmation Class 7pm - Voters Meeting	16 2pm - Food Pantry 6pm - Communion Service 7:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 9am - Communion Service 10:15am - Adult Bible Class	21 7pm - Svt Luth Chorus Reh	22 1pm - Ladies Guild Mtg. 4:45pm - Confirmation Class	23 Thanksgiving Eve 7pm - Communion Service	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Native American Heritage Day	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent 9am - Communion Service 10:15am - Adult Bible Class	28 7pm - Svt Luth Chorus Reh	29 4:45pm - Confirmation Class	30 5:30pm - Supper 6:40pm - Hymn Sing 7pm - Advent Service 8pm - Decorate Church for Christmas 8:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	1 6:30pm - Stewardship	2	3