



News @ St. Paul's

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Consecration Sunday

November 29

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A Message from Pastor Andrew Seley

What happens when you give to St. Paul's? It's much more than just a worship service on Sunday morning. Though our services are now reaching a much wider audience with our new video streaming ministry! When you give to St. Paul's you are supporting many different efforts to bring a little bit of heaven to earth.

Our facilities are utilized as host sites for important groups that help people battle addictions. We are a community center for blood drives, voting, and concerts. Beyond that our staff works diligently to care for our community. Innumerable phone calls, hospital visits, home communions, and mid-week group meetings are held for all ages. We collaborate with our missionary in residence to create a city-wide movement of prayer, unity, and mercy. We are growing these community efforts by creating a non-profit incubator to help support and launch powerful Christian non-profits to serve St. Louis. Finally, we are recommitting ourselves to passing the gospel on to the next generation. This coming January we will welcome a new Pastor of Family Ministries to serve youth, children, and families, at St. Paul's and beyond.

We also seek to practice what we preach by being generous to others. St. Paul's has a history of being committed to missions locally and abroad providing \$150,000 to local, national, and international ministry partners every year. This doesn't account for additional gifts to local food banks, pregnancy resource centers, and generous scholarships for camp and youth mission trips. We had the privilege of underwriting the EFCA Pastors and Wives retreat to enable these spiritual leaders to have a time of respite and refreshment. Finally, a generous gift was recently given to an area urban youth ministry to enable them to buy a new bus for their ministry.

This November we are launching our stewardship emphasis. During this time, you will be encouraged to consider how you would like to partner with St. Paul's in the year to come. When you give to St. Paul's you are giving to much more than just a local congregation. You're giving to efforts that are bringing redemption and restoration to St. Louis and throughout the world. This is why I want to invite you to consider what it looks like for you to take the next step in being generous through St. Paul's? Is it making a commitment to give \$5 a week to partner with us? Or, perhaps God would have you increase the portion of your annual income given to St. Paul's by 1%. I know the significance of entrusting to us your hard-earned money. This is why we are diligent in ensuring we are utilizing all the resources entrusted to St. Paul's well.

This has been an incredible year for all of us with the challenges of Covid-19, unrest in our communities, and the economic impact. With all of this, so many of you have continued in your selfless support of St. Paul's. Thank you for continuing to believe in our work and entrusting us with your hard-earned money. The time, talents, and treasures you consecrate to God have eternal impact. Over the month of November, we will be sharing with you various stories on our Journey to Generosity. This will all culminate on Consecration Sunday on November 22nd when you will have the opportunity to make your faith commitment to St. Paul's for the coming year. Please be in prayer for how God may be leading you to take the next step in committing yourself to St. Paul's. Thank you again for your love and support over this last year. It is my honor to get to serve you as your pastor.

God bless,
Pastor Andrew

Totenfest Sunday

The annual Totenfest observance, to remember those who have gone on to heaven this passed church year, will be held Sunday, November 22. The following people are on this year's remembrance list. If you have anyone to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Frances Joan (Spittler) Luft
Carl Rudolph Snofke
Dorothy Mae (Dee) Nickel
Jerry Angelo Carinci
William C. Weber
Ruth Adalene (Ramsey) Cooper
Alma Ann (Hawkins) Jung

Coleen Claire (Adams) Watkins
David Gellette Harned
Ruth Ann (Licklider) Rhoads
Willaim A. Luft
Jane N. (Willenbrock) Altmayer
William Henry Francis Wyne, Jr
Nadine Louise (DeMoss) Palmer



A Program of Prison Fellowship

There are thousands of children
with parents in prison.

*Help provide Christmas gifts
to 120 of these kids*

How can you help?

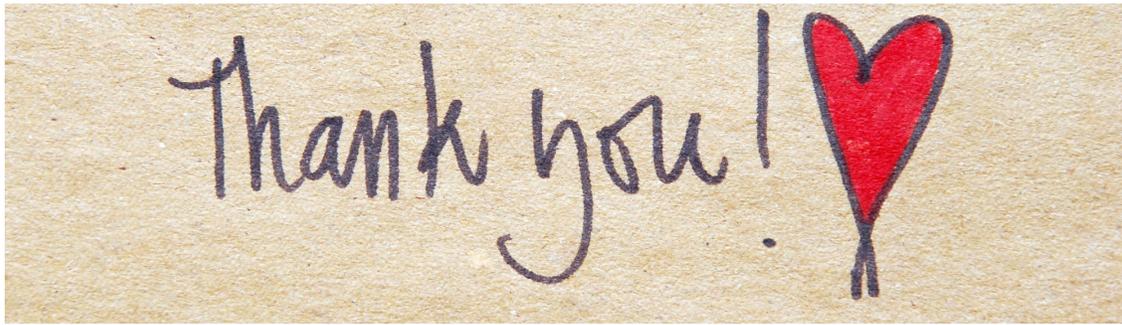
- Adopt a specific child, purchase two gifts from their wish list, & return wrapped gifts to church
- Sponsor a child with a donation of \$50, and we'll do the shopping for you
- Purchase items from this list of most-wanted items and we'll match up to our list of kids.

Gift Needs:

socks, gloves/mittens, pajamas, ball caps,
jackets and sweaters, sizes 4t to adult XL
board games, books and art kits
Action figures, dolls
Purses, wallets, jewelry for teens

Let us know how you'll be participating, if you have items to donate, or other questions:

rsvp@stpaulsefree.org or call the church office



Christmas Blessings for our Missionaries

The St. Paul’s congregation generously gave nearly \$4,600 for our annual “Christmas in October” campaign to provide gifts for our 21 supported missionaries. The Mission Team approved some additional funds for the purpose so that each of our missionaries received a Christmas gift from St. Paul’s of \$350. Year after year we receive notes of gratitude for the blessings these gifts bring to those we support out in the mission field. The funds are welcome, but probably even more so is the knowledge that the people of St. Paul’s are caring and praying. Thank you to all who contributed!

Fall Food Drive

All of the items on the food list were received through direct items donated, in addition to monetary donations. Thank you so much to all who helped in this effort to bless Restore St. Louis and their “Exchange Food Pantry”



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From the Elders by Jim Glauert

Your Elder Board is preparing for next year. The nomination committee has put together a list of 2021 candidates and will begin the interview process this month. We will be working with the Deacons to confirm their membership for 2021. Finally, we will be contacting the leaders of our ministries to identify their leadership for 2021.

Hopefully, you've heard the good news that we will be welcoming Pastor Daniel to our staff beginning on January 1. We look forward to what we'll be able to do for God's kingdom when he arrives.

With this current spike in COVID-19 cases we hope that we will be able to remain as open as we are: Sunday services in the sanctuary and organizations meeting in the multipurpose room or in the 920 Warson house. Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube have enabled us to continue as a church and will no doubt play a role in life at St. Paul's for some time to come.

The end of November brings Thanksgiving. I'm sure this year will be different for all of us. Despite the isolation we'll be enduring, we all have much to be thankful for. We can be thankful that St. Paul's continues to be financially solid and vibrant even if socially distant and virtual. We can be thankful for the essential works that keep our world functioning during a pandemic. We can be thankful for the modern forms of electronic communications that allow us to attend church and visit family. As always we can be thankful for the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

The Deacon Board met October 12. Charles Jung gave the opening prayer, the September minutes and financial reports were approved.

Old Business:

- Cares Act Loan: We are still waiting on guidelines from the government on how to file final paperwork.
- Non-Profit Incubator: Marco gave a report on his work. An agreement is being developed for building usage and support.
- New art work for the Narthex is ready to be installed. It will be paid for from Memorial Funds.
- The new roll-in refrigerator has been approved. We are waiting to purchase/install until the building reopens for regular kitchen use again.

New Business:

- Salem E-Free Partnership: discussion was on helping them in the purchase of a new bus for transporting their youth. Approval was given to provide \$6,008.07 from the Transportation fund to them to help in the purchase of a new bus.
- Daniel Sjogren : Discussion on Church maybe being able to help to get them started in the relocation.
- Budget: Talked about insurance for Pastors and staff.

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New Baby Meal Ministry

We are in the midst of another baby boom at St. Paul's – praise the Lord! One of the most practical ways we can care for and support these growing families when their little one arrives is by providing meals for them. If you like to cook or are passionate about helping families in the dizzying days of newborn-hood, please consider joining our new baby meal ministry contact list! There is no obligation to provide a meal – you will just be notified when there is a need. Also, if you or the family are not comfortable delivering/ receiving a meal during these COVID days, there are still options of sending a gift card or having a meal delivered from a restaurant.

If interested, please email Melinda Seley at melinda.seley@gmail.com.
Thanks for considering!



Charlie Jung	11/4	Carol Kraus	11/19	Jean-Christophe Coste	12/2
Greg Paquette	11/5	Nancy Mueller	11/19	Elsie Owens	12/2
Letitia Wong	11/6	Jody Graeler	11/23	Mike Kolmer	12/4
Bob Binns	11/7	Pat Ruhmann	11/24	Anna Dieckgraefe	12/5
Ed Teter	11/7	Paul Daniel	11/26	Zachary Pfeiffer	12/5
Clay Brigham	11/8	Ralph Knurbein	11/26	Ann Kallemeier	12/6
Susan Neier	11/8	Kayden Williamson	11/26	Kristine Williamson	12/6
Jannet Dieckgraefe	11/9	Maggie Sohn	11/27	Kari van Raalten	12/7
Bill Hiner	11/9	David Smith	11/28	Hunter Hohmann	12/9
Noreen Mueller	11/9	Tessa Stahlhut	11/28	Jeff Stahlhut	12/9
Lisa Stahlhut	11/9	Louise Anthon	11/29	Rebecca Daniel	12/10
Julie Drake	11/11	Charles Eschenbrenner	11/29		
Janet Rolle	11/12	Debbie Graeler	11/30		
Christy Drake	11/17	Frank Serdy	11/30		
Virginia Engel	11/17	Loretta Eckert	12/1		



	Years	Nov
Fred & Lela Vollmer	52	11/9
Bill & Susan Mullseman	41	11/11
Craig & Cindy Bodenschatz	8	11/24
Craig & Amy Caesar	33	11/26
Mark & Tiffanee Swanson	113	11/28
		Dec
Terry & Mary McDannold	31	12/2
Leslie & Jackson Browning	2	12/8

Our Condolences

BILL WYNE passed away October 15, 2020 at the age of 101 His memorial service was October 21, 2020, officiated by Pastor Mark Friz, with burial in the Bellerive Cemetery.

NADINE PALMER passed away October 24, 2020 . Her memorial service was October 31, officiated by Pastor Mark Friz.

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