



NOVEMBER 2019

The Disciple's Connection

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS) — Painesville, OH 44077

Our Mission Statement: To witness to our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, building relationships and caring for others.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-

10:30, Sundays): Sunday

School & Sunday

Adult Bible Studies

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In the fall of 1621, the new settlers to our country gathered with some native Indians for a three-day thanksgiving feast to celebrate a good harvest. This is probably why pilgrims and turkeys have become so attached to Thanksgiving Day. This event in 1621 was not a holiday, but simply a gathering to express thankfulness and share in the Lord's bounty. Thanksgiving Day as a holiday dates back to 1863 when President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday on the 4th Thursday of November as an encouragement for Americans to give thanks to God for His provision. Since then, Thanksgiving Day has remained a national holiday.

As Christians, we rejoice that our nation observes a national day of thanksgiving. However, Christian stewards may very well question whether our current Thanksgiving Day celebration is a technical change or an adaptive change. What's the difference between a technical and an adaptive change you ask? Actually, there is a big difference! If the celebration of Thanksgiving Day is simply one day to pause from the busyness of life and work, give thanks in whatever way people wish to express thanks, and then get back to the regular swing of things, it becomes little more than a momentary technical change, a pause in our normal routine. We do it for one day and then it's business as usual. If, however, Thanksgiving Day provides us with the opportunity to express our thankfulness to God for all His blessings, and then continue to express our thankfulness on an ongoing basis; it is more of an adaptive change, a truly meaningful change to our normal routine. Simply put, a technical change is a once a year event, but an adaptive change is a change in behavior that continues throughout the year.

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us to pray "give us this day our daily bread." Luther in his explanation of this petition teaches that "daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body" and that we as God's people "receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."

It is a very good practice to be regular and consistent in our prayers at mealtimes. Truly our Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. Saying prayers like this helps us remember that giving thanks is a daily activity of God's people. Praying daily also helps us practice giving thanks in an adaptive way. This encourages us to remember that giving thanks is a daily way of life, not just a once a year holiday.

Christian stewards are people with grateful hearts and giving hands. All good gifts come from God and He intends for us to receive them with thankfulness and use them in ways that honor Him and bless others. God's good gifts include healthy relationships, special talents, time, the privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus, financial resources and so much more. Jesus frees us from the selfish use of all these gifts and the Holy Spirit helps us live like the children of God who freely, joyfully and daily use all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Happy Thanksgiving Day and may your celebration be another reminder that giving thanks is meant to be a daily response for all that God so richly provides.

**REMINDER... CLOCKS
"FALLBACK" 1 HOUR!**

**Daylight
savings time
ends at
2:00 a.m.
Sunday,
Nov. 3**



¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:11

St. Paul's Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7pm

Come join us as we give thanks for all of our many blessings...



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

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Greeting Cards for Sale

For a short time, a limited supply of religiously-themed Thanksgiving and Christmas card boxed sets will be on sale. They are displayed on the small table next to the greeting card rack and priced from \$10-12.50 per set. Our supply of everyday cards will remain available. Use one of the specially labeled offering envelopes on the top row of the greeting card rack to deposit your check or cash for your selected cards and place it in the Offering plate or give it to an Elder during church service. Proceeds will go to the Outreach budget for future events.

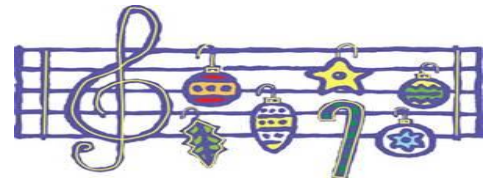
St. Paul's Sunday School & Church Christmas Adopt-A-Family Mission

This year, St. Paul's Sunday School is again adopting families from Project Hope for Christmas. We would like to ask the congregation to help us with donations for this project. For more information, please watch the Announcements section of the church worship bulletin as well as the information posted on the Sunday School Office door.

Starshine Graziadei,
Sunday School Superintendent



Church Decorating "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and help the Youth Group decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/ Christmas season on Saturday, November 30th, begin at 10:00 a.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



The St. Paul's Celebration Choir

will be singing at the 5pm Christmas Eve Service. This is a choir made up of **anyone, any age (youth thru adult) who is interested.** We encourage you to come join us! You will be warmly welcomed!

Rehearsals will be after the 10:45am service on

Nov. 24, Dec. 8, 15 & 22.

See you there!

LWML NOISY MITE RESULTS:

Praise God for the LWML Noisy mite offering prayerfully given to God's glory on the weekend of October 19/20. A total of \$453.37 was collected. This amount consisted of \$286.00 in bills and checks and \$337.80 in LOUD money (1 dollar coin; 294 quarters; 556 dimes; 394 nickels; 1757... pennies). The mite money will be used to fund the mission work in our district and around the world. You can learn more about these missions at <http://lwml ohio.org> and <http://lwml.org>. Please continue to pray for the work of the LWML and regularly feed your mite boxes. Mites can be deposited in the wooden mite box by the Friendship Circle board at any time.



Church Office news...

Effective Friday, November 1st, Kathy Doeing will be retiring as our church office Administrative Assistant. We wish to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to both the church office and the preschool.

The church office will remain open per its current schedule; Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Until a new administrative assistant is named, Marlyss Sekki will be covering the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Kristi McConnell will cover the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All bulletin and newsletter announcements can continue to be submitted to the office email address: office@splcpainesville.com.

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Current Membership Changes:

Do you have a New Address? New phone number? New email address? A new baby in the family? Please let the church office know of any changes in your information. This will help to keep the Directory and the church database as current as possible.

Spaghetti Dinner Results

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the Elders for planning, organizing, cooking and serving the Spaghetti Dinner. It was a huge success. The event raised a total of \$908 for the Outreach budget.

We also send many thanks to Billie Lelle, Charlene Sullivan and the rest of the Friendship Circle for putting together the gift baskets on such short notice. Finally, we would like to thank Donna Salminen for her recipe and baking advice provided to the Elders, and to Debbie Bennington for her delicious meatballs!

Winners of the gift baskets are as follows:

Breakfast Basket – Judy Kerver
Wine Basket – Ray Cavender
Golf Basket – Amy Marizek



A Celebration of Christ's Birth

Friday	Saturday
December 13th	December 14th
7:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

Doors open 1 hour earlier
Early arrivals may wait in church parish hall

Reserve FREE tickets today!
zionpainesville.com

Zion Lutheran Church
508 Mentor Avenue • Painesville, OH • 440-357-5174



THE "GIVING" TREE

As the weather turns colder and snow begins to fly, St. Paul's is once again collecting *HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, AND SCARVES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN*

Watch for the giving Tree that will be located in the church Narthex beginning in Mid-November.

Please consider bringing in your donations to decorate the "Giving Tree". This mission will end Jan. 1, 2020

All donations will go to Project Hope and the Hope Chest.

Thank you for helping.



Dear Members of St. Paul's Congregation,

The staff and students of St. Paul's Preschool would like to thank you for your continuing generosity to the preschool.

We appreciate your donations to our school, whether they are monetary or actual items needed. Our birthday cake had over 100 candles on it and every single one of them was taken and the needed supplies returned. We were overwhelmed with the support! The school could not function as it does without your help. What better way to serve than in your own church and community!

Thank you again for assisting us in our mission to teach God's word to our students.

God Bless You,

The Members of St. Paul's Preschool Staff and Students



It's Time to Order Poinsettia's!

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church again this year. As always, you can take them home after Christmas. The cost is \$5.25 each. Watch for the order sheet to be posted on the doors at the back of the church. Please put your check in the offering plate, marked "poinsettias". Thank you!

Lutheran's for Life-- Life Quotes for November

November 3 "The same God who wonderfully formed you in the womb knows the number of hairs on your head. He will provide for you, and He will give you the strength and courage you need. If we fear God, we need fear no one else. You are not alone." *Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 10 "In Christ, we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs, we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an emphatic NO!" *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 17 "God's labor of redeeming—Word become flesh, Christ reconciling the world by dying and rising again—proves all human beings precious ... His indiscriminating grace—not anyone's age or appearance or ability, wherever we come from and whatever we have done—imparts sanctity and affirms significance to every member of the species homo sapiens." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 24 "May we thank the Lord always for valuing our lives enough to save them. For there is nothing greater to be thankful for today than a Father who spared not even the life of His Son to save ours. And trusting in this most precious work of Christ, we will arrive home again to share in a life that never ends." *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

29th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 11 AM to 2 PM

Mentor United Methodist Church at 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060

The dinner is free and no reservations are needed. Come and enjoy your holiday meal with us! Meal delivery to shut-ins and transportation for the meal are available if you live in:

- Mentor
- Mentor-on-the-Lake
- Fairport Harbor
- Painesville
- No exceptions
- Please call by 11/21
- 440-255-3496 between 9 am to 3 pm



We look forward to spending Thanksgiving with you!

Community Candle Lighting ~ 20th Annual ~ Service of Remembrance 2019

Hosted by
The Behm Family Funeral Homes
26 River Street, Madison, Ohio
(Corner of Rts. 528 & 84)

~ Join us ~

Monday, November 25, 2019
Ceremony at 6:30pm,
Registration 6-630pm
Light refreshments after Ceremony)

*We welcome you, your family & friends
to bring an ornament(s)
for our outside Memorial Tree and
participate in a special service
to honor loved ones. This special service is
open to anyone in our Communities.*

We Hope to See You

For more Info. please feel free
To call us @440.428.4401



Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting November 17, 2019


Potluck Lunch enjoyed before the meeting!
**Meat & beverages provided; please bring a
side dish to share.**

**Please come and support your church
and congregation! Let your voice be
heard.**

In all things
GIVE thanks!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8:15 & 10:45A Worship 9:30A Education Hr.	Please Note: Confirmation Class will meet Sunday after the 10:45 service unless otherwise noted.			Announcements for bulletin due every Tuesday for the coming weekend's Bulletin.		6P Worship
					1	2 Communion
3 Communion  Day Light Savings Time Ends Youth Group 6:00P	4 Preschool chapels w/Pastor	5 Choir 	6 Council 6:30P	7 Midweek Bible Study, 10:30-noon Preschool Family Night	8 OSLS Gala, 6P, LaMalfa Center	9 Communion LWML Northeast Zone Board Mtg.
10 Communion  Martin Luther's Birthday Confirmation	11 Men's Ministry Group 7P	12 Choir	13 Elder's 6:30P Women's Bible Study 6:30P	14 Midweek Bible Study, 10:30-noon	15 Deadline for December Newsletter Articles	16
17 Youth Group Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg. & Potluck (after the 10:45A service)	18 Preschool Morley Library visits	19 Choir	20	21 Midweek Bible Study, 10:30-noon	22	23 Communion
24 Communion Confirmation	25 Men's Ministry Group 7P Preschool-Grandparent's Day	26 Choir	27 Thanksgiving Eve. Serv. w/ Communion-7P Church office & Preschool closed	28 Church office & Preschool closed 	29 Church office & Preschool Closed Youth Group Lock-in	30 First weekend in Advent: Preschool Resumes: Dec. 2/3

Those Who Serve: November 2019

ELDERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	Roy Greig
8:15 A	Sunday	Jeff Troutman
10:45A	Sunday	Rich Szoradi



LECTORS:

11-02-18	6:00	Saturday	Pavel Lindrose
11-03-18	8:15	Sunday	Dale Kerver
11-03-18	10:45	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
11-09-18	6:00	Saturday	Roy Greig
11-10-18	8:15	Sunday	Jack Lelle
11-10-18	10:45	Sunday	Sandy Heckler
11-16-18	6:00	Saturday	Frank McVan
11-17-18	8:15	Sunday	Craig McConnell
11-17-18	10:45	Sunday	Eric West
11-23-18	6:00	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
11-24-18	8:15	Sunday	Dale Kerver
11-24-18	10:45	Sunday	Ken Chaffe
11-27-18	7:00	Wednesday	TBD

COUNTERS: Ken Chaffe, Jennifer Drake

GREETERS:

6:00 P	Saturday
8:15 A	Sunday
10:45A	Sunday