

# St. Paul's News

November 2022

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## REMEMBER GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GIVE THANKS!

*For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.*

*You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.*

*Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.*

*When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions.*

*He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.*

*Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."*

*But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.*

(Deuteronomy 8:7-18)

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## A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

"Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Enjoy and give thanks!  
Pastor Mike*

## SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited to be back in Sunday School! Classes for children ages 1 to 10 years old will continue every second Sunday of the month during the 10:30 service. Join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship.

Below is a list of Sunday School dates for this school year.

November 13	March 12
December 11	April 2*
January 8	May 14
February 12	

[\*1st Sunday of the month due to Easter]



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Scan the QR code to sign up to help our pre-school aged students! Helpers are NOT required to teach a lesson. Books to read, songs to sing, and toys to play with are all available in the preschool area. You can also call/text/email me to volunteer.

Looking ahead for when the snow starts flying...Parents, please make sure I have your cell phone number. If we need to cancel worship on a Second Sunday, I will text you to let you know. Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School program. See you on November 13!

## CHILI & SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will sell homemade chili and soup on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m., on the square in Orwigsburg. Our soup is \$7/quart or 3 quarts for \$20 and chili is \$8/quart or 2 quarts for \$15. Many homemade baked goods will also be available to purchase. Thank you for your support!

## ALL SAINTS

All Saints will be observed during our worship on Saturday November 5, and Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Below is a list of members and friends of our congregation who have passed on since our last All Saints services:

*Joyce E. Beneck*

*Jeffrey H. Post*

*Elaine L. Kamp*

*Edith E. Kriner*

*Gladys J. Santee*

*Gary S. Young*

*Carl L. Rarick*

*Joy A. Wolfe*

*David C. Yuengling*

If you know any other names which you believe should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Mike (570-366-2316) at your earliest convenience.

A "Table of Remembrance" will be featured during our worship services. We invite everyone to bring pictures of loved ones who have passed on and place those pictures on the table, so that together we can give thanks to God for their lives and share our memories.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our friends at St. John's U.C.C. are hosting a Community Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 7 p.m. This will be the first in-person community service of its kind since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pastor Mike and members of our choir plan to take part in this service and hope that this is the beginning of many more shared community services here in Orwigsburg!

## **WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR LITTLE ONES!**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, and Salem United Methodist Church have joined forces with the PTO from Blue Mountain East Elementary School to help hungry children and their families.

Unfortunately, too many of the children who attend East Elementary School come to school hungry. Often a snack and a fruit drink can mean the difference between learning and just showing up.

Our three churches have pledged to help hungry children and their needy families by providing grocery gift cards and/or by donating nutritious individually wrapped snacks and fruit drinks to East Elementary School.

If you would like to help, please purchase a gift card (not to exceed \$25) from Boyer's Food Market or Redner's Warehouse Market and/or bring individually wrapped snacks and fruit drinks to our church by Sunday, November 13, 2022. A box will be set up in the narthex for snacks and drinks. Gift cards should be placed in our offering plate or left with our church office.

Many of the gift cards will be distributed to families in need prior to Thanksgiving Day, while some will be kept on hand at the school for expected needs during the coming winter months.

Additional information concerning this outreach will be shared later this year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to help the hungry children of our area and their needy families!

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“There are people in the world so hungry,  
that God cannot appear to them  
except in the form of bread.”

Mahatma Gandhi

## **WELCA**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 13 of St. Paul's women enjoyed hearing Sue Reier's reflections on her recent trip to Germany. She shared how they are handling environmental issues and involved everyone in discussion.

Later, a vote was taken to give the December In-Gathering offering to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Please see the bulletin board for the newspaper article acknowledging our September In-Gathering offering of \$158 to the Old White Church of Ringtown, PA.

It was also decided to hold the annual WELCA Christmas luncheon at the McKeansburg Hotel on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 NOON to 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet with menu options will be available starting at the November meeting.

We will continue with making our Mikaylee's Hope Memory Blankets. We request you keep supplying the hats/scarves in dark colors for our Seafarers' International project. The deadline for receipt of these is November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Because of election day, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 1 p.m. at church.

## **HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!**

Our Second Sunday Sunday School will host a “Holly Jolly Christmas Party” on Sunday, December 4, in the Gathering Room. Show up any time between 1 and 3 p.m. for Christmas crafts, games, and hot chocolate!

This is an event for the children of our church and our community (up to age 10). So mark your calendars for the first ever Holly Jolly Christmas Party. Spread the word and bring a friend!

## STiC

Walks: Let's let the sun warm the earth for an additional hour and meet at 10 a.m. instead of 9!

Nov 4 Tumbling Run;  
Nov 11 Landingville;  
Nov. 18 Auburn;  
Nov.25: "Black Friday" escape:  
Let's walk at Frog Hollow!

While it is not required of SRT Ambassadors to walk in the colder months, I am going to walk in some different places, to challenge myself to enjoy all of God's seasons and manifestations. It will take some teamwork! Who will join (and encourage) me? Two years ago, a friend showed me evidence of mama and bear cub footprints in the snow. STiC's table display this month has to do with the incredible treasure of soil. Please take some time to discover some of the amazing things about the ground beneath that yields much which blesses us.

In addition, many great thanks to those who donated goods for the SPCAs and Red Creek Wildlife. Sadly, through human activity, we have inadvertently brought harm to God's beautiful animals. These gifts help restore and protect as we are currently able...perhaps in the future we can find more ways to be more protective!!!!

Blessings en Cristo!  
Sue Reier

## "FALL" BACK ONE HOUR

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6 this year. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you retire on Saturday, November 5th.

Also, please consider checking and replacing the batteries in your home smoke detectors when you change your clocks. A fresh battery can save your life!

## ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree will arrive during Thanksgiving weekend! This annual service project provides gifts to local, school-aged children who visit the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. Each child will have 2 gift tags and a stocking. The tags will contain his/her name and age as well as a gift wish. (We ask that you spend about \$20 per tag.) Each child will also have a stocking that you can fill with age-appropriate goodies. You do not need to select all the tags for the same child.

**Please return your wrapped gift, filled stockings, and Angel Tree tag by Sunday, December 11.**

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! Kay Weidensaul is always proud of the support that St. Paul's gives to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and the way we demonstrate "God's Work. Our Hands."

Please contact Deb Bolinsky at (570)789-3540 or [debbolinsky@gmail.com](mailto:debbolinsky@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

## ADULT FORUM

...continues in November with our looking at the 10 Commandments and their importance to us today. We continue to meet in the church parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. When Advent begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will turn our thoughts to preparing for the birth of Christ during those next four weeks.

## BE CAREFUL!

Since COVID-19 variants continue to pose a significant health risk, we encourage everyone who has not been fully vaccinated to consider wearing a face mask and allowing space between themselves and others during worship.

## **THANK YOU**

The Service Ministry Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of you for contributing to the Bazaar. \$2,726.50 was raised by this successful community event.

A special thanks to our ladies of St. Paul's who helped make our soups then gave of their time on Saturday, too. Thanks to the Men's Group for cleaning up afterwards, and our hotdog chef, Jeff Ritschel, for making special orders. Thanks to the congregation for your many donations of food and baskets, also all the purchases you made. Our committee will use the proceeds wisely to help others in our community. Please let us know if you are aware of someone in need! All requests are kept confidential.

We are always looking to expand our group. If you're interested in joining our cause, let Pastor Mike know.

Thank you all, Crystal Brensinger

## **CATECHISM CLASSES**

Students who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or older), who have not been confirmed (that is, completed a catechetical program and publicly affirmed their faith), are invited to take part in our Catechism program.

Please contact Pastor Mike or leave a message at the church office (570-366-2316) as soon as possible, if you are interested.

## **EVANGELISM**

The Evangelism committee would like to send cards, signed by our church family, to the home bound and military and college students away from home. Cards will be located on the small table with the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) upon entering or before leaving our church.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1) The church received a generous \$500 contribution towards the cost of the recently completed steeple relighting project.
- 2) The date and time for the annual congregational meeting has been set for Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service concludes.
- 3) The Property Committee will be overseeing the near-term installation of carbon monoxide detectors in key areas of the church and daycare.

## **WE WELCOME NEW BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST**

Please welcome Gabriel Leland and Lincoln David Seiler, twin sons of Valerie M. and Jonathan L. Seiler of Pottsville, PA. Gabriel and Lincoln were baptized at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 22, 2022, and have joined our community of faith and our shared ministry in Jesus Christ.

May God bless our newest brothers in Christ Jesus, keep them safe from harm, and richly bless them until Christ comes again!

## **CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES**

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday and Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, our worship schedule has changed as follows:

On Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, we will worship at two services at 5 and 10 p.m. Candle lighting, carols, and Holy Communion will be featured.

On Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, we will worship at a single 9:30 a.m. service with carols and Holy Communion.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Amy Lafko, Cody Berger
- 5 Mikayla Torola, Josh Grove,  
Hadley Bolinsky, Julie Kaiser
- 6 Mike Zimmerman, Aidan Medica
- 7 Jeffry Ritschel II, Cole Swick
- 8 Ethan Dewald
- 10 Martin Stine, Kay Weidensaul
- 11 Daniel Riotto, Alexander Lotis
- 12 Tracey Kemp, Katie Stramara
- 13 Faye Baranowsky, Pr. Lee Diefenderfer,  
Janet Geist
- 15 Melanie Seigfried
- 17 John Riegel III, Paul Lysek, Victoria Wagner
- 18 Heidi Glenn
- 20 Nicole Campbell, Jim Emerich, Diane Miller
- 21 Mika Torola
- 23 Alexander Sklar
- 25 Margaret Bair
- 27 Sandra Zendrosky, David Aregood
- 28 Kevin Long
- 29 Jeremy Miller, Bryan Ludwig,  
Susan Wimbrow, Laura Wimbrow

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Wayne & Carol Lutsey
- 7 Dom & Janet Just,  
Michael & Cherie Zimmerman
- 11 Bill & Nancy Tihansky
- 14 Mike & Glenda Bright
- 15 Ed & Amanda Sincavage
- 20 Bill & Vickie Folk
- 22 Allen & Carol Mickalonis
- 23 Frank and Diane Madeira

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## 2023 FLOWER AND BULLETIN DEDICATIONS

The green Flower and Bulletin binder has been updated! Sponsors for Altar flowers, Chancel flowers, and bulletins can now be dedicated for the year 2023. Please sign up today to ensure your dedications!

## NOVEMBER FLOWER SPONSORS

### November 6

ALTAR: In memory of my son, Eric C. Shaud,  
by Nancy Kaiser.

CHANCEL: In honor of Jeffry's and Josephine's  
birthdays by Cindy and Jeff Ritschel.

### November 13

ALTAR: In memory of Rose and Wrona Peifley  
by Granddaughter, Tina Butler.

CHANCEL: In loving memory of Tom's  
parents, Leighton and Ruth Wehr, by  
Tom and Gwen Wehr.

### November 20

ALTAR: In honor of my husband, Jim Emerich,  
on his birthday, by his wife, Joanne.

CHANCEL: In memory of parents, Francis and  
Margaret Piacine by daughter, Danielle  
Richards.

### November 27

ALTAR: In loving memory of Jeff Post by Tom  
and Gwen Wehr.

CHANCEL: In memory of parents, Guy R. and  
Frances Lengel by James Lengel and the  
Lengel family.

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## NOVEMBER BULLETIN SPONSORS

November 6: In memory of Juan Mato by the  
Lafko family.

November 13: In memory of Dale Strouse by  
Kathleen Miller.

November 20: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.  
Lafko by the Lafko family.

November 27: In memory of Ann and Lamar  
Butler by Tina and Scott Butler.

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## HARVEST HOME

Thank you to everyone who donated to Harvest Home and/or volunteered to stock or distribute food to those in need. Your kindness and generosity have blessed many of the families in our area who depend on our local food pantry. God bless you all

# NOVEMBER 2022

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY ~ 8:00 AM**

	NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 27
<b>GREETER/USHER</b>	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike
<b>LECTOR/ COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Kay Weidensaul	Connie Teter	Ruth Ann Withers	Amy Dewald

**SUNDAY ~ 10:30 AM**

<b>GREETER</b>	Sarah Eger	Evan Davis	Evan Davis	Evan Davis
<b>USHER</b>	Carl Heintzeman	Deb Bolinsky	Madelyn Knecht	Karen Shoener
<b>LECTOR</b>	Tina Butler	Jim Emerich	Wayne Lutsey	Leslie Guldin
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Jeff Ritschel	Juli Schenck	Sue Schenck	Sue Reier
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Crystal Brensinger Cindy Ritschel	Crystal Brensinger Cindy Ritschel
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Gwen Wehr Tom Wehr Glenda Bright	Rosalie Wingle Diane Brobst Marlene Eidam	Joyce O'Rourke Gloria Dierwechter Pat Davis	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner

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### **HONOR OUR VETERANS!**

The men and women of our armed forces risk their lives to protect the freedom and liberty of Americans here and around the world. For this and much more, every veteran is worthy of honor.

Let us give thanks for all our veterans, not only on Veterans Day, but every day throughout the year!

### **PRAY & VOTE**

We should strive to be faithful believers in Jesus Christ as well as good citizens of this nation. Our faith should always inform our words and deeds – active in civil matters, as well as spiritual ones!

### **IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!**

This year poinsettias are priced at \$8.50 per plant. Please choose between red and white blooms and fill out the form found later in this newsletter.


Please note that poinsettia orders and money must be received by Sunday, December 4!

### **AT HOME WITH THE LORD**

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends and family of the late David C. Yuengling, who left this world on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Let us take comfort in that fact that not even death can separate us from God and his abiding love!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	3	4 10 a.m. STiC walk in Tumbling Run	5 <b>ALL SAINTS</b> 8:30 a.m. Chili & Soup Sale on the Square 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion "Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m.
6 <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum	7 6:30 p.m. Property	8	9 9 a.m. STiC 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	10	11 <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> 10 a.m. STiC walk in Landingville	12 5:30 p.m. Worship
13 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	14 7:00 p.m. Council	15 1 p.m. WELCA	16 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	17 6:30 p.m. Constitution	18 10 a.m. STiC walk in Auburn	19 5:30 p.m. Worship
20 <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum	21 6:30 p.m. Finance	22	23 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John's UCC at 7 p.m.  No rehearsals.	24 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> 	25 10 a.m. STiC walk in Frog Hollow	26 5:30 p.m. Worship
27 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum	28 6:00 p.m. Service Ministry	29	30			

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# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will again be ordered from  
Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA.

The cost of a 6.5" bloom plant is **\$8.50**.

Please indicate red or white blooms and to whom you wish to dedicate.  
If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 4!**

Please complete the bottom of this form and return it with payment to the plate  
marked "Poinsettias" in the Gathering Room.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s),

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ white poinsettia(s),

at \$8.50 each. If you wish to dedicate your flowers(s) "in honor/memory of,"  
please circle one for the lines you complete below. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor/Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you paying with CASH?  or CHECK?  CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - MEN OF ST. PAUL'S HOST A CHILI & SOUP SALE  
"ON THE SQUARE" IN ORWIGSBURG AT 8:30 AM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - GENERAL ELECTION – VOTE!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - THANKSGIVING DAY (USA)**

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