

# The Messenger

November 2024

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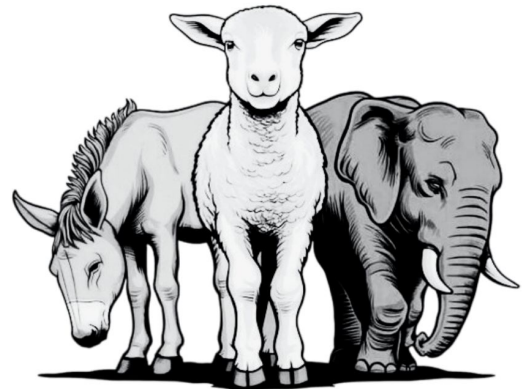
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES  
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE  
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

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My HOPE is  
in the  
LAMB

REVELATION 7:17

The November issue of  
*The Messenger* is sponsored  
by Ruth Steele  
in honor of Pastor's birthday.

# FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
9/29 & 10/2	Worship Services	53 + 72 + 24 = 149	\$4,185.00
10/6 & 10/9	Worship Services	70 + 78 + 19 = 167	\$5,510.00
10/13 & 10/16	Worship Services	53 + 72 + 24 = 149	\$6,869.55
10/20 & 10/23	Worship Services	52 + 67 + 21 = 140	\$7,112.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 2024 issue of *The Messenger* is:

**Monday, November 18  
at 12:00 (noon)**

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

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for September are - **Grant Ewald, Cora McCreedy, & Nolan Lynch!** *Grant, Cora, & Nolan* - 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 winner for October will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in November and in the December newsletter.

## WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP?

Judy Mohr, the very friendly and joyful lady in the Amigo power chair, needs a new Amigo. Judy lives most of her life in the Amigo, and she cannot get around without it. The cost to Judy for a new Amigo is about \$3,000, which she can't afford. Would you be willing to donate to assist her with the purchase? If so, please mark your donation **"AMIGO for JUDY"** and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. If you're sending a check, please make that check payable to Judy Mohr. Please do not use one of your usual offering envelopes for this donation. Thank you for your kind generosity.

## Scripture Readings: November

3	OT: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 EP: Hebrews 9: 11-22 GO: Mark 12:28-37
10	OT: 1 Kings 17:8-16 EP: Hebrews 9:24-28 GO: Mark 12:38-44
17	OT: Daniel 12:1-3 EP: Hebrews 10:11-25 GO: Mark 13:1-13
24	OT: Isaiah 51:4-6 EP: Jude 20-25 GO: Mark 13:24-37 OR OT: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 EP: Revelation 1:4b-8 GO: John 18:33-37



Daylight Saving Time ends **November 3rd**. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night if they don't do it automatically!

*Happy  
Birthday to  
Pastor  
Steele!*

Congratulations  
on your  
wedding,  
Zane & Izzie!

Doug & Doris DeRocco would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers and cards during Doug's recent procedure and Doris' recent operation.

## Blessed Are You!



At this time in the church year we think about saints—people who are examples of God’s love. We thank God for them and remember saints whose lives

enrich our faith. Many congregations have special celebrations on November 1, All Saints’ Day.

One example of a saint is Hildegard of Bingen. When she was a young girl in Germany, Hildegard experienced visions of the kingdom of God and what it might be like to live under God’s rule. She saw wonderful, hopeful things others didn’t see, and later she illustrated what she saw. Hildegard heard beautiful songs, too, and she wrote music that expressed God’s blessings through the sense of hearing. When Hildegard grew up she helped other women live lives of great faith in community. Today she is known as Saint Hildegard of Bingen.

Jesus was a wonderful teacher. He is the best example of God’s love. Jesus taught his disciples about God’s love so that they could teach others – even us today! Some of Jesus’ most familiar teachings are called the beatitudes, lessons in what it means to be blessed. Here is a story about the beatitudes. You can also read them from the Bible in Matthew 5.

One day Jesus climbed a mountain with his disciples. He wanted them to see what was wrong in the world now, and help them imagine a heavenly future with God that would make it right. Jesus said:

- Blessed are those who are hurting and sad. God will make them well and happy.
- Blessed are those who are hungry and needy. God will provide for them.
- Blessed are those who care for others. God will care for them.

- Blessed are those who work for all good things. God’s final rule will reward them with the peace and righteousness they envision for all

Throughout his ministry, Jesus kept reminding people what God expects us to do: love God and gather with God’s people. Jesus told a story that helps explain what it means to truly love God and gather with God’s people.

Jesus expects us to keep loving God, accept God’s love, and care for people in need. The loving choices we make now and the care we show to others today means we are already living in God’s reign.

At the end of all things, Jesus will return. Our actions will speak louder than our words. To some people he will say, “You fed me when I was hungry and gave me water when I was thirsty. You visited me when I was lonely or in prison.”

“We did?” they will say. “We didn’t know it was you!”

To others he will say, “You didn’t feed me when I was hungry or give me water when I was thirsty. You never visited me when I was lonely or in prison.”

“We didn’t?” they will say. “We didn’t know it was you!”

“Those are always the right things to do – to me or to anyone you may meet. Whenever you do them for anyone, you do them for me.”

It may sound impossible to see Jesus in the faces of others, but actually it’s easy. Just take time to look! People and challenges that are worth our time and effort are all around us.

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### Praying Together

All good gifts around us are sent from God above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all God’s love.  
Amen.

–Johann A.P. Schutz



# ADVENT SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, 11/27/24:**

**7:00 PM**

**Thanksgiving Eve  
With Communion**

**Sunday, 12/01/24:**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**1st Sunday in Advent  
With Communion**

**Wednesday, 12/04/24:**

**5:30 PM**

**Advent Meal - sponsored by  
LWML**

**7:00 PM**

**1st Advent Midweek  
With Communion**

**Sunday, 12/8/24:**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**2nd Sunday in Advent  
With Communion**

**Wednesday, 12/11/24:**

**5:30 PM**

**Advent Meal - sponsored by  
TBD**

**7:00 PM**

**2nd Advent Midweek  
With Communion**

**Sunday, 12/15/24:**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**3rd Sunday in Advent  
With Communion**

**Wednesday, 12/18/24:**

**5:30 PM**

**Advent Meal - sponsored by  
TBD**

**7:00 PM**

**3rd Advent Midweek  
With Communion**

**Sunday, 12/22/24:**

**8:30 AM**

**4th Sunday in Advent  
With Communion**

**11:00 AM**

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

**Tuesday, 12/24/24:**

**7:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
No Communion**

**Wednesday, 12/25/24:**

**9:30 AM**

**Single Worship Service  
Christmas Day  
With Communion**

**Sunday, 12/29/24:**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**First Sunday After Christmas  
With Communion**

**Tuesday, 12/31/24:**

**5:30 PM**

**New Years Eve  
With Communion**

## UPDATE FROM OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Although we packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on October 27th, there is still time to participate this year. You can do so in the following ways.

1. Please remember Operation Christmas Child in your prayers.
  - May God direct each shoebox into the hands of just the right child.
  - May the shoe boxes bring joy to the children facing poverty, sickness, famine, or war.
  - May God meet the needs of these children – physical, emotional, and spiritual.
  - May the shoe boxes open doors for children and their families to hear of Jesus' unconditional love for them.
  - May many children come to faith through the follow-up program "The Greatest Journey."
  - May God bless the many volunteers involved in collecting, shipping, and distributing the shoe box gifts.
2. Place any in-gathering items in the drop-off box located in the narthex, and we will pack them into additional shoeboxes. The last day for drop-off is November 10th.
3. Shipping costs are \$10.00 per box. If you would like to help with this expense, please make your check out to Samaritan's Purse - OCC, put it in an envelope, and place it in the mailbox of Dave & Diana Mattlin. We will forward it to Samaritan's Purse to be used for shipping of the shoeboxes.

Thank you for helping us with this important and rewarding ministry outreach.

Dave & Diana Mattlin

## ADVENT MEALS

There are still two dates available for Advent Meals. **Available dates are: Dec. 11 & 18.**

Would your group or family like to host one of those dates? Ushers? Elders? Endowment? Quilters? Choirs? JOY Group? Youth? Church Council? Families??? **First to respond gets to pick their date first.**

Church office: M-F 8:30-4:30  
989-673-4214 or eMail  
lynn@stpaulcaro.org



*joy*

## J.O.Y. ACTIVITY

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st**

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **12:30 PM on Thursday, November 21st**, for our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Meal with games following. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex and indicate what you will bring for the meal.

## News from the LWML

**(Lutheran Womens Missionary League)**

- They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall except June, July, August, and December.
- Every confirmed woman in the congregation is automatically a member and is welcome to attend the meetings.
- They collect mites to support missions locally, nationally, and worldwide.
- They collect labels from Our Family food products from VGs. You can put your labels in the slot marked for them on top of the card case in the Narthex. Every 500 labels earns \$25, which helps support their missions.
- Speaking of card case, they sell cards for only 50¢ each or 12 for \$5 (mix or match). You can put your money for your purchases in the box on top of the card case.
- They no longer collect canceled postage stamps.

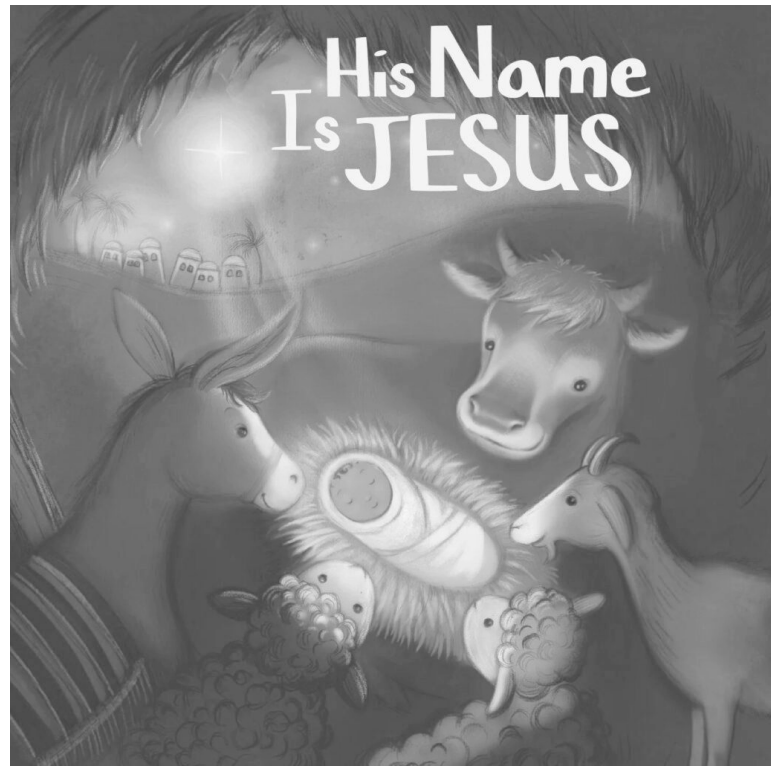


# Living Nativity A Family Friendly Event!

Come Join Us for this Great Event!  
FREE to all – we are excited to celebrate the birth of our savior with you, Bay Shore Style! This is a family-friendly event for the whole family, so bring everyone! We would love to see you and celebrate the REAL reason for the season, Jesus Christ, and His birth!

Experience the LIVING NATIVITY on  
DECEMBER 7th, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

Bay Shore Camp - 450 N. Miller St., Sebewaing. We hope to see you there!



**American  
Red Cross**



**Our next blood drive will be held on Monday, November 11 from 12 - 5:45 PM. 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](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.



**Food  
Collection**

Reminder: We have a food collection box all year long. Most of it stays right here to help people that come in. Sometimes, if we have a lot, we share with the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. The items that are most needed are canned or boxed items that require no or minimal ingredients and/or preparation. A lot of the people in need are homeless and do not have a way to cook things or even a can opener so flip top cans are a big bonus.



## Thanks for Everything!

Luke 17:11-19 tells an interesting story about a time when Jesus met ten men who needed His help. The ten men had a skin disease called leprosy. In the Bible, the term *leprosy* applies to a number of skin ailments, the origins of which were not very well understood. It was assumed that the skin condition was transmitted through touch, so a person with leprosy was forced by law to stay away from contact with people who did not have leprosy. They were thought of as outcasts. Lepers could, however, congregate among themselves.

Jesus meets a group of ten men with leprosy in a village between Samaria and Galilee. Jesus heals these ten men and tells them to show themselves to the priest. This would make it possible for them to return to their families.

All ten are cleansed, but only one returns to praise God and thank Jesus. This man does not receive any more healing than the others do; but because he takes time to express his thanks, we know how deeply he appreciates his healing.

Having clear skin, being able to walk, having good hearing and eyesight – these things do not necessarily make a person “well” or “whole.” Faith in Jesus makes a person whole. Faith in Jesus allows a person to become what God intends that person to be. *Gratitude* is a

feeling of thankfulness that moves us to respond to God’s promise of unconditional love.

When you feel very thankful for something, how do you express that? In what ways do people respond when you express thanks to them? See how many things you can do this month to say “thank you.”

## Two and Ten

Two things surprised Jesus in this story. First, only one person said thank you. Second, the person who did say thank you was a Samaritan. Samaritans had some different beliefs from most Jewish people. They were not respected by Jews or treated as part of God’s people. The disciples might not have expected the Samaritan to be the one who came back to say thank you. Name ten things (or people) you are thankful for:

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| 1. | 6.  |
| 2. | 7.  |
| 3. | 8.  |
| 4. | 9.  |
| 5. | 10. |

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### Praying Together

Without the Way,  
there is no going;  
without the Truth,  
there is no knowing;  
without the Life,  
there is no living.

– Thomas à Kempis from *Imitation of Christ*

Let's read through the entire Bible in one year!  
Here is the plan for November. Almost there....

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gal = Galatians Th = Thessalonians		Cor = Corinthians Rom = Romans				
3 Matt 27:11-31, Mark 15:2-20, Luke 23:1-25, John 18:28-19:16	4 Matt 27:32-56, Mark 15:21-41, Luke 23:26-49, John 19:17-37	5 Mark 15:42-16:13, Matt 27:57-28:15, Luke 23:50-24:12, John 19:38-20:18	6 Luke 24:13-49, Mark 16:12-18, John 20:19-21:25, Matt 28:16-20	7 Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1-2	8 Acts 3-5	9 Acts 6-7
10 Acts 8-9	11 Acts 10-12:5	12 Acts 12:6-14:20	13 Acts 14:21-28, Galatians 1-3:23	14 Gal 3:24-6:18, Acts 15:1-21	15 Acts 15:22-17:15	16 Acts 17:16-18:3 1 Thessalonians 1-5:11
17 1 Th 5:12-28 2 Th 1-3 Acts 18:4-23	18 Acts 18:24-19:20 1 Corinthians 1-3	19 1 Cor 4-7	20 1 Cor 8-11:1	21 1 Cor 11:2-13:13	22 1 Cor 14-15	23 1 Cor 16 Acts 19:21-20:6 Romans 1
24 Romans 2-4	25 Rom 5-8:17	26 Rom 8:18-10:21	27 Rom 11-14	28 Rom 15-16 2 Cor 1-2:4	29 2 Cor 2:5-6:13	30 2 Cor 6:14-10:18

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!*

## **November 2**

Thomas Ewald  
Jennifer Heida  
Rodney Sattelberg

## **November 3**

Duane Englehart  
Lynn LeBlanc  
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**

Rhonda Beckrow  
Kyle Graf

## **November 13**

Hannah Cryderman  
Kelly Peasley

## **November 14**

Margaret Gettel  
Dolores Fiebig  
Isla Barrigar

## **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**

Tina Decker  
Jerry Erla  
Deb Hall  
Carl Hiser  
Brian Rickwalt

## **November 21**

Warren Flintoft

## **November 22**

Gina Gettel

## **November 24**

Bonnie Creutz

## **November 25**

Benjamin Turner

## **November 26**

Candi Cumpper  
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		
<b>Prayer Chain:</b> Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	<b>Flower Chair:</b> Nancy Vant Delores Fiebig	<b>Ushers:</b> Sattelbergs Mozdens Ewalds	<b>6</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> All Saints' Day	<b>2</b>		
<b>3 All Saints' Day (Observed)</b> 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>4</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>5</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders			<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>10 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>11</b> 12:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>12</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>14</b>	<b>Elders:</b> Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Bob Eremia 810-691-1302 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Bill McQueen 598-0444 Bob Smith 325-1038 Garrett Tetil 670-6221 Brian Voss 286-1461 John Weidman 550-4764 Gary Zick 673-7449			
<b>17 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / <b>Family Sunday</b> 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>18</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>19</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML 7:00 Altar Guild 7:00 Stephen Min.	<b>20</b> 7:00 Worship Service	<b>21</b> 12:30 JOY Thanksgiving				
<b>24 Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 SS kids sing Children's Song of the Month 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	<b>25</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	<b>26</b> 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		