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All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 | 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

10:00am Worship

Daylight Saving Time Ends - November 1st

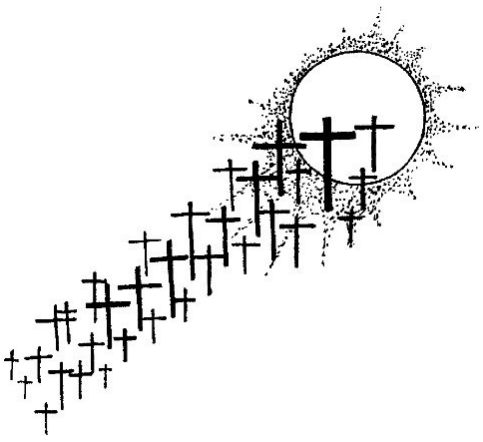
At 2am on Sunday, November 1st, please FALL BACK, by setting your clock back one hour. You get an extra hour of sleep! Hopefully.



All Saints Sunday is November 1st: During the worship service, we will light large candles in remembrance of those in our church family who have passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday. This year we remember:

Ethel Walter *November 5, 2025*
Polly Eastberg *September 25, 2026*

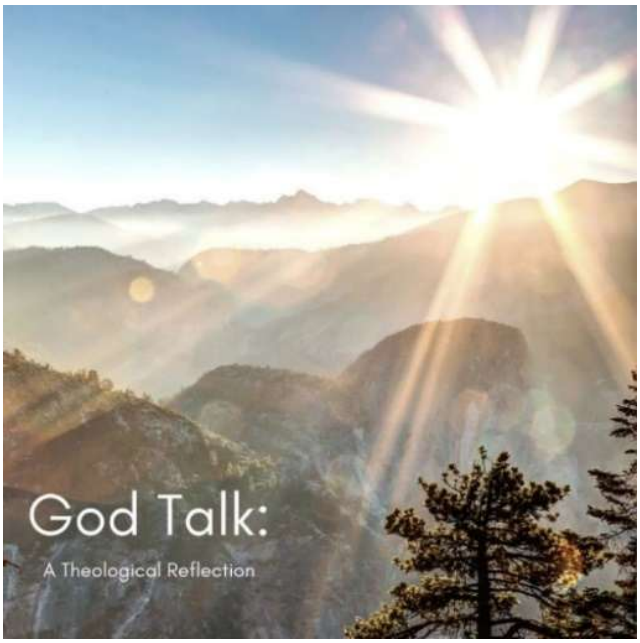
You may also light a votive candle in memory of your loved one. A table will be upfront in the sanctuary, by the pulpit. If you would like to bring a picture or something that reminds you of your loved one, please, add it to the table.



God Talk

Our Faith in Action

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."
~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-13



Our stewardship theme this year is "our faith in action." I think it is very timely for us as the Church, reminding us that our call as Christians extends beyond what we do within the walls of the church building. Our faith influences far more than where we choose to spend our Sunday mornings, and even more than what we choose to put in the offering plate. Our faith moves us to different choices in our lives every day, and moves us to action in ways we might not even recognize as faith until after the fact. Martin Luther believed in a "priesthood of all believers," that is, we are all called to the mission of the church in the world, not just those set aside and ordained as priests, pastors, or deacons. We are all members of the body of Christ, each with our own gifts and abilities, each able to contribute something different to the work of the church in the world.

Over the next few weeks we will be hearing from several members of our congregation about how their faith moves them to action, in big ways or small ways. Maybe your faith has influenced your career, or led you to volunteer your time for a particular cause. Maybe you notice smaller ways that your faith shows up in your everyday life, like how you interact with people who are different from you, what you ask for in your prayers, or how you vote.

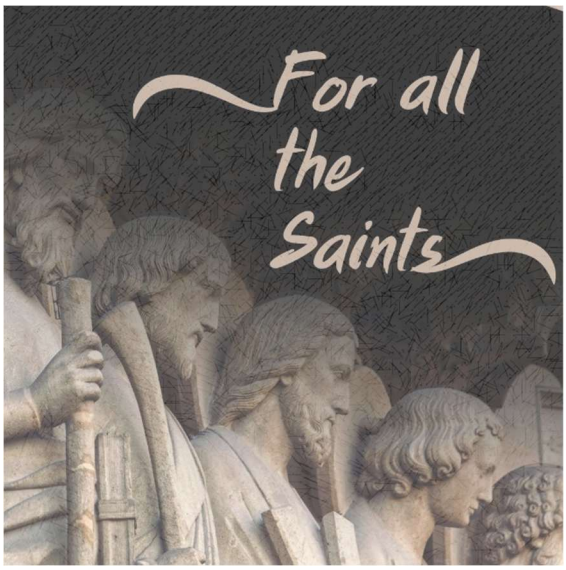
You will soon receive a pledge card in the mail asking you to indicate your intended financial contributions to this church in the new year. There is also a place for you to indicate your intangible gifts to the Church as well. I hope you will prayerfully consider what gifts the Spirit has given you in this season of your life, and how you might use those gifts in your life. It is a joy to serve alongside you, and to participate in the body of Christ together.
~Pastor Juniper



November Birthday

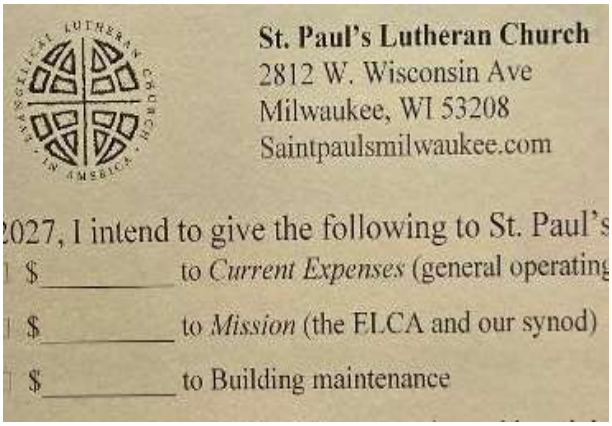
22nd David Micheel

For all the Saints - Joseph



Some traditions regard Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, as the patron saint of adoption. After all, he accepted and raised Jesus as his own child. It did take some convincing through divine dreams, but he did accept the call! Joseph was there for all the challenges of caring for a newborn, the joys and struggles of teaching a toddler to be kind, the wonder of watching a child turn into a young adult. I wonder if Joseph noticed or worried about the ways Jesus was "different" from his peers as a child. If he tried to protect Jesus from teasing or scolded him for talking back. We don't know much about the relationship between Jesus and Joseph, but we know Joseph stayed. He was present for Jesus' childhood and loved him as much as any of his children.

PLEDGE CARDS: Pledges help us plan for next year's budget and decide how we can best use the resources available to us to serve our neighborhood. Please return your pledge card on or by Sunday, November 15, 2026. Thank you.



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2027, I intend to give the following to St. Paul's

$_____ to *Current Expenses* (general operating

$_____ to *Mission* (the ELCA and our synod)

$_____ to Building maintenance

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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



ELCA World Hunger

One in 11 people, about 720 million, are hungry. As ELCA members, we are called to respond. God provides daily bread; together, we help ensure it reaches every table, with compassion, courage, and faithful action.

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside congregations across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches worldwide and trusted partners. Your gifts fund clinics, microloans, clean water, livestock, meals and advocacy – sustainable solutions that address the root causes of hunger.

Relationships First: We start by listening. Congregations and global companions identify local needs and solutions. We join to make them real. With *Lutheran World Federation* (LWF) and partners like *Bread of the World*, *Church World Services* (CWS), *Global Refuge, Lutheran Services in America* (LSA) and *Lutheran World Relief* (LWR), we accompany and support their efforts to tackle unjust systems so lasting change takes root at home and abroad. We add education and advocacy, tackling unjust systems so lasting change takes root at home and abroad.

For more information regarding ELCA World Hunger visit their website at https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/relief-and-development/world-hunger



National Adoption Day is marked every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, celebrating children who are adopted from foster care into permanent homes. This commemoration began in November 2000 with nine jurisdictions across the country, including law firms, child advocacy groups, and foster agencies deciding to open the courts on a Saturday to finalize foster care adoptions that were ready to be completed. The movement has grown over the years, and by 2011 there were more than 300 events held nationwide to finalize adoptions and celebrate adoptive families.

As Christians, we confess that we are all one in the body of Christ, and recognize that every individual person and every individual family is unique. We give thanks for the many ways that love binds us together, expanding our idea of *family* beyond just the people we are biologically connected to. The apostle Paul writes that we are all included in the family of God through a “Spirit of adoption.” (Romans 8:15) Through the love of Christ, we are all adopted into God’s covenant, heirs to the promise of eternal life.

Congratulations!



Pastor Juniper and Becca are excited to announce that they will be adopting Bella on November 20th! Pastor Juniper will be taking a parental leave of absence November 20 – December 4.

Pastor Sarah Micheel will be available for emergency pastoral needs during this time.

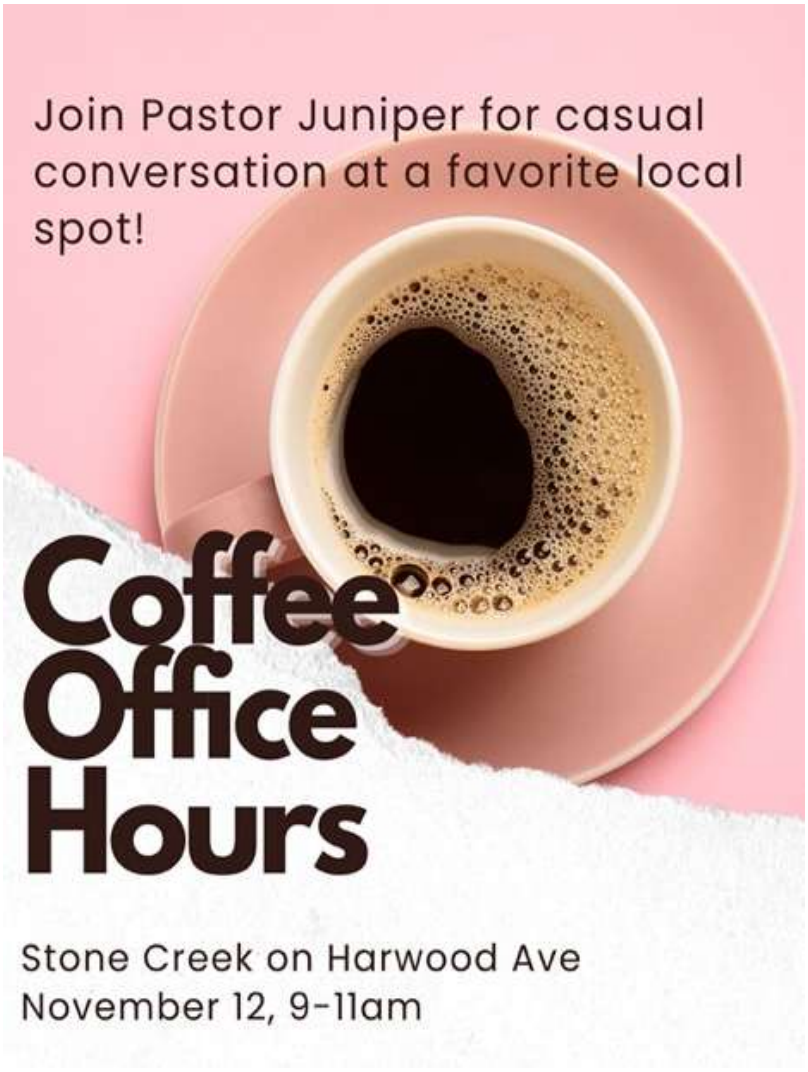
Welcome Baby Flora!

Congratulations to Matt and Delaney Schlake-Kruse on the birth of their daughter, Flora Lynne, born on the morning of Monday, October 19, 2026. Baby Flora was 8 pounds, 13 ounces. Big brother Milo is very excited and the family is doing well.



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints	**2**	**3** **Election Day** Check your local Municipalities	**4**	**5** 	**6** 	**7**
8 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	**9** 	**10** 7pm Council	**11** **Veteran's Day**	**12** 9-11am Coffee Office Hours	**13** World Kindness Day	**14**
15 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship Turn in Pledge Cards	**16**	**17** 	**18**	**19** 	**20** **December* Messenger Deadline*	**21** 
22 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	**23**	**24**	**25** 	**26** Happy Thanks giving	**27** 	**28**
29 Advent 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	**30** Poinsettia Orders DUE! 	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 	Dec 4	Dec 5 



Coffee Office Hours

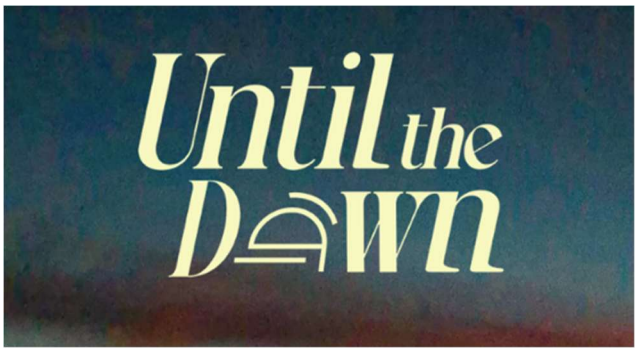
Stop in to enjoy a beverage and casual conversation at Stone Creek on Harwood Avenue in Wauwatosa. Pastor Juniper will be there on Thursday, November 12th from 9am to 11am.

Poinsettia Plant Order form is ready!

Poinsettia plants, 6-inch pots are still $15 each. These are quality plants, from our friends at Milaeger's in Racine. Choose from red, white, or pink. Order deadline is Monday, Nov. 30. 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 StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com with your name and phone number along with your order. Forms will be available at the Welcome Desk.





Season of Advent

Advent begins this year on November 29th. Every year, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. We prepare with pageants and presents. Yet, in the midst of our busy waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. Wars rage on, violence persists, new tragedies unfold. God's promises are real, *and* God's promised day has not yet come. This tension keeps us yearning—for a new day, a new way, a world made new.

Night is a time when the way forward may seem unclear, when our senses are heightened and fear may creep in. And the darkness also brings gifts—rest, regeneration, dreams, intimacy with God. In our sacred stories, angels often arrive in the night, calling for courageous action and singing good news. In the night, Mary's labor pains crescendo and Christ is born. In the night, shepherds and Magi follow the stars to get closer to God. And so, in the metaphorical night, we will carry on with the work that is ours to do.

Just as surely as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. As we move toward the horizon, we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. These actions we can take together help us resist despair and put our prayers in motion. Until the day when God's love reigns and all the earth echoes shalom, let us keep moving, singing, resisting, and rejoicing—trusting that God joins us in the work of Advent.

Current Members of our Council:



Pastor: Pastor Juniper Linberry
President: Mike Polinske
Vice President: Marcia Mikich
Secretary: Alyssa Gluth
Treasurer: Mark Van Engen
Board of Parish Education and Youth: vacant
Board of Outreach and Social Ministry: Nancy Day
Board of Parish Life: Brett Gluth
Board of Properties: Bob Bromberek
Board of Worship and Music: Jeri Jende

Council Members: Annual Reports, 2026

It's not too early! While the date for our annual meeting to be held early next year has yet to be determined, please begin thinking about what's going into your annual reports. Our current constitution indicates that reports must be available to members of the congregation *at least two weeks* ahead of the meeting. That means by mid-December, I will be working on them and printing them, in between the Sunday and Christmas bulletins, the January Messenger, as well as the other end of the year tasks. Reports can be emailed to the church office at StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much! -Dianne

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS
November 2 – 30

November 1 Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12		**November 8** Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 15 Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 90:1-8[9-11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30		**November 22** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Quote –

"Hope does not deny all the difficulty and all the danger that exist, but it is not stopped by them.
There is a lot of darkness, but our actions create the light."

— Jane Goodall, from The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Tim

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: November 2026

	November 1 All Saints	November 8 Pentecost 24	November 15 Pentecost 25	November 22 Christ the King	November 29 Advent 1
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Riley Brewer	Tim Kitzman	Nancy Day
Usher Team	3	4	5	1	2
Altar Guild	3	~~	5	1	2
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	3	4	5	1	2
Open	3	4	5	1	2
Close	3	4	5	1	2
Tech Team	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mark Van Engen

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