

## Thankfulness



"When you're grateful for all you have, Thanksgiving is eternal"

Even when Paul the Apostle was shackled in a cold Roman prison, he said "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV). Here is a shining example of choosing to be thankful, even in the worst of situations.

In the best of situations, there are those who skip the gratitude and go about their busy lives. Back when Jesus healed ten lepers of a painful and highly contagious disease, a disease that kept an afflicted person far from acceptance in normal society, only one in ten of those lepers chose to be thankful; the Samaritan. While the other nine showed faith by obeying Jesus and showing themselves to the priests, they did not run back to thank God like the Samaritan did. Samaritans were hated by the Jews and considered half-breeds, so this Samaritan leper was considered the lowest of the low. Jesus was particularly sensitive to people of low stature and repeatedly raised the unworthy up to worthy status. The passage in Luke 17 says the Samaritan showed faith by obeying, then fell on his face showing God thankfulness, which is exactly what Jesus wants us to do.

We are to thank God for ALL of his blessings. Every moment in our lives we can be thankful for something. Think about what you can be thankful for today and every day.

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## ELDER & DEACON NEWS

**Elder Nomination** - Continue to pray for the process of nominating, electing, and installing new Elder Board members.

**Monthly Prayer Guide** - The November prayer emphasis is "Giving Thanks." Prayer guides may be found in each Sunday bulletin.

*November  
Prayer Focus:  
Giving Thanks*



## FROM PASTOR MARC'S DESK

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Php 4:4-7

These three verses are full of truths for us to consider. We always have reason to rejoice as followers of Jesus. For those who aren't Christian, they live with joy that is based on circumstances. Followers of Jesus can rejoice no matter our circumstances. This month as we celebrate being thankful, let's bring our requests to God with thanksgiving. God has sent his son Jesus for us. He has saved us by his grace. Our salvation is a free gift, not based on our works. Praised God for his amazing grace. I am personally thankful for God sending my family and me to St Paul's and St Louis. It has been 11 months! We are blessed to be in a wonderful church community. Thank you to the St. Paul's church family. Thank you, Jesus, for your faithfulness.

I pray you and your families all have a blessed Thanksgiving. As we pray, let's thank God for all he has done for us. We know that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard us each and every day. Many people can struggle with anxiety during the holidays. Be encouraged that God is present with you, offering peace. Let's pray for others who may be struggling over the holidays. God may even use many of us to reach out to a friend who needs a phone call, text, or visit.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Marc

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Women's Fellowship** - During the next couple of weeks, look for our donation box in the Welcome Center to benefit Little Bit Foundation. A list of needs can be found on the box. Thank you! Collection ends Nov. 12.



**Gather the Gals for the Christmas Glow Brunch** - Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. Tickets go on sale November 17-December 1 after church service in the Welcome Center, or call Judy Pfeiffer 314-255-8837.



**Join us for our monthly meeting** November 13 at 11:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich or salad and we will provide the goodies and drinks. -Thanks, Grace Koewing.



**YarnWorks** - The yarn workers meet every second Thursday, this month, on November 14, 1-3 pm. at the Schnellbacher's home at 2619 White Manor Ct. If you would like to participate knitting and crocheting prayer shawls, baby blankets and more, you may attend or work from home. Please call Sieglinde at 314-210-0065.

## MISSION NEWS

A generous donation was received recently designated for missions. The funding allowed us to restore support to missionaries that had been reduced due to a decreased 2024 budget. The team was also able to make a special gift to the Salzmans as they retire from their work in radio on the US and Mexican border. We received many notes of gratitude, including several indicating that the additional funds were helping to cover significant gaps in the missionaries' end of year support. Our missionaries are grateful to this anonymous donor and to the congregation of St. Paul's for faithfully pursuing the great commission.

## Welcome

We are Blessed to have Yvonne Sullivan as our interim Praise Ringers Director. Yvonne is the wife of our organist Bill Sullivan. The praise Ringers had their first performance Sunday October 27 where they played the prelude, "A Joyful Ring" by Barbara Kinyon. Also performed at the offertory was an arrangement by John Benke of "Softly and Tenderly."

The bell choir at St. Paul's is as small as it can be to make the pieces play well. If you can count to four, spell the word FACE, and memorize the phrase "Every good boy does fine" then you might have what it takes to join the Praise Ringers and make beautiful music under the skilled tutelage of Mrs. Sullivan.



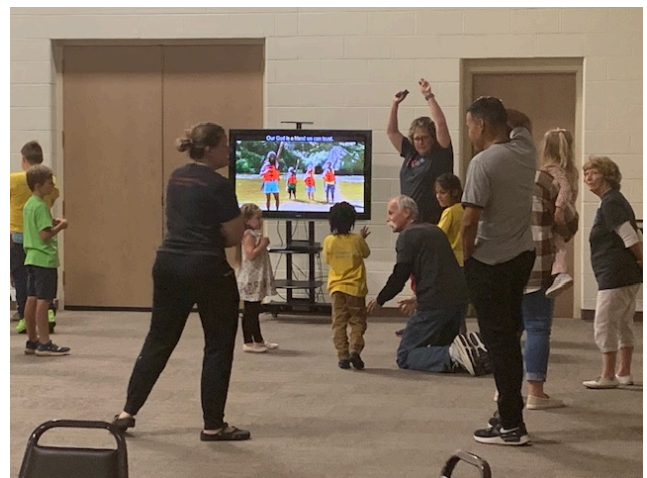
## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

October was a busy month! Sunday School is now in full swing and JAM has completed their first unit of study. The kids loved learning about Job and his faithfulness to God even during the most difficult times. Our next unit is themed after Superheroes as we learn about Ruth.



Looking ahead, we have a Christmas program planned for December 15 during the worship service. You won't want to miss this opportunity to see children teaching us about the Christmas story. A luncheon with a hot chocolate bar and more is planned for after the service

As mentioned above, JAM is ready to start their next unit. The kids are having a great time eating dinner together as families, singing, crafting, and just having a great time. It's never too late to sign up to help out or invite a neighbor or family member to join us. Please let me know if you have any questions on how you can get involved in any of our activities or events. You won't be sorry you did!



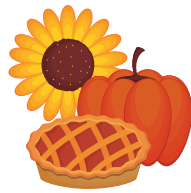


## TRUNK OR TREAT HIGHLIGHTS

Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun, as usual. Thanks go to the Creve Coeur Fire Department for coming and sharing their trucks and treats with the kids. We even added goats this year for petting and feeding. Mr. Don brought his duck decoys, which is always a big hit!



# HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH



Thanksgiving  
Pilgrim  
Mayflower  
gratitude  
yams  
family  
gobble

Pilgrim  
Indian  
November  
thankful  
grandma  
mother  
traditions

pumpkin  
autumn  
stuffing  
Massachusetts  
grandpa  
father  
fall

turkey  
pie  
rolls  
Plymouth  
uncle  
brother  
leftovers

dressing  
cornucopia  
cornbread  
squash  
aunt  
sister  
acorns

cranberries  
feast  
drumstick  
wishbone  
cousin  
carve



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Anniversaries

11/09	VOLLMER, Frederick & Lela (56)	11/26	CAESAR, Craig & Amy (37)
11/11	MUSSELMAN, William & Susan (45)	12/02	MCDANNOLD, Terry & Mary (35)
11/24	BODENSCHATZ, Cynthia & Craig (12)		

### Birthdays

11/04	JUNG, Charles	11/15	BREWER, David	11/28	SMITH, David
11/05	PAQUETTE, Gregory	11/17	DRAKE, Christy	11/29	ANTHON, Louise
11/06	WONG, Letitia	11/18	CASTRO, Joelle	11/29	ESCHENBRENNER, Charles
11/07	BINNS, W. Robert	11/19	MUELLER, Nancy	11/30	GRAELER, Debbie
11/07	TETER, Edward	11/21	CASTRO, Margot	11/30	SERDY, Frank
11/08	BRIGHAM Jr., Clay	11/23	GRAELER, Jody	12/04	KOLMER, Michael
11/09	STAHLHUT, Lisa	11/24	RUHMANN, Patricia	12/05	PFEIFFER, Zachary
11/11	DRAKE, Julia	11/26	DANIEL, Paul		
11/12	ROLLE, Janet	11/26	WILLIAMSON, Kayden		

## Condolences

- Family of Robin Morgan, Clay Brigham's sister who passed away October 10
- Family of Walter Graeler, who passed away October 19





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**Sundays**

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

**Mondays - Church Office Closed**

**Tuesdays**

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.
Martial Arts	6 and 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
JAM Jesus and me	5:30 p.m.

**Thursdays**

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

**Fridays**

Martial Arts	6 and 7 p.m.
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11/2 Set Clocks Back  
11/13 Women's Fellowship 11:30 am  
10/14 YarnWorks 1pm  
11/11 Deacons 5:30 pm  
11/11 Elders 7 pm  
11/16 Women's Event  
11/18 Quilts of Valor  
11/18 Reasonable Faith  
11/22 Christmas Decorating Begins  
11/30 Pray with the Elders 9am