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In EVERYTHING

Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

All Saint's Sunday

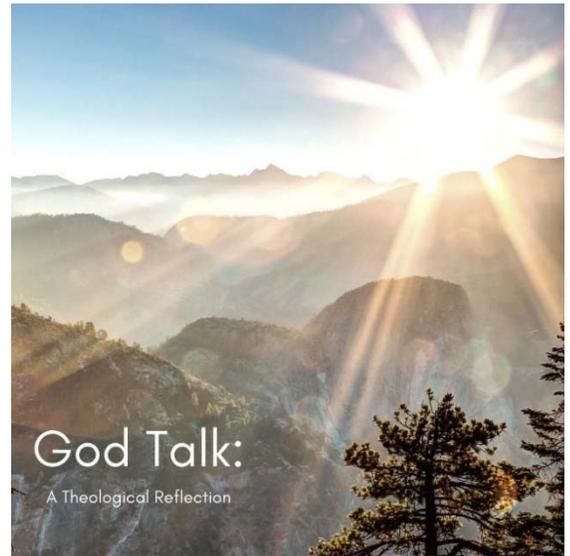
Worship at 10:00am

Sunday November 7, 2021

God Talk

“Gratitude:

*The quality of being thankful;
readiness to show appreciation for
and to return kindness.”*



Seven years ago, Matt and I celebrated Thanksgiving together at my apartment in Syracuse, NY. I remember driving to the airport to pick him up after a busy Wednesday night working at my internship congregation. It was freezing out, and in true Upstate New York fashion, it had recently snowed. I remember how carefully I had planned our menu, purchased a pretty tablecloth and placemats, and how happy I was that Matt would be with me for my first Thanksgiving away from home. As a seminary intern 14 hours away from my family in St. Louis, I was lonely, and getting to see Matt and celebrate the holiday was really special to me.

As part of my meticulous table-scape, I had included some pretty paper on which to write down all the things for which we were grateful. Taking that intentional time to reflect and share, to really think about the good things we had experienced and received, both tangible and intangible, was a really grounding experience. Although I was far from home and all the people I loved, there were many things for which I felt real gratitude.

I believe that gratitude comes to us from outside ourselves, like a gift of the Holy Spirit. God awakens our senses to all that is good, and beautiful, and freely given, and fills us with that warm feeling of appreciation, inspires us to really feel it, to be grounded in the goodness of all that is. This month, we will be focusing on gratitude in our life together, and it is my hope that by Thanksgiving Day, we will all have developed a heightened awareness of the moments of beauty and good in our lives. This month, I look forward to noticing the beautiful gifts we receive from God, and practicing ways to really notice and experience them for what they are: free goodness. Whether you find yourself in a space of loneliness or isolation, like I felt in Syracuse, or your life is filled with connection and joy, I pray that this month of grateful intentionality will grant you an opportunity to live more fully in the goodness of each moment, and to find God there.

-Pastor Delaney



November Anniversaries

5th Mary and Dick Klug

11th Brad and Cassia Carter



All Saints' Sunday

On November 7 we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. Traditionally, this is a day to remember all the saints, known and unknown, in the world and in our lives. We will invite everyone to light candles during the worship service in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us in body, and we will also have a table of remembrance in the common area to display photos of the saints of our community.



Daylight – Saving Time Ends

Please note that November 7 also marks the end of daylight-saving time, so be sure to set your clocks *back* one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors!





Coats

This month, we will share new coats with our neighbors at Kim's Table. Through the ongoing generosity of our friends at St. Matthew's, Outreach for Hope, and your generous engagement, we hope to share coats with anyone who needs one in our community.

This month, consider sharing a new or gently used coat with St. Paul's, and be part of helping our neighbors stay warm this winter.

Church Council

St. Paul's Church Council met on Zoom on Wednesday, October 13th. Discussion touched on worship plans through the end of the year, updates from Kim's Table, and the ongoing stewardship campaign. Pastor Delaney and Vicar Charlotte shared reports, including updates and plans for Sophie Polinske's confirmation on Reformation Sunday. The Council also continued discussions on the future of St. Paul's and reflected on the question, "What is God calling us to do?". Council plans to update the congregation on the outcome of these conversations in the near future.





NOISY OFFERING

Bring your loose change for special offering collections at the Worship Services every first Sunday of the month.

Lutheran Social Services: Refugee Settlement - Milwaukee

Since 1974, their structured program for refugee resettlement has started more than 10,000 refugees on a new life in the U.S. As the Wisconsin affiliate of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, LSS provides comprehensive resettlement services to refugees fleeing from war and persecution around the globe. Right now, we are working with those on the front lines of the Afghan crisis in the U.S. to better understand the need for support in Wisconsin.

Your support will allow LSS to create belonging and empower independence for individuals and families who were forced to flee their homeland because of war and persecution. In fact, many Afghan evacuees who are now in the U.S. seeking resettlement include courageous people who have risked their lives to support U.S. interests for nearly 20 years.

For more information please visit <https://www.lsswis.org>

To make a *direct donation*, click <https://www.lsswis.org/donate/>

RIC Corner

Did you know...sex and gender are not the same thing? Each of us was *assigned* a sex at birth (either male or female). Many people



identify with their assigned sex, use the corresponding pronouns (she/her or he/him), and fit into some of our culture's gender expectations. But, many people do not feel that they fit into their assigned category. They may choose to *perform* their gender differently by how they dress or wear their hair, and may also decide to use different pronouns (they/them, ze/zir, there are lots of pronouns!).

If you don't know, ask! You can practice this by introducing yourself to new people with your name and pronouns: "Hi, I'm Vicar Charlotte and my pronouns are they and them."

If you make a mistake, rephrase and move on: "She likes – I mean, they like apple cider more than pumpkin spice." The more you practice the better you'll get!

What does this have to do with faith? At St. Paul's we value and welcome the gifts of all individuals and strive to be an inclusive community. Respecting the gender identities and pronouns of our siblings in Christ is one way we can welcome all members of the body of Christ in our midst.

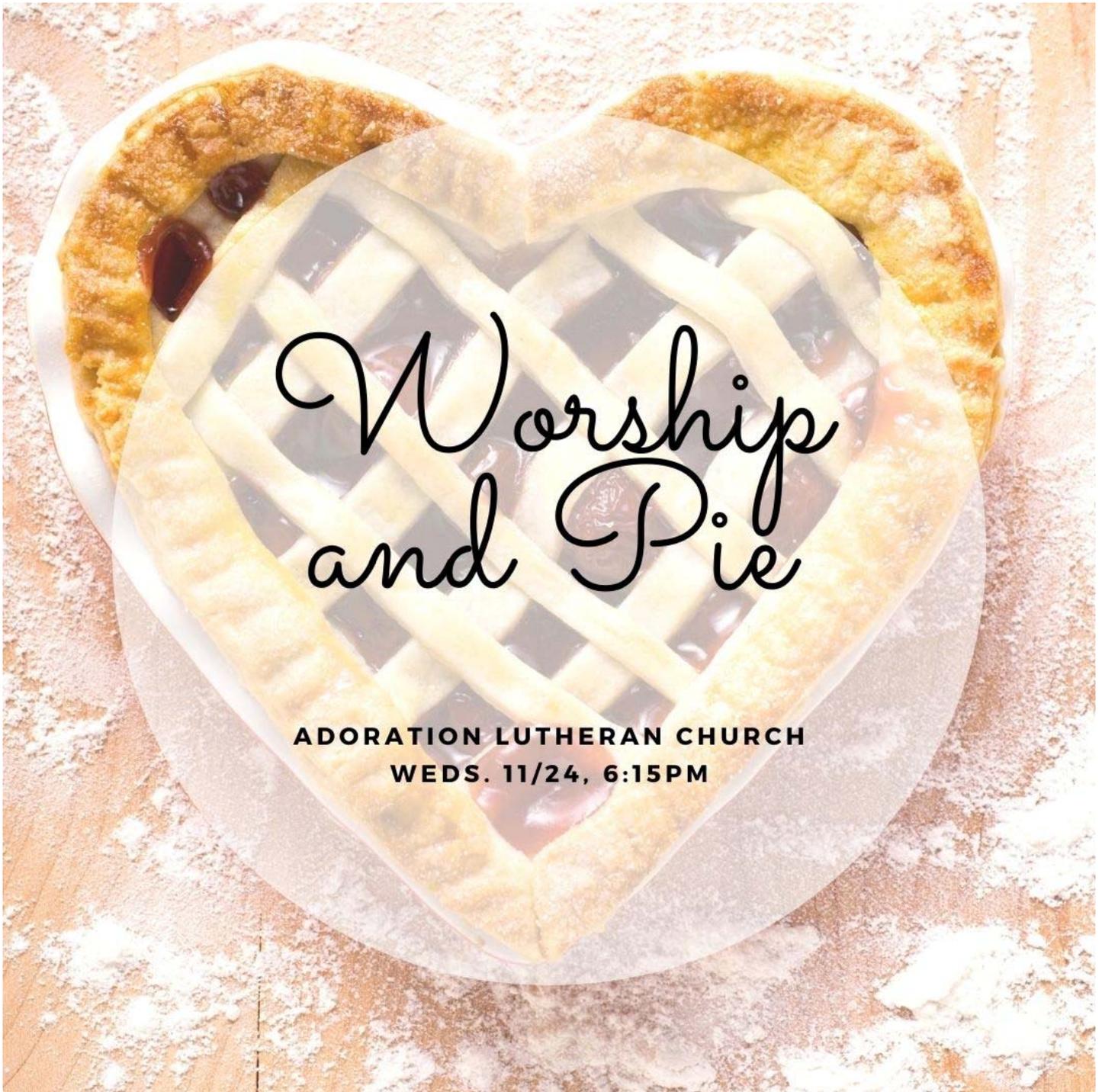
Join us for another visit to Neighborhood House
on **Thursday, 11/18 from 3:30-6:30pm!**
This is a great opportunity to continue growing
our relationships in the community!

ST. PAUL'S VOLUNTEERS:

Neighborhood House Pantry

11/18 3:30-6:30pm





Thanksgiving Eve with Adoration

Do you like pie? Will you be in town for Thanksgiving? Join us for worship with Adoration Lutheran Church (3840 W Edgerton, Greenfield) on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:15pm followed by pie!

November

2021

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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7 8:15am Bible Study 10am Worship Live Stream	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14 8:15am Bible Study 10am Worship Live Stream	15	16 	17 7pm Council Meeting via Zoom	18 3:30-6:30pm Neighborhood House Pantry	19	20
21 8:15am Bible Study 10am Worship Live Stream	22 	23	24 6:15pm Worship and Pie with Adoration Lutheran	25 Thanksgiving Day!	26	27 
28 Advent 1 8:15am Bible Study 10am Worship Live Stream	29	30	Dec 1	2	3 	4



SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS November 7- 28, 2021

<p><u>November 7</u> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44</p>	<p><u>November 14</u> Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Mark 13:1-8</p>
<p><u>November 21</u> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37</p>	<p><u>November 28</u> Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36</p>

Birthday in November
17th Eleanor Block



Poinsettia Plants

are available. These are quality plants, from Milaegeer's in Racine. Each plant comes in a 6-inch pot with gold foil wrap for just \$10.00.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 21, 2021.

These plants will be on display

for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the worship service. Please email the church office at StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com with your name and phone number along with how many plants you wish to order.



Quote

“This is what God’s kingdom is like:
a bunch of outcasts and oddballs
gathered at a table,
not because they are rich
or worthy or good,
but because they are hungry,
because they said yes.
And there’s always room for more.”

-Rachel Held Evans



Picture can be found at <https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/thanksgiving-coloring-pages.html>



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WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: November 2021

	November 7 All Saints Sunday	November 14 Pentecost 25	November 21 Christ the King	November 28 Advent 1
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	
Usher Team	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow Marilyn Zirbel	Ron Karbel
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug or Mark Van Engen	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson	Wayne Ringwolski
Live Steam	Mike Polinske	Mike Polinske	Elaine Disbro	Mark Van Engen
Open	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Counting Team	1	2	3	4

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