

Living Waters

November 2021

New Ways

Pastor Zak

Our month of November begins with a celebration of All Saints. It is on this day that we read the names of those who have died this past year, light candles in remembrance of the saints of all times and are reminded that we share Holy Communion in the company of those saints. It is always an emotional day as we mourn and remember, lament and celebrate. This day is a chance to give thanks for what was, while anticipating what will be. So much of our faith functions this way. So much of my life this past 19 months has functioned this way. I spend the days lamenting what was and hoping for what will be, and while not easy, it has been a powerful experience.

Simple things like gathering with people for a meal, meeting or worship is no longer quite as simple as it once seemed. Yet at the same time we've found new ways and reasons to meet because we have learned how

much these moments and relationships mean to us. Our gatherings continue to look different in this new era as we have found new and creative ways to utilize time and technology to create the community necessary in order to properly celebrate and mourn. While we name who and what we miss, I think it is important that we celebrate what we have made as well. As we do this we must be reminded that we aren't alone in this holy work as God declares in Revelation, "*Behold, I am making all things new.*" God's life-giving newness is all around us and in us.



All Saints' Day



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Worship

In-Person

Sundays

Worship in the sanctuary at 8 & 10 am.

Online/Livestream

Watch the first service live on [YouTube](#), or anytime after that!

Communion Pick-Up

10:30 am–12 pm

Wednesdays

Communion distribution has moved to 536 S. Cornell. Park in the driveway and knock on the front door. Home delivery can also be arranged.

Congregational Life...

Worship Updates

Worship has moved into the sanctuary for the winter. Join us Sundays at 8 and 10 am.

Our celebration of All Saints will take place on Sunday November 7. Join us as we read the names of the saints who have entered into God's Kingdom this past year and as we light candles in remembrance of the saints of all time.



Join us for Thanksgiving worship on Sunday, November 21 at 7 pm. We welcome Pr. Amy Gillespe and our friends from Holy Trinity as we offer prayer, praise and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings in our lives. A monetary offering will be collected in support of ELCA World Hunger and The Outreach House (see p. 7). We will also gather an offering of donations to support The Outreach House and Hands & Feet.

Items Most Needed:

Food Pantry

Pasta
Rice
Tuna
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pancake Mix
Syrup

Canned meats & hearty soups (chili, SpaghettiOs, pork and beans, beef stew, etc.)
Canned fruits and vegetables
Macaroni and cheese

Hands & Feet

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Napkins
Kleenex
Household Cleaners

Congregational Meeting November 21, 1 pm, Zoom

Save the date for our virtual congregational meeting to review our finances and elect new committee members and commissioners! Please plan to participate.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89129229194>

Meeting ID: 891 2922 9194

Phone number: +13126266799



ProJECt Forward

We're paving the way for the future at St. Paul...literally! This past month construction has really taken off as the front parking lot (off Ardmore) has been paved and is available for use. Please note that Door #3 (off Washington) is still the primary door for all weekday church activities. The former parsonage at 540 S Cornell will be demolished by the end of October as we begin work on Phase II. The elevator is going in and awaiting final inspection before its maiden voyage as well. Paint, flooring and ceilings are going up all over the place as we look forward to reoccupying spaces once more. As we begin to move-in during the coming months we will be looking for help with the unpacking and settling in process, so be on the lookout for opportunities to roll up your sleeves and lend a hand!

Keep following construction progress on our [ProJECt Forward blog!](#)

... and More!

Under 105 Club

November 17, 12 pm, Holy Trinity

Everyone under the age of 105 is invited to our "Thanksgiving edition" Under 105 Club! We will meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard (350 E. Madison) and enjoy a catered turkey dinner with all the trimmings, plus dessert! Please don't bring anything but yourself and a friend; Holy Trinity allows catered food items only at this time. Our program will be to eat and socialize with one another in this season of thanksgiving. Masks required.



Wine, Women and the Word

November 1, 7 pm via Zoom

Join us on Zoom to discuss the chapter on Prisca. If you are not already on the email and interested in joining please contact [Judy](#). Women of all ages are invited and welcome.

"Giving in Generosity" Stewardship Campaign

Our annual stewardship campaign is underway and this fall we're reflecting on "Giving in Generosity." Generosity is a heart brimming with joy and thanksgiving for what has been given along with the delight of sharing what has first been received. Generosity comes from the profound experience of knowing that giving is more meaningful and more joyful than receiving.

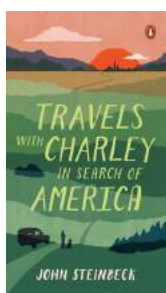
Join us for our "In-Gathering Celebration" on Sunday, November 14, where we will give thanks for the generosity of our community and all pledge cards received to date. Please note, we ask that al cards be submitted by November 21 for budgeting purposes. Pick up a pledge card during worship, or fill one out online [here](#).



Book Club

November 1, 7 pm

St. Paul Book Club is back to meeting in-person at the church on the first Monday of every month. New members welcome; please contact [Marti Seaton](#) to be included on our email list. No Book Club in January.



On **Monday, November 1** we will discuss John Steinbeck's travelogue *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*, which was published in 1962.



On **Monday, December 6** we will discuss *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton, a novel of two love stories in Cuba in 1958 and 2017.

September Numbers

Giving: \$34,393
(including online: \$18,703)

Expenses: \$28,877

YTD Giving vs. Expenses: \$20,061

Other Statistics

Date	Attendance	Views	Viewers
9/5	87	70	45
9/12	138	87	71
9/19	87	48	50
9/26	64	74	47

Youth and Family Ministry

Thank You, Miss Kristen!

After many years of leading children's music ministry at St. Paul, Kristen Rosenwinkel has decided to fully move into retirement and has resigned from her responsibilities as Director of Family Music. Miss Kristen has shared that leading St. Paul's children in song and faith has brought much joy to her life—and she likewise brought much joy to ours! We are grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and patience that Miss Kristen brought to this ministry, and wish her all the best in her "second" round of retirement!



Sunday Education Schedule

Sundays, 9-9:45 am

Sunday School: meets in sanctuary

Confirmation Class & High School Hangout: meets at 536 S. Cornell

Youth Sunday: 3rd Sunday of the month (Nov. 21)

Youth Gathering Good Gifts Catalog

This fundraising catalog is now available to help support the youth as they

travel to and experience the Youth Gathering in July 2022. Purchase a meal, hotel night, tank of gas or your own duck to travel with the youth. Pick up a copy at copy at Sunday worship or contact [Judy](#). Gifts can be purchased throughout the year.



Youth Gathering Meeting/Lunch

November 14, 11:15 am

All youth and leaders attending the Youth Gathering 2022 will meet for our first pre-Gathering Session on November 14. We will participate in 5 sessions to help us prepare for our adventure in Minneapolis. We share lunch and then explore the theme God's boundless love for humanity. We will conclude by 12:45 pm.

Advent "At Home" Kits

All Sunday School and Youth families are invited to journey with one another (from home) throughout the season of Advent. St. Paul will provide Advent "At Home" kits for each family. Kits will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 28. If you are unable to pick up your kit on those days but would like to arrange another time for pick-up, please contact [Deacon Christine](#) or [Judy](#).



Prayers



Pastor Emeritus

It is with great joy that we welcome Rev. Steve Swanson as our newly acclaimed Pastor Emeritus. At our congregational meeting on September 12 the gathered members unanimously voted/acclaimed support of extended this honorary title to Pr. Swanson. This year has marked 50 years of ordained ministry for Pr. Swanson, including 17 years of faithful service as St. Paul's Senior Pastor. We are delighted to be able to continue to celebrate the lasting legacy of Pr. Swanson's ministry at St. Paul and look forward to celebrating with him in the coming months.

Thank you CROP walk donors and walkers!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated to, walked in, or supported the St. Paul CROP Hunger Walk team. Although the team got a bit wet due to a short rain shower during the three-mile event, everyone remained enthusiastic and committed to our efforts.

All the figures haven't come in yet, but to date, with \$1,775 raised, St. Paul sits third in fundraising out of twelve participating teams! Emily Ishida placed 7th in funds raised of all walkers. Your support of Emy and the entire team means that our neighbors may have enough food on their plates, and others around the world get important assistance following up on recent natural disasters.

As usual, St. Paul really "stepped up" to meet the needs of our neighbors. Thanks!

WOW!!
Thanks for helping
#endhungernow



Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, or longer by request. To submit a prayer request please use the online [Prayer Request form](#), email prayers@stpaulvp.org, or contact the church office.

Prayers of Healing

Emily Meakim (John Freidheim's cousin), Nguyen Family, Ron Kimble, Kathy Jones, Gail Biladeau, Melinda Brent, Margaret Golden, Arlene Jensen, Nan Marcum, Sandy Robershaw, Tommy Shallcross, Jim Sherlock (brother of Diane Sherlock), Steve Swanson, Karin Welsh, All Caregivers

Prayers for the Bereaved

Family & Friends of Jackie Hanson (friend of Alice Ramsay)

November 2021

All events subject to change. Items in *italics* are **in-person** events; all other events are virtual. [View the calendar at www.spaulvp.org](http://www.spaulvp.org) for more information and Zoom links, or contact the church office.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>7:00P Book Club</i> <i>7:00P Logos</i>	2 10:00A Staff Mtg 7:00P WWW	3 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> <i>7:00P Choir</i>	4	5	6
7 ALL SAINTS <i>8:00A Worship</i> <i>9:00A Education</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i> <i>2:00P Hands & Feet</i>	8 6:30P Finance <i>7:00P Logos</i> 7:30 Exec Council	9 10:00A Staff Mtg <i>3:00P Rachel Cir</i> 7:00P WMA	10 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> <i>7:00P Choir</i>	11 7:00P Youth Com	12	13
14 IN-GATHERING <i>8:00A Worship</i> <i>9:00A Education</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i> <i>11:15 Youth Lunch</i>	15 6:30P DayCare Bd <i>7:00P Logos</i>	16 10:00A Staff Mtg <i>7:00P Council</i>	17 LIVING WATERS DEADLINE 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i> <i>12:00P Under 105</i> <i>7:00P Choir</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>8:00A Worship</i> <i>9:00A Education</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i> 1P Congregational Mtg <i>7P Worship</i>	22 <i>7:00P Logos</i>	23 10:00A Staff Mtg	24 9:30A Bible Study <i>10:30A Communion</i>	25 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 <i>8:00A Worship</i> <i>10:00A Worship</i> <i>10:45A Wired Word</i>	29	30 10:00A Staff Mtg	<p>Remember to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time on November 7!</p>			



Community and World



Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry Merger

The Outreach House, the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry and the First United Methodist Clothes Closet recently merged into one ministry under the name “The Outreach House.” St. Paul has long supported the food pantry with financial gifts. Now, our contributions will also benefit these other great services:

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry distributes food to neighbors in Lombard and Villa Park four times a week. In the past three months the pantry has served an average of 375 individuals from 116 households each week and distributed a total of 116,000 pounds of fresh produce, protein, dairy and shelf stable foods. On average, 30 new families come in each month for food assistance.

First Things First

First Things First provides for the essential needs of children 0-3. It operates much like a food pantry, instead of distributing food, young families receive diapers, wipes, clothing for toddlers and infants, books and birthday bags. Families also receive information about available services (medical, early learning, WIC, etc.) and consultation to help young parents navigate their assistance options. First Things First distributed just over 7,000 diapers a month this summer.

Clothing Closet

The Clothes Closet provides clothes for children and adults, including maternity clothes, shoes and outerwear (during cold weather months).

Walk-In Ministry

Walk-In Ministry is more than just a provider of emergency financial assistance to local community members. It's a place where those in need can find a listening ear, a calm voice and some wise words when they're needed most. Many of us have experienced unexpected life circumstances and were helped by a helping hand...this is a big reason why we give back today. Walk-In Ministry provides help with gas, gift cards for medical prescriptions, emergency bills, food support (via Food Pantry), and consultation for specific needs.



Prairie Path Clean-Up

Volunteers from St. Paul helped clean-up the Great Western Prairie Path, a one mile stretch of 10,000-year-old native plants located in Elmhurst, in August. The day was hot, the giant ragweed was, well, giant!, but our smiles were big as we worked together alongside a well-coordinated crew of volunteers to help maintain this beautiful section of our local community.



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Loved by God, we grow, care, give, and share in Jesus' name.

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