



The Season of Advent and the Cry of the Covenant

Just around the corner is Christmastime. That season becomes so busy, so quickly that it is easy to pass by what prepares us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. That is the season of Advent. Whereas Christmas itself can become obscured by the secular celebrations that surround us, the season of Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for why the Son of God needed to be born so we might become the children of God.

Advent comes from the Latin word “advenio” which means “to come”. The entire season of Advent is preparing us to receive the coming of the One True King, God in human flesh and blood. This is a big deal and we need to spiritually prepare ourselves for His coming or else we may pass by Christmas without thoughtful, repentant, and meditative preparation so that when we say Jesus Christ is born, we may rejoice not only with voices but also exuberant and thankful hearts in what God has done for us in giving us His own Son as our Lord and Savior.

If this has not become obvious yet, I am a fan of Advent and am planning to have Advent services on Wednesday evenings in Advent to prepare us to celebrate the birth of the King of kings and Lord of lords. We will hold these services of Evening Prayer and preparation at 6:30. I hope and pray you will join us as we consider why the coming birth of our Savior is so vital, significant, and salvific for our redemption as God’s people.

This year’s Advent theme will be “The Cry of the Covenant” based on Isaiah 42. Israel did not break God’s covenant, it was shattered. In order for this covenant to be fulfilled, one beyond simple flesh and blood

was needed. This covenant cried to be renewed by one with a blood more holy than that of sheep and goats. A servant was needed who would perform the Lord’s will, one who would go to His death without protest, a suffering servant who would bring salvation, and the one from the Father who would bring us the light of God’s revelation.

December 2nd at 6:30 pm: The Cry of Servanthood

December 9th at 6:30 pm: The Cry of Silence

December 16th at 6:30 pm: The Cry of Salvation

December 24th: at 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm The Cry for Light

Please join us for these Advent services as we prepare ourselves to consider what the child born in Bethlehem came to do for us.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor John C. Bumgardner

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

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Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received *from* God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

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Life Quotes for November

November 1 “I would also like to remind you that we are part of something much bigger than a nation or a political party: the Kingdom of God. It is the eternal reign of God that shows itself in time, and it can do things we think impossible. It is the true source of justice and peace and our shelter when the storms of life are raging. No matter what happens ... in the days to come, our hope is in the true King, Jesus Christ, who works through, around, or in spite of our human institutions.” *Rev. Chris Wheatley – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

November 8 “And so, there’s a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we’re given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there’s nothing for us to do.” *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

November 15 “Tragedies are a reminder that we do live in a fallen world, and we all need to repent. We thank God for the time He has given us in this life to repent. We recognize our sin. We confess our sin. We trust that Jesus did everything for our forgiveness. Out of thanks for God’s gift of forgiveness, let’s be living fig trees. Each day let’s bear good fruit, showing our faith, and giving glory to God in everything we do.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

November 22 “Immanuel, God with us. How reassuring are those words?! The struggles of life, personally and professionally, often take us to the edge of an emotional cliff. Thankfully, there is One to whom we can reach out and call out for help. We are not alone—God is with us every step of the way in our personal and our professional lives.” *Gayle Irwin, Pregnancy Help News – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

November 29 “Christmas means we are not alone; the Child who was born to die for us then is with us now as we walk through all the joys and sorrows of life.” *CMDA Weekly Devotions, Christian Medical & Dental Associations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Announcements

Your Mite Money at Work in Dublin Ohio



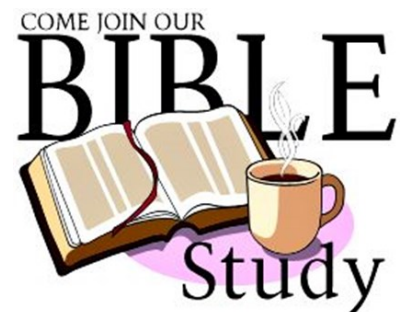
This month we will learn about the \$5,000 LWML Ohio District grant which will support the costs of a new missionary couple who will be serving (in partnership with St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin and the Columbus International Friendship Center – which is housed at St. John) in Christian outreach to Somalis, Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus who populate the area. Emmanuel and Samara Dulot, originally from Pakistan and now US citizens, will coordinate community programs such as

teaching English as a second language, providing basic needs such as food pantries and meals, and encouraging fellowship through potlucks and holiday gathers. All of these activities are opportunities for the love of Christ to be shared. In addition, Emmanuel and Samara will provide one on one Bible based counseling, group Bible Studies and intentional outreach programs - all for the goal of winning souls for Christ.

Please keep this important ministry in your prayers as you continue to fill your mite boxes. Mites are deposited monthly. Your mite boxes (or mite money placed in an envelope or plastic baggie) may be placed in the large wooden mite box or handed directly to Jennifer Drake.

Women's Bible Study

Join the women of St. Paul's for their Bible Study on November 11th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please note that this will be the last Bible study of 2026, Women's Bible Study will resume again in January



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

St. Paul's semi-annual Congregation meeting will be held Sunday, November 15 after the 9:30 am worship service. As a result of the meeting, there will be no Adult Bible Study or Sunday School that Sunday.

Church Cleanup and Refresh

Help clean up the St. Paul's inside and out Saturday, November 7th starting at 10:00 am. We will be cleaning and decluttering the church inside and out.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service



Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there for this service of Thanksgiving.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's that time again. In order to have the best color selection our order needs to be placed early. The Poinsettias you order will, as always, be used to decorate the altar for Christmas. As in the past you will be able take them home after the Christmas service. The cost ranges from \$6.75 to \$18.50 depending on the Poinsettia. There 12 color variations to choose from this year.

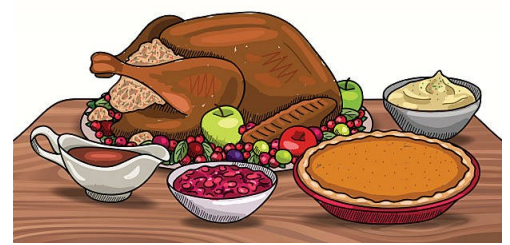
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| ☼ Enduring Red | ☼ Superba New Glitter | ☼ Early Polly's Pink |
| ☼ Marble Star | ☼ Maren | ☼ Ice Punch |
| ☼ Norwin Orange | ☼ Papagena | ☼ Rocco Star Red |
| ☼ Glitter & Dye | ☼ Winter Rise Early Red | ☼ Christmas Beauty Princess |



The order sheet with a picture of each variation and its cost has been posted on the double doors in the back of the Narthex. Please place your check in the offering plate, marked "Poinsettias". Your payment will need to be received prior to placing the order. **The last day to order is Sunday, November 22nd.**

November Food Bank Items

Zion Food Pantry will be distributing Thanksgiving dinner groceries to our community in need on Tues. Nov. 17 & 24. Since we are able to acquire many of the Thanksgiving food staples through our distribution sources, we would like to encourage monetary donations to our Food Pantry this year if you feel so inclined. Monetary donations will enable us to fill in the gaps as needed to provide a balanced and sufficient distribution to our community. Cash or checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church* should be marked "Food Pantry." Thank you! Sue March, 440-867-8184 & Linda Randa-Welch, 440-413-2577.



Old-Fashioned Church Potluck

Put this date to your calendar for an old-fashioned potluck lunch. Reach out and bring a friend to the Sunday service and a dish to share at the potluck lunch after the service on November 29th. Hope to see you and your friend there.

Altar Flowers



Is there a date or event you would like to celebrate or a special someone you would like to honor or remember. Donating altar flowers is a great way to do that! All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend on the altar chart, add the occasion or person and who the flowers are from. Be sure to print clearly. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$40.00. The cash or check can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and placed in the collection plate.



October Meeting Minutes

Reports

1. Pastor's Report. (Pastor Bumgardner)
 - a. 2 shut-in visits; 1 funeral; 3 new members
 - b. Reinstate Advent midweek services
 - c. Attending a pastor's conference 10/12-10/14
 - d. Led the first preschool chapel
 - e. Discussed storage / file retention
 - f. Health Insurance administration
 - g. Administrative matters
 2. President's Report. (Terry Wakelee)
 - a. Attendance 225 (average 56) with 96 communing (average 48); slightly lower than previous months
 3. Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines)
 - a. Sent requests for bid on snowplowing
 4. Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton)
 - a. August financials provided. CD opened. Offerings are up slightly over last year. Most expenses are similar to last year.
 5. Education Report. (Ken Chaffe)
 - a. Rebecca Bumgardner is now leading Sunday School for 5th grade through high school
 - b. Average attendance: Children – 5, 1st Adult – 9, 2nd Adult - 13
 - c. Also sent refresh committee update
 6. Preschool Report. (Leigh Wojkowski)
 - a. Had the outdoor classroom trenched and mulched
 - b. Popcorn fundraiser October 2-15
 - c. Presented 19 Bibles to new students after the first chapel service on October 6
 - d. Pastor Bumgardner to lead chapels and meet regularly with individual classes
 7. Elder's Report. (Craig McConnell)
 - a. Discussed recent communion changes
 - b. Discussed Sunday morning entry
 8. Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)
 - a. Upcoming event: Turkey Bowl on November 8
 9. Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake)
 - a. No issues
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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES continued**10. Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines)**

- a. Church website expires 11/2. Working on migrating information into new Church360 platform.
- b. Trunk or Treat 10/31 from 2-4
- c. Crochet for Christ, next event 11/5
- d. Potluck on 11/29
- e. Chili cookoff in September - 37 attended

11. Building & Grounds Report. (Dennis Concoby)

- a. Septic tanks have been pumped
- b. 1 AC unit freezing/thawing. Recharged and balanced – resolved
- c. Pediatric AD pads replaced
- d. AT&T business fiber is being installed 10/13
- e. Other maintenance as needed

12. Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina)

- a. Donations slightly down from prior year

Old Business

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed)
2. Replacement of church office computer – in progress
3. Thrivent Choice dollars for preschool – Terry will resubmit the application
4. Research alternative method of setting up church credit card – Dennis reported that Key Bank offers a business credit card with cashback no personal guarantee required. This is the best option of those researched. 2 administrators recommended. Dennis made a motion for Terry and Craig to be administrators on the account to be opened. 2nd by Jenn. Passed unanimously.
5. Congregation member gospel recording project (on hold)
6. Placing funds in an account yielding higher interest rates – Money Market account was opened. Dennis made a motion to transfer additional funds into the money market account. 2nd by Kelly. Passed unanimously.
7. Update of church website and admin system to Church360 Members and Unite. Software license purchased. Scheduling training for admin system, potentially 10/16 at 9am.

New Business

1. LCMS Congregation Vote – Constitutional Amendment to allow alternate means of calling district conventions. Erin will find out more.
2. Review Concordia Publishing expenses. Dennis reviewed a few line items; some adjustments to be made.
3. Church clean-up day to be November 7 at 10am.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/4 @ 6:30pm

The Lutheran Endowment and Aid Fund

Annual Appeal 2026

As the leaves are turning colors and beginning to fall, and the temperature get cooler, it is once again time for the Lutheran Endowment and Aid Fund(LEAF)'s Annual Appeal. This August Principal Melisa Carlson, teachers, and staff began the 2026-27 school year at Our Shepherd welcoming 111 students with the theme Live by the Spirit based on Eph. 4:32. With this year's enrollment down from last year, LEAF will again be called upon to help make up for the lower revenue. This is why we come to you each year seeking your support in keeping our mission to financially support Our Shepherd Lutheran School, keeping this outreach strong.

The Lutheran Endowment and Aid Fund(LEAF) was established in 1987 to provide financial assistance to Our Shepherd. In years when the school's revenue doesn't meet its expenses, LEAF helps fill the gap. A board manages and oversees this fund. St. Paul's is represented on the Board by Aaron Lindrose, Russ Walton, and Terry Wakelee, if you have any questions. Gifts we receive from your generosity are invested in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and CDs, which produce interest and dividends that we turn over to OSLS as they have need. Every year since 1987, this fund has produced income and will every year in the future. This endowment fund provides a steady, dependable source of revenue for the school.

Our Shepherd is an outreach mission into our community, providing in many cases students' first or only exposure to the Gospel and God's many blessings. Its quality education meets and exceeds state requirements in a safe and caring environment--some local schools do not. Parents in failing schools can choose to send their kids to passing schools, like Our Shepherd. For these reasons, LEAF comes to you for your support, as this is our only source of income. No gift is too small and all are truly appreciated. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to LEAF. We thank you for your past support and hope you will keep LEAF and OSLS in your prayers.

God's rich blessings,

The LEAF Board



From the Preschool

Popcorn Fund Raiser

St. Paul's Preschool would like to thank all of you for your support of our popcorn fundraiser. Your continued support has helped this ministry continue to grow. Anyone that order popcorn will be notified of the delivery date. We hope you enjoy this fun snack!



November Birthdays

Matt Davis	Nov 1
Meridan Vosicky	Nov 8
Cooper Vosicky	Nov 12
Harold Dennison	Nov 17
Kay Lucas	Nov 20
Lynnea Bumgardner	Nov 21
Jennifer Drake	Nov 27



October New Members

New Members

Krista Stahre 10/4/2026
 Sophia Stahre 10/4/2026
 Aaron Stahre 10/4/2026

Those Who Serve: November 2026

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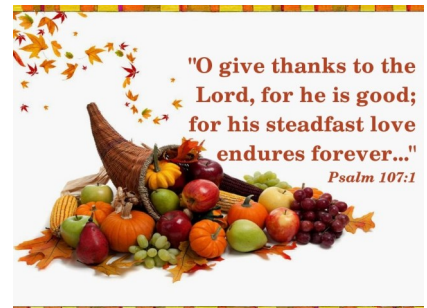
9:30 A Sunday Rich Szoradi & Eric Drake

COUNTERS:

Terry Wakelee, Laurie Srebernak,
Debbie Davis

LECTORS:

11-01-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
11-08-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
11-15-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West
11-22-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
11-25-26	7:00 P	Thanksgiving Eve	TBD
11-29-26	9:30 A	Sunday	Dennis Concoby



Scripture Readings for November

Nov 1

Revelations 7:9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Nov 15

Genesis 39:2-32
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 19:1-12

Nov 25 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Philippians 4:6-20
Luke 17:11-19

Nov 8

Genesis 4:1-12
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Luke 10:25-37

Nov 22

Genesis 13
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Luke 19:1-10

Nov 29 (1st Sunday in Advent)

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Luke 1:5-25





November Word Search-Thanksgiving Dinner

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ROAST TURKEY
STUFFING
MASHED POTATOS
GRAVEY
CANDIED YAMS
PUMPKIN PIE
APPLE PIE
DINNER ROLLS
BROCCOLI
MAC AND CHEESE
BISCUITS
PECAN PIE
BREEN BEANS
CORN BREAD

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"I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122:1

Staff

John C. Bumgardner, Pastor
Matt Chaffe, Organist
Peggy McDonnell, Admin Assistant

Worship Services

Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday Bible Study

Adult 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Children 10:45 am

St. Paul's Preschool

Amy Marizek, Director
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Also Supporting



St. Paul's Preschool



A Great Place To Grow

November 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Daylight Savings Ends Set Clocks Back	2	3	4 6:30 pm Council Meeting	5	6	7
8  3:00 pm Turkey Bowl Rich Lanes	9	10	11  6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	12	13	14
15  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Following 9:30 am Service	16	17	18 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	19	20  March Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due	21
22 	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING SERVICE  7:00 pm Service	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27  Black FRIDAY	28
29  Bring a Friend to Church Day/Potluck First Sunday of Advent	30	 COMMUNION SERVICE WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:15am & 10:45am			Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm	Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays