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Sunday School 9:00am  
Preschool-5th grade

**Join us for  
worship  
Sunday  
mornings at  
10:10am  
or  
Watch our  
livestream at  
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**Intentional Stewardship -By Pastor Shawn**

*"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."* -Psalm 37:5

In this month's Newsletter, I want to share a new initiative we're beginning at St. Paul's. This fall, from November 10<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be doing a stewardship campaign of sorts. The reasons for this are twofold. First, church leadership, including myself, are desiring to be more intentional, wise, and faithful in planning our annual budget and using our resources at St. Paul's. At the present, St. Paul's, along with most congregations in America, currently practices what's called a "faith-based budget" where we consider what's typically received in a given year, prayerfully think about what God may be calling us to do, and then try to plan a budget around that. The problem with this approach is that it often spirals into what Rev. H.R Curtis calls "crisis driven stewardship." In his own words:

We plan a budget that we think is reasonable and lean, and then if the money doesn't come in, we send out a letter to the people saying what dire consequences are about to ensue if we don't get a big infusion of cash.

Thanks to God's mercy and your generosity, this hasn't happened in my tenure here, but our current approach toward congregational budgeting leaves us open to such dangers. This said, a better approach, according to Rev. Curtis, would be to simply, "Teach the people God's Word, ask people what they planned on giving, and then promise to spend within their generosity."

This brings us to the second and most important reason for our fall stewardship campaign. We want to take an opportunity to hear God's Word in regard to stewardship and have it lead us in making intentional decisions concerning our giving. Psalm 37:5 declares, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act." Though not about stewardship specifically, the principle of this verse still applies. Let's commit the way we handle our resources to the Lord by learning his Word, being obedient in response, and trusting in him to act.

So, here's the plan. From November 10<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, we're going to hear God's Word through 5-minute "temple talks" before service, bulletin inserts, and a mailing. During these weeks, we will be asking you to prayerfully consider what you give in light of God's Word. All of this will then culminate on Christ the King Sunday, where we'll fill out pledge cards for 2025.

**Serving for the month  
of November**

*Ushers:* Larry & Kelly Warriner  
Morgan Kaminski, Sam Naples

*Communion Assistants:*

Greg Carns, Ron Mariotti

*Tellers:*

Bill Boyer, Larry Szebalskie,  
Sam Naples

*Lectors:*

11/3 Brena Callithen

11/10 Dave Disanti

11/17 Marlene Lacanic

11/24 Will Fleske

**Luther's Corner**



“If God has given you wealth, give thanks to God, and see that you make the right use of it.”

-Martin Luther's Lectures on Genesis

**Thanksgiving Lunch  
Following worship**



Sunday, November 10

**Todd Financial Associates  
Thrivent Financial  
for Lutherans**

You are invited to a social hour following the worship service on Sunday, November 3. A member of the Todd Financial Associates will be present to discuss services that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has to offer.

Now, don't let the pledge cards scare you. First, they are completely voluntary. Second, only the financial secretary will see them (and she knows what you give anyways). Third, they are simply a *tool* for you to intentionally consider what God

is leading you to give and for the church leadership to responsibly plan its 2025 budget. Think of it this way. If your family was living beyond its means—what would your approach be? You'd seek to balance the budget by seeing what you've got coming in, and then planning to spend accordingly. The pledge cards will practically help us to do this on a church-wide scale while at the same time helping you to thoughtfully consider what you give in light of God's Word. It really is that simple!

So, that's our plan for Intentional Stewardship in 2025. I pray that God will move in your heart as you intentionally commit your giving to him and trust in his ability to act.

*PS: For handouts, weekly videos, and other resources, check out [www.stpaulssarver.com/stewardship](http://www.stpaulssarver.com/stewardship)*



On Sunday, **November 3**, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday by remembering and honoring all those who have passed away since last All Saint's Day of 2023 as well as those who have passed years before. From our Family at St. Paul's we will lovingly remember:

*Gail Hoak, Gary A. Park, Carl Harvey, Sid Hill,  
Amy Johnson, Betsy Rodgers*

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

@ ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

This class is open to those looking to become members of St. Paul's and to anyone who desires to brush up on their Christian, Lutheran, and St. Paul's knowledge. Classes will be Sunday mornings following service to 12:00pm. Light refreshments will be served and **Childcare will be available**. To RSVP contact Pastor Shawn at [pastorshawn@stpaulssarver.com](mailto:pastorshawn@stpaulssarver.com).

- 11/24 MEMBERSHIP AND THE STORY OF GOD
- 12/1 THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE
- 12/8 MEMBERSHIP @ ST. PAUL'S





Offering Breakdown for Month of October			
Category	October Total Received	YTD Received	Annual Budget
General	9,473.00	120,285.60	
Loose	453.00	8,495.00	
Flowers	-	825.00	
Memorials	210.00	12,170.00	
Initial	-	160.00	
Lenten	-	353.00	
Ash Wednesday	-	1,340.00	
kindermusik	-	487.20	
Maundy Thur.	-	275.00	
Good Friday	-	335.00	
Other	400.00	7,109.55	
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>10,536.00</b>	<b>151,835.35</b>	<b>168,511.00</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>910.00</b>	<b>8,869.70</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>11,446.00</b>	<b>160,705.05</b>	<b>179,511.00</b>
<b>New Building</b>	<b>3,185.00</b>	<b>31,220.56</b>	

### Intentional Stewardship

*Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."*  
 We hope you can join us on Sundays Nov. 10-24 where we will be committing the way we handle our resources to the Lord by listening to his Word, being obedient in response, and trusting him to act.

### Hymn Sing ~ Sunday, November 10 during the worship service

Request your favorite hymn at the kiosk. The Worship & Music Committee will do their best at including all of them in the service. This is your chance to select all of your favorite hymns!



We will be decorating the church and Narthex for Christmas on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am. Anyone interested in helping is invited to join us. The more hands the better. Bring your children for a fun morning of Christmas and Christian Fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are still available in the Narthex. Pick yours up following a worship service. The deadline for returning the boxes is Sunday, November 17.



- 11/4 Karen Pierce
- 11/5 Christine Ciganik  
Emily Ciganik
- 11/6 Kevin Hindman
- 11/7 Kelly Turner  
Cheryl Young
- 11/8 Brayden Craighton
- 11/10 Jim Muir
- 11/12 Cathy Boyer
- 11/13 Lisa Miller
- 11/14 Wade Adams  
Bryson Gray
- 11/17 John Dudas  
Emery Voland
- 11/19 Baylee Myros
- 11/20 Trevor Steele
- 11/22 Nancy Altman  
Jeff Hill  
Ron Mariotti  
Hanah Resick
- 11/24 Kristen Resick  
Debbie Steele
- 11/26 Jennifer Scott
- 11/27 Heather Lux
- 11/30 Janine Brickett



**Mark your calendars for these upcoming Christmas Events**

Saturday, December 7  
 9:30am-1:30pm  
 Open House Time for Prayer and Meditation at St. Paul's

Sunday, December 22 @3:00pm  
 Kiski Valley Community Band  
 Christmas Concert at St. Paul's

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00am Sunday School, Pastor's Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service Social Hour with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans 6:00pm Confirmation	4 Worship & Music Meeting 11:00am	5 Ladies Day Out	6 Hand Bell Choir 6:30pm	7 Bag Night 6:30pm	8	9
10 9:00am Sunday School, Pastor's Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service with Hymn Sing Thanksgiving Lunch following worship 6:00pm Confirmation	11 Church Council Mtg 6:30pm	12	13 Hand Bell Choir 6:30pm	14 Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm	15	16
17 9:00am Sunday School, Pastor's Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	18 Cabot Food Bank 8:30am & 5:30 pm	19 Women's Group Mtg. 9:30am	20 Hand Bell Choir 6:30pm	21 Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm	22	23
24 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:00am Sunday School, Pastor's Coffee Talk 10:10am Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation	25 Quilt Guild	26	27 NO BELL CHOIR	28	29	30 Decorate the Church for Christmas 10:00am



Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.



St. Paul's Women's Group is once again hosting a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit the Lighthouse Foundation of Butler. Due to the kindness of donors last year, the Lighthouse Foundation provided toys for more than 500 children throughout our community. The Christmas Tree will be up in November for you to take a tag as a reminder. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 0-17. We will also be collecting gift cards (Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.) with a value of at least \$25 to be given to the older children. Please place your donations under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Thank you in advance for your support of this special ministry.