

***The Messenger***

November 2019

***A message from Pastor Mathew…….***

“Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged.”

This is the beginning of a Gospel reading which we read in worship recently. This has me thinking about prayer. I believe prayer can be something simple. For example, it seems that prayers before mealtime or at bedtime can have an enormous impact on children. I still remember the prayers I said with my parents every night before bed. When it came time to say “bless Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa” I wanted to continue adding the names of everyone I knew! This may have been a way to avoid going to sleep. My Mom eventually suggested we say, “and everybody else.”

The foundation of our faith often begins with those who care for us at home. I’ve included some prayers in this newsletter including my very favorite prayer for the evening. I’ll be praying these and I invite you to consider using these in your home too. You may be surprised how they impact you.

God’s Peace be with you,

Pastor Mathew

**A mealtime prayer for children and families:** (From the Lutheran Prayerbook)Dear God,

Thank you for the world so sweet,

Thank you for the food we eat,

Thank you for the birds that sing

Thank you, God, for everything.

Amen.

**A simple prayer before meals:** (adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)

Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all your blessings, and make us mindful of the needs of others, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A prayer at bedtime for children and families:**Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Guide and guard me through the night and wake me with the morning light. Bless mom and dad…(here you may pray for other names) we pray in Jesus’s name. Amen.

**A prayer for the evenings:** (adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths we haven’t walked yet\*, through adventures unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or “by paths we as yet untrodden”.

**Opportunities to Serve**

**November Birthdays**

**November 3 – Sara Gschwendtner**

**November 5 – Alec Bristow**

**November 11 – Kodi Davis**

**November 12 – Pat Lund**

**November 18 – Jill Rapp**

**November 20 – Darlene Miller**

**November 27 – Katie Dixon**

**November 28 – Natalie Hendershott**

**November 30 – Doug Schneeman**

**November Anniversaries**

**November 7 – Tyler & Jessica Mills (2015)**

**November 23 – Scott & Jennifer Bauknecht (1996)**

**November 23 – Tom & Kathy Rygh (1996)**

**November 25 – Dale & Myrna Dixon (1962)**

Boys and Girls Club Ministry!

Fourth Fridays of Each month

3:15-4:15 @Boys & Girls Club

Play Games and Enjoy Treats!

See Julie Mehlberg for more information!

Come Join Us!!



Due to your generous donations, we will not be collecting items until further notice. Thanks again for your generosity!

**Narthex Furniture Replacement Project**

As you may have noticed, our narthex furniture is looking a bit worn. Since it is 13 years old, the council has researched and received a local bid of $1900 to replace the sofa, love seat, and two chairs. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this project above and beyond your regular offerings. If you choose to donate toward this project, please place your check in an envelope marked “furniture” and place it in the offering plate during offering. Thank you in advance for helping to create a welcoming gathering space at St. Paul!

We will be donating the older narthex furniture to the Boys and Girls Club. They were very grateful for this donation. It will be used in their “Teen Room.”

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Carrie Delheimer is the flower chairperson for the month of November. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign your name on the Flower Chart located on the kiosk, and write a check, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, for $25.00, noting on the check that it is for altar flowers, and County Market will deliver the flowers to the church. If you have questions, contact Carrie.



**Reminder:**

**Health and Wellness Sunday is the third Sunday of each month.**

Mary Leach or one of our many parish nurses will be on hand before and after worship on these Sundays to check blood pressures, blood sugars, and help you form questions for your health professional should you have need.



***Our Mission Statement:***

*The People of St. Paul*

*Gather to worship,*

*Reach out,*

*and serve the Lord.*



The Bibles & Bagels group will meet on Thursday, November 14th at 9:30 am. at Edinger’s Filling Station. Any woman who would like to attend an informal bible study is welcome to come to this meeting.

In November the Women of the ELCA will be baking and sending cookies to our college and military students. So, we don’t miss anyone, we would like the congregation to notify either Anita Klein or Jean Harrison of any family member that is a student. You can also leave a notice on the Administrative Secretary’s desk. The deadline for these names will be November 17. The congregation will be giving cookies on Sunday, December 1st to our college students and military. We will present them during the worship service.



The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, November 21st, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Jean Harrison will be the hostess. Marian Brown will give the devotions. Jeanne Rapp will be giving the lesson, “No Hard Feelings? Stewarding the Gift of Joy.” In the God who has redeemed us from despair, we find true, inescapable joy. Lucy Kehinde will be giving the offering meditation. If you would like to join us for this time of fellowship and Bible study, we would invite you to join us at this meeting.



**Prayer Chain and Prayer Requests…..**

Just a reminder that if you would like to have someone added to our prayer chain, please contact Pastor Mathew and Julie Mehlberg. If your prayers are answered, we would appreciate knowing that as well, so names can be removed when it is appropriate. Thank you in advance!

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**Reminder…**

If you are using the church facility for a church-related meeting, please remember to add it on the calendar in the office or let the Administrative Assistant know. All other functions or community-service organizations please fill out a Facility Use Sheet. Thank you!



**Council 2019**

President – Sara Solberg

Vice President – Julie Mehlberg

Secretary – Lori Bristow

Building/Grounds – Janice Schmidt

Building Community – Mary Leach

Finance and Stewardship – Jake Dixon

Lifelong Learning – Tonya Wilcox

Worship and Music – Shelly Heller

**LEO (Let’s Eat Out!)** The 3rd Wednesday of each month anyone **not** wanting to cook supper is welcome to join other church members in eating out. Each month we will pick a different place. All are welcome! The more the merrier. The next outing will beon **November 20th** at **5:30 p.m**. at Chenoa Family Restaurant.





The WELCA of our congregation will be having our annual Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 10th, during the worship services. We will be bring our money donations in the Thankoffering containers, which will be donated to the WELCA headquarters office for distribution to projects which are needed. Some of our ladies will be participating in the worship service.



The Women of the ELCA of our congregation will meet on Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Devotions will be given by Sue Curtiss. The offering meditation will be given by Rose Mary Erickson. The hostesses will be Marian Brown and Ginger Bauknecht. Watch the Sunday bulletin to see what the program will be.



We are happy to report that there were 64 blankets, 40 lbs of soap and 50 school kits collected by our congregation to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. These were delivered to St. John Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IL by Gerald and Donna Buckler on Saturday, October 26th. They were packed in semi- trucks at that church and then shipped to various destinations where they are needed. Thanks to Gerald and Donna for transporting the items for us, and to Larry and Tracy Leach who helped to load them into Gerald’s vehicle.

**November 2019**

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| **9a.m.** Adult Sunday School  **10a.m.** Worship- *“Around the Rail” communion”* | Adm. Team meeting at **noon** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| **9a.m.** Adult Sunday School  **10a.m.** Worship-  *“Red bag” offering*  *WELCA*  *Thankoffering Service* | Council Meeting at **6:00 p.m.**  Women of the ELCA **6:30 p.m.** |  | . | Bibles & Bagels **9:30 a.m**. |  |  |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| **9a.m.** Adult  Sunday School  **9 a.m.** Confirmation  **10a.m.** Worship  *“Health & Wellness”*  *Cookies for Students* |  |  | Worship Team meeting at **noon**  LEO at Chenoa Family Restaurant at **5:30 p.m.** | Rebecca Circle **1:30 p.m.** | Boys & Girls Club  **3:15 p.m**. |  |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| **9a.m.** Adult  Sunday School  **10a.m.** Worship  *Community Thanksgiving Dinner at* ***11:30 a.m.*** |  |  |  | Office Closed for Thanksgiving |  |  |

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**November 3, 2019**

Minister— Pastor Mathew Berger

Steward- Mark Mackinson

Musician— Julie Mehlberg

Lector— Rosemary Erickson

Psalms— Maverick Wilcox

Acolyte— Maverick Wilcox

Ushers— Susan Curtiss & Pat Lund

Greeters—Ginger & Ted Bauknecht

Prayers— Jeanne Rapp

Comm. Prep— Mary & Denny Leach

Comm. Asst— Marvin Miller & Mark Mackinson

Hospitality—Jessica Mills & Dawn Boitnott

SS Teacher – Tonya Wilcox

Counters –Cody Leach & Marty Heller

**November 10, 2019**

Minister—Pastor Mathew Berger

Steward— Brad Solberg

Musician— Sara Solberg

Lector— Lori Bristow

Psalms— Brooklyn Delheimer

Acolyte—Brooklyn Delheimer

Ushers—Janice Schmidt & Schott family

Greeters—Anita Klein & Carol Thorson

Prayers—Brad Solberg

Comm. Prep— Sandy Erickson

Comm. Asst.- Anita Klein & Danita Lewis

Hospitality—pending

SS Teacher – Mary Leach

Counters – Denny Leach & Carrie Delheimer

* **PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS NOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE IF FOR ANY REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THE DATE ASSIGNED. IF YOU ARE FILLING IN FOR SOMEEONE, PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU LET THE WORSHIP STEWARD KNOW WHO YOU ARE FILLING IN FOR AND WHAT POSITION YOU ARE FILLING. THANK YOU.**

**November 17, 2019**

Minister— Pastor Mathew Berger

Steward— Brad Solberg

Musician— Sara Solberg

Lector— Becky Edinger

Psalms—Becky Edinger

Acolyte— Anna Schmidt

Ushers— Ellen & Sam Lambert

Greeters—Maurine & Ed Gentes

Prayers— Lucy Kehinde

Comm. Prep— new

Comm. Asst—Becky Edinger & Susan Curtiss

Hospitality—Darlene Miller & Jan Cahill

SS Teacher – Blayne Dixon

Counters- Jill Rapp & Mark Mackinson

**November 24, 2019**

Minister—Pastor Mathew Berger

Steward—John Mehlberg

Musician—Sandy Erickson

Lector– Jessica Mills

Psalms—Kaylee Delheimer

Acolyte—Kaylee Delheimer

Ushers—Becky & Jimm Edinger

Greeters—Pat Lund & Blayne Dixon

Prayers –Julie Mehlberg

Comm. Prep—new

Comm. Asst—Anita Klein & Nathan Joerndt

Hospitality—Blayne Dixon & Rosemary Sutton

SS Teacher – Carrie Delheimer

Counters -Marvin Miller & Jean Harrison