



# The Epistle

## The Election that is Decided



Election Day is just around the corner. In November during worship, we also celebrate two festivals which proclaim the election which has already been decided.

Christ the King and All Saints' Sundays celebrate that the Triune God elected Jesus Christ

the King to save the world and has elected the Church to bring this good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

The first Sunday of November is All Saints' Sunday, the day when we give thanks for those who have died and been buried at St. Paul's in the last year, and we also light candles for all the saints who have gone before us. We celebrate that those who have died live on in Jesus.

All Saints' Sunday is also a day when we celebrate that in Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners, and in Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all us saints. Jesus says, "You did not choose me. I chose you and appointed

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## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE- BOX DEADLINE NOV. 19**

The donation deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and financial support is **Sunday, Nov. 19.**

If you have questions about the project, please contact Kathy Hirt.

Please see [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/) for packing instructions and gift ideas.

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you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16). God elected believers to be God’s children as His representatives to the world.

Because we know that we belong to Almighty God, we can focus on being God’s representatives by living our lives in such a way that others experience Jesus’ love, acceptance, and forgiveness for themselves. The God who has elected the Church will keep working in His Saints throughout the world.

No matter what happens in the polls on November 5th, the Church, the United States, and the world are in God’s hands. This month, we celebrate God’s election of Jesus Christ to save the world whom God so loves.

Pastor Emily Beckering

## **Bible Study Series**

### **CURRENT EVENTS AND CHRIST’S RETURN**



The surveys shared with the congregation on Rally Day yielded a request for a Bible study series studying the Book of Revelation and current world events. This series will highlight the hope we have in Jesus for the future of the world. Adult Forum will focus on this Bible study series in November and December, Sundays from 9 am to 10 am.

## Intergenerational Sunday November 12

### BUILDING WOODEN NATIVITY SCENES

On Sunday, Nov. 12, from 9 to 10 am, come to the fellowship hall to help Sunday School students build wooden creche scenes to give away at this year's Live Nativity. All supplies will be provided. No technical knowledge is needed, just a willingness to collaborate on this fun and meaningful service project to help us proclaim Christ's birth to the congregation and community.

### PIE FEST: BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH DESSERT

There is an opportunity to gather with brothers and sisters in neighboring ELCA congregations in November in order to build connections between our congregations so that we can collaborate in ministry as needed and as the Spirit guides us all. The event will be a Pie Fest the eve of Thanksgiving, November 22, at Trinity Mt. Healthy at 7 pm. The Pie Fest includes a pie potluck, a story about Thanksgiving for children, and time for fellowship and conversations. Mark your calendars and bring a pie to share!



# Pie Fest

WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 7:00 P.M.

Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church  
1553 Kinney Ave.  
Mt. Healthy, OH 45231  
for an evening of pie and praise!  
Bring a pie to share and enjoy a short  
devotion  
before Thanksgiving Day

## Council Corner: October 2023

The October council meeting was opened with Pastor reading Psalm 46. It serves as a reminder that through man made and natural disasters God is with us.

Expenses exceeded income in September due, in part, to a decrease in stock value (\$1500) and the second half payment of property insurance (\$4000). Fixed expenses are one thing we cannot cut back on as council continues to carefully watch expenses.

Council approved the proposed budget for 2024. The proposed budget will be presented to the congregation for the congregational vote at the 3rd Quarter Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 12th. Please plan on attending.

The Fall calendar for St. Paul's is looking quite busy.

Fall Festival is Saturday, October 21st

Reformation Sunday is Sunday, October 29th, including a potluck luncheon.

### **November 12th is our 3rd Quarter Congregational Meeting**

In Christ,

Kathy Crosby, Nancy Erbeck,  
Nick Huitger, Chelsea King, Chet Laine,  
Linda Miller, Joy Niefeld, Carole Replogle, and Pastor Emily Beckering

## St. Paul Member Spotlight: Concert Band Performances



*Carolyn Koehl will be performing in the following free concerts!*

**Sat., Oct. 28 - 7:00 pm** - Sycamore Community Band at Church of the Savior Methodist Church, Montgomery

**Sun., Nov. 5 - 3:00 pm** - New Horizons Band at Etz Chaim temple, Cornell Rd.

**Sat., Nov. 18 - 11:00 am** - Sycamore Community Band at Sycamore HS Craft Show, Sycamore High School

**Sat., Dec. 9 - 2:00 pm** - New Horizons Band Christmas concert at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Montgomery

## St. Paul Member Spotlight: BIG FISH

### Loveland Stage Company

*Proudly Presents*



*Nick and Nate Huitger are performing in the musical Big Fish at the Loveland Stage Company!*

*Tickets are \$20 per person. Discount tickets are available for groups of 15 & up.*

If you are interested in forming a group with other St. Paul members to attend to-

gether and receive the discount, please contact Joyce McDowell (513-236-2838, [joycemcdowelldc@yahoo.com](mailto:joycemcdowelldc@yahoo.com)) by 6 pm Nov. 2. Please include which performance dates work for you. Shows are Nov. 3-19, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 3 pm.

## Support St. Paul at Kroger!

*Did you know that St. Paul benefits from the Kroger Community Rewards Program? Just follow the directions below to increase your church offering at no cost to yourself!*

### **One-time step: Link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Paul.**

- Visit [kroger.com/account/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/account/communityrewards) and log in with your Kroger account. (Kroger customer service can help with this.)
- Search for “St. Paul Lutheran Church” or organization number TG880.
- Click the ENROLL button under St. Paul’s name & address.
- After this, each purchase with your Plus card will generate donations to St. Paul!



## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

- 1 Kathy O'Hara
- 3 Susan Harris, Joyce Seals
- 4 Edward Bardes
- 7 Holly Ford
- 8 Chris Conner
- 9 Steve Headley
- 10 Desiree Riddle, Kate Wollenburg
- 12 Matthew McDowell, Korben Seals
- 13 Grace Herringer
- 17 Jason Dageforde
- 19 Austin Bronner
- 21 Bea Sturgill
- 23 Jennifer Reimer
- 25 Anne Rolfes
- 27 Shannon Reimer

## Giving Food for the Holidays? Read This

*Janet King passed along this note posted on Facebook by Tricia Anne Meyer about her observations from speaking with food bank customers. A few things to consider for your holiday shopping:*

Tricia: So, I spoke to people getting food at a food bank and here are some things I learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted, but have never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a Family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more. It does for me!

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

**LOCATION KEY** FH = fellowship hall

S = sanctuary

N = narthex

L = library

US = upstairs

O = outside

## Mission Statement

Growing a Christian community where each is valued, accepted, and loved.

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# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 29 <b>Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Celebration Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (N) 10:30 am Worship (S) After worship: German Potluck (FH)	October 30	October 31	November 1 2:30 pm Bible Study (N/Z)	2	3	4
5 <b>All Saints</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (N) 10:30 am Worship (S) After Worship: Evangelism Committee (L)	6	7 7 pm Christian Ed Meeting (L/Z)	8 2:30 pm Bible Study (N/Z)	9 6 pm Confirmation (N)	10	11 11:30 am Church re-served for cleaning
12 <b>24 Pentecost</b> 9 am Intergenerational Sunday School (N) 10:30 am Worship (S) <b>After worship: Quarterly Congregational Meeting (S)</b>	13	14	15 2:30 pm Bible Study (N/Z)	16	17	18
19 <b>25 Pentecost</b> 9 am Sunday School (ages 3-18) (US) 9 am Adult Forum (N) 10:30 am Worship (S)	20 7 pm Council Meeting (FH) **Epistle items due**	21	22 2:30 pm Bible Study (N/Z) 7 pm Pie Fest (at Trinity, Mt. Healthy)	23 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office closed	24 Office closed	25 11:30 am Church re-served for cleaning
26 <b>Christ the King</b> **No Sunday School / Adult Forum** 10:30 am Worship (S)	27	28	29 2:30 pm Bible Study (N/Z)	30	Dec. 1	December 2 6:30 pm Live Nativity and Reading Christmas Walk

## Our Life Together

To reach Pastor directly, please call the pastoral line at 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, or to remove a person from the list, please contact the office at 513-821-0987 or [mail@stpaulreading.org](mailto:mail@stpaulreading.org).

We pray for **Samantha Asbrock** (Marie Calhoun's friend); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Eckerle's friend); **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Chrissi Bergt** (Kate Wollenburg's cousin); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Nancy Boone** (Gary Gries' sister); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Casey** (Cindy Sieckman's niece); **John Cathcart**; **Christy** (Terri DeAngelis' daughter); **Pat Coldiron**; **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **David** (Cindy Sieckman's cousin); **Rebecka DeLeon** (daughter of Holly Ford's co-worker); **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Sara Eble** (Portmanns' friend); **Jane Erbeck**; **Nancy Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Cindy Flege**; **Lee Frank** (Barbara Moorhouse's niece's husband); **Darrell Frasure** (St. Paul neighbor); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Lena Gibson** (Pirrmanns' stepsister); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Janie Grandy** (in-law of DeAngelis-Willet family); **Don Grau Jr.**; **Jim Hammerling** (Portmanns' son-in-law); **Ron Harbaugh**; **Chrissy Harris**; **Sandy Hatcher**

(Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Ed Hirt**; **Andrew Horton**; **Penny and Larry Huber**; **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Mike Keefe** (Millers' neighbor); **Ken Keith** (Kris Keith's dad); **Chelsea King**; **Dennis King**; **Jackie King**; **Janet King**; **Earl (Buddy) King** (Dennis's brother); **Marilyn Kline** (Cindy Sieckman's neighbor); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Tom and Mike Kozee and family** (friends of Faith Eckerle); **Chet Laine**; **Kelsee Lainhart** (friend of Kings); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Cindy Mayhugh**; **Jessica Mayhugh & family** (Mayhughs' niece-in-law); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Jack Miller** (Becky Betsch's uncle); **Linda Miller**; **Mary Mills** (St. Paul Players); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Charlie Myers** (Coulehans' family friend); **Jean Nolte**; **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Eric Papin**; **LaCartha Pate** (Jeanne Wagner's friend); **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Nick Pirrmann**; **Bob Price** (Kings' friend); **Barry Prince**; **Everett Prudhomme** (Beckerings' nephew); **Denise Rankin**; **Cynthia Reed**; **Dick Replogle** (Linda Miller's brother); **Christopher Rolfes** (Anne's son); **Mike and Judy Ryan** (friends of the Kings); **Sara and Evan** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin)

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## Our Life Together

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ins); **Scott Schadel** (friend of McDowell's); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **family** (Kings' neighbors); **Knox Shepherd** (grandson of Pr. Vicki Garber); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Kim Sieckman**; **Michelle Snavely** (Laines' daughter); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Kathy Spelman and family** (Joyce's sister-in-law); **Michael Steele** (Mayhugh's nephew); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Lish Trasser** (friend of DeAngelis-Willet family); **Treasure** (Les Eckler's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Jeanne Wagner**; **Melinda Wakefield** (Sherry Bronner's friend); **Pr. George Wilch**; **Leslie Willet**; **Kate Wollenburg and family**; **Judy Young** (Janet King's sister); **Barb Zeh** (Jeni Cathcart's mom).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Betty Hoffmann, Betty Kline, Shirley Lathrop, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Becky Betsch's brother); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey**; **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

## November Ministry Schedule

Date	Feast / Fast	Assisting Minister	Lesson Reader	Livestreamers
<b>Nov. 5</b>	All Saints	Noah Moorhouse	Chet Laine	Carroll Mayhugh
<b>Nov. 12</b>	24 Pentecost	Nancy Erbeck	Kathy Hirt	Becky Betsch
<b>Nov. 19</b>	25 Pentecost	Addy Kruse	Carroll Mayhugh	Nick Huitger, Chet Laine
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Christ the King	Chet Laine	TBA	Ellie Lammers

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**LIVE NATIVITY**

- ANIMALS
- CAROLS
- COCOA

DECEMBER 2  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
FREE



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