

The Messenger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 2025

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set your clocks back an hour

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 2nd.

Remember to turn your clocks
back one hour Saturday night if
they don't do it automatically!

FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
9/28 & 10/01	Worship Services	60 + 61 + 27 = 148	\$4,686.00
10/05 & 10/08	Worship Services	63 + 60 + 16 = 139	\$6,746.00
10/12 & 10/15	Worship Services	57 + 65 + 19 = 141	\$6,872.00
10/19 & 10/22	Worship Services	59 + 42 + 21 = 122	\$6112.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 2025 issue of *The Messenger* is:

**Monday, November 17
at 12:00 (noon)**

Articles may be emailed to **lynn@stpaulcaro.org** or put in Secretary mailbox.

**To ensure that I get
all information correct,
please only submit by email
or in my mailbox.
No phone calls please.
Thank you!**

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for September are - **Nolan and Penelope**. If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winners for October will be announced in the December newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.

Scripture Readings: November

2	OT: Isaiah 1:10-18 PS: Psalm 130 EP: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (6-10) 11-12 GO: Luke 19:1-10
9	OT: Exodus 3:1-15 PS: Psalm 148 EP: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 GO: Luke 20:27-40
16	OT: Malachi 4:1-6 PS: Psalm 98 EP: 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13 GO: Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)
23	OT: Malachi 3:13-18 PS: Psalm 46 EP: Colossians 1:13-20 GO: Luke 23:27-43
30	OT: Isaiah 2:1-5 PS: Psalm 122 EP: Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14 GO: Matthew 21:1-11

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18. Our guests will be Bethany Krueger & Becky Palmreuter, the Young Women Representatives from our Zone for the National Convention.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Eleanor Marie Krueger**. Eleanor was born on October 1, 1937 to Franz and Marie (Kliewoneit) Meihofer. She died on September 30, 2025 at age 87.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Nancy Louise Vant**. Nancy was born on July 16, 1938 to Carl and Grace (Zellar) Huber. She died on October 9, 2025 at age 87.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Clara May Schultheis**. Clara was born on May 9, 1948 to Wilber and Marion (Northrup) Devericks. She died on October 12, 2025 at age 77.





ADVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 11/26/2025:

7:00 PM

**Thanksgiving Eve
With Communion**

Sunday, 11/30/2025:

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**1st Sunday in Advent
With Communion**

Wednesday, 12/03/2025:

5:30 PM

**Advent Meal - sponsored by
LWML**

7:00 PM

**1st Advent Midweek
With Communion**

Sunday, 12/07/2025:

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**2nd Sunday in Advent
With Communion**

Wednesday, 12/10/2025:

5:30 PM

**Advent Meal - sponsored by
Youth**

7:00 PM

**2nd Advent Midweek
With Communion**

Sunday, 12/14/2025:

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**3rd Sunday in Advent
With Communion**

Wednesday, 12/17/2025:

5:30 PM

**Advent Meal - sponsored by
TBD**

7:00 PM

**3rd Advent Midweek
With Communion**

Sunday, 12/21/2025:

8:30 AM

**4th Sunday in Advent
With Communion**

11:00 AM

***Children's Christmas Service*
No Communion**

Wednesday, 12/24/2025:

7:00 PM

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
No Communion**

Thursday, 12/25/2025:

9:30 AM

**Single Worship Service
Christmas Day
With Communion**

Sunday, 12/28/2025:

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**First Sunday After Christmas
With Communion**

Wednesday, 12/31/2025:

5:30 PM

**New Years Eve
With Communion**

Beginning Our Journey Together

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's been two months since I arrived in Caro to serve as your Transitional Interim Pastor, and already I've seen glimpses of the Spirit's movement among us—through your hospitality, your stories, and your deep love for this congregation. I'm grateful to be walking with you in this season of discernment and hope.

Before we form a call committee, we need to lay our foundation on the work of transition. This isn't merely an administrative task—it's also our spiritual work. It's about listening to one another and opening ourselves to the future that the Lord our God desires for us. In order to guide this process, we'll be launching a series of (4) **Fellowship Forums**: congregational gatherings designed to help us reflect, share, and seek clarity together.

These forums will help us answer four essential questions:

1. **Who are we?** — Who have we been, who are we now, and who do we want to be in the future? What is our identity as a congregation? What stories shape us?
2. **What do we do?** — What ministries, missions, and programs define our life together?
3. **How do we do it?** — What are our patterns, processes, and ways of working?
4. **Where do we do it?** — What is our context—our community, our culture, our place?

These questions are not merely theoretical. They're the scaffolding for our discernment. The answers we uncover will help us understand what kind of pastor you need—not just to maintain what is, but to lead us boldly into what could be.

This is holy work. It requires honesty, curiosity, and grace. It will take time, and it will ask something of each of us. But I believe it will also bring healing, clarity, and renewed purpose.

So, watch for these opportunities. I invite you to attend these forums. Bring your voice, your memories, your hopes. Let's listen deeply to one another and to the Spirit who is already preparing our way.

In Christ's love and in your service, **Pastor Rick**



**American
Red Cross**



donate *blood*
DONATE LIFE

Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, November 7, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. NOTE: This is a different day and time than our normal blood drives. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment. Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.

The next blood drive will be January 12, 2026 from 12-6, which is back to our normal schedule of *the second Monday from 12:00 - 6:00 PM.*



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J.O.Y. GROUP November 20, 2025

Just Older Youth will meet here in our church fellowship hall at **Noon on Thursday, November 20**, for our annual potluck Thanksgiving meal, with games following. Turkey and ham will be provided.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth (JOY) includes everyone 50 and older.

If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the wall in the narthex and indicate what you plan to bring for our meal.

FROM THE QUILTERS:

At the present time, the quilters have an abundance of material. We would appreciate your holding your donations until February, 2026.

November 30 - Today, the Holy Church rejoices in the Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle.



Andrew was among the first of our Lord's disciples. He was the son of Jonah and brother of Simon, whom Jesus renamed Peter. The family was from Bethsaida in Galilee. With his brother, Andrew was a fisherman by trade.

In the Gospel of John, we find Andrew introducing others to the Lord Jesus. Andrew had apparently been a follower of St. John the Baptist. Upon hearing John point to Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus and spent the day with Him. Later, Andrew "first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus" (John 1:41-42). Thus, Andrew is regarded as the first "home missionary," recognizing the importance of telling those closest to him about the Lord and introducing them to Him.

Some time later in Galilee, Jesus would specifically summon Peter, Andrew, James, and John from their vocation as fishermen to follow Him (see

Mark 1:16). He would make them become fishers of men.

In John 12, some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover desired to see Jesus. They first approached Philip (also a native of Bethsaida), and Philip turned to Andrew for assistance. Andrew and Philip brought word to Jesus, who exulted that as He is lifted up from the earth, He will draw all people to Himself. Thus, Andrew may also be regarded as the first "foreign missionary," recognizing the need for introducing those who come from distant lands to Jesus.

Andrew witnessed his Lord's resurrection, being with the others in the Upper Room on Easter evening and the week following. After Pentecost and the dispersion of the apostles, Andrew is said to have preached his Master's resurrection as far as Scythia or Thrace. According to tradition, he was martyred by crucifixion in Patras in Achaea.

Because Andrew felt unworthy to die upon the same kind of cross as his Lord had, he begged to be crucified on an X-shaped cross. This was granted him. Hence his symbol in church art is a cross in that particular shape. After his death, his bones were at one time interred in Constantinople and later transferred to the cathedral of Amalfi in Italy.

St. Andrew's Day always determines the beginning of Advent, for the first Sunday in Advent falls on the Sunday nearest to his festival.

Readings

Ezekiel 3:16-21 / Romans 10:8b-28 /
John 1:35-42a

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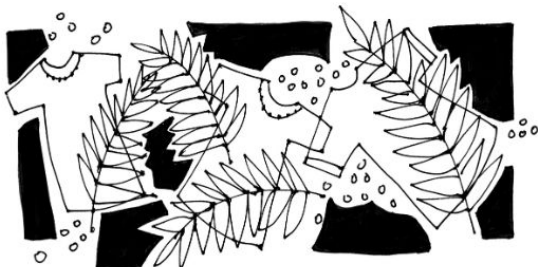
Bible Writing Plan

November 2025

Thankful & Content

- 1 - Psalm 136:26
- 2 - Colossians 3:15
- 3 - Hebrews 13:5
- 4 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- 5 - 1 Timothy 6:6
- 6 - Philippians 4:11-12
- 7 - Psalm 100:4
- 8 - Psalm 107:1
- 9 - Luke 12:15

This is ^{the} day
that ^{the} LORD
has made.
Let us rejoice
and be glad in it
Psalm 118:24



- 10 - Ephesians 5:20
- 11 - Psalm 118:24
- 12 - Psalm 30:11-12
- 13 - 1 Chronicles 29:13
- 14 - 1 Peter 5:7
- 15 - Psalm 37:4
- 16 - 1 Chronicles 16:34
- 17 - Matthew 6:25-26
- 18 - 1 Corinthians 4:7
- 19 - Psalm 34:8
- 20 - Psalm 18:32
- 21 - Psalm 9:1
- 22 - Psalm 118:6
- 23 - 2 Corinthians 9:15
- 24 - Proverbs 15:16
- 25 - Psalm 34:7
- 26 - Luke 6:38
- 27 - Psalm 136:1
- 28 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 29 - Psalm 50:23
- 30 - Psalm 103:2-5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

November 2

Thomas Ewald
Jennifer Heida
Rodney Sattelberg

November 3

Lynn LeBlanc
Duane Englehart
Reece Eremia

November 5

Rylan Tenbusch

November 6

Diane Stahl

November 8

Pastor Steele
Madalyn Stefanovsky

November 9

Connie Bishop
Kay Fetting
Jim Marker

November 10

Megan Calvin

November 12

Kyle Graf

November 13

Kelly Peasley
Hannah Cryderman

November 14

Margaret Gettel
Dolores Fiebig
Isla Barrigar



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

November 15

Amy Cuthrell

November 16

Marilyn Gettel
Diane Hasenleder
Cathy Vaughan

November 17

Maci Ewald

November 18

Katherine Robinson

November 19

Kourtnie Hill
Joshua Thayer

November 20

Deb Hall
Carl Hiser
Brian Rickwalt
Tina Decker
Jerry Erla

November 21

Warren Flintoft

November 24

Bonnie Creutz

November 26

Candi Cummper
Korbyn Joyce

November 28

Pamela Nault

November 29

Nathan Strzelewicz

November 30

Addison Fisch

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints' Day (Observed) Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	3 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	4 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	5 7:00 Worship Service	6	7	8 1 All Saints Day
9 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	10 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	11 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	12 7:00 Worship Service	13 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study	14	15
16 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	17 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	18 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML	19 7:00 Worship Service	20 12:00 JOY Group	21	22
23 Last Sunday of the Church Year 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Christmas Service Practice 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	24 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	25 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	26 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed	29
30 5th Sunday Door Offering First Sunday in Advent 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Family Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	Ushers: Mozdens Sattelbergs Ewalds		Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org		Flower Chair: Dolores Fiebig	