
November 2018

Daylight Savings Time ends Sun, Nov 4.

Remember to 'Fall' back 1 hour before going to bed on Sat, Nov 3.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 18 - following our Worship Service

During this meeting we will:

- Vote on 2019 Spending Plan for Ministry
 - Vote on 2019 Budget for Child Care Center
 - Elect new Council Members and a Trustee
 - Talk about Our Vision for St Paul for 2019
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Sunday, Nov 4 is All Saints Sunday

If you have a loved one (who is not a St Paul member) who passed away this year please contact the church office.

November 4 - Brunch Club in the fellowship hall - after our worship service.

Bring a brunch food (if you can) to share.

Theme: "Little Signs that Make a Big Impact"

Free-will donations will benefit Fruit Baskets to our homebound members.

Confirmation Classes For youth in grades 7 and up

Sundays, November 11 & 18 ❖ 1-3 pm

Silent Auction - Proceeds benefit the restoration of 2 historic Bibles

Oct 28, Nov 4 and Nov 11 in the Narthx.

Winners will be announced at the Annual Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, November 18.

No Community Men's Prayer Breakfast in November.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

The family of Lucy Williams would like to thank the St. Paul congregation for all the love, support, and prayers, shown to our sweet Lucy, and the family, during her illness and passing.

Thanks to Pastor Brown for her very meaningful visit, when we asked her to come. Those moments were so sweet and precious to us. Thanks to Pastor Sonya, for her visit with the family, and for preaching that wonderful sermon. We are still getting compliments about the nice service she gave. The mounds of cards she received and the family received after her passing. The hospitality ladies, for the most delicious meal, we thank you.

God's Blessings, Hattie Golliday

November Birthdays

Jack Grubb Jr. - 1
Todd Lumpkin - 1
Holden Mrizek - 1
Katy Sauer - 1
Cohen Bischoff - 2
Dorothy Ryman - 3
Kenley Smith - 4
Ralph Stickley - 4
James Ballowe Sr. - 5
Jack Jenkins - 5
Mark Kupeski - 6
Amelia Price - 6
Fred Rutz - 6
Melissa Galton - 9
Katherine Pomeroy - 9

Linda Glavis - 10
Tina Mrizek - 10
Alex Golliday - 11
Cathy Frenz - 12
Lindsay Kupeski - 13
Thomas Price - 15
Randy Painter - 16
Ray Kern - 17
Patricia Sheetz - 18
Katy Stevens - 19
Vincent Poling - 20
Vickie Stickley - 20
Megan Smith - 21
Sophia Ritenour - 22

Phyllis Renner - 24
Billie Jo Stickles - 24
Kay Yates - 24
Megan Price - 25
Tinleigh Rusher - 26
Payton Scholtz - 26
Susan Bennett - 27
Kassy Bly - 27
Clark Miller - 27
Hallie Morris - 27
Joseph Ryman - 27
Betty Middleton - 28
Joyce Rinker - 28
Wilma Smoot - 28
Gracie Wilson - 30

*If your name and birth date is not listed,
please contact the church office (465-3232; stpaulstrasburg@gmail.com)*

2019 Opportunity for Ministry forms

These forms are available in the Narthex.

Each member is asked to fill out a form – even if you want to stay on same committees and in the same groups as 2018.

These forms also help the church office to keep your contact information updated too.

*If you have questions on what any of the groups/committees responsibilities are
please contact the church office or Cathy Frenz, Council President.*

Strasburg Compassion Cupboard is requesting the following canned items during November:

Fruit *and* Green Beans

Bring these items to church. A drop box is in the Narthex.

NEW EVENT for all ages

“Hanging of the Greens”

See article in this newsletter.

OPPORTUNITIES for INVOLVEMENT for ALL YOUTH !

MS/HS Youth: Brunch Club – November 4. Come at 9:30am to help with food preparation and set up.

All Youth:

- ❖ *Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Worship Service: Volunteer as an acolyte, crucifer, greeter, tray holder, etc.*
- ❖ *Donate items for Strasburg Compassion Cupboard.*

Grades 7 and up: Confirmation Classes (see front page of this newsletter for more info)

Grades K - 5: Sunday School class, 9:40-10:15am (during worship service)

ELCA Good Gifts for this Christmas

Like so many Americans – you may be looking for ways to rethink the tradition gift-giving at Christmas. What better way to celebrate God’s love in Christ than by sharing that love with others?

With ELCA Good Gifts, you can choose from more than 50 life-changing, charitable gifts – such as a pair of goats, school fees, or a water well – and give a gift the world needs. Each gift can be given in honor of a friend or loved one and goes on to create transformative change in the lives of people in need.

GOOD GIFTS catalogs are in the narthex for your use.

Here’s how to get started:

- 1. There are some copies of an ELCA Good Gifts catalog in the narthex for your use. (Please return the catalog to the Narthex when you’re done using it so someone else can use it. Thank you!)*
 - 2. Good Gifts online store is always open: ELCA.org/goodgifts*
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***The church office will be closed Thurs, Nov 22 and
Fri, Nov 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.***

Our Weekly Bible Study – Thursdays (except for Thanksgiving Day)

Steven Keister Shaner, Teacher

11:30am: Lunch. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship while we eat lunch.
Noon-1pm: Bible Study. Bring your Bible.

Strasburg Community Thanksgiving

Hosted by the Strasburg Presbyterian Church (Holliday Street).

Sunday, Nov. 18, 4pm Worship Service

Pastor Brown will give the sermon.

Wed, Nov 21: Traditional Thanksgiving Meal

4:30pm Meals go out for delivery()*

5:00pm Meals served at the church

**If you are unable to join us for the meal and would like a meal(s) delivered to your home please call the Presbyterian Church (465-3920) by Noon on Wednesday, Nov 21 .*

Offerings/donations received during both events will benefit the Strasburg Local Relief Fund. The Strasburg Local Relief Fund provides area residents with immediate needs such assistance with utility and heating bills in order to avoid termination of service, and

Provides those passing through our area with food, lodging or gas to ensure their travels are safe and complete.

100% of the donations made to the Strasburg Local Relief goes back to helping those in need (no administrative fees).

Not a 501c3 organization. For tax deductible contribution – make checks payable to Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter – earmarked “Strasburg Local Relief Fund”.

Mitten Tree

Sun, Nov 11 – Sun, Nov 25

Bring warm gloves, mittens, scarfs, & hats to church.

A tree is in the narthex and a collection box to receive your donated items.

These items will be disturbed at the Strasburg Compassion Cupboard.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark Your Calendar!!

These events are for all ages! – the whole family! PLEASE COME JOIN US!! ☺

Sudayn, Dec 2 – 4pm St Paul’s “Hanging of the Greens”

Let’s get our church ready for Advent and Christmas!

*** We will also enjoy soup and sandwiches together in the fellowship hall. Bring a soup or some sandwiches to share (if you are able).*

Sunday Dec 9: Assembly Fruit Baskets for our homebound – then Christmas Caroling and delivering baskets.

THEN.....Hot beverages and snacks enjoyed back at the church!!

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A question was raised at the September Council meeting if we "can we change the length of service that a council member serves from three years to Two years?" It is the feeling of the council that shortening the term of service as a council member from 3 years to 2 years would be more appealing to more congregational members.

According to the Constitution of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church "Members of the Congregational Council shall be elected at a constitutionally called meeting of the congregation during the month of November. The term of office shall be for **3 years** with the term of office beginning January 1 and ending December 31."

To make a change to the constitution of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church we must Post the changes we want to make 30 days prior to the congregational meeting. AND then have the congregation vote on them at the Congregational Meeting in November.

Should the congregation vote to approve change from a three term of service, to a two-year term of service, the request would then be forwarded to the Bishops office for final approval.

At this time I am notifying the members of the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church, of the possible change to the length of service on council from three years to two years. Council feels this change would better fit the needs of most members of the congregation who otherwise may not be willing to commit to a three year term of service as a council member.

Thank you.

Catherine Frenz, Council President

Council meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7pm. These meetings are always open to congregational members. Monthly Council meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports are posted on the hallway bulletin board after they are approved at the following month's meeting. (August's minutes and Treasurers reports are posted now).

From our Interim Pastor

Interim, an intervening time. In the life of St Paul, this interim is an intervening time between permanent called pastors. And often intervening times are viewed as times of waiting. Waiting to see what will life be like after a new permanent pastor is called. However an interim doesn't have to be a time of waiting. An interim can be a time of renewed energy. A time of excitement. A time of discovery. A time to institute those practices that will work for you to reach out to those in the community who are not hearing the Word or seeing the Word in action. A time to come together as a congregation and experience community here at St. Paul. Your Council and Committees are taking the lead in this endeavor. They are looking to revive practices that will encourage those who are not affiliated with any church to "come and see" the Lord at work here at St. Paul. Let's all support these efforts. Any ideas you have that will increase the outreach efforts of this congregation are most welcome. Remember, the church is not for us but exists that we might make Christ visible to those who do not see