



St. Paul's Lutheran

# THE EPISTLE

November 2023

## For all the Saints...

These are the words that start the hymn we sing in the church on *All Saints Sunday*, which is the first Sunday in November. It is mind-boggling to consider the many saints over generations who have gone before us to rest with Jesus in heaven. It is equally amazing to consider the saints who are redeemed in Jesus Christ and living by faith now – still on our earthly journey.

There are saints all around, united by grace through faith in Jesus Christ! The Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints, advocating for us as we strive to carry the cross and spread the Good News of Jesus.

As we light candles in the sanctuary for the saints we hold dear to our hearts, the light grows from a tiny flickering flame into a brightness that multiplies and fills a place in our hearts.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

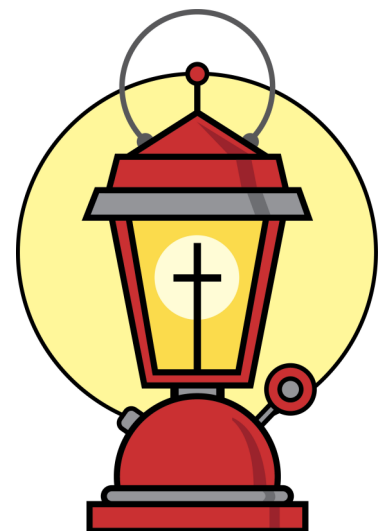
We have much to be grateful for in the company of saints in the church. We lift each other up when we stumble, pray for each other, help discern the way when decisions must be made, comfort and encourage, sound a voice of warning when there is danger. We sit and stand and kneel side-by-side as we sing hymns to God, drink and eat the Holy Supper, and learn as we go from God's Word and being his servants.

Christ's light will guide the saints – coming in and going out, now and forever!

As the very last verse of the Bible Rev. 22:21 says:

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen."

Christ be our light,  
Pastor Nancy





# November

## Birthdays

3— Fran LaDoux  
 5 – Debbie Bakemeier  
 5 – Carly Baldwin  
 5 – Debbie Gillespie  
 8 – Doris Rein  
 8 – Jada Hylton  
 8—Gary Kruse  
 10 – Jake Fojt  
 10 – Martin Luther  
 13 – Karen Elizondo  
 15 – Alexa Hylton  
 15 - Athena Wooten  
 20 – Kaitlin Migl  
 23 - Harold Pate  
 24 – Lorrie Andrews  
 25—Erwin Hendricks  
 27 – Elaine Vircant  
 29 – Dalton Rein

## Baptismal Anniversaries

1 - Ayden Davis  
 1 - Jenna Seymour  
 2 - Rosie Haas  
 8 – Kyle Migl  
 17 - Allie Stephens  
 24 - Cheryl Boehme  
 25 - Grace Reavis  
 26– Daniel Barras  
 26 - Alexandria Edwards  
 26 - Birdie Torberson  
 27 - Alexa Hylton

## In Sympathy

Robert Nolan Barth  
 May 10, 1962-October 1, 2023

## Thank You

- Thank you to Hoya Ash, Kurt and Kelly Migl, and John Schlobohm for the lawn maintenance
- To Rosie Haas for keeping our flower beds looking great  
 To Bubba Gonzalez, Stan White, and David Andrews for taking the trash to the curb
- Beehive Florist for the fresh floral arrangements for worship
- To our Food Pantry volunteers for all their hard work.
- To the knitters and crocheters for the prayer shawls & hospital blankets
- To Sheila Ludwigs for being an office Angel.
- To Bonnie Kilburn for taking the Prayer for Pets supplies to the Baytown Animal Shelter
- To David Andrews for taking pics at the German Dinner
- To Quizzie Honeycutt for supplying the cupcakes for the 80th and Over Birthday Blessing
- To Cheryl Boehme for setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the 80th and Over Birthday Reception
- To Rosie Haas for supplying the red flowers for the altar on Reformation Sunday
- To Larry Gunn and LyondellBasell for donating 1000 pounds of canned goods to our Food pantry
- To Bonnie Kilburn and Pastor Nancy for driving the Lutheran World Care Kits to Kinsmen Lutheran
- To David Andrews for troubleshooting the sound system

## Dankeschön

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's German Dinner a success. There is a lot of work that goes into this dinner: ticket sales, donations of food and items, entertainment, preparation and clean up. I really appreciate everyone's generosity. With your help we were able to put \$3760.00 into the general fund.  
 Donna Reavis

**FALL BACK** Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th. We all get an extra hour of sleep!

## Holiday Church Office Hours

OPEN Nov. 20-21, Mon.—Tues. 9am-3pm  
 CLOSED Nov. 22-24 Wed.—Fri.



## Veterans Day Blessing

**Sunday, November 12th**

Veterans please stay after worship for a group picture.

**FIRST SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION CLASS**

(Teaching of the Christian faith for Lutherans)

**For Baptized 5<sup>th</sup> Graders - Adults**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (in the parlor)

Confirmation Mentor: Wes Bruner

Confirmation Teacher: Pastor Nancy

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
November 5<sup>th</sup>**

You will be invited to light candles in remembrance of those who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors.



*All invited to:*

**Pastor's Fall Feast Get Together**

**When:** Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00-3:00

**Where:** Pastor Nancy's House

9216 FM 686, Dayton, TX

The house is in the country, you will be walking on grass & a rocky driveway.

**Food:** Potluck style

(bring your favorite dish)

*White Elephant gift exchange (\$10 limit)*

participation optional

Please bring lawn chairs

**Decorating the  
Church for Advent  
Sun, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please stay after worship and join in the decorating.



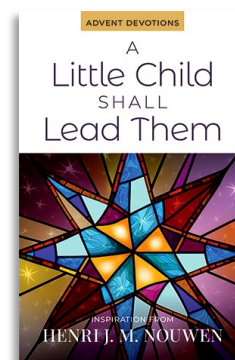
**Advent Begins Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday Evening Advent**

*"A Little Child Shall Lead Them" Series*

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Make the time we spend together during Advent special. Join us for singing, devotion, snacks, and fellowship. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.



**Daily Advent  
Devotion Booklets**

Available in the Fellowship Hall.

**Service of Thanksgiving & Praise  
November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever. If you would like to help adorn the altar with a cornucopia of fruits & vegetables, be at church on Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12PM



**Food Pantry Holiday Schedule**

Thursdays at 9am while supplies last

OPEN November 2, 9, 16, 30

OPEN December 7, 14, 21

CLOSED Nov. 23 and Dec. 28





# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God's love in Jesus is a gift. ELCA Good Gifts is one way you can share that love with others.

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. For Christmas this year, St. Paul's has chosen goats and chicks. For \$60.00 you can buy a goat and chicks—or a portion of one set, or any amount you are able to afford.

**\$50 Goat!** Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. Plus, goats are incredibly quick to reproduce, providing an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others in their community.

**\$10 Chicks!** Ten little chicks can make a big difference.

When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals— they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.



*God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*  
2 Corinthians 9:8

Grab an envelope from the display in the Fellowship Hall. Place your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (with "Good Gifts" written in the memo) in the offering plate.

You can also give online by going to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://www.elca.org/goodgifts)

Gifts support ELCA World Hunger



The Baytown Animal Shelter was thrilled to get the pet supplies we collected for our annual Prayer for Pets.



Linnae and Reuben at Kinsmen Lutheran were happy to receive our Lutheran World Relief Care Kits that we made during Lent. 4.



# German Dinner 2023



David Andrews dropped by for a visit with Jake Fojt.

Thank you to Susie Chow and Airi Noodle for providing a monthly luncheon for our Food Pantry volunteers



## Golden Group Activities Bus Trip & Lunch



Wednesday, November 15th

**Pre-Christmas Shopping @ Texas City Outlet Mall**

**Lunch: Tookie's Seafood**

Bus leaves St. Paul's parking lot at 9am, Cost: \$3

This trip is always fun! If you don't go shopping, please meet us at Tookie's for lunch at 1:30.

Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall

Text or email Lorrie for more info: 281-382-9770

[landrews1124@gmail.com](mailto:landrews1124@gmail.com)

## TITHELY ONLINE GIVING

**Online Giving:** Go to St. Paul's website: [www.stpaulsbaytown.org](http://www.stpaulsbaytown.org) Click on the "Give" link to create an account. Now you can give from any tablet or computer.

Questions/Concerns:

contact Kim Holle

[kholle@pfenniglaw.com](mailto:kholle@pfenniglaw.com)



## October Memorials & Honorariums

**In MEMORY of:**

**Given By:**

**Designation:**

Robert Barth

David & Lorrie Andrews  
James & Sandra McGee  
Susan Clanton

General Fund  
General Fund  
General Fund

FROM THE TREASURER		SEPTEMBER Monthly Activity	
Needed weekly, \$4815 to cover General Fund Expenses.			
General Fund Income YTD	196,069.94	15,170.68	211,240.62
General Fund Expenses YTD	(156,753.90)	(19,635.45)	(176,389.35)
	39,316.04	(4,464.77)	34,851.27

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baytown, TX Council Meeting October 12, 2023

**Members Present:** Pastor Nancy, Ian Gillespie, John Schlobohm, Kim Holle, Angie Ash, Donna Reavis, Clarke Crizer, Rosie Haas, Susan Clanton, Bev Tomsic, Luis Estrada **Members Absent:** Kurt Migl, Becky Linsenhardt

The meeting was called to order by President Ian Gillespie at 6:33 PM.  
Pastor Nancy led the group in the opening prayer.

#### SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

John Schlobohm MOVED, Donna Reavis seconded, to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Council meeting. Motion carried.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

- Completed Jada's annual review 8/16/23.
- Will officiate at Robert Barth's Memorial service on Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 PM at Nobles Funeral Chapel, Navasota, TX.
- Donated animal supplies to the animal shelter.

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- Began teaching first Sunday Confirmation on October 1. Brooks Bruner, year 1. Wes Bruner, Cathleen Mahan, Kirsten Mahan, year 2.
- Attended continuing education Biblical Archeology Society Scholars Series on September 28.
- Hosted Coastal Bay Conference on October 10.
- Assembly of God's belongings are now stored in the After School Program Office.
- Updated Assembly of God rental contract.
- Nursery has been spruced up and can be opened for children on Sundays.
- Lutheran World Relief Care Kits will be delivered to Kinsman Lutheran On October 30.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Kim Holle presented the financials for the month of September. She reported that expenses exceeded income in the amount of \$4,464.77. West wing AC repairs were included in the Capital Improvement Fund. John Schlobohm MOVED, Susan Clanton seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Security System – Jada has sent a letter to ADT terminating their services (alarm monitoring and cameras leasing). Alarm monitoring expires 2/27/24. Camera leasing expires 12/06/23.
- Church Insurance contract – Current insurance is with State Farm at a cost of \$44,907 with a \$5,000 deductible. Currently waiting for a quote from Jensen Ford with a \$10,000 deductible.
- Eagle Scout Project No information – Waiting to hear.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Assembly of God will sign new contract.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Property**

- Kim Holle MOVED, John Schlobohm seconded, that Ian Gillespie be authorized to initiate a contract for garbage pick up at a cost of up to \$150 per month. Motion carried

#### **Inreach/Outreach**

- God's Work/Our Hands - Forty Christmas boxes were assembled, wrapped, and picked up by Houston International Seafarers Center.
- Cupcakes have been ordered from Quizzie for the 80+ birthdays.
- There will be no Christmas gifts for children this year. We will return to ELCA Good Gifts.
- Golden Group October luncheon will be October 17 at Luna's .
- Potluck lunch will be October 29, Reformation Sunday.
- Turkeys will be ordered for Food Pantry distribution.

#### **Youth and Family**

- German Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Robin is available to play music. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Sign up sheets for helpers, food donations, cake walk, silent auction, and advertising will begin October 1.
- Fall Feast Get Together – Saturday, November 18 from 11:00 – 3:00 at Pastor Nancy's home. Bring a pot luck dish, a lawn chair and a \$10 White Elephant gift (optional).

#### **Worship and Music**

- Reformation Sunday is October 29.
- Thanksgiving service will be Sunday, November 19 (regular service).
- There will be three mid-week Advent services.
- Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. There will be no Sunday morning "in person" worship on Christmas Eve, however there will be an online service at 10:30, and the "in person" service will be at 5:00 PM.
- There will be no service Monday, Christmas Day.
- No Lessons and Carols service is planned.

The Green Book was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be November 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Ash, Secretary

## **2024 Nominating Committee**

John Schlobohm

Susan Clanton

Debbie Gillespie

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Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

**This is Christ's church.  
There is a place for you here.**

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Signup Sheet  
in Fellowship  
Hall

**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Sat. December 2nd**  
**9am—11am**  
Eat pancakes! Talk with Santa!  
Ride the Christmas Train!  
All are welcome! Free!



### **80th and Over Birthday Blessing**

Ben Vircant, Don and Elaine Eschberger, James and Sandra McGee,  
Erwin and Linda Hendricks, Margaret Horton, Fran LaDoux, Clarke Crizer,  
Carolyn Smith, and Dorothy Johnston (front)