

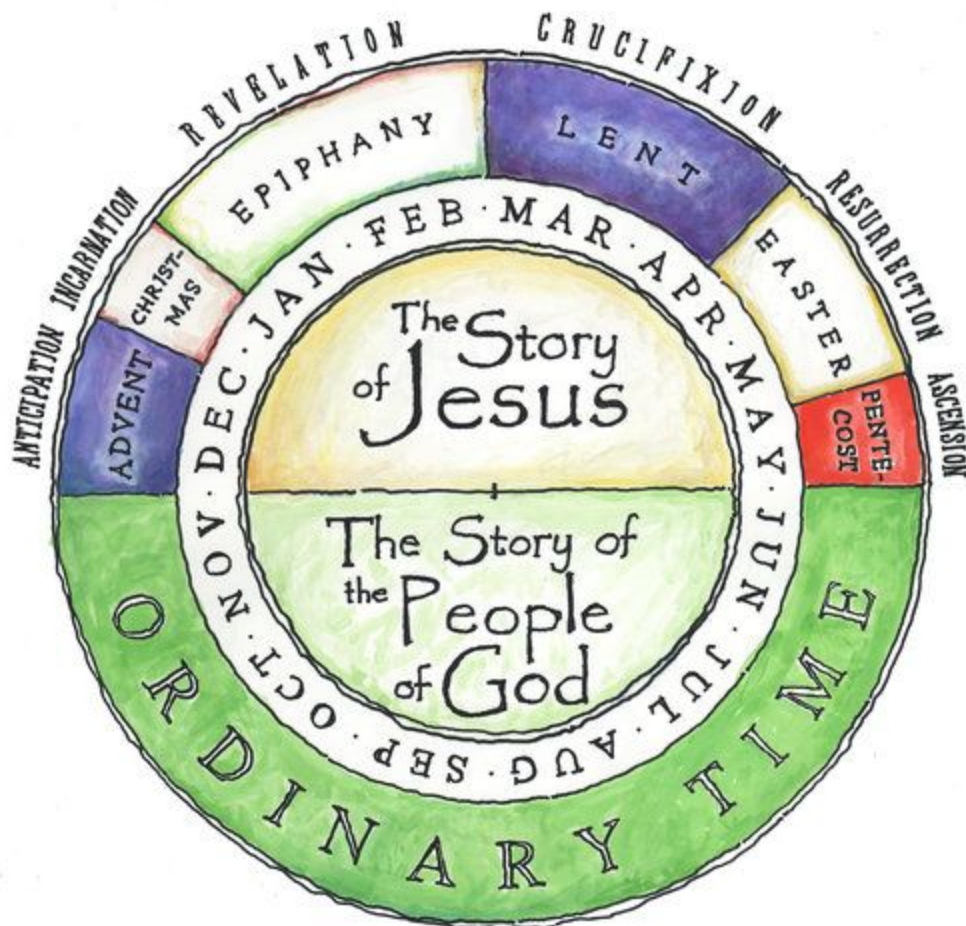


ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

November 2019

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THE CHURCH YEAR



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 3- ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

NOVEMBER 5-ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH-VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 17TH-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-FISH FRY

NOVEMBER 28TH-THANKSGIVING-OFFICE CLOSED

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
11/03	8:30 Traditional	Mel Grunau	Jennifer Hinton Ginny Anderson	Lynnette Ozanich	Lois Antl	Jennifer Hinton Maria Phillips	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00 New Song	Dave Hall	Dave & Chris Hall	Dean Firing		Debbie Baechle	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	
11/10	8:30 New Song	Mike King	Mike & Linda King	Sherrill Crawford	Jan Bairoti		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00 Traditional	Danelle Eikens	Lois Wolfe Cathie Varnes	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
11/17	10:00 Traditional	Bonnie Sears	Alice Chadbourne Gail Hansen	Meg Montag or Jon Montag	Jan Bairoti		Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
11/24	8:30 Celebration	Paul Heyse	Charles Russo Judy Stintsman	Liz Wittmann	Beth Boerke		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears	Tania French	Adam & Jennifer Hinton
	11:00 Traditional	Cheryl Harkema	Lynne Morella Danelle Eikens	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	Alice Chadbourne Nancy Thompson

DECEMBER LECTORS AND SERVERS

10:00

<u>01-Dec</u>	LECTOR	Tom Herr
	SERVERS	Adam Hinton
		Jennifer Hinton
<u>08-Dec</u>	LECTOR	N/A Cantata
	SERVERS	Tiffany Salay

8:30

<u>15-Dec</u>	LECTOR	Diane Ferreri
	SERVERS	Charles Russo
		Gail Hansen
<u>22-Dec</u>	LECTOR	Mike King
	SERVERS	Linda King
		Mike King

11:00

Cheryl Harkema
Liz Campbell
Jeff Campbell
Diane Ferreri
Linda Jungeberg
Ginny Anderson

10:00

<u>29-Dec</u>	LECTOR	Bette Idemoto
	SERVERS	Anna Mae Migra
		Judy Stintsman



Historical Time & Biographical Time

Daniel Skillman, Pastor

As we approach the end of one church year and the start of another, my thoughts turn to the nature and passage of time, the way we order our time, and the things that we give our attention to during the short time we have.

There is the time of history,
and there is the time of biography.

We do not live in the time of history, the time of the grand narrative; the time of the streams, rivers, mountains, and glaciers; the time of the sun, the moon, and the stars. We live in the time of biography. We live our life times, our 70 years (some more, some tragically less). Historical time is measured in centuries. We are not given historical time. We are given only biographical time. We have but one life to live, and it is short.

We will almost surely not make even a small dent in history.

We will live.

We will die.

And we will be forgotten. Quickly.

But even if we made some mark, like Julius Caesar, or Adolf Hitler, not even that would last very long. The mountains look on the lives of even the most significant of men, and they laugh, "We were here before you, and we will be here long after your memory and the memory of your entire species has been long forgotten." And the stars laugh at the mountains.

This should teach us several lessons. The first I would like to highlight is this: We should lay down our messianic aspirations. That is to say, we should acknowledge, on a deep level, that we will not and can not save the world. It is impossible. The world belongs to historical time, and that is a time that we can scarcely touch, let alone handle and shape. We should forsake every ambition of shaping the course of history. It just isn't going to happen, and all we'll do trying to make it happen is waste our lives, and make those around us miserable as we treat them like pawns in our game of shaping the future so as to "leave a lasting legacy."

Messiahs come to save the world, and to buy the future telling of history. That is outside of our power. The most we can hope for is to redeem this present moment, the moment of our brief biography.

We can live in **this** time.

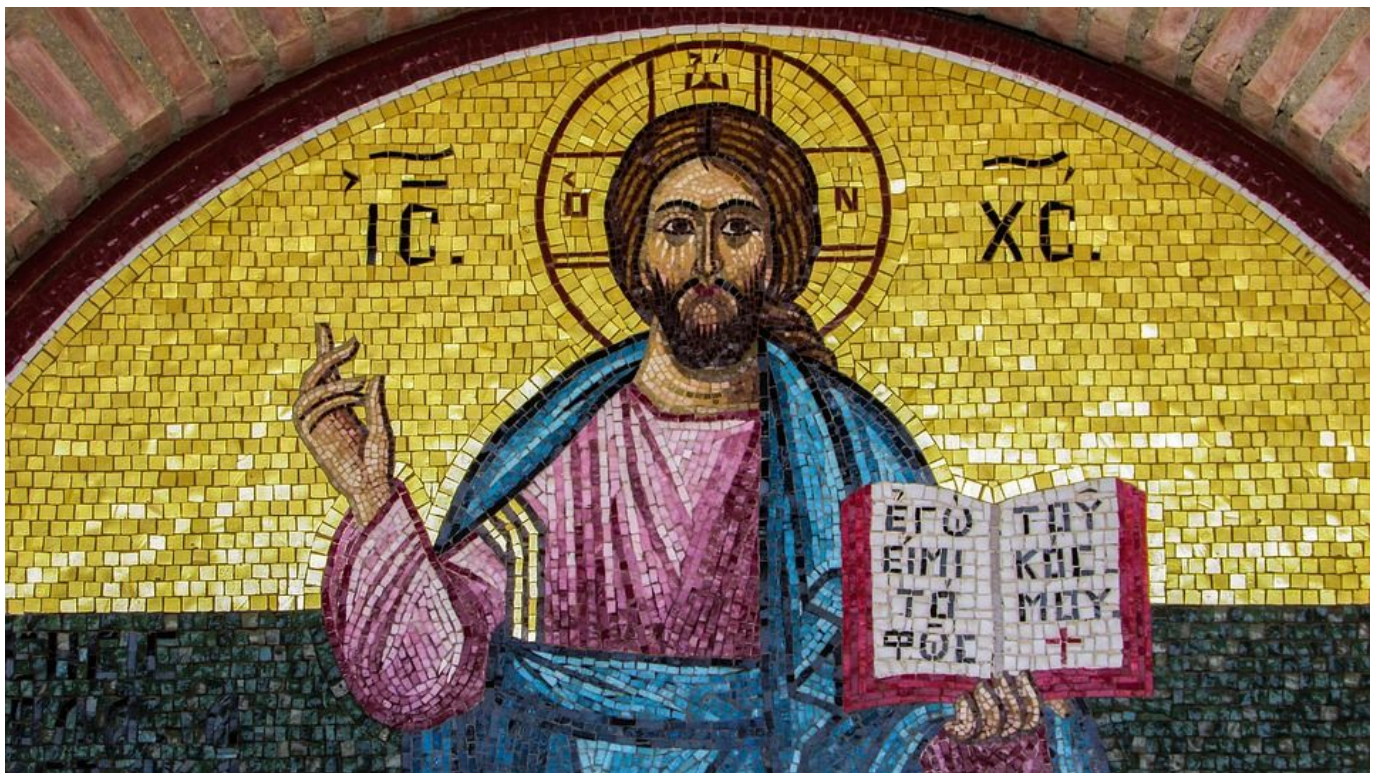
That is all.

And that is **enough**.

You do not know what your life will mean to history. You will never know. You can never know. It is not given to us to know the whole of the story and our place in it. All that we can do is write our chapter, our paragraph, our sentence.

When we keep our eye on historical time, the time of our biography slips away from us. Faced with the immensity of historical time, we are paralyzed by our minuteness. What is the book of a single author compared to the oceans of books in the libraries of the world? What are the actions of your life when compared to the countless actions of the countless number of lives that have been lived up to this point? We are simply too small to play on so grand a stage as historical time. Nihilism becomes not only the reasonable, but the sensible response. "Nothing I do matters." When we try to live in historical time, we can not live fully; we can not live abundantly. We die before we die.

Here is my advice. Forget trying to affect historical time. Accept your infinitesimally small role in a far grander narrative that you could possibly hope to fully comprehend, let alone substantially alter. See yourself as a single tile in a mosaic of billions of such tiles, that when you pull back, looks like Jesus.



What I'm suggesting is this: think of historical time as a portrait that has already been drawn by the artistic finger of God, and that it looks like the person of Jesus Christ.

The grand narrative of historical time is a story of
grace overcoming greed,
mercy overcoming cruelty,
peace overcoming war,
forgiveness overcoming condemnation,
and love overcoming hate.

The story has already been written. The trajectory has already been set. What is left for us (and it is quite important) is to reflect in the microcosm of our biographical time the macrocosmic work of Jesus Christ in historical time.

We cannot save the world.

But we can save a hungry person from their hunger, an impoverished person from their poverty, or a lonely person from their solitude.

Our words will not be remembered by the masses.

But they might be remembered by the one we spoke kindly to when they needed a kind word.

We cannot raise up a nation.

But we can raise our children.

We cannot stamp out racism.

But we can refuse to be racist, and we can work against systems that uphold racism.

We cannot save the world.

But if our love can stop someone from committing suicide, then we can save the world **for them.**

The front cover of this edition of Highlights nods in the direction of the Church Year, and inside, I've included a fuller outline of the Church Year calendar for you to consider. The Church Year is a good way to picture historical time as the time of Jesus and the time of the Church. Referencing the touchstone of the historical time of the Church year is an antidote to both the pride that would see us neglect the people present to us in this moment in favor of "making our mark," and the despair that tells us that our lives don't really matter.

Your life matters. No, they will not carve your face into the side of a mountain. And, even if they did, the mountain will crumble, and your carved face along with it, in the time of history anyway. But the grace you give, the mercy you show, the peace you make, the forgiveness you offer, and the love you live can carve your face into the soul of another human being right now in the time of your biography. And that is what truly matters.

FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

September 30, 2019

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 285,892.96	\$ 367,749.00	\$ (81,856.04)	\$ 302,395.69
Building Use	5,624.00	5,400.00	224.00	4,890.00
Interest	127.29	135.00	(7.71)	90.14
Other Income	3,858.42	5,400.00	(1,541.58)	5,886.41
Total Income	\$ 295,502.67	\$ 378,684.00	\$ (83,181.33)	\$ 313,262.24
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/(Under Budget)	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	28,589.23	37,890.00	9,300.77	30,239.58
Worship	7,737.84	11,509.00	3,771.16	7,210.81
Programs & Services	9,048.40	13,009.00	3,960.60	6,877.47
Property	43,155.09	84,072.00	40,916.91	67,110.79
Staff Salaries and Benefits	158,708.60	185,065.00	26,356.20	167,259.92
Contracted Services	22,428.00	24,750.00	2,322.00	22,497.53
Administration & Support	15,396.19	22,011.00	6,614.81	18,663.96
Total Expenses	285,063.55	378,306.00	93,242.45	319,860.06
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,439.12	\$378.00	\$ 10,061.12	(\$6,597.82)

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending September 30, 2019, has an operating surplus of \$10,439, year-to-date September 30, 2018, was at a deficit of \$6,598, a \$17,000 improvement. Congregational Contributions through September 2019 are still a little more than \$16k less than contributions received through September 2018, a decrease of 5.5%. Building Use/Other Income is about \$1,200 less than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at September 30, 2019, is almost \$18,000 less than at September 30, 2018. Congregational Contributions and Total Income are under budget by more than \$83,000.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling program, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses

Total expenses are under budget by just over \$93K as of September 30, 2019. Total expenses YTD are almost \$35k less than total expenses as of September 2018. **Note:** Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of September 30, 2019	As of September 30, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 113,072.56	\$ 158,220.95	\$ (45,148.39)
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	636,439.19	589,086.17	47,353.02
Total Assets	\$ 3,791,060.75	\$ 3,788,856.12	\$ 2,204.63
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,535.81	\$ 8,818.00	\$ (3,282.19)
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	7,528.00	(7,528.00)
Payroll Withholding	2,626.59	1,698.65	927.94
Accrued Expenses and Other	250.00	100.00	150.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	139,130.12	167,168.87	(28,038.75)
Total Liabilities	\$ 147,542.52	\$ 185,313.52	\$ (37,771.00)
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (33,269.96)	\$ (19,564.57)	\$ (13,705.39)
Investments (Endowment)	635,239.19	581,558.17	53,681.02
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,643,518.23	\$ 3,603,542.60	\$ 39,975.63
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,791,060.75	\$ 3,788,856.12	\$ 2,204.63

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.



COUNCIL CORNER

To Follow up from last month's Highlights, the Financial situation remains very tight in that revenues and expenses are about even. Council will continue to monitor the situation with a full report at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November. This month, I would like to address the need for members of the congregation to volunteer. Ushers, Door Greeters and Greeters are needed. If you are interested, please see Wes Hansen. In addition, if anyone has an interest in serving on Church council, please let any of the current members know.

Also, Volunteers are needed on the following committees:

- Education (see Randy Genther or Susan Moore)
- Worship (see Pastor or Dean Firing)
- Finance (see Jon Montag)
- Property (see Jim Jungeberg)
- Endowment (See Jack Flick)
- Outreach (See Rob Winwood or Joan Holden)

These committees are vital to St. Paul's. Your input can help make the church a better organization.

Jack Flick
Council President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Jack Flick, Randy Genther, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Dan Skillman

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Sunday November 17th

One Service 10 am

Meeting 11:15 am

Fish Fry immediately following meeting

Fish and French Fries provided

Please bring a Side Dish or Dessert to share



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee received the proposed budget for 2020 from the Council and is pleased to report that the 2020 budget the congregation will be voting on includes funds to replace the roof and gutters on the sanctuary. Although in the 2019 budget approved, the Council directed Property Committee not to proceed with the roofing project this year due to the decline in the income of our church and the unpredictable year-end financial result the congregation might find itself in. The annual budget for 2020 has been pared to present an attainable plan based upon current income levels.

The Property Committee now is working to update the 15 year plan so that projects that can provide savings to the church in operating costs, such as converting all lighting to LED bulbs, will be given a higher priority so that more funds can be available for the longer range replacement needs.

Thanks to the Congregation for your continued faith in the Property Committee and the 15 Year Plan. Please prayerfully consider your giving status so that the Church Council and Property Committee can confidently proceed with the replacement of the Sanctuary roof.

This past Sunday a leak in the Sanctuary roof was noted because the newly refinished ceiling sustained a crack in the drywall and minor water stain damage. Colony Roofing has made temporary repairs to the suspected cause, but it is essential that the roof be replaced before another failure occurs and the renovation work in the sanctuary below is further damaged. (Note: The President of Council has assured me that the money will be available to replace the roof in 2020.)

Jim Jungeberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



CALLING ALL KIDS-

It is not too late! Sunday School is in full swing and we would love to have you join us. Classes meet from 9:45-10:45 for 3-year-olds to High School students. Bring a friend and meet some great new friends here at St. Paul. Please join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS- ADVENT WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 1 AFTER OUR 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

JOIN US FOR PIZZA/SALAD/ BROWNIE BAR LUNCH

CRAFTS

HELP US TIE BLANKETS

PLAY CHRISTMAS BINGO WITH SOME COOL PRIZES

LIVE MUSIC

JOIN THE FUN!

We are in need of folks who are willing to lend a hand at our Advent Workshop. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the east doors. We could really use your help.

Thanks so much!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Mark your calendars for December 15 from 9:45-10:45 during our Sunday School hour. Families are invited to join us ... moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, sisters, brothers, friends etc. Watch for further details. You won't want to miss it!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

November 3 8:45 Education Meeting
(Sunday School Office)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School

November 10 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church

November 17 *No Sunday School*
10:00 Worship Service
11:15 Congregational Meeting
Fish Fry immediately following meeting

November 24 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children's Church

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulbera.org



St. Paul Preschool Popcorn Fundraiser

St. Paul Preschool will be having it's 5th annual popcorn fundraiser! Grand Junction popcorn is a locally owned company that makes delicious popcorn. Order forms can be found in the hallway by the church office. The cost is \$6.00 for savory flavors and \$7.00 for sweet flavors. All proceeds will benefit our preschool scholarship program. Our fundraiser will run from Oct 15- Nov 15. Popcorn will be available for pick up in the church office the week of 12/2. Checks made payable to St. Paul Preschool.

Thanks -

Liz Campbell

Sharon Genter





STAY TUNED-UPDATES WILL BE IN THE BULLETINS



ADVENT READERS

Each year families take part in our Advent services by leading the lighting of the Advent Wreath and reading about the candle of the week. We need readers for Dec. 15th at the early service and December 22nd at the late service. If you are interested in doing this for 2019, please contact Marie Herr at 440-243-3732 or the church office at 440-243-1144.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Stewardship is first and foremost a faith issue. It has to do with everything that happens after our baptism. A faith that is Biblically based and grounded in the knowledge of the saving love of Jesus will be one that enables us to give freely, joyfully, and proportionately, and from the first of our fruits. From the top of our budget. Not the leftovers.

2019–2020 Lectionary

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<u>SEASON / COLOR</u>		<u>DATE</u>	<u>FESTIVAL</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
ADVENT	1	Dec. 01	Ad Te Levavi First S. in Advent	Jer. 23:5–8	Rom. 13:8–14	<u>Matt. 21:1–9</u> The Triumphal Entry According to St. Mt.
	2	Dec. 08	Populus Zion Second S. in Advent	Mal. 4:1–6	Rom. 15:4–13	<u>Luke 21:25–36</u> The Coming of the Son of Man
	3	Dec. 15	Gaudete Third S. in Advent	Is. 40:1–11	1 Cor. 4:1–5	<u>Matt. 11:2–11</u> Jesus & St. John the Baptist
	4	Dec. 22	Rorate Coeli Fourth S. in Advent	Deut. 18:15–19	Phil. 4:4–7	<u>John 1:19–28</u> The Confession of St. John the Baptist
CHRISTMAS	4.2	Dec. 24 (Evening)	The Nativity of Our Lord (Midnight)	Is. 9:2–7	Titus 2:11–14	<u>Luke 2:1–20</u> The Nativity According to St. Lk.
	4.3	Dec. 25 (Tuesday)	The Nativity of Our Lord (Day)	Ex. 40:17–21, 34–38	Titus 3:4–7	<u>John 1:1–18</u> The Word Became Flesh
	5	Dec. 29	First Sunday After Christmas	Is. 11:1–5	Gal. 4:1–7	<u>Luke 2:22–40</u> The Presentation of Jesus
EPIPHANY	6	Jan. 05	The Epiphany of Our Lord (transferred from 06 January)	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	<u>Matt. 2:1–12</u> The Visit of the Magi
	7	Jan. 12	Baptism of Jesus	Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17	1 Cor. 1:26–31	<u>Matt. 3:13–17</u> The Baptism of Jesus
	8	Jan. 19	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Exodus 13:12–23	Eph. 5:21–33	<u>John 2:1–11</u> The Wedding at Cana
	9	Jan. 26	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	2 Kings 5:1–15a	Romans 1:8–17	<u>Matt. 8:1–13</u> Many Will Come from East and West
	10	Feb. 02	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ex. 34:29–35	2 Peter 1:16–21	<u>Matt. 17:1–9</u> The Transfiguration According to St. Mt.
PRE-LENT	11	Feb. 09	Septuagesima	Ex. 17:1–7	1 Cor. 9:24–10:5	<u>Matt. 20:1–16</u> The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
	12	Feb. 16	Sexagesima	Is. 55:10–13	2 Cor. 11:19–12:9	<u>Luke 8:4–15</u> The Parable of the Sower
	13	Feb. 23	Quinquagesima	1 Sam. 16:1–13	1 Cor. 13:1–13	<u>Luke 18:31–43</u> Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho

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ASH WEDNESDAY	13.2	Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19	2 Peter 1:2–11	<u>Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21</u> Alms, Prayer, & Fasting
LENT	14	March 01	Invocavit First S. in Lent	Gen 3:1–21	2 Cor. 6:1–10	<u>Matt. 4:1–11</u> The Temptation of Jesus According to St. Mt.
	15	March 08	Reminiscere Second S. in Lent	Gen 32:22–32	1 Thess. 4:1–7	<u>Matt. 15:21–28</u> The Faith of a Canaanite Woman
	16	March 15	Oculi Third S. in Lent	Ex. 8:16–24	Eph. 5:1–9	<u>Luke 11:14–28</u> Jesus & Beelzebul
	17	March 22	Laetare Fourth S. in Lent	Ex. 16:2–21	Gal. 4:21–31	<u>John 6:1–15</u> Jesus Feeds the 5,000
	18	March 29	Judica Fifth S. in Lent	Gen. 22:1–14	Heb. 9:11–15	<u>John 8:42–59</u> Children of Abraham or of the Devil?
Holy Week	19	April 05	Palm Sunday <i>Sunday of the Passion</i>	Zech. 9:9–12	Phil 2:5–11	<u>Matt. 21: 26:1–27:66</u> The Passion According to St. Mt.
	19.2	April 09	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 12:1–14	1 Cor. 11:23–32	<u>John 13:1–15, 34–35</u> A New Commandment
	19.3	April 10	Good Friday	Selections	-	<u>John 18:1–19:42</u> The Passion According to St. John
EASTER	20	April 12	The Resurrection of Our Lord	Is. 25:6–9	1 Cor. 15:1–11	<u>John 20:1–18</u> Mary Magdalene Encounters the Risen Jesus
	21	April 19	Quasimodo Geniti Second S. of Easter	Ezek. 37:1–14	1 John 5:4–10	<u>John 20:19–31</u> Jesus Assures Doubting Thomas
	22	April 26	Misericordias Domini Third S. of Easter	Ezek. 34:11–16	1 Peter 2:21–25	<u>John 10:11–16</u> The Good Shepherd
	23	May 03	Jubilate Fourth S. of Easter	Is. 40:25–31	1 Peter 2:11–20	<u>John 16:16–22</u> Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy
	24	May 10	Cantate Fifth S. of Easter	Is. 12:1–6	James 1:16–21	<u>John 16:5–15</u> The Work of the Holy Spirit
	25	May 17	Rogate Sixth S. of Easter	Num. 21:4–9	1 Tim. 2:1–6	<u>John 16:23–33</u> Prayer in Jesus' Name
	26	May 24	The Ascension of Our Lord (Transferred from May 30)	2 Kings 2:5–15	Acts 1:1–11	<u>Luke 24:44–53</u> The Ascension according to St. Lk.
PENTECOST	27	May 31	The Day of Pentecost	Gen. 11:1–9	Acts 2:1–21	<u>John 14:23–31</u> Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

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TRINITY	28	June 07	The Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1–7	Rom. 11:33–36	John 3:1–17 God Loved the World This Way
	29	June 14	First Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 15:1–6	1 John 4:16–21	Luke 16:19–31 The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus
	30	June 21	Second Sunday after Trinity	Prov. 9:1–10	Eph. 2:13–22	Luke 14:15–24 The Parable of the Great Banquet
	31	June 28	Third Sunday after Trinity	Micah 7:18–20	1 Tim. 1:12–17	Luke 15:11–32 The Parable of the Prodigal Son
	32	July 05	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 50:15–21	Romans 12:14–21	Luke 6:36–42 The Speck and the Log
	33	July 12	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19:11–21	1 Cor. 1:18–25	Luke 5:1–11 The Call of Peter, James, and John
	34	July 19	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Ex. 20:1–17	Rom. 6:(1–2) 3–11	Matt. 5:17–26 I Have Not Come to Abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to Fulfill Them
	35	July 26	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 2:7–17	Rom. 6:19–23	Mark 8:1–9 Jesus Feeds the 4,000
	36	August 02	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Jer. 23:16–29	Acts 20:27–38	Matt. 7:15–23 Beware of False Prophets
	37	August 09	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	2 Sam. 22:26–34	1 Cor. 10:6–13	Luke 16:1–13 The Dishonest Manager
	38	August 16	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Jer. 8:4–12	Rom. 9:30—10:4	Luke 19:41–48 The Cleansing of the Temple
	39	August 23	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 4:1–15	Eph. 2:1–10	Luke 18:9–14 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
	40	August 30	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Is. 29:17–24	2 Cor. 3:4–11	Mark 7:31–37 Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute
	41	September 06	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	2 Chron. 28:8–15	Gal. 3:15–22	Luke 10:23–37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan
	42	September 13	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Prov. 4:10–23	Gal. 5:16–24	Luke 17:11–19 Jesus Cleanses 10 Lepers
	43	September 20	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 17:8–16	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Matt. 6:24–34 Do Not Worry
	44	September 27	St. Michael and All Angels (transferred)	Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3	Rev. 12:7–12	Matt. 18:1–10 Their Angels Always See the Face of My Father

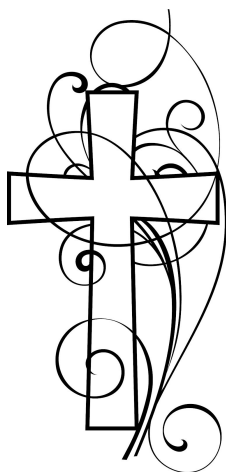
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	45	October 04	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 25:6-14	Eph. 4:1-6	Luke 14:1-11 Everyone Who Exalts Himself Will Be Humbled...
	46	October 11	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Deut. 10:12-21	1 Cor. 1:4-9	Matt. 22:34-46 The Great Commandment
	47	October 18	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 28:10-17	Eph. 4:22-28	Matt. 9:1-8 Jesus Heals a Paralytic and Forgives Sin
	48	October 25	Reformation Day (Transferred from Oct 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Rom. 3:19-28	Matt. 11:12-19 The Kingdom of Heaven has Suffered Violence
	49	November 01	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12 The Beatitudes
	50	November 08	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	Micah 6:6-8	Phil. 1:3-11	Matt. 18:21-35 The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
	51	November 15	Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 8:11-22	Phil. 3:17-21	Matt. 22:15-22 Give to God What Is God's
	52	November 22	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Is. 65:17-25	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:1-13 The Parable of the Ten Virgins

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 3RD

THIS YEAR WE REMEMBER



Irene Pickersgill

Tex Bynum

Linda Miller

Glen Baehr

Patricia Luster

Rebecca Kushman

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kellen Kolozvary Jaina & Chesley Cormack Audrey Parker Terri Randoff Amy Norris
 Bob Carlson Christopher Skrok Amy Williams Dillon Cap Amy Myers Doris Bischof
 Pam Coates Randy Randoff Barbara Caves Dave T. Jeff Carson Chris Brooks
 Shalamar Brooks Jeff Griffy Culley & Neal Coughlin Clair Brewer The Graham Family
 Ava Perzel Dave Tessmer Julie Arndt Nyla Wilson Lisa Marks Rosario Rodrigo
 Humberto Chris Bachmann Sam Stintzman Adra Lee Smith Georgia Davie Judy Rickle
 Renee Claude` D'arras Rick Rasgaitus Pastor Evans Sandy Henning Shane Stone
 Walter Heyse Harrison Baker Harold Daniels Linda Merryman Art Earl Keith Forster
 Nicole Anjean Poyer Jean Meresko Alan White III Bonnie Carson Dave Stevenson

In Military Service

Stephen Krutko Josh Reichlin Ricky Henley Jordan Taylor Jay McLaughlin
 Marcus Harold Christopher Neumann Ben Campbell Sarah Raber Logan Allie Pat
 Rawlinson Alex Wright Brandon Avery Erica Strong Tyler Kreal

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD

The team that went to the Middle East returned at the end of Sept. They had a full week of distribution of wheelchairs to families who brought petite children with spina bifida, teens and seniors with a variety of challenges, young and elderly in need of mobility aids.

One family set out a padded mat on the ground and dad carried in their daughter who appeared to be about 8 or 9 but who is actually 15 years old, and carefully set her on the mat. She laid stiffly with little movement while her mother sat protectively near her head. Her younger brother played nearby with toys and treats that were given to him, making his sister's brown eyes sparkle and bring a smile to her lips. She could communicate though unable to speak...through her smiles or through gentle moans to express discomfort. With a severe scoliosis curving her back and her limb muscles stiff with atrophy, it was a challenge to seat her with sufficient support to be comfortable in a chair. After assessment, a reclining wheelchair was selected. While not completely horizontal, setting the back down to about a 140 degree angle, she could be lifted slightly upright, but the chair required additional cushioning for her back. Without it, she would moan her discomfort. Multiple adaptations were adjusted and her father would gently place her in the chair - inevitably a soft moan would indicate she still did not have the full support she needed. This was one of the fittings that took some time.

While waiting, translators visited with her and her mom, and with care and sensitivity to their struggles, shared God's love and pointed towards the gift book each recipient is offered - Joni's biography - that tells of the eternal hope God gave her in the midst of living with significant disability.

After further adjustments and trials, her father lifted her, for the last time, into her customized chair. It was one of those moments...a smile spread across her face, her brother smiled, mom and dad smiled, it was the first time she seemed to relax as her body felt uniquely supported. And we never heard another moan of discomfort from her lips as her family and therapists (and all who helped with her chair) gathered around for photos before farewell kisses and handshakes as they departed for home.



SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



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LMM-COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY

We provide a variety of support services. We help people find employment. We help them find substance abuse treatment. LMM has a culinary program here for those interested in becoming chefs. We have a Young African American Reclamation Project Jr. in metropolitan housing.

We have a Friend to Friend prison visitation program. We recruit and train volunteers. Some of those are returning citizens who have brought stability to their lives, who want to give back.

Cuyahoga County probably leads the nation in its work with returning citizens. We have a Ban the Box campaign: taking the question about crime off the application. Cleveland and the county have done it. A general bias still exists, but where people have been exposed to some facts about returning citizens, they are open and receptive.

GROCERY PACKING AT REDEEMER



Grocery packing will take place Friday November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you would like to carpool, please meet at Panera Middleburg Hts at 5:30 p.m. if you wish to eat before going to Redeemer. If you just want a ride, be there by 6:00 p.m. Redeemer provides pizza.

Packing for Christmas will take place on Friday December 13th at 6:30 p.m

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES

Bodywash, Soap, Shampoo, Lotion

**In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month**



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tuesday November 12, at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost \$5.00**

**Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316**

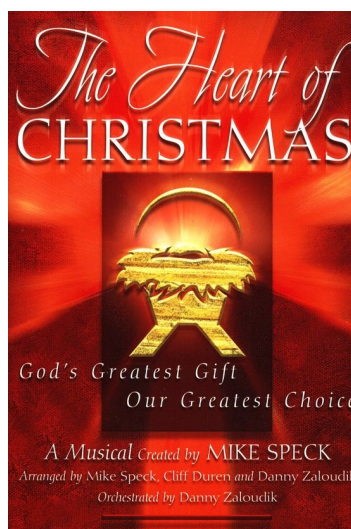
SOCK DRIVE FOR REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

One of our confirmation students, Lydia Miller, is organizing a sock drive as her service project. We will be collecting socks of all types, individual pairs or multi-packs for all ages, Men, women and children. We will collect from November 3rd through December 1st. The socks will be delivered to the Redeemer Crisis Center to be distributed to those in need.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA DECEMBER 8TH 10AM

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata "The Heart of Christmas" will begin on Wednesday evening, October 30th at 7:30 p.m. Please let Dale know if you would like to join us. A few Sunday rehearsals will be held if necessary.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Samaritan's Purse is an organization headed by Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son). They have been collecting shoeboxes of gifts for needy children throughout the world. If you would like to participate, we have boxes available in the church office along with instructions for filling them for specific age groups and genders. There is a fee of \$9 per box which needs to be enclosed to cover shipping. The boxes should be secured with rubber bands or tape. Filled boxes should be returned to the church office by November 17th.



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I wish to order a poinsettia plant(s) for the Christmas season. The money or check (made out to St. Paul Altar Guild) is enclosed. Deadline for ordering is December 8th

PLEASE PLACE ENVELOPE IN THE BOX ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.
 Name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin

Phone _____

PLANTS - \$9.75 each

I WISH THE BULLETIN TO READ:

_____ Red Blooms

To the Glory of God _____

_____ White Blooms

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ I will pick up plant(s)

_____ Altar Guild is to give plant(s) to homebound person

Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, after service on Christmas Day or during the week from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. daily when the church is open. Any questions, contact the church office (440-243-1144) or call Barb Daniels or Ginny Anderson.