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Pastor's Letter for November 2018

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
Peace be with you!

**For all your saints, O Lord,
who strive in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**

Richard Mant ELW#427

On November 4, 2018, we will gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to remember those saints who have gone before us and now rest in certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. **All Saints Sunday** is our celebration of the promise of eternity granted to those who have died in faith.

We, as Lutheran Christians, don't always feel comfortable talking about saints. And yet as Luther reminded us: **we are both saint and sinner**. While we are living in a state of sin as human beings, we are also, at the same time, *saints* - beloved by God and promised life eternal. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are sainted and made whole and new.

To gather together to remember those who have died before us is a special time for us all. We recall those most beloved to us whose lives touched us and, in many cases, formed us into the persons we are today. We don't reverence these saints as perfect or as super human, but we do lift them up as examples of lives lived well and lives lived in faith. We are thankful to God for them.

In our funeral liturgy the opening prayer speaks this:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our *sister or brother*. We thank you for giving her/him to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope, until by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus

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3-Jonathan Slothower
 8-Pastor Tim Bettger
 Tayven Richter
 15-Lola Bergsten
 16-Alex Larvie
 Wade Rau
 25-Lucille Bannister
 Jim Ozburn
 29-Alan Stahl



5-Sally / George Fosha
 28-Deb / Jerry Yirku



+Please let me know if a
 birthday or anniversary has
 been missed.
 amfowler@skybeam.com
 Thank you.

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

It is this faith and the promise awarded us all in Holy Baptism that we celebrate this All Saints Sunday.

May the memory of those who have died give us a renewed sense of hope and longing for the day when we will all be raised to glory and live in eternal peace with those who have died before us and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**For this your name we bless
 and humbly pray anew
 that we like them in holiness
 may live and die in you.**

Richard Mant ELW#427

I am you servant and shepherd,

+Pastor Tim

October Baptismal Anniversaries

4-Ginger Flynn
 13-Gregg Doan, Jaiden Monger, Kerri Peterson
 17-Ann Fallin
 23-Deborah Drew
 24-Karen Rau, Colby Rau, Wade Rau, Jane
 Buranosky
 26-Wendy Walp
 29-Dustin Drew
 30-James Rowles

November Baptismal Anniversaries

5-Chad Jolly, Calvin Jolly
 9-Sally Fosha
 12-Janet Uhler
 15-Linda Slothower
 18-George Fosha
 19-Hunter Burch
 21-Parker Burch
 28-Sara Larvie, Christopher Soulier, Katelyn
 Soulier



Pastor Tim is retiring!
You are invited to an open house
Sunday, November 18th
11:30am-2:00pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lunch will be provided so come one, come all for great food and fellowship and to wish Pastor Tim well in his next chapter! If you are a member of St. Paul Lutheran, we ask that you bring a side dish to share this day. For questions contact Andrea Fowler at 719-210-8094 or amfowler@skybeam.com

13th Annual Christmas Store



As the weeks continue to zip along, we will be hosting the Christmas Store at Simla Good Samaritan on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 3 p.m. real soon!

We donate new and slightly used items to the residents so they have an opportunity to go Christmas shopping - for free - for their family, friends or themselves right there at the center. It is an event that they look forward to each year.

Please drop off your donations in the Christmas gift-wrapped box that will be in the Narthex beginning November 4. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sally, Andrea or Carolyn.

On Monday December 3, we will gather at the church at 2 p.m. to load up the donations to take to Simla and display them so the residents will be able to begin shopping at 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist the residents so just let one of us know if you would like to be a part of this celebration. Look for a list of items in our weekly church bulletin very soon.

Thank you!

Sally 719-347-2785; Carolyn 719-347-2229;
Andrea 719-347-2798

Preschool News...

Fall has been a wonderful time in our classroom! We have been learning about how God blesses us with seasonal change and recently we learned about how God's love for us is like the life of a pumpkin! God picks us because we are precious and special in his sight, just like we do when we want to pick our own special pumpkin to carve! Next, God removes all the "yuckies and gooeyes" (preschool speak) from us and makes us clean, just like what it looks like to prepare a pumpkin for carving. Lastly, God makes us into something new and beautiful, like we see after we have carved a masterpiece into our pumpkin. The children really latched on to this lesson and I see God working so mightily in their little lives!

Thank you to the congregation for your constant love and support for our program. We would not be what we are without you!

Blessings,
Miss Amber

Holiday Opportunities!

Can you believe it?!! Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming soon. Food, gifts, families, and friends are in our thoughts. Our households also often look for opportunities to make the holidays special for those who might not have as many resources as ourselves. Here at **St. Paul** we have traditionally offered some options that may be just the ticket for your holiday giving.

Holiday Baskets – We can support the **Calhan Pantry** by donating money for food for those who qualify for help to put holiday meals on their tables for their families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Toys – The pantry accepts applications from families with **children up to age 12** who could use help in putting gifts for their kiddos under the tree. We can bring toys in new (or virtually new) condition for our Pantry Toy Box for children (and/or donate cash for the Pantry to do the toy shopping) and brighten young faces at Christmas.

Angel-Angel – Not to be forgotten are teens **ages 13 to 18** who qualify to submit a small Christmas wish list for your shopping adventure. This gifting possibility for you shows up on the Christmas tree in the narthex each year with angel tags you can take and be an angel to these teen angels who also apply through the Pantry.

Senior Christmas Store – Our relationship with the **Good Samaritan Home in Simla** continues through the year with **monthly worship** and an annual **Christmas Store**. Our members have generously given items for the residents at Good Samaritan to Christmas “shop” for themselves or someone special in their lives. When they ask how much they have to pay they are told the cost to the residents is nothing, though a sweet smile, a warm hug, or a glad heart is always accepted.

ELCA Good Gifts – Similar to the Heifer Project is the ELCA’s Good Gifts program. We highlight this program after you empty the Angel-Angel tree with gifting suggestions that range from bees and chicks to garden tools and immunizations; from sheep and pigs to tuition and education supplies; from micro-loans for women to wells and garden watering systems and much more. For those on your list who have everything they want or need, a Good Gift in their name or in honor of grandchildren or in memory of loved ones can be a treasured present at Christmas (or anytime).

Your Special Charity – and of course you have other ways and places to give not listed here that are blessed and important as well.

More details will be coming, but the Social Ministry Commission wanted to give you a heads-up.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 All Saints Day	2	3 
4 10am – Worship All Saints Sunday 12:30-Fostering Hope	5	6 Election Day	7 7pm - Choir	8	9	10
11 10am – Worship 25 th Sunday after Pentecost  VETERANS DAY	12 1pm - Bible Study	13	14 7pm - Choir	15	16	17
18 10am – Worship 26 th Sunday after Pentecost 11:30am-2:00pm Pastor Tim's retirement Open House	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25 10am – Worship Christ the King 11:30am-Council Mtg. 12pm-Quilting	26 1pm - Bible Study	27	28 7pm - Choir	29	30	Dec. 1
Dec. 2 1 st Sunday in Advent 12:30-Fostering Hope	<p>November 18th - Open House for Pastor's retirement party.</p> <p>November 25th – A very important Worship service as we are led by Bishop Gonia for Worship and in a special service to say goodbye to Pastor Tim. Please plan to attend.</p>					

Tasks	Nov.4	Nov.11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25
Acolytes	Toby Monger	Hunter Burch	Dale Drew	Sara Larvie
Altar Guild	Pastor Tim Andrea	Pastor Tim Andrea	Pastor Tim Andrea	Pastor Tim Andrea Fowler
Asst. Minister		Sally Fosha	Kelly Fowler	George Fosha
Cantors	Amanda Rowles	Carl & Diana Strobel	Stacie McCrary	Nancy Rowles Deb Drew
Communion	The Bartlings	Stacie McCrary	Deb Drew	Ginger Flynn
Council Member	Diana Strobel			
Hospitality	Foshas	Gail Bagenstos	Open House (Please bring side dish)	Lucille Bannister
Lector			Gail Bagenstos	Ginger Flynn
Offering Counter	Deb Drew Ginger Flynn	Kristi Heikkila Tammy Podpora	Della Mussey Elaine Walberg	Jeanette Bartling Sally Fosha
Ushers	The Strobels	Gregg Doan Austin Strobel	Parker Burch Hunter Burch	The Bartlings

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We at St. Paul Lutheran welcome everyone, equip for discipleship, and send everyone out into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name.