

Flock Talk

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 2024



hearts + doors *wide open*



A MESSAGE *from the Pastor*

Go in peace, grow the church.

I want to share something exciting with you: Our congregation is growing! Yes. You may not have noticed it. But, I see "signs."

Since the beginning of this year, we have seen guests come to our church's worship and special events. I've had conversations with people from our community. We have people follow us on our Facebook page and watch our YouTube channel. That does not necessarily increase the number of members in our church directory, but it grows our reach. And the attendance in worship has been really good, around or above our average even in the summer months.

What matters is not the numbers on our roster or the dollars in our offering plates. That's of secondary importance. Building relationships and being able to share God's love with people is what Jesus calls us to do. All else will fall into place.



And so, because our congregation, members like you, and I are able to meet others outside our church, we get opportunities to show that we believe in a God who is loving, understanding, and inclusive. Too many unchurched people think Christians just want to fill their church and its coffers. And they have no interest in being told how bad they are if they don't look, act, or believe the right way.

I firmly believe that there is a big need for St. Paul's people to show that we are not like those fire and brimstone preachers, or Evangelical Christian nationalists, or some other churches in our town. As a church with hearts and minds and hearts **wide open** we fill a niche in the Hillsboro area. Unfortunately, too many people don't know we exist, need to meet you and me, and have to experience gracious faith community with us.

Activities filled with creative, fun, and inviting experiences like pickleball, harvest booth, or Community Café are growing our congregation's connections, public awareness, and energy. They are small signs but the potential growth is huge. Thanks be to God!

- + Our **Forward in MISSION** campaign is geared toward growing our own discipleship, growing relationships outside our congregation, and growing the reach of our blessings. This month you will learn more about how you have an important and necessary role in supporting St. Paul's efforts to bring Jesus' love to people which can bring them to our church.

Please read messages, listen to worship talks, and watch a video by me. And pray about your involvement and financial commitment to grow our church through disciples on a mission.

Yours with excitement and hope,
Pastor Stefan

SERVING THIS MONTH

COUNTER – Angela Kaculi

ALTAR GUILD

- 3 — Sharol Hayes
- 10 — Carolyn Meier
- 17 — Karen Hamilton
- 24 — Liz Allen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 3 — Carolyn Meier
- 10 — Donna Wille
- 17 — Liz Allen
- 24 — Sandra Moody

LECTOR

- 3 — Ken Schaal
- 10 — Liz Allen
- 17 — Mike Plunkett
- 24 — Donna Wille

USHERS

- 3 — Charles & Sandra Moody
- 10 — Liz Allen and Maribeth Rahe
- 17 — Heather & Mike Plunkett
- 24 — Carolyn & Earl Meier

VIDEO & AUDIO

- 3 — Liz Allen
- 10 — August Plunkett
- 17 — Merle Imler
- 24 — Liz Allen

FLOWERS

- 3 — Carol Calvert
- 10 — Sharol Hayes, Leland Storm
- 17 — Roger Traylor
- 24 — Carolyn & Earl Meier



DON'T FORGET: *Time Change*

Remember, Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov 3. So make sure you “fall back” from Saturday night to Sunday morning. This is also a good time to change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



Please Take Your Part in **ELCA SURVEY**

St. Paul's has participated in a survey sponsored by the ELCA during the last few years. In return we received funds for future outreach ministry starts. Now we are invited to participate in a national study of worship attenders.

Please use the QR code or text link to fill out a survey unique to St. Paul's which should take 10-15 minutes to complete. All adults who attend St. Paul's services (in person or online) should complete a survey by Tuesday, Nov 12. The office can provide paper copies for those who are unable to complete the survey online (paper deadline Nov 10).

Use the QR code above or enter the text link provided below:

https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=99173



Highlights of **WORSHIP**

Upcoming highlights of St. Paul's worship:

- + On Sunday, November 3, we will give thanks for our baptism which joins us to the community of *All Saints*.
- + *Christ the King* Sunday, November 24, we will celebrate God's blessings and commit to God's Mission during worship. Following the service we will enjoy our annual Thanksgiving potluck meal.
- + The new church year and four weeks of preparation for Christ's coming on Christmas will begin with the First Sunday of *Advent*, on December 1.



Because our congregation's reserves are being depleted and to deal with income shortfalls, our church council is asking for **Offerings** you would usually designate for the Building Fund to be directed to the General Fund for instead (we have a healthy balance for building projects). Thank you for all your vital and generous gifts!



PRAYER *for National Election*

Everlasting God, source of all liberty, before whom every earthly ruler must bow and bend the knee, we lay our nation before you as we prepare for an election. Breathe upon us your Spirit of wisdom and discernment. Grant all who seek public office the mind of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for the freedom of the oppressed. Hold before us those who face uncertain futures, or who have no voice in our political process. Uphold and safeguard poll workers and election officials in their work. Spare us from the crushing weight of cynicism. Give us grace to speak courageously, but with love, without which our words are noise and we are nothing. Gather us together under the cross, where, in all of our difference, we can stand as one people, redeemed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

From: ELCA Worship Resource, 2024



ELCA Bishops Emphasize THE NEED FOR SPEAKING THE TRUTH

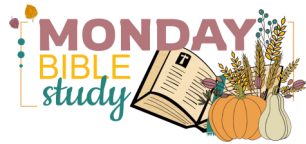
The ELCA Conference of Bishops have issued a statement condemning the hateful, deceptive, violent speech that has too readily found a place in our national discourse. Read the statement here: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8247>



Through **Beyond Our Walls** we contribute each month to support ministries in our local and global community. As we share our gifts with those beyond our walls, we are reminded of the many ways that God touches our lives each day. Thank you for your generosity.

In *November*, we will support the Greater Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship. This group of local clergy provides many opportunities for area churches to cooperate with one another for ministry, including ecumenical worship services, outreach events, and coordinating assistance for those in need right here in our community.

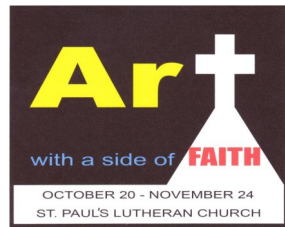
Please give generously in the big jug, or a “noisy offering” during worship. Thank you for extending the reach of St. Paul’s mission.



Monday BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in an overview of “*Beloved and Obscure*” passages in the Bible and how they connect to Jesus and our lives? You are invited to Bible Study on most Mondays, at a new time, 4:30-about 6pm.

- + We enjoy snacks and fellowship, reading and discussion. No experience is necessary. Come when you have time. Grow in your discipleship.



ART SHOW: *Art, with a Side of Faith*

Come see artworks created by members and friends of St. Paul’s on Sunday mornings, during Community Café, and by appointment until Sunday, November 24. Biblical images, spiritual abstracts, and subjects of God’s creation will be displayed in the church.



A big thank you to everyone who helps to deliver **Meals on Wheels** each month. Our next scheduled week is November 12-15. Please contact Carolyn Meier for more details or to volunteer.



Pop-Up WELLNESS MINISTRY

The PEACE *Full* wellness ministry celebrates community in wholesome, healthy, and mindful activities for all ages. Our intent is to invite greater peace and health into our lives through meditation, movement, and mindfulness.

- + The Healthy Potluck scheduled this month has been *postponed* until spring.
- + Sunday, November 24, 4:30-6pm: The Right Attitude Chair Yoga + Meditation
Explore gratitude in our everyday lives and learn how to cultivate more joy with a relaxing flow and fall texture meditation.
- + Sunday, December 8, 4:30-6pm: Starry Night Chair Yoga + Meditation
Embrace the symbolism of the Star of Bethlehem in this gentle flow and inspiring meditation.

Events have been planned through March 2025, and announcements will be shared as they come up. You can always look ahead to at the full list of wellness ministry activities planned so far, and check for new ones being added, on our church website at www.wideopen.church.

Why try Chair Yoga and Meditation?

Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that uses a chair for balance to perform poses while seated. It’s based on traditional yoga, but modified so that people with limited mobility or those who are new to yoga can still practice. At the end of the class we enjoy a short guided visualization, body scan and/or deep breathing, guiding us into deeper levels of stillness and relaxation.

All classes and workshops are suitable for all ages, abilities and complete beginners! Classes are fun, encouraging and are designed to reduce tension, increase energy levels and improve mobility and sleep.

Benefits of chair yoga include:

- Flexibility
- Strength
- Improved sleep
- Social connection
- Improved circulation
- Better balance and stability
- Stress management
- Improved respiratory function
- Increased mental clarity
- Reduced joint strain

Don’t just take my word for it, the research is in! Here is a study that was conducted to see if chair yoga could assist men and women in their 80s and 90s from having as many falls. This study quantifies positive changes in ALL of the following markers: sleep, balance, memory, fear of falling, depression, anxiety, and the use of medical movement devices. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3410195/#sec1-3>



Andre Rieu CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As an addition to the PEACE Full ministry series, all are invited to attend an Andre Rieu Christmas Concert at AMC Edwardsville on Saturday, December 14 at 3pm. Tickets are \$22, and we would like to meet at the church at 1:30pm to carpool together. Following the show, we would eat at Panera Bread at individual cost.

- + If interested, please RSVP and provide payment by next Sunday, November 3 to Nicole Cunningham at [redacted] so all tickets can be purchased together. Check the link for a preview of what will be shown on the cinema screen: <https://www.fandango.com/videos/player/andre-rieus-christmas-concert-2379642435691>



St. Paul's members are reaching out to residents in our local care facilities through games like **Bingo** and other activities. The next outreach will be at 9am on Wednesday, November 13 at Montgomery Nursing & Rehab. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Mary Martin if you are able to help out. Thank you!



Advent Wreath WORKSHOP

Diane Singler will be leading an Advent Wreath Workshop in the basement fellowship hall at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 17 at 4pm. This event will be free for all ages, funded by Thrivent. Adults should bring pliers, wire cutters, and glue guns if they have them. Donations will be accepted to build ramp entrances on local homes for people who have mobility issues. Supplies are limited, so please sign up on the bulletin board at church.



Our annual **Christmas Program** will be on Sunday, December 15. Practices will take place during Sunday School at 9:15am on November 17 & 24, December 8 & 15. Please be sure your child makes it to practices if you would like them to be in the program. We would love to have all preschool-6th grade students join us this year!



The next **Newsletter** will cover both full months of December and January. All articles will be due in the office by Thursday, November 14. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: *Forward in Mission*

God is calling St. Paul's to make disciples who will bless our community.

Starting this fall, we are embarking on efforts which are designed to help grow our church in the present for the future. Please join this important, exciting, and faithful undertaking.

The overall idea is very simple: Jesus wants every person to follow his teaching, example, and lead for loving God and our neighbor.

Christ commissions our church to make disciples of all people, near and far, and to share the good news of God's gracious love, and to create a faith community which shares mutual love and blesses people in need of help.

Will you prayerfully and courageously accept this mission for your life and our congregation's activities? Only then will our church move forward, make a difference, and grow.

Here's how we will get started in growing to be a blessing, welcoming, healthy church:

- + During **November**, we are celebrating examples of the impact made on people's lives inside and outside of our congregation by *St. Paul's ministries*. Every member will then be invited to make a commitment to God's mission through spiritual, practical, and financial support. Look for mailings, listen to talks, and attend Commitment Sunday worship and celebration meal on November 24.
- + Our congregation has formed a team that is participating in **Faithful Innovation** training provided through our synod. Through workshops, mentoring, and exercises for the group and individual members, we are learning how to look beyond our church walls and look for opportunities to connect with our community. The insights and practices gained are intended to *transform and inspire our entire congregation*, as principles and experiences will be shared.
- + Moving forward, the **Holy Spirit** is going to lead us together and individually to meet people in need of hope or care, show us ways to use our gifts or resources to reach out, and provide opportunities to share faith in *God's love* and extend invitations to *follow Jesus* with us.

Please pray about God's purpose for our church. Read God's daily Word for you in the Bible. And be an ambassador for Jesus in everyday life as well as at St. Paul's with other members.

Jesus needs everyone for his mission, and your offerings are needed for St. Paul's growth. But, we can trust God's help and success, if only we act faithfully and courageously in being and making disciples.



Serve in **WORSHIP**

Schedules for those serving in worship are being prepared for 2025. Anyone already serving in Altar Guild, Lector, Communion Assistant, Usher, and/or Video & Audio positions should let Liz Allen as soon as possible know if they are not planning to serve in 2025.

If you are interested in serving and are not currently doing so, please also let Liz know. For those that indicated interest in the gift survey in July, Liz will be reaching out to you by e-mail from crdnlfan82@aol.com.



Annual **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

The annual congregational Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, November 24. Following our worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for our traditional Thanksgiving "Carry-In" Dinner.

Ham will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring other food to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know what you plan to bring.



Serve Refreshments during **HILLSBORO CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Please sign up to volunteer for some time to provide complimentary cocoa and cookies to people who will come through our church for shopping and activities during the annual Small Town Christmas event on Saturday, November 30.



Community **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The free turkey dinner for residents of the Hillsboro area is being provided by churches of the Ministerial Fellowship. The overall goal of the Thanksgiving meal is to give those who would be alone on that holiday a place where they can enjoy a homecooked meal with others on Thanksgiving Day. Carry-out and delivery are offered for those who are unable to get out.

The event will be held from 11am-1:30pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, at the Event Center of Montgomery County.

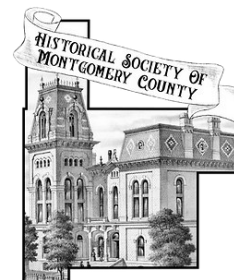
- + St. Paul's will once again provide green beans for the meal. Church members will cook bacon and onions ahead of time for the green beans. Volunteers will also be needed to set up, serve, and/or clean up between 8am and 1:30pm.



SYNOD Youth Retreat

Pastor Stefan will take our two current Confirmation students to this year's Synod Youth Retreat in Carlinville on November 22-24. One of the parents will chaperone during retreat worship and bring the kids back so that Pastor Stefan can be at church for Commitment Worship and our Thanksgiving meal on Sunday.

- + Please pray for retreat leaders, for all youth to have a fun and inspiring time, and for Conner and CJ in particular to enjoy meeting other youth and enjoy activities which affirm and encourage them in their Christian faith.



ST. PAUL'S on the Historical Society Tour

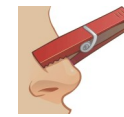
Once again the Historical Society in Hillsboro is hosting a Christmas tour on Sunday afternoon, December 1. This year, the tour will include three churches: St. James, Ware's Grove, and St. Paul's.

Our church will be open to tour visitors from 1-4pm. We will be able to show off our beautiful building and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. Light refreshments will be provided by church volunteers, and a brochure will provide information about our congregation's history as well as current activities. Pastor Stefan plans to exhibit his father's large nativity, and looks forward to greeting, meeting and inviting people.

- + Please check with St. Paul's women's group about helping with decorating and/or serving refreshments. To get paid tickets to the Christmas tour, contact the Historical Society at www.montgomerycountyhistorical.com/contact, or ask Carol Calvert.



Anyone wishing to help out with the Angel Tree or Coats for Kids programs can give monetary donations to Paula Keeper, who will be shopping for items for these Hillsboro organizations.



Be Considerate of **SCENT SENSITIVITIES**

There are people in our congregation, including our pastor, who are sensitive to intense scents. Please consider limiting your use of perfume or strongly scented lotion at church, in order to reduce allergic reactions and other health issues. Thank you for your understanding.



ELCA Presiding Bishop about the **CRISIS IN THE HOLY LAND**

In observance of the one-year anniversary of the start of the current conflict in the Holy Land, Bishop Eaton offers prayers for peace, healing and justice for all people in Palestine and Israel, and the regions where the war has escalated.

“We grieve this violence and loss of life with all people of the Holy Land — and with the Palestinian community of the ELCA, our Jewish and Muslim neighbors, and all who live in fear, pain and anguish. We believe the presence and love of God in Jesus Christ can always be found in the places of the cross. Wherever violence, injustice and death seem to have the last word, God is there and has not abandoned the people.”

- + Watch Bishop Eaton’s full message on the ELCA’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@ELCA>.



HURRICANE *Relief*

Lutheran Disaster Response is providing immediate relief to those impacted by recent Hurricanes Helene and Milton which caused devastating deaths and destruction. Your donations can help provide water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs, and provide support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

- + You can give through St. Paul's by marking donations "Hurricane Relief" or online at www.elca.org/disaster. Thank you!



Free Lunches from **LADLES OF LOVE**

Each Wednesday from 11am-12noon, we serve a free meal to the community, including a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. Sign up in the kitchen or talk to Paula Keeper to volunteer or donate desserts. Ladles of Love will not be serving on Wednesday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Regular **Office Hours** continue, with Marina in the office on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:15-11:45am. The office is closed on Fridays.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday-Friday, November 28-29. Marina will also be out of the office on November 5, 11, and 27.



Community Café **AT ST. PAUL'S**

The Community Café at St. Paul's is a place to relax and connect with free refreshments and a dose of God's love. We invite everyone to check it out. Open (most) Thursdays, 9-11am.

Congratulations to one year of coffee and (sweet and sometimes healthy) snacks and conversations for everyone!

- + If you haven't checked out the new furniture, stop by some time. And no, you don't have to be social and hang out with the regulars, and the pastor will not sign you up for membership. The café is just a free, positive, and comfortable place to hang out and take a break.



PARISH NURSE *Ministry*

Blood Pressure Checks and Wellness Information

Lew McDonald takes blood pressures and provides information at church before and after worship, usually on the first Sunday of each month. Be sure to check in with Lew on November 3, and thank him for his ministry.

This month, Lew shares from Dr. Mark Yarbrough about Spiritual Growth Indicators:

- 1) Growing spiritually means to move *to* God's commands, not *away* from them, regardless of the difficulty.
- 2) Growing spiritually means there is consistency between word and works: "Walk the talk."
- 3) Growing spiritually means to give testimony to the non-believing world, not the other way around.
- 4) Growing spiritually means to acknowledge and respond to the grace of God.
- 5) Growing spiritually means to know and apply the word of God, "faith *with* works."
- 6) Growing spiritually means to confess sin, not pious words of religiosity.
- 7) Growing spiritually means to respond to God in total and complete obedience, not with a reluctant heart.
- 8) Growing spiritually means to respond to God in humility, not in arrogance or pride, or entitlement—God does not owe us.
- 9) Growing spiritually means to love the unlovely and pursue them—we are all unlovely—grace received; grace given.
- 10) Growing spiritually means to strive to love as God loves.
- 11) Growing spiritually means to be concerned about people, not things.

We stop growing spiritually when we stop pursuing the heart of God.



Remember Our **SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS**

Members who are not able to join us at church for worship or have special circumstances always appreciate knowing they are remembered in our prayers or receiving other signs of care like a visit, call, or card. Please reach out, and share needs or updates with Pastor Stefan.

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| Betty Bledsaw | Judie Donham | Sue Duzan | Doris Enochs |
| Joyce Gooding | Robin Houser | Lyn Lingle | Ken Meade |
| Bob Mulch, Sr | Pat Osborn | Delores Plunkett | Wayne Rhoades |



The men's **Coffee & Faith** group meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 9am, usually at Black Rabbit. Let Charles Moody know if you would like to get email reminders for upcoming meeting dates and location.



The women's **Sewing and Fellowship** group welcomes everyone on most Monday mornings, 9am at church. We make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and take on a variety of other projects.

St. Paul's member Gerry Rhoades has a mailing address update to share:

Gerry Rhoades



We gratefully acknowledge the generous gift of \$5,000 from a St. Paul's member family to help pay for some necessary improvements to our sound equipment.

Our council has accepted a proposal to replace, add, and tune microphones, speakers and video output for pastor, musician and choirs, congregation and online worshipers.

Hopefully the work will be completed by Christmas, so we can all hear God's Word, sermons and praises in more beautiful clarity during the holiday and beyond.



The women of St. Paul's who helped pack 9 quilts, 167 personal care kits and 191 school kits for Lutheran World Relief did an amazing job. Karen Hamilton and Paula Keepper delivered them to the area collection site on Saturday, October 26. A special thank you goes out to all who helped with this very worthwhile project!



We thank the Osborns for loaning us their canopy, and Diane Singler for creating a beautiful banner and providing fall decorations plus a toy goat for a free raffle, and the Holiday Shop for animal statues for St. Paul's booth at the Harvest Market to raise donations for ELCA World Hunger. Did you hear that the generous people in our community gave over \$350 to this cause?



A cheer for Angela Kaculi for organizing the 2nd annual Community Softball Tournament hosted by St. Paul's. We also express our appreciation to Thrivent, which provided an action grant for snacks purchased by Jack and Lori Evans. We all enjoyed much fun and extended fellowship. We are even considering holding "spring training" in 2025.



God bless Nicole Cunningham for sharing her gifts and passions through our new PEACE Full wellness ministry. The first events have been well received, including chair yoga, pickleball, and nature walk. We look forward to a variety of inspiring and encouraging activities open to everyone. Some plans for next year would bring in additional presenters for spiritual and physical health and balance.



THANK YOU for Your Gifts
Everything we have comes from an abundant God and from generous people like you at St. Paul's.

Year-to-date, January to September:

Operating Income -	\$121,736
Budgeted Expenses -	\$136,566
Current Deficit -	\$ (14,830)
Building Fund:	\$ 861

Important **UPDATE AND APPEAL**

Members and guests are providing generously toward our regular expenses. However, for the last few years we have had to supplement our income from unrestricted savings which are getting to the point of being depleted.

As you consider your commitment to God's mission through our church, please pray about the possibility of increasing your regular offering to help meet our budget. If many do just a little more, the deficit can be eliminated.

Thank you for trusting God, and sharing with St. Paul's!

YOUR OFFERINGS at St. Paul's

There are several options for how you can support St. Paul's ministries and mission partnerships:

- + **Give** an offering when attending services at church
- + **Mail** checks to P.O. Box 266 when you miss a Sunday
- + Set up automatic transfers through your **bank**
- + Give **online** using Tithe.ly on our website: www.wideopen.church



November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 27 9am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Reformation Sunday	Oct 28 9am Sewing and Fellowship 12:30pm Ice Cream Social (at FAYCO) 4:30pm Bible	Oct 29 OFFICE CLOSED ELECTION DAY	Oct 30 11am-Noon Ladies of Love 5pm Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir	Oct 31 9-11am Community Café	1	2
3 9am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS <i>All about Sunday</i>	4 9am Men's Coffee & Faith (Black Rabbit) 9am Sewing and Fellowship 4:30pm Bible Study	5	6 11am-Noon Ladies of Love 5pm Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir	7 9-11am Community Café COUNCIL REPORTS DUE	8	9
10 10:15am Worship	11 9am Sewing and Fellowship 4:30pm Bible Study OFFICE CLOSED VETERANS DAY	12 QR CODE WORSHIPER SURVEY DEADLINE	13 9am Bingo at Tremont Ridge 11am-Noon Ladies of Love 5pm Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir	14 9-11am Community Café DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15	16 MEALS ON WHEELS — NOVEMBER 12-15
17 9am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Advent Wreath Workshop (RSVP)	18 9am Sewing and Fellowship 9am Men's Coffee & Faith (Black Rabbit) 7pm Council Meeting	19	20 11am-Noon Ladies of Love 5pm Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir	21 9-11am Community Café	22	23 4:30pm Beginner Yoga for Halloween
24 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11:15am Thanksgiving Potluck Meal 4:30pm Chair Yoga and Meditation POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE	25 9am Sewing and Fellowship	26	27 5pm Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir OFFICE CLOSED NOV 27-29 FOR THANKSGIVING	28 11am Community Thanksgiving Meal (Event Center of MC) <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30 9am Imagine Hillsboro Small Town Christmas Event

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:15-11:45am. The office is closed on Fridays.



11/2	Paul Houser
11/3	Robin Houser
11/5	Lori Evans, Dagny Thornton
11/9	Kristina Lingle
11/10	Christopher Storm, Lindsey Storm
11/12	Betty Bledsaw
11/14	Cindy Duncil, Brian Hess, Mark Rudis
11/17	Sean Priewe
11/18	Eleanor Shroyer
11/20	Bob Pollard, Tim Storm
11/21	Kristy Parr, Brandon Wille
11/22	Melissa Wood
11/23	Jim Brinkman, Pam Schaefer
11/24	Amy Taylor
11/27	Sean Hess
11/29	Joshua Duzan, Crystal Gunn

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Church Council:

- President** – Mike Plunkett
- Vice President** – Charles Moody
- Finance** – Brenda Gibb
- Secretary** – Ken Schaal
- Christian Education** – Angela Kaculi
- Church in Society** – Merle Imler
- Evangelism** – Carolyn Meier
- Fellowship** – (Vacant)
- Property** – Greg Schoen
- Stewardship** – Lori Evans
- Worship & Music** – Liz Allen
- Youth** – Sandra Moody
- Youth Representative** – (Vacant)



The church office is now taking orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary of St. Paul's for Christmas. The plants will be ordered through Sertoma this year and will be \$12 each. An order form can be found on the west entryway counter at church. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, Nov. 24. Please remember to mark your payment clearly in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

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Flowers may be placed on the altar in honor of some event or family celebration, or in memory of a loved one. The cost for altar flowers is \$22.50 per week. If you would like to reserve a date, please complete the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship.

The following dates are open for 2025. Please circle the dates you would like and fill out details on bottom portion of form.

January	5 • 12 • 19 • 26	July	6 • 13 • 20 • 27
February	2 • 9 • 16 • 23	August	• 10 • 17 • 24 • 31
March	2 • • • •	September	7 • 14 • 21 • 28
April	• • 20 • 27	October	5 • 12 • 19 • 26
May	4 • 11 • 18 • 25	November	2 • 9 • 16 • 23 • 30
June	1 • 8 • 15 • 22 • 29	December	7 • 14 • 21 • 28

Name: _____

Date: _____ In memory/honor of: _____
(circle one)

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Please wait to pay for flowers until 2025. This helps immensely with keeping church flower payments organized in the office. *After* the new year, you may pay for your flowers at any time. If you have not paid for them before your date, then you will be contacted by phone or mail. Thank you.