

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people
insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.



"St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."

PASTOR'S LETTER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. . . .

As the leaves cover the ground and as we enter the month of November, Psalm 136 comes to mind. **“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His loves endures forever”** Again and again, the psalmist reminds us of the Lord's blessing throughout this magnificent psalm. As he attributes God's love in every walk of creation, the phrase **“His love endures forever”** is repeated twenty-six times. I encourage you to challenge my count. Go ahead and read the psalm right now and count the phrase to check.

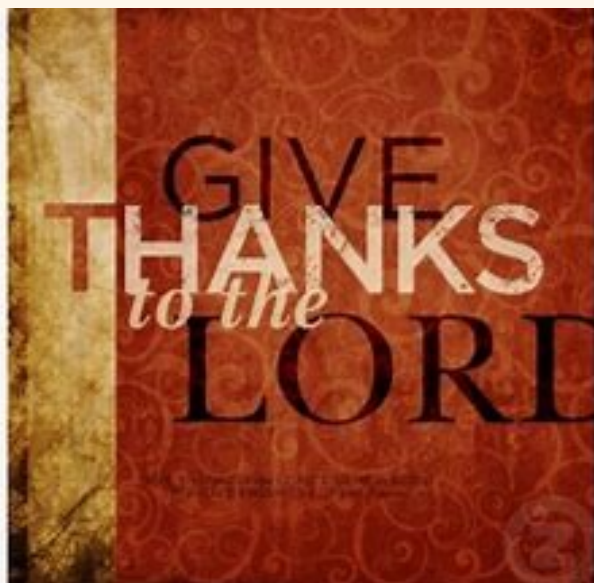
After you have finished reading, take note of the credit that the psalmist gives to the Lord for his action in history in behalf of his people. That basically is the overriding theme of the psalm. It is a song of praise to the Lord as Creator and as Redeemer. I am always impressed by the psalms; however, this one is an all-time favorite because it reminds me of my need to offer praise and thanks to the Lord for his constant care.

As we enter into November, we once again will have the designated opportunity to give thanks on the appointed day of Thanksgiving. We, of course, will hold a special Thanksgiving service here at St. Paul's that will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. I look forward to this service as we all also look forward to the food, fellowship and festivities of the day.

I would only encourage you all to participate in a reading of the Psalms throughout the month of November. There are one hundred and fifty psalms in the entire book. That means you can complete the book by the end of November should you read but five psalms per day. This would be good and acceptable in the sight of the Lord. It would be a great way to reinforce a strong appreciation for all that the Lord does for each and every believer, yes, and for each and every day of the year. So then, I now will conclude this short message by simply saying, **“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.”**

In Christ,

Pastor Schultz



Nov. 3 Erika Wallinton

Nov. 5 Kenneth A. Russell

Nov. 6 Michele Russell Wallace

Nov. 12 William Varfley

Nov. 13 Antionette Dahn

David Ballah Jr.

Randell Z. Dauda

Nov. 15 Cianneh Akoiwala



Nov. 17 Elizabeth Barclay

Nov. 20 Martin Kuepker

Nov. 22 Erika Rennert-May

Nov. 24 Kevin Kehyei

Nov. 25 Spencer Seitz, Sr.

Nov. 26 Tiffany Russell

Nov. 27 Joan Schultz

Nov. 28 Jenneh Sheriff



Nov. 3 Mr. & Mrs. Mack Makor (39th)

Nov. 4 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Robinson (12th)

Nov. 5 Mr. & Dr. Joseph Miceli (29th)

NOVEMBER ALTAR SCHEDULE 2019

	READER/ACOLYTES	COMM. ASSISTANT	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS
3	Youth Dane Watson	Corvah Akoiwala Bill Oehlkers	Mary Abbenante Donna Bucu	Leela Ballah Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye Hardlyn Dauda
10	David Martin Titi Adekeye		Mary Abbenante Donna Bucu	Rick Sinnigen Onu Stevens Andrew Mastrostefano Steven Nagbe
17	Rick Sinnigen Christopher Dauda	Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Mary Abbenante Donna Bucu	Kim King, Bill King Helen Miller Joe Norris
24	Danlette Norris George Roberts		Mary Abbenante Donna Bucu	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George Dauda Grace Dauda

November 2019

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Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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 <p>3</p> <p>Worship 10am Sunday School Communion</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Worship 10am Sunday School</p> 	Veterans Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Worship 10am Sunday School Communion</p>				<p>Council Meeting 7:00pm</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Worship 10am Sunday School</p>				<p>Service 10:00am</p> 		

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Sept. 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Vice President Corvah Akoiwala, Treasurer Daniel Robinson, Secretary David Martin, and Financial Secretary Donna Bucu. Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Prior to the meeting being formally convened, Sunday School Superintendent Marion Gabaie offered a prayer and provided an update on the Sunday School. It will be held every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Because no materials have been ordered, the focus through December will be on preparing for the Christmas play.

Approval of Minutes. Motions were made, seconded, and passed to approve

the minutes of the June 18, 2019, regular Council meeting and the minutes of the July 14, Aug. 18, and Sept. 1, 2019, special Council meetings.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Aug. 31, 2019. Total income during this period was \$132,151.48 and total disbursements were \$150,829.50, resulting in a deficit of \$18,678.02. Offerings have declined over the summer, and are approximately \$8,500.00 below the amount budgeted. Insurance expenses are about \$5,200.00 over budget because of higher premiums due to our repeated flood claims. The amount spent for guest preachers is about \$400.00 over budget because we paid mileage to Pastor Kerner who was traveling a great distance to come to Providence.

The balance of Memorials as of Sept. 19, 2019, is \$239,160.97. Significant disbursements in the last few months include: \$16,940.29 for three cleanups of basement flooding, \$30,540.00 for installation of three check valves, \$12,046.75 for removal of asbestos tiles in the school basement, \$12,715.00 for new tile floor and repairs in the school basement, and \$27,013.00 for partial payment of the new boiler. On the positive side, a \$58,000.00 gift to Memorials was received over the summer.

Trustees. David Martin reported that our dumpsters have been moved to the Independence Health Services parking lot. This was done because of the problem we have had with outsiders putting trash and prohibited items in our dumpsters. On Sept. 7th Bob Mastrostefano and the trustees cleaned up the small parking lot. On Sept. 21st, the trustees plan to remove the stones from the bare spots on the front lawn and put down top soil and grass seed. Renovations to the school basement have been completed. David will ask Children's Friend when they plan to move back in.

Social Ministry. Danlette Norris reported that the Women's Tea will be held on Sept. 22. Two older members of the congregation will be having birthdays in October and November, and Social Ministry plans to recognize these occasions. Danlette noted that the Board of Social Ministry continues to do its usual work of visiting the sick and sending cards to members.

Old Business. Because of the need to consider engagement of a temporary organist, David Martin moved that the matter of how to implement the policy regarding the deductibility of flowers placed on the altar (which had been tabled at the last regular Council meeting) be put over until the October Council meeting. This motion was seconded and passed.

New Business. Ron Brown will be unable to serve as our organist for an indefinite period due to health reasons. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue to pay Ron his salary through October in recognition of his years of faithful service at St. Paul's. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to offer Gigi Mitchell Velasco \$300.00 per Sunday to be our organist through the end of 2019 with additional compensation for the Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day services of \$300.00 per service. It was agreed that Dan Robinson would contact Gigi and inform her of the Council's action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Oct. 17, 2019, Church Council meeting.



Our Fall Cleanup is Nov. 23 (rain date Nov. 30) starting at 9:30 a.m. We will be raking leaves and cleaning gutters. Please lend a hand and help get St. Paul's ready for winter.

FREE FLU SHOTS

November 10, at 11:30-1:00PM

at St. Paul's church (downstairs)

Ages 3 and up

