

# The MESSSENGER

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## **All Saints Sunday**

November 5, 2023 | 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

**10:00am Worship**

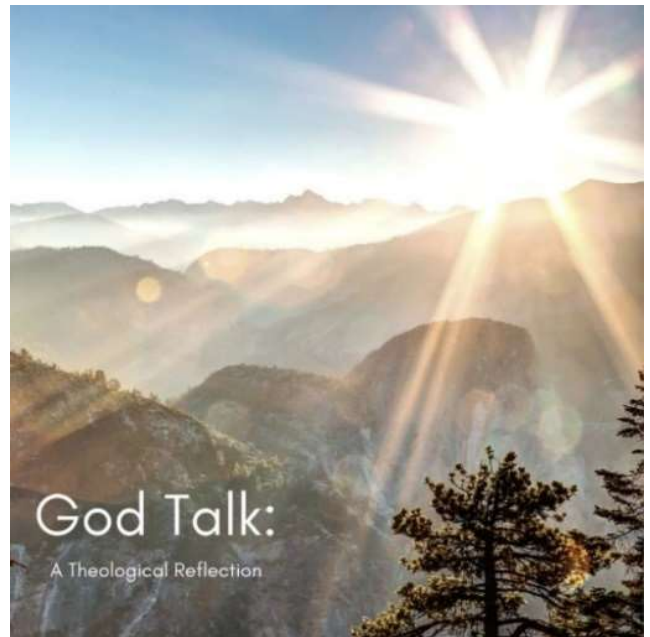
## God Talk

In Matthew 9:37, Jesus tells his friends, “The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few.”

As with most of scripture, there are lots of different angles one could take in interpreting this passage.

But as we prepare to celebrate our country’s harvest holiday, Thanksgiving, in a few weeks, this text came to my mind and caused me to wonder what it could mean for us.

All throughout scripture, Jesus talks with his friends and followers about the kingdom of God coming to life on earth using all sorts of metaphors to illustrate what that might be like. As I read these words from Jesus about a harvest, I wondered if he might be talking about a harvest of good things, kingdom things—a harvest of hope and grace among us now. When Jesus describes a plentiful harvest, ripe for the gathering, I think he’s talking about all the good things God is bringing to life and fruition on earth. And I think he’s calling his friends (and us) to join him in the work of noticing and “harvesting” those good things, so that the



plentiful goodness of God can get to the people and places that need it.

So, this year, as you prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, maybe take a moment to notice and thank God for all the good things around us, and then imagine how you might partner with God in the work of harvesting for the kingdom of God.

-Pastor Delaney

**All Saint's Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>:** During the worship service, we will light a large candle in remembrance of those in our church family who have passed away since last year's All Saint's Sunday. This year we remember:

Barbara Benjamin      January 7, 2023

Dennis Benjamin      April 15, 2023

Jerry Zimmerman      July 27, 2023

You may also light a votive candle in remembrance of your loved one. A table of remembrance will be in the common area. If you would like to bring a picture or something that reminds you of your loved one, please add it to the table of remembrance display.

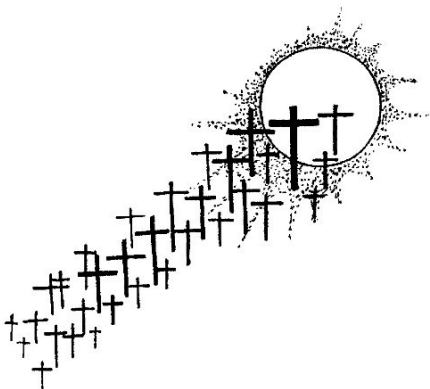




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## **Outreach Update**

On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> following the worship service about 21 people from St. Paul's walked over or were dropped off via Prius to Our Safe Place for lunch with at least 15 of our neighbors!

Daddy's Soul Food & Grille, 754 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, catered the luncheon of fried chicken, coleslaw and mac and cheese while members of St. Paul's supplied the group with desserts. It was a great success!

~ Thank you to Daddy's for the catered meal.

The mac and cheese was worth the wait!

~ Thank you Matt Prahlow for your "uber Prius" & dropping folks off at our neighbors and back to church.

~ Thank you Jane Prahlow, Susie Moylan, Nancy Day, Sarah Micheel & Pastor Delaney for organizing this fun afternoon.

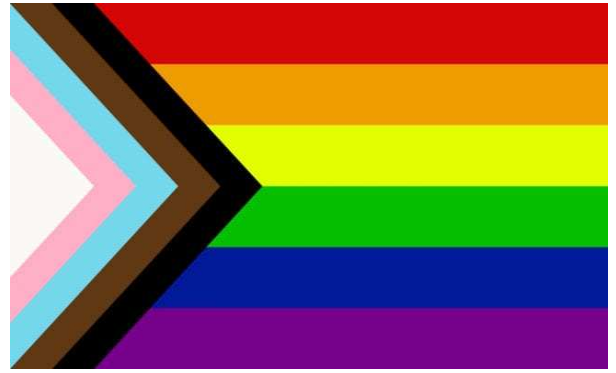
~ Thank you for those who walked in the sunshine to visit our neighbors around the corner.

Thank you members of St. Paul's for providing the sweet treats and for your positive presence at the celebration. It was great to see the new gathering room and the bathroom in person. There is even a Wall of Honor on the west wall on which hangs the pictures of the founder of Our Safe Place, Bonnie Liss, as well as former residents who have been successful in their steps towards sobriety.

The Outreach Team would like to thank St. Paul's members for your continued support of the men at Our Safe Place. Continue to pray for their individual journeys and triumphs. Seeds have been planted. What a fun way to spend the afternoon!

## RIC CORNER

“What is Two-Spirit?”



November is National Native American Heritage Month, and as we learn and celebrate native history, we also have an opportunity to deepen our understanding of an LGBTQIA+ native term called “Two spirit.”

“Traditionally, Native American two-spirit people were male, female, and sometimes intersexed individuals who combined activities of both men and women with traits unique to their status as two-spirit people. In most tribes, they were considered neither men nor women; they occupied a distinct, alternative gender status. In tribes where two-spirit males and females were referred to with the same term, this status amounted to a third gender. In other cases, two-spirit females were referred to with a distinct term and, therefore, constituted a fourth gender.”

[\(https://www.ihs.gov/lgbt/health/twospirit/\)](https://www.ihs.gov/lgbt/health/twospirit/)

The more you know!

*Quote~*

“There is October in every November, and there is November in every December! All seasons melted in each other’s life!” —*Mehmet Murat İldan*



## Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson!

\*Note: This information is taken from the Wartburg Theological Seminary website.

Our very own Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson has been called to the position of Academic Dean of Wartburg Theological Seminary, [333 Wartburg Pl., Dubuque, IA 52003],

as of July 1, 2023. She is the first woman to be called to this position. We, at St. Paul's, praise God for this wonderful opportunity for Rev. Dr. Cheryl. To see the full announcement, please visit

<https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/featured/announcing-rev-dr-cheryl-peterson/>

## Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5, 2023

At 2am on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, please FALL BACK, by setting your clock back one hour. You get an extra hour of sleep! Hopefully.



U.S.A.  
Canada  
Mexico

## Poinsettia Plant Order form is ready!

Poinsettia Plants are now available to order. These are quality plants, from our friends at Milaeger's in Racine.



Each plant comes in a 6-inch pot with gold foil wrap for \$14.00. Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 21, 2023. 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](mailto:StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com) with your name and phone number along with your order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 6-inch red: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 6-inch white: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 6-inch pink: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due: \_\_\_\_\_



## November Anniversary

11<sup>th</sup> Brad and Cassia Carter



## PRAYGROUND

Have you noticed the beautiful space devoted to our youngest friends in the back of the sanctuary? With soft places to sit and play, a pretend communion set for children to explore, a felt board and books about God, our new prayground is a cozy nook meant to welcome young people and their families. Thank you to Libby Berry and Sarah Micheel for dreaming it up, thanks to all who donated, and a HUGE thanks to our friends at Galilee in Pewaukee for all their help getting the things we need to make an engaging, welcoming prayground!





## **Blue Christmas**

On Thursday evening, December 21, we will gather with other congregations from our conference to worship. This will be an opportunity to get together and celebrate the winter solstice, as well as Christ-

mas, with space for feelings and prayer. Blue Christmas is intended as a welcoming and expansive space for those who have a hard time feeling the constant “joy” of the holiday season. All are welcome. More details to come!

## **Capital Campaign**

As we continue to invest in our future as a congregation, a committed group of St.

Paul’s folks has been meeting to get a capital campaign rolling. Look for more information as we embark on a season of generosity and investment!



## Storm Garden

On Thursday, November 2, we will be getting our new storm garden! This is a beautiful, raised bed-style rain garden, which will be installed on the South Side of the church facing Wisconsin Avenue under the Pride flag. It's going to be a beautiful addition to the curb appeal here at church, while helping to divert rain-water from Lake Michigan!



*Picture of Storm Garden is taken from their website.*

## There's still time to join the Choir at St. Paul's

If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Gray Sorenson or Pastor Delaney. The rehearsal

schedule is as follows:

Nov. 5 – no rehearsal

Nov. 12 - rehearsal after worship

Nov. 19 - rehearsal before worship

Nov. 26 – rehearsal after worship



## OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

At the October council meeting we heard a report on the new boilers (amazingly quiet) and updates about the capital campaign (in committee).



Additionally, Pastor Delaney shared that several neighbors approached her at the September Kim's Table event to share concerns about unsafe housing and how she might be able to help advocate for them. Pastor and the council are gathering ideas for how we might assist our neighbors in having their concerns heard.

Stay tuned for an educational opportunity from Habitat for Humanity as well as other ways such as letter writing and phone calls on behalf of these tenants. Together we can share God's love with our neighbors on the Near West Side!

### *Quote~*

“Don’t wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!” —*Charmaine J Forde*



## 2024 Annual Meeting Elections

The following Council positions are open for nomination of candidates:

President – two-year term

Secretary – two-year term

Board of Music and Worship – two-year term

Board of Properties – two-year term

Board of Parish Education – two-year term

The Nominations Committee is asking for volunteers to come forth and place their names in nomination for the above positions. Several current office holders have completed their terms and/or been in office beyond their terms under C. 11.02 of our constitution. Our constitution was designed with regular turn-over to facilitate opportunities to serve the congregation and bring in fresh energy and ideas.

Please contact Mark Voelz at [markvoelz64@gmail.com](mailto:markvoelz64@gmail.com) or call 414-840-6802.

*Quote~*

“November the last month of autumn. But the beginning of a new adventure; time to take a risk and do the unexpected.”

—*Unknown*



## **NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION**

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

### ***Penfield Children's Center – MKE***

For more information about this St. Paul's neighborhood partner, please visit their website

at <https://penfieldchildren.org/donate/>

Please join us in the Memorial Suite each Sunday for good conversation as we explore the Gospel of Mark. There will also be a Zoom option if that is preferred. It all begins at 8:30am. All are welcome!












*Quote~*

**“Christmas is around the corner!”**

*—Anonymous*

# November

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>All Saints Day</b>	2 9am Storm Guarden installation	3 	4
5 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship Noisy Offering	6  Dianne on	7 Election Day Go out & VOTE vacation	8 	9 until	10 November 14 <sup>th</sup> .	11 Veterans Day
12 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	13  Dianne vaca	14 7pm Council Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> .	15	16 	17	18
19 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	20 *December* Messenger Deadline	21  Poinsettia orders due	22	23 <b>Happy Thanks giving!</b>	24	25
26 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	27 	28	29	30 	Dec 1	Dec 2 

# SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## November 5 – 26

### **November 5**

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

*Semicontinuous*

*First Reading and Psalm*

Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

### **November 12**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

*Semicontinuous*

*First Reading and Psalm*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

### **November 19**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

*Semicontinuous*

*First Reading and Psalm*

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

### **November 26**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

*Semicontinuous*

*First Reading and Psalm*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100





## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: November 2023

	November 5 All Saints	November 12 Pentecost 24	November 19 Christ the King	November 26 Pentecost 26
Assisting Minister	Bob Bromberek	Sarah Micheel	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek
Usher Team	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Judy and Kurt Ruehrmund
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson	Tim Kitzman
Communion Type	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Counting Team	3	4	1	2
Tech Team	Mark Van Engen	Mike Polinske	Brett Gluth	Mark Van Engen



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