

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Office Number: 885-2221

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Elders: Bruce Mohr: 269-8771; John Greder: 269-8337; Deryl Hennings: 885-2877; John McCall: 269-5163

NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is typically the month when we start to think about all the things we are thankful for. We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends. But this has been a very different sort of year. Fires are ravaging the west coast, we have been in a state of drought for much of the year, we've witnessed unrest across the nation this year with rioting in various places, and of course the coronavirus pandemic.

With all that has been going on, it may be difficult to find anything to be thankful for. This can make it rather difficult to hear St Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5,

"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

How can we be thankful as we see so much death and destruction happening around us? I've heard from people who have lost their jobs, been unable to visit loved ones, lost income, and most especially, lost loved ones this year. And yet, St Paul wants us to "give thanks." And here we have this holiday coming up where we are expected to do just that.

St Paul had a similar struggle. He writes in Philippians 4,

"Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." - **Phil 4:11-13**

St Paul lived through all sorts of different circumstances. He gives us quite the list in 2 Corinthians 11, forty lashes minus one, beaten with a rod, stoned, shipwrecked, and more. And yet, it is he who tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. He who recounts for us that he has learned this secret of contentment.

The secret that St Paul learned is one that often gets misquoted especially by those

trying to do seemingly impossible tasks. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When St Paul says this, he is looking at all the things he has faced and recognizing how and why he was able to endure them with a content spirit. He is able to face all these things because of Christ.

How do we give thanks in all circumstances? We remember the one who remains faithful through all these circumstances. We remember our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has promised "behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20. God's Word also promises us, "the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9. God has remained with us, whether we are worshiping from home or in-person, whether we lost loved ones or got sick ourselves, and through every up and down of this crazy year.

What do you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving? You can be thankful for your faithful God and Father. We are thankful for His faithful fulfillment of His promises in sending His own Son to suffer, die, and rise for us. We are thankful for the hope of eternal life with Him and with all those who have gone before us. We are thankful for the hope and assurance that God has given us that this is not all there is. That one day He will return and restore His fallen creation and raise us to new life in everlasting perfection with Him.

Sure you may not look back on 2020 and think, "what a great year!" But you can look back on 2020 and know that God has been there with you through it all. Each bump in the road, every time you had to adjust to the "new normal", and every hurt and heartache you experienced, God has been with you through it all. He promises to be there for you no matter what. So let us be thankful this Thanksgiving for our faithful, loving God who has been with us and promises to remain with us through it all.

In Christ, Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.



*Prayer & Thanksgiving*



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.**



**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**OFFICIAL ACT IN NOVEMBER**

**Wedding**

Sasha Teut and Jordan Hollander were united in marriage on October 10<sup>th</sup>.



Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1st for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year: Ruth Seieroe, Herman Neddermeyer, Jr., Korey Meseck, Donna Liska, Eldon Teut, Paul Teut & Roger and Sharon Smith.

Our Special Mission Project, Carl and Kelsey Grulke of Lutheran Bible Translators will be joining us on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Come and hear what there are doing.



**DRIVE UP COMMUNION**

On Monday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, there is drive up communion from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the back-parking lot.



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Wednesday Adult Bible is postponed until it warms back up.

Join us on Sunday at 9:00 am for Sunday Adult Bible Class.



**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of Hermie Neddermeyer. Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$37.

**“THY STRONG WORD”**

‘Thy Strong Word’ is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday on KDSN 107.1FM).

- November 2-7      Rev. Merle Mahnken  
                         Immanuel, Schleswig
- November 9-14    Rev. Chad Trunkhill  
                         Bethlehem/Our Savior
- November 16-21   Rev. Richard Merrill  
                         Multi-Point, CO
- November 23-28   Rev. Nathan Peitsch**  
   **St. Paul’s, Ute**
- Nov. 30-Dec. 5    Rev. Mark Kluzek  
                         Faith, Deloit

**GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR**

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

**MAIN STREET LIVING**

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

**On November 15, Pastor will be on Main Street Living.**

**THY STRONG WORD**

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul’s. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

**GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR**

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.



LWML Sunday's noisy collection was 178.79. This will be sent to Mapleton Zone LWML and be used to fund some of the national mission projects. Thank you to St. Paul's congregation.



**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in November are:

Ethan Winsor	1
Tory Greder	2
Sierra Rains	4
Jenna Hanson	6
Nick Goslar-Jeremy Creese-Gavin Purcell	7
Judi Krohn	10
Todd Teut	11
Michael Sorensen	14
John Dorale	15
Brian Vinke	17
Deanna Sorensen	18
Payton Thies, Preston Thies	23
Dylan Meadows, Katy Krohn	24
Kevin Vogt	25
Bruce Mohr, Ronnie Kroll, Brent Kelm	26
Lauryn Bernholtz	27
Ray Dorale	29
Jospehine Rains, Miles Rains	30



## **ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM**

Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of this devotion can be picked up at church in mid-November. You can also read the devotion each day at [www.lhm.org/advent](http://www.lhm.org/advent).

God with Us

What better news is there than to know that God is always by our side! In *God with Us*, we learn again what God the Father has done—He has kept His promise. In so doing, He has announced that grace and forgiveness are available to all, freely given in the birth of Jesus: God's Son, our Savior. He is Immanuel, "God with us."

The story of God coming to earth as a human child is a profound one. In *God with Us*, we find no aloof divinity who is unconcerned and remote somewhere in the cosmos. Rather, He is deeply involved in all our affairs—our joys as well as our heartaches. He *knows* us for He became one of us. At Christmastime, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Lord of the universe, Savior of the world, Shepherd of our lives.



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS PLEASE MARK  
YOUR CALENDARS!



Rev. Steve & Cindy Schumacher Ghana West  
Africa Saturday, November 7, 2020 1 PM

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER**

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less than ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio: 107.1 FM and 1530 AM, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use membercaller in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.



## **PLEASE GIVE US A CALL**

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion
- 



## **WORSHIP SERVICE DVD RECORDINGS:**

Can't stream our worship service? DVD recordings will be available monthly with the previous month's services. When you return your DVD, you will receive the next month. If you know someone who could use this share God's Word by spreading the word. Please contact the church to sign up or for more information.

