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**All Saint's Day
Observance
NOVEMBER 2/3**

Holy Communion and a reading of the names of members and friends who have joined the 'church triumphant'.
Worship Music provided by Joy Bells, The Choir, Solid Brass Quartet & David Schack, Organ.

**Connect Modern Issues with Biblical Teachings*

Save the Date

**Learn How to Be More Inclusive*

BE the BRIDGE

Training

**Improve Leadership Skills for a Diverse Church*

**Get Ready to Make a Real Difference*

November 14-16

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NEWS FROM ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST

NOVEMBER 2024

CONTINUING IN *Gratitude*

Pastoral Perspective

As we come to the close of our series on gratitude, I cannot help but be overwhelmed with thankfulness to God for all of you! The spirit of thanksgiving we've cultivated together during this time has been nothing short of powerful. I am so grateful for each of you and for the incredible privilege that God has given me to serve as your pastor. It is truly a blessing to walk alongside such a loving and faithful congregation, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your commitment to the Lord, to one another, and to the ministry we are doing here at St. Paul Church.

Our journey of gratitude doesn't end with this series. In fact, it's only the beginning. Gratitude is not just something we feel in our hearts it's something we express in our daily lives, both individually and as a church community. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in **1 Thessalonians 5:18**, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." No matter what season we are in, we are called to live with a spirit of thankfulness, acknowledging God's grace and provision every step of the way.

There are many ways we can continue to be grateful to God as individuals and as a church. Here are a few ways we can live out our gratitude:

- Gratitude in Worship** – Let us continually offer our praises to God, thanking God for continued faithfulness and blessings. Each time we gather for worship, whether in person or online, we have an opportunity to express our thankfulness through song, prayer, and hearing the Word.
- Gratitude in Service** – Serving others is one of the most powerful ways to show our gratitude to God. As we look toward the new year, let's recommit ourselves to serving our community, those in need, and the missions we support as a church.
- Gratitude in Giving** – One of the ways we tangibly express our gratitude to God is through our giving. As we approach next year, I encourage each of us to prayerfully consider how we can grow in our giving. God has been faithful in providing for us, and through our generosity, we can continue to support the missions and ministries that make such an impact on the lives of so many. By increasing our giving, we will be able to meet our budget and strengthen our outreach, ensuring that our missions both here and beyond are well-resourced, remember we are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

I am constantly lifting each of you up in prayer, asking God to bless and strengthen you daily. May we continue to grow in gratitude, deepen our faith, and serve God with all that we have. I love you all deeply and cherish the privilege of being your pastor.

In Christ's love and service,

-Pastor Faith Kubai



All-Church POTLUCK

WED. NOV. 20 | 6 PM



I am thrilled to invite each of you to our All-Church Potluck on **November 20th at 6 PM!** This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun as we come together to celebrate the blessings God has given us. All are welcome, and we encourage you to bring a delicious dish to share. Let's fill the table with a variety of flavors, and please don't forget to invite a friend or a neighbor to join us—it's the perfect opportunity to share the warmth of our community.

During the potluck, we will also be introducing an exciting new chapter for our church: the launch of cell groups!

These small groups will officially start in the spring of next year, and this potluck will be the perfect time to learn more about how we're organizing ourselves to build deeper connections and strengthen our faith journeys together. The cell groups will provide a space where we can grow in Christ, support one another, and reach out to our community in new ways.

I'm looking forward to sharing a meal with all of you and discussing the exciting future we are preparing for as a church.

With love and blessings,

-Rev. Faith Kubai

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With God's love as our foundation, we celebrate friendship with all of God's people, affirming all sexual orientations and gender identities. Together, we will seek justice for all and do good in our community, nation and around the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Jerry Brabec

Get ready to end daylight saving time...it's **November 3rd**. Remember to 'fall back' by one hour, so that you won't miss worship!

We begin the month with our annual remembrance of All Saints' Day, **November 02/03**, the observation of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and a reading of the names of members and friends of St. Paul Church who have joined the 'church triumphant' since last we commemorated. Morning worship includes special ministry through music provided by Joy Bells, The Choir, the Solid Brass Quartet, and organist, David Schack. We will also consecrate our gifts and pledge to give what is truly enough in our lives as part of this weekend's worship.

Our House Band, with John Hough at the helm, leads worship **November 09/10**. The ever-ringing Joy Bells grace worship on **November 16/17**. Michael Frey, violin/viola, joins The Choir for a thanksgiving celebration weekend, with Heidi Copeland, violin at the Saturday evening service, **November 23/24**.

On Sunday, **November 24** an interfaith thanksgiving worship opportunity will be offered at 6:00 p.m. Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, 2650 Farnam Street, will host the service, with clergy and choirs from First Christian, Temple Israel, First Congregational, the American Muslim Center, Countryside Community, Saint Margaret Mary, First UMC; Saint Paul United Methodist, all participating. This interfaith service will provide the entire Omaha metro area a chance to celebrate God's oneness through the many faith traditions that bless our community. Truly a month to give thanks, we will be ready to begin anew as we enter Advent yet again.

BE the BRIDGE

November 14-16 at St. Paul UMC

Dive into today's essential conversations about race, culture, and diversity, all while using the Bible as our guide. We'll use scripture to understand how to make things equal and include people of diverse cultures in our faith communities. We'll also look at the past and future race issues in America. We'll also share tips on spotting and stopping unconscious bias to help more people feel welcome in our congregations. The program will introduce you to ways to understand people from different backgrounds better. *Be the Bridge* at St. Paul, **November 14-16, 2024**. Register @ greatplainsumc.org/bethebridge

From the Desk of . . .

Rev. Marta Wheeler

Dear Saint Paul friends,

We give thanks for each of you and the good work God does through you.

The Kids' Sunday School continues learning Old Testament Stories. We laugh, pray, and discuss how to apply them to our lives today. You might be surprised at what thoughtful theologians these young people are. They are so happy to pick up debris and take care of God's creation, serve at a food pantry, and show loving kindness in all ways!

We are happy to join in on the fun at the Camp Fontanelle's Split Oak Hollow. While there we get lost in the Corn Maze, ride the zipline (prayers, please), pet furry animals, and jump on huge bouncy pillows.

We appreciate the success of the October Health Fair and Dr. Lane Sidebottom's direction! Many of you helped students check off the practical experiences of balance testing, blood drawing, and vaccination administration.

Many prayers for you that we will keep our eyes open with a sense of wonder for Creation, and Christ's Love flowing through one another.

PRAYERS for God's People

Memorial Gifts

For **Shirley Higbee**: George & Cheryl Adamson.
For **Mark Mullen & Family**: Lisa Beddow.
For **Father Carl Buono**: Judy Buono
For **Patricia Lontor**: Jerry Brabec
For **Frances & Mark Mullen**: Penny Malburg

Honorarium

In Honor of the Music Ministry: Jerry Brabec.

Recent Hospitalizations

Shirley DeLong
Carol Behrens



SAINT PAUL
Men
SATURDAY
NOV 9 | 9AM | RM. 109
All Men Welcome!

United Women in Faith GENERAL MEETING

UWF will gather
Wednesday, **NOV 06** @
9:30 in Room 111 for their
general meeting. We will
celebrate those saints of
the unit who have joined
the church triumphant in
the past year with a time of
memory offered by the Rev.
Marta Wheeler

Wed. November 6
9:30 AM | Room 111



Holy Listening

Elmwood Tower
801 S. 52nd St., Omaha

Friday, Nov. 15 | 2:30 PM

Charge Conference

SATURDAY
NOV 3 | 2:30 PM

Freemont First UMC

PRAY.
VOTE.
PRAY.

MON., NOV. 4TH | 11:45AM

As we approach the upcoming elections, you are invited to join us in a time of dedicated prayer for our country on this Monday, November 4th at 11:45 am at the Roth Chapel. We come together as a community, seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and peace for our nation during this critical time.

We encourage everyone to engage in our simple but powerful call: **Pray. Vote. Pray.** Let us lift up our leaders, our fellow citizens, and the future of our country in prayer, trusting that God's hand will guide us through this season.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

All are welcome either in-person at Immanuel Village or join the fun via Zoom.

"James"
By Percival Everett

SATURDAY
NOV. 9th | 9 AM

Meet on the 2nd floor "Hub" through the main entrance. Call Connie for info 402-660-8211.

**The Office will be closed
Thurs./Fri. November 28 &
29 in observance of
Thanksgiving**

Quilting Group

Monday mornings
9:15 AM | Room 105

HAT & MITTEN TREE

Hats, gloves and mittens are welcome on the Mitten Trees in the Chapel and Sanctuary. Your warm gifts will be distributed to students at Fontenelle and Benson West Elementary



Consecration Sunday

As we draw closer to the end of our powerful series on gratitude and stewardship, I am excited to announce that we will celebrate the culmination of this journey together on **November 2nd and 3rd** during our All Saints / Consecration weekend. These special services will provide a sacred time for us to dedicate our commitment cards, which represent our faith, devotion, and gratitude to God for the year ahead.

On these days, we will come together as a community to commit our lives, our time, and our resources to the work of God's kingdom. Each one of us will have the opportunity to offer our commitment cards in prayer, symbolizing our trust in God's provision and our dedication to supporting the mission of St. Paul Church.

How to Prepare

If you have not yet received your commitment card, don't worry! Commitment cards are available at the church. Simply ask one of our ushers, or feel free to call the church office, and we'll make sure you get one.

Why This Matters

Consecration Sunday is a significant moment for our congregation, as we consecrate not just our financial giving, but our hearts and our devotion to God's work. This is a time for each of us to prayerfully consider how we can contribute to the life and mission of our church. Your giving helps us to sustain and grow the ministries that make a difference in the lives of so many, both within our church and in the broader community.

May God bless you as you reflect on the ways God has been faithful in your life and as you consider your commitment for the upcoming year.

Tai Chi

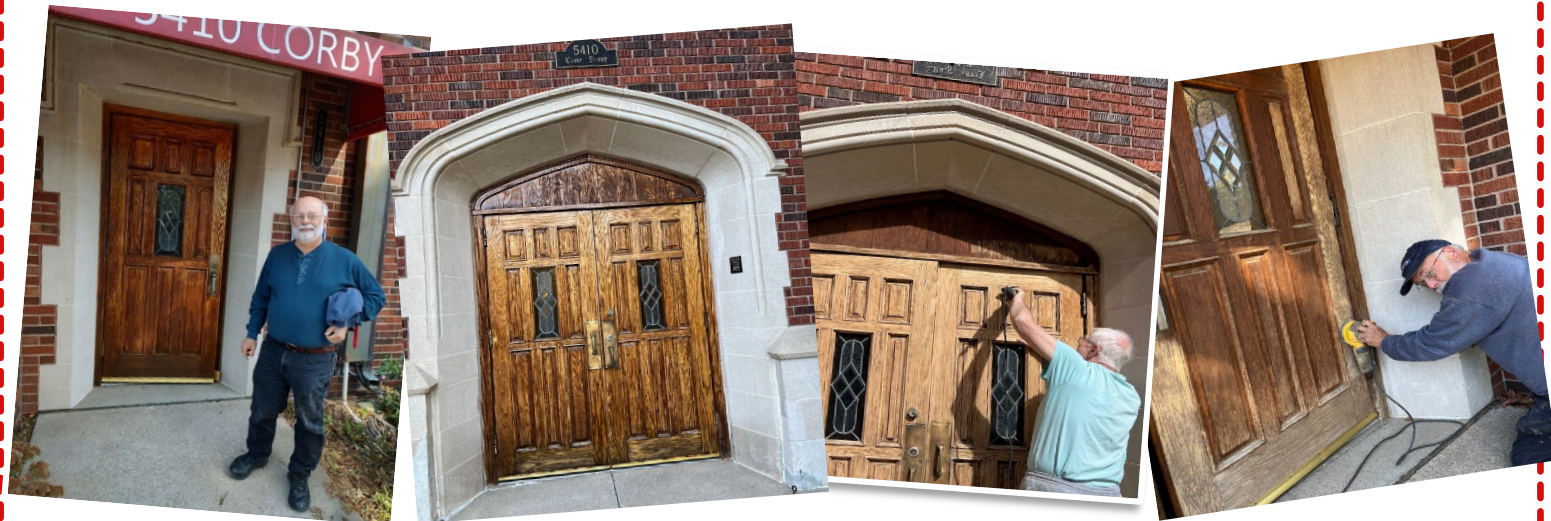
JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY
4 PM | ROOM 111



Fun at Fontanelle



Refinished Doors!



Health Fair



Pet Blessing



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Holy Communion 5:00pm Worship Service
3 ALL SAINTS - CONSECRATION Holy Communion Together Offering 8:45am Soul Journeys for Women (LIB) 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Nepali Worship 11:15am Sunday School 3:00pm Prayer Service (CHP)	4 Divina (PAR) 9:00am The Q(uilters) Group 10:00am Morning Musings 11:45am Pray-Vote-Pray (RC) 7:00pm Pastor Faith's Bible Study (Z)	5 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 9:30am United Women in Faith 4:00pm Tai Chi	7 5:54pm Joy Bell Rehearsal (BAL) 7:00pm The Choir Rehearsal (250)	8	9 9:00am Book Club (Offsite) 9:00am UM Men 5:00pm Worship Service
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