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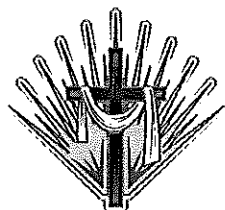
# THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL

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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.

See the attached posters for a  
Pancake Brunch and the list  
for food items to fill the Food  
Pantry's Thanksgiving bags.

Come to participate in the  
Voters Meeting on Sat.,  
October 4 at 10 a.m. for the  
calling of a pastor for St.  
Paul.

Please, please notify the  
church office when your  
address or phone # has  
changed. We are finding data  
in our files that need  
correcting.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sundays, 9:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and  
BIBLE STUDY, 10:30 A.M.**

## ***It's OCTOBER at St. Paul***

***October 4** - A special Saturday **Voters Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** to call a pastor...*

***October 5** - **LWML Sunday** observed with Lutheran churches around the world*

***October 12** - **Divine Service with NO Communion** - Vicar Mike Kampenga will be our guest officiant and speaker.*

***October 19** - **Annual Stewardship Sunday** with a special order of service and a **Faith Journey** message from one of our members.*

*After the service, ALL are invited to the Timothy Room for a **free brunch** served by the Board of Stewardship. Please plan to stay for food and fellowship!*

***October 26** - **Reformation Sunday***

## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

One of my favorite heroes of the faith is a man known as “the father of modern missions.” William Carey was born into a poor family of weavers in 1761. Having a zeal for the Christian faith, Carey began to serve first as a part-time pastor at age 24. Then, after reading of the exploits of American missionaries David Brainerd and Jonathan Edwards, Carey published his own missionary manifesto. Soon thereafter at age 31, Carey began raising funds to travel to India as a pioneer missionary. It was a momentous undertaking and when his father heard the news, he pointed out that William had no academic qualifications for the job. Carey answered, “I can plod.”

And plod he did! This was his typical day:

- 5:45 Devotions and reading a chapter in the Hebrew Bible
- 7:00 Led family prayers in Bengali, read Scripture in Hindustani
- 9:00 Translated Sanskrit into English
- 10:00 Went to college to teach until 2PM
- 2:00 Translated into Bengali until early supper
- 5:00 Translated Sanskrit until he preached to an English congregation at 7:30PM
- 9:00 Translated for 2 hours
- 11:00 Wrote a friend in England and read a chapter of the Greek New Testament

What a prodigious work schedule! Along the way William Carey founded the Serampore College and University – the first-degree awarding university in India. Carey is credited in doing more than anyone else in taking the message of Christ to India and establishing the church there. And he did it because he was a plodder!

Also, as of late you’ve probably heard the name of Charlie Kirk because of his recent assassination being all over the news. Charlie started Turning Point – a mission to the youth of our nation. Twelve years ago, he began out of his garage in the Chicago area and now there are thousands of local chapters. Like William Carey, he too was a plodder who began his day at 5:00AM and ended at 11:00PM. Charlie traveled over 200 days each year while building up a dedicated staff to carry out his work.

I share these examples with you in reaction to the easy beliefism of today that demands and asks nothing of Christ followers. In II Timothy 2 St. Paul calls believers to have the 24/7 dedication of a soldier of Christ, the discipline of an athletic team motivated to give all to achieve victory, and a hard-working farmer holding out for the promise of a beautiful harvest.

## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Again, isn't this in sharp contrast to the country club Christianity practiced by many where you pay your dues and come and go as you please?

Also, do know that through sharing the stories of William Carey and Charlie Kirk, it's not that I want you to emulate their moral standards or work ethic but instead that you would be most moved by observing the power of God's grace upon their lives. Indeed, it's ultimately this amazing grace of God that we too have experienced personally which motivates our pilgrimage toward our final destination in heaven. With fellow saints we plod as individuals and as a church. We are members of Christ's body and I urge you to pray that the Spirit would enable you to more fully find your niche that enables you to use your God-given gifts for the work of the Kingdom.

Perhaps at St. Paul's may there be future plodding as a church united through pursuing something like conducting a Vacation Bible School next year. It would be a challenging work of faith that involves stepping out one foot after another. May you be so moved with a faith inspired by William Carey's motto:

Expect great things from God  
Attempt great things for God.

Yes, many VBS fliers, as illustrated by Jesus' parable of the Sower of the Seed will fall on hard ground, but trust that some will fall into the hands of those receptive to God's Word and will. Yet, whatever you do regarding future endeavors know that it's a win/win situation and God will work a blessing through it that opens the way to further mission efforts.

Here's a great promise from St. Paul in Galatians 6:9:

Let us not grow weary while doing good for in due time we will reap if we do not lose heart.

What's the bottom line? Pilgrim, keep plodding on and you will succeed. With God all things are possible,.

Pastor Gregg

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The deadline for placing articles in the newsletter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

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### **OFFICIAL ACTS**

#### **DEATHS:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Lou Harr (sister of Edna Johnson), called to her eternal rest with Jesus on September 24, 2025. Her burial was held on September 29, 2025.

### **GROW IN CHRIST ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday School meets each Sunday in Room 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Please consider sending your children and grandchildren 3 to 10 years of age to St. Paul for Sunday School. While your children are learning about Jesus and His love, parents are encouraged to attend the Adult Bible Study meeting in the Timothy Room. Please grab something to eat and drink from our refreshment center in the main hall and join us.

**All members** are invited to participate in the discussion that occurs as we study the Bible together in our Adult Bible Study, also beginning at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Timothy Room. “Growing Older and Wiser” is our very interesting new study. Whether we consider ourselves “young”, “middle-aged” or “senior citizen” - or prefer no age label at all, this study with Biblical people as references, will find us growing wiser as we consider and apply the timeless truths of Scripture. Please join us!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

To place flowers for a special occasion or just to beautify our chancel area, please call the church office at 708-423-1040 to reserve a date. Please make your check payable to our flower chairperson, *Terry Hornburg*. Thank you, Terry, for the beautiful arrangements you create each Sunday morning!

# OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

## 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. We want to include you in our prayers.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

**OUR MEMBERS:** Sandy Barry; Betty Beegle; Vic and Marty Both; Jan Briede; Delphine Cherry; Doris Cyga, Jennifer Garcia; Arthur Gerth; Amanda Greene; June Hagberg; Kevin Hickey; Roy Hodgeman; Herta Iversen; Graham Jackson; Janice Janiszewski; Flora Jones; Robert Kaczmarek; Norman Kaminske; Ron Klingensmith; Betty Kruckow; Betty Larson; Elaine Lebron; Bill & Jan Leise; Ingrid Lesko; Warren A. Miller; George Oberg; Dorothy Pavella; Barbara Prendergast; Janice & Rich Przybycien; David Purdy; Rosa Richardson; Lori Safstrom; Dawn Schumann; Kurt Seehofer; Beverly Sellers; Norma Silinski; Carol Small; Richie Vanselow; Bill Volk; Susan E. Volk; Wayne Volk; Mae Weber; Sarah Weber

**OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Larson; Gloria Meyer; Carol Miller, Melva Smith; Delores Stegemann

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:** Lisa Anglin; Barbara Apt; Devon Apt; Carrie Aspan; Lance Barrientos; Cathy Becker; Sue Berg; LeRoy Bitner; Henry Bonder; Gigi Browning; Larry Browning; Sharon Bryant; Selma Carmichel; Frankie Coglinase; Judy Collins; Mike Cyganiewicz; John Darge; Dana DeAngelis; Rudy DeAngelis; Bridget & Nick DeAngelo; Shirley Demyres; George Dodaro, Sr.; Tom Domogal; Justin & Ashley Fasel; Diane Fauser; Triston Ferry; Gloria Folsom; David Franzone; Tom Groh; Jerry Gross; Ted Gross; Donald Hakanson; Shawn Harland; Charley Heitz; Amanda Hermansen; Ann Herold; Elaine Hoffstetter; Doreen Holford; Carl Hoppe; Louise Hrynkow; Kyle Hughes; Rich Huscher; Marissa Jiminez; Dana Kahn; Monica Kato; Debby Kehrli; Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.; Julie King; Debbie Kleeman; Evelyn & Ron Konieski; Neil Konig; Christopher Kosary; Jerry Kreten; Dorothy Kroll; The Lamberth family; Margaret Lundgreen; Bob Marcinkowski; Adrian Martinez; Iris McCoy; Carol Jean and Tim McPhillips; Audrey Metes; Carol Milazzo; Daniel Musser; Roberta Owens; Pam Palhegyi; Patricia Paulsen; Jorene Pierzga; Sandy Plath; Jackie Plichta; Barb Potter; Guillermo Ramirez; Raquel Ramirez; Kimberly Rooney; Sophia Salus; Elmo Schultz; Rhonda Scott; Allyson Seehofer; Linda Shuman; Al Silinski; Gail Skelly; Kim Skelton; Sarah Skelton; Catherine Sorenson; Janet Trierweiler; Bernadette & Rich Trusk; Jose Urena; Vicki Warren; Michael Watkins; Gene Wawrzynikowski; Cindy (Joens) Wendel; Katherine Zeleny; Jean & Al Zirbel

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Aurora DeAngelis (daughter of Michelle and Curtis Simonson), USACE, Detroit, MI; Peter Scialabba (son of Susan Scialabba) Special Forces; Adam Skelton (grandson of Rich and Jan Briede) stationed in Dover, Delaware; Christopher Skopec (son of Steven and Debbie Skopec) stationed in North Carolina; Sean Rosales (son of Ed and Mia Rosales) stationed in Washington.

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

# OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

## MESSAGES FROM OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Dear Fellow Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church:

God blesses us in so many ways! He watches over St. Paul and its members. In the past, we often felt his hand guiding us in our activities and circumstances. As we face challenges in the coming months, God's care and love for us will be no less evident. All of our projects and decisions will work out for our spiritual benefit—just as God has planned. Trust in the Lord!

Life can seem to be complicated, confusing, and frightening. Fortunately, we have God's Word as a source of comfort and direction. The Bible contains over 31,000 verses, many of them focused on God's relationship with believers and his impact on their lives. Here are some verses for you to consider.

1. God is in control of every aspect of our lives and will provide for all our needs.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17:28

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26

2. God will protect and strengthen us regardless of the problems we face.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

3. God loves us and sets an example of how we should love each other.

God...loved us and sent his Son to make personal atonement for our sins. If God loved us as much as that, surely we, in our turn, should love each other. 1 John 4:10,11

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13

Pray for St. Paul and its programs. Participate as much as you can. Regard time spent in God's work as a blessing!

Yours in Christ,

David Witkosky

Board of Elders, St. Paul Lutheran Church

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

A special voters meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** At this meeting the Call Committee will present a list of candidates from which the voters will prayerfully select one individual to be called as our next pastor. All voters are urged to be present for this very important meeting and other members are welcome to participate in the discussion leading up to the vote.

# OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

## MESSAGE FROM SANDY BARRY, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Well, HELLO OCTOBER! Don't you just love how autumn bursts into full swing with its vibrant colors, crisp temperatures, and puts you in the mood for a cup of hot apple cider and fresh baked cinnamon rolls? It's the peak month for meteor showers, a great time to stargaze and pick out your favorite constellations in the sky, and it's also a time to view the Full Harvest Supermoon, which is bigger and brighter than usual and will arrive on October 6th. It hangs low and large on the horizon and is such a beautiful sight!

I'm a sports nut and just have to share this information with you. Did you know that the last two to three weeks in October (and, occasionally, the first week of November) are normally the only time of the year during which ALL of the "Big Four" major professional sports leagues play games? The National Basketball Association begins preseason games. Two weeks later, the regular season of the National Hockey League kicks off. The National Football League is already halfway through their regular seasons and the Major League Baseball League is in its postseason with the Championship Series and World Series games on the horizon. Wow! This is known as a sports equinox! Isn't that fascinating? Football games are just beginning and I'm already looking forward to the Super Bowl!

Here's my recent recovery update. As you know, I've been weaning off immunosuppressants. The successful tapering off of these powerful drugs is another significant milestone and a time for me to celebrate health and stability! I still have a little ways to go before I'm off immunosuppressants completely, but I'm making progress. It's incredible how my energy has improved!

My medical team is working on a schedule to revaccinate me and keep me safe at the same time, especially since it's cold and flu season. Because of the complexities of transplant revaccination and until my body has a chance to build immunities against infection and diseases, I need to avoid contact with anyone who has recently received live vaccines as they can cause infections in transplant patients. I'm fascinated with all the science involved in this procedure. It's complicated!! But, ... I know I'm in good hands.

Cataract surgery for my left eye has been set for October 14th. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, removing cataracts for transplant patients comes with the risk of developing GVHD of the eyes. The specialist performing the surgery is well-versed in treating GVHD of the eyes, so if I develop it during recovery, she knows how to help me and treat the condition. Once my left eye has healed, surgery for my right eye will be scheduled. My ACTUAL birthday is next month and it would be the best birthday present to see God's creation through clear lenses once again. Please pray with me for the best outcome.

It has been a long year and seven months dear friends, and after all this time, you have been with me and for me, just like Jesus. Thank you so very much for your continued support, love, and prayers. I'm still receiving cards, gifts of love, emails, and phone calls that touch my heart, encourage, uplift, and inspire me. You have no idea what all this means to me. There are simply no words to express my deepest appreciation. I am humbled and overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. I can only offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks. May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, surround you and bless you all the days of your life.

My Love, Sandy

# OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

## MESSAGE FROM OPERATION BARNABAS

The 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Luncheon is over! There were 150 participants of which there were 10 disabled veterans from the Manteno Veterans Home. The Scout Troop #668 from St. Mark Lutheran church, Worth, greeted the Veterans as they came in. They worked serving the food, helping veterans carry their trays to their tables, and finally took down the tables and chairs.

The event started with the colors being presented by the Oak Lawn VFW Post 5220. A member of the Scouts led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of the national anthem, led by Mandy (Barry) Signorelli. This was followed by a moment of remembrance with the playing of taps. The opening ceremony ended with the retirement of the colors followed by a short invocation.

Mandy presented several songs, which were very well received. Additional music was presented by DJ Mike. There was a presentation about doing visits to dying veterans in hospice care, and another on Honor Flight. We recognized Barbra Koning (a friend of Sue and John Lilja) who gave Operation Barnabas 9 handmade blankets, which we donated to the Veterans Home at Manteno.

After the meal, Mandy sang the Armed Forces Medley, and the veterans stood as she sang their service song. Then three of the Scouts read the 13 names of the American service men and women killed on August 26, 2021, in the ill-conceived and chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan. A free raffle was held with 32 items given. The benediction was given and that closed the event.

The leftover food was boxed and offered to the veterans to take home. What was left was taken to the local Oak Lawn fire station who in turn gave part of it to a needy family of 13. The meal was catered by Kenootz Pizza and Catering in Midlothian.

The free raffle was made up of 32 items donated by:

The Oak Lawn Hilton (a room for 1 night for 2)

David and John Witkosky in memory of their father Vernon Witkosky, a WWII US Army veteran. (28 gift cards)

Board of Evangelism and Parish Education (1 Gift Basket)

Other (2 bottles of spirits)

Thank you to the following:

Scout Troop #668 for their participation

VFW Post 5220 for their Color Guard participation

American Legion Post 991 Aux. for baked items

American Legion Post 991 Sons for 9 doz. Huck Finn donuts

JoAnne Stiso for her cupcakes



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DJ Mike for supplying music

Mandy Signorelli for singing

The Barnabas team and Elders for their help

Acting Church Admin. Asst Joanna Cauffman and Ruth Sievers for taking the reservations

And the great ladies of the kitchen: Cathy Kumke, Denise and Kylee Murray who are always there ready to help.

And for anyone I missed, a big **THANK YOU** for making the luncheon a success.

The care package program is ongoing, with most of the packages going to LCMS chaplains. The are going to: South Korea, Okinawa, Poland, Romania, Iraq and Syria. Keep the troops in your prayers.

To the congregation, Thank you all for your support!

May GOD bless us all and may GOD bless the USA!

### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Our Adult Choir and Celebration Ringers have returned to regular weekly rehearsals and are preparing for upcoming services. Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Timothy Room, and Celebration Ringers rehearse on Sundays at 10:30 AM, after the worship service. Please come and join us! You may also speak with Jeff Kiel if you have any questions or would like more info. Many thanks to all who make music in the name of our Lord!

In exploring with worship settings, we have recently re-introduced Divine Service Setting Two on September 28 and October 5, and other settings which we have also explored will be sung again in the near future. By using all 5 of the Communion liturgies in our hymnal regularly, we hope to make our worship experience more vibrant and interesting for all who attend. Thanks very much for your patience and openness as we learn new ways to make our praises ring.

Again, thank you for adding your voices in song. By doing so, we know which hymns are your favorites. "There Is a Balm in Gilead" seems to be a popular choice based on what we are hearing in our worship services. God hears our singing and blesses us and our worship when we praise Him with joyful hearts, so let's make a joyful noise!

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

**Stewardship Sunday** will be observed this year on **Sunday, October 19**, at the 9:00 a.m. service. We encourage all of our members to be present to worship with a special order of service, again including a Faith Journey message from one of our members. Following the service, a brunch will be served by the Board of Stewardship in the Timothy Room.

# OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

## MESSAGE FROM FAITH IN ACTION/SOCIAL MINISTRIES

It is a new season, FALL; and the thought of sharing overwhelms all of us as Thanksgiving draws near. Thanksgiving is around the corner, and we are already preparing our food pantry for the holiday bags in November. Martha Moeller, Mike & Debbie Will submitted a Thrivent grant to help cover these costs, so \$750 will be available to offset some of the cost of the Thanksgiving holiday bags. Thank you to our grant writers and also Thrivent for supporting our food pantry mission. If you also would like to help us with this project you can make a monetary donation to offset the cost of the turkey breasts and holiday items, or you can buy extra items that will be gifted in the holiday bags. A flyer is available in this newsletter and will also be available in the bulletin and flyers in the narthex. Also, we are always in need of fall items to warm the body as well: soups, stews, chili, or other meals-in-a-can are items we especially appreciate while the seasons change. We thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

We are so **THANKFUL** for our food pantry partners. In September, we received over 1733 pounds of groceries from our sponsors. We could not fill our bags without our food pantry rescue teams; Barb Rendemen with Panera, Brian Cottrell with Operation Blessing, Jayne Siou with "Put Your Hands Together" Immanuel, Hillside and Kathie Watts with Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Besides the produce and bread products, they support us with meat, dairy, & deli items, along with tortilla chips and Sparkling Ice beverage. They are constantly at our side with support. God has truly blessed us!

Many businesses are looking for an organization to serve during the holidays. If you know of a business that would like to organize a food drive for us during the holidays let us know, and we would be happy to contact them and share our information. Organizing a food pantry drop off space is easy to do, and we can provide the information and are willing to make the pick-up. Fliers about our food pantry are in the narthex.

Are you looking for a place to take your leftover Halloween candy? We would be happy to bag your candy and give it to our food pantry clients. They love sweet treats.

As of September 20th, 2025 we have harvested 573.25#'s of produce for our food pantry clients. That includes 473.5#'s from St. Paul while the OLCG has totaled 99.75#'s. These numbers are down from previous years; I believe, due to the extremely high temperature conditions we experienced this summer. We will still get some radishes and beets from a second planting plus some more tomatoes and peppers. The basil did extremely well this year and while Debbie was preparing bouquets for the clients we received many comments that the pantry smelled like an Italian deli. All in all though, the clients appreciate the fresh produce. The perennial garden still has many blooms and the butterflies are still visible. Thanks again to all the faithful waterers that make this possible! God is good!

Through you and our sponsors we have been blessed to serve those in need. **The September food pantry** served 78 families, 221 individuals. The September BEDS cook team cooked for 15 individuals. The meal included soy baked chicken legs w/ buttered noodles, green beans with a pecan topping, rolls, salad, milk, oranges, and Linda Fogarty's peach cobbler w/ ice cream. Thank you to the Board of Evangelism/Parish Education for the ice cream.

## OUR ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for your constant support of our missions. You are always welcome to join our team, just call the church office and leave us a message (food pantry x18).

### **Operation Blessing's Annual Pancake Brunch**

Please keep the date of November 15th on your calendar. That is the date of Operation Blessing's Annual Pancake Brunch. Operation Blessing is our wonderful sister pantry that shares produce and refrigerated items with us to share with our clients. Supporting this event is a way to give back to them for their gifts. Please support them with your presence at their annual fundraiser. Mike Will is one of the cooks for this event, so please come greet Mike and meet some of the other Operation Blessing team. Please help our sister food pantry raise money to maintain their facility. The cost of the breakfast is \$10/person or \$25/family. The meal will include: pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and baked goods as well. Breakfast will be served from 8 am - 12 pm @ Moraine Valley Church, 6300 West 127th ST, Palos Heights. Fliers about the event are attached and in the bulletin.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES GUILD**

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be on Tuesday, October 28, at 1 p.m. in the Timothy Room. All women are invited for fellowship, refreshments, a short meeting, and a discussion on the LWML – what it is, who it involves, and information about the “mite boxes”, followed by a mite box skit. Please come and join us! Bring a friend!

## **MEMORIALS AND THANKOFFERINGS**

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **Given by:**

Grace Kreten  
Elizabeth Shamasko  
Debbie & Mike Will  
David Purdy  
Debbie & Mike Will  
Mary Lou Degidio

#### **In Memory Of:**

Kathleen Maldre's B-Day  
My Mother's B-Day  
Del Purdy's Heavenly B-Day, 9/28  
Delbert Purdy's B-Day, 9/28  
Herb Kleeman  
Michael Degidio, US Navy '52-56

#### **Designated for:**

Faith In Action (FIA)  
General Fund  
Faith In Action (FIA)  
Operation Barnabas  
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Operation Barnabas

### **THANK OFFERINGS**

#### **Given by:**

Linda & Warren Miller  
Past Ladies' Tea Guild  
Debbie & Mike Will  
Debbie & Mike Will  
Debbie & Mike Will

#### **For:**

48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, 9/10/25  
Blessings  
Aunt Helena Hoffman's 100<sup>th</sup> B-Day, 9/19<sup>th</sup> – FIA  
Ruth Palmer's 93<sup>rd</sup> B-Day  
Debbie's B-Day, 9/28/2025

#### **Designated for:**

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# Annual Pancake Brunch

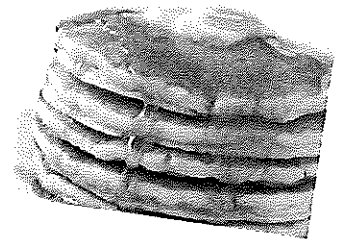


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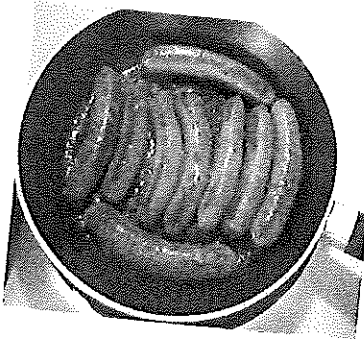
Operation Blessing

Of

Southwest Chicagoland



**We offer gluten  
free pancakes  
too!**



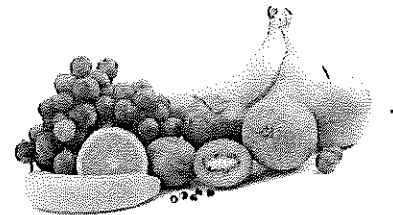
**Saturday, Nov. 15 2025**

**8 am—12 pm**

Moraine Valley Church

6300 West 127th ST.

Palos Heights, IL.

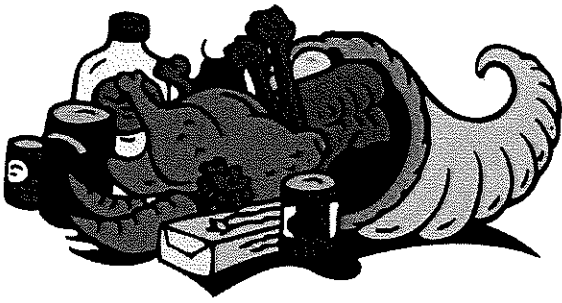


**Bake Sale too!**



**Suggested donation:  
\$10.00 per person -  
\$25.00 per family**

**A tradition for over 40 years!**



# THANKSGIVING

## PANTRY

## NEEDS

Turkey Stuffing/Gravy Packets

Chicken Broth/Instant Mashed Potatoes Peas/Carrots/Cranberry Sauce

Jello or Pudding Package/Frosting

Cake or Brownie Mix/Canned Tomatoes

Cream of Mushroom Soup/ Pork 'n Beans

Extras: Olives, Mushrooms, Manwich,  
Salad dressing

\$\$\$ Money is always welcome! \$\$\$

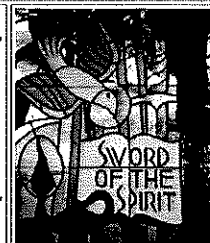
Yes, Thanksgiving is around the corner! During the month of October, we are preparing Thanksgiving bags for families in need.

*On **November 5th & 19th**, these holiday bags will also include a turkey breast.*

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.

On **Wednesday, November 26th**, we are having a **Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service** and it's during that service, that we will take up a collection of non-perishable items for the food pantry. Monetary donations can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church via a church envelope or 'Simply Giving' on-line, but *please designate FIA donation on the by line.*

**FIA will also distribute Christmas bags on December 3rd & 17th.** Your support with donations of non-perishable food is always appreciated, and a list of needed items for the holiday bags are listed above. We thank you ahead of time for your generosity, and we do not mind shopping for you!

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Oak Lawn, Illinois****October 2025**
 November


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 am VOTERS MEETING to call a pastor
<b>5 LWML Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study 10:30 am Celebration Ringers rehearsal	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Bd of Elders 6:30 pm Bd of Evangelism/Parish Ed 6:30 pm Faith In Action 6:30 pm Bd of Stewardship 6:30 pm Bd of Trustees	<b>8</b> NO Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Worship - NO Communion 10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study 10:30 am Celebration Ringers rehearsal	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Ladies Guild Board 10:30 am Operation Barnabas 6:30 pm Church Council	<b>15</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 2:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Stewardship Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Stewardship Brunch in the Timothy Room	<b>20</b> 3:00 pm BEDS Cook Team 7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sun School & Bible Study 10:30 am Celebration Ringers rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm SW Lutheran Chorus rehearsal	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm Ladies Guild	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>November 1</b>