

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2021

## ***In Our Prayers***

*Lindsey Backus*

*Diane Becker*

*Ginger Buck*

*Robert Brydges*

*June Collier*

*Don Cuddeback*

*The Goldstein Family*

*Barbara Gregory*

*Rose Heiman*

*Kay Howe*

*Michelle Mackey*

*Susanna Metz*

*Bob & Betty Minemier*

*Mary Sahrle*

*David Stead*

*Garth Swanson*

\* If you have a prayer request, please notify the office. \*

## NOTES FROM COUNCIL

\* The two large trees on the south side of the Church building are in need of removal and Farrell's Lawn Service will be handling the removal.

\* Katrina Macaluso's resignation as Parish Administrator was accepted. Katrina will become the full-time Pastor at the United Church of Warsaw. Our prayers go with her.

## SAVE THE DATE!

# PUBLICK MUSICK

Returns to Saint Paul's

Sunday, December 5th

at 4PM for

“The Durante Magnificent”

An Italian vocal and  
instrumental program.



Somehow, another year has flown by, and we find ourselves in “The Holiday Season,” which now apparently begins November 1 and runs until the end of the year. When I was growing up, it began after Thanksgiving. It’s a strange time, to be sure, given the ongoing pandemic, and the changes it foisted upon us all, in all aspects of life, including church life. How are we to not merely survive but thrive when so much has been disrupted, and when the headwinds seem to be so strong?

While the world markets its economic and political solutions, which almost always are some version of “buy what this company/candidate is selling,” (as much as you like for whatever the cost!), I take great comfort that the Gospel remains out of step, offering its own way forward to true survival and the only real form of thriving. Conveniently for us, there is even an observance to remind us of what matters the most. No, I do not mean Christmas; this observance is a few weeks ahead of that. No, I do not mean Thanksgiving; this observance is a touch closer to us than that.

I refer to the feast of Christ the King, when smack in the middle of the secular holiday season, we return to the story of Jesus’ Passion and Death. The wisdom of the Christian calendar makes us stop by the cross before racing to the manger! On the cross, we were reconciled by divine grace to God. There is no Christ ruling in heaven without him first ruling from the instrument of his death, from which he forgave his captors and declared the good work of (re)creation finished. The Cross is the reason for the Christian’s being, the beginning of our salvation and - rightfully so - the cause of what should be profound, life altering gratitude on our part.

It is this gratitude, drawn from the Cross, that should animate our action going forward, as it has animated Christian action from the beginning. With gratitude, we worship: eucharist itself means “great thanksgiving,” and in it we offer our own sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God who so loved the world He gave His only Son. With gratitude, we serve: offering up our time and talent in the mission of the church - as well as in our daily life and work - because of the Son of Man who came not to serve but to serve.

With gratitude, we give: we give of our time, talent, and also treasure - things we have only because God gave them to us - to the mission of the church. To that end, we will focus on our gratitude through the annual stewardship campaign in the month of November. You can expect emails, letters, reflections on Sunday, and - yes - an invitation to pledge your own time, talent, and treasure for 2022.

If you find yourself overwhelmed by it all, take a moment to consider what you have to be thankful for. Above all, whatever else is going on for us all, each of us can begin with gratitude for God’s redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ. If we remember to start there, we will indeed find our way.

- *Pr. Eric+*

### *Give Thanks*

- \* Thank you to Wolfer’s Septic Service and Dave Jones for removal of the shrubs around the Church building. Thank you to Bob Whiteman for providing top soil after the removal.
- \* Thank you to Official Asphalt of Henrietta, NY, for repaving our parking lot in October. The work was done at no cost to the church.

### *Pay it Forward*

- \* The Synod World Hunger Task Force announced an Advent-Christmas campaign that is focused on personal and household necessities for disaster survivors, Our congregation is encouraged to donate at least \$400.00 towards this project. The Good Gifts catalog will be available for the congregation.
- \* Several Afghan refugees will be coming to settle in Rochester. We have the opportunity to provide needed goods in conjunction with Catholic Charities and St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church in Geneseo. Please bring any of the following items to the Church before **November 6<sup>th</sup>** : paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, personal soap.

# SERVING THIS NOVEMBER

## Ushers

Rodney Button

## Counters

TBA

## Reader

Nov. 7 Judy Babcock

Nov. 14 John Buck

Nov. 21 Gerri Long

Nov. 28 Bob Babcock

## Lay Minister

Please sign up on the bulletin board

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

★ Andrew M. Mountzouros  
*United States Navy*

★ Jordan C. Camacho  
*United States Navy*

## *November Birthdays*

*Jim Wagner Nov 1*

*June Collier Nov 24*

*Wilma Traxler Nov 29*



## *Family Laundromat 20 Franklin St.*

November 6th	8:30 to 11:30
November 8th	4:00 to 7:00
November 20th	8:30 to 11:30
November 22nd	4:00 to 7:00

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
presents

## *The Nativity*

*Starring Riley the Camel!*

*Free Hot Beverages  
& Cookies*

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Church Park, 25 Clara Barton St., as part of...

*Winter in the Village*

*Saturday, December 4th*

*Village of Dansville*





# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

## STANDING SCHEDULE

<u>DAY/DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Sunday 9 <sup>AM</sup>	Worship	Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays Feast of All Saints celebrated on 11/7 St. Peter's Episcopal
Wednesday 12pm	Spoken Eucharist	
Wednesday 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	
1st and 3rd Thursdays 11am	Bible Study	11/4 & 11/18
2nd and 4th Thursday 6:30pm	Supper School	11/11
2nd Tuesdays	Council Meeting	11/16 at 6:30 PM
3rd Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast	11/16 at 11:00 AM at Sunrise Diner

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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Mon. November 22	December Newsletter Deadline	



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Sue Collier, Musician  
 Marilyn Robin, Choir Director  
 Kim Pragle, Sexton

### COUNCIL

Ann Myers, President  
 Tina Button, Vice-President  
 Penny Leven, Secretary  
 Geraldine Long, Treasurer  
 Paul Button, Property  
 Heather Robin  
 Bob Whiteman