

Announcements for the Week of November 11, 2018

Celebrating Our Nation's Veterans

Today is Veterans Day; one hundred years ago the armistice was signed in 1918. It is a day to honor all those who have served in our military forces. Although it is still called Armistice Day in Europe, since 1954 it has been renamed Veterans Day in the U.S. Please take the time to revisit Diana Lee Troxel's wonderful posters of our St. Paul veterans that are in the narthex.

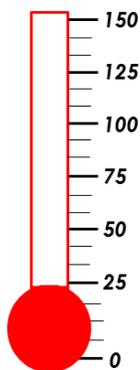
This Week's Forum!

Painters USA—Faith Based Business Model presented by Paul & Meg Cook, St. Paul members. Painters USA was founded in 1976: Paul and Meg make it known that Painters USA is a Christian company and are always striving to fulfill their mission of "Enhancing the community and the lives of our employees, clients and vendors, one brush stroke at a time." In the 40 years that have passed since then, Painters USA has grown into a thriving, respected company with over 200 employees in four locations serving commercial and industrial clients across the United States. Learn how the Cooks' faith has factored into their business model and success.

Faith Circle

Join Faith Circle on November 13 beginning at noon when we will hear Carolyn Wahlskog speak about her experience as a Social Worker with Youth at Youth Outlook. Please bring personal care items that she can share with the youth—toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotions, etc. Bring your lunch, beverages and desserts will be provided.

Growing In Faith Stewardship Campaign



Next week is Commitment Sunday, the day we ask all members to return their 2019 pledge cards. Common questions include

- I always give the same amount. Do I still need to?
- I give automatically online—don't you already know how much I give?
- I can't give very much, does it really matter if I write down my small contribution and turn it in?

The answer to all these questions is yes! We can't budget responsibly unless we know what our income will be—no matter what the amount is that you are giving or in what way you are giving it. **Our goal is to have 150 pledge cards**

returned. We've already had 22 cards turned in, with pledges totaling \$53,000. Four of those who have pledged are new pledgers from 2018! Please bring your card with you next week!

Holy Crafters

Please join us at Holy Crafters on November 13 in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-11 pm. Work on whatever you like, but I just might have some books for My Story Matters program at Erie House that need final assembly. We interviewed and photographed 64 youth at Erie House community center in Chicago to create albums of their stories. (You may recall we preassembled many albums for the kids at Holy Crafters on September 4. Now we need to finish them in anticipation of the big reveal tentatively set for November 16! You're all welcome to join us!)

Book Group

Book Group will meet on November 18, from 4-6 pm. This is the time for choosing the books to read for the upcoming year, so come with ideas to share! And, as always, there will be wine!

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation are offered for the following members

Julie Braun, Paul Brinkman, Dan Driggett, Harold Gaede, Elaine Galella, Lois Glaybo, Betty Justie, Beverly Lamberg, Bryon Noeske, Chris Oates, Chris Panttila, Sandy Soelter, Janice Stewart, Susan Valecka, Pete Vollum

Please pray this week for the health concerns of member Paul Cook.

and for the following family and friends

*Jennie G., friend of Anna Shindler Olson
Wyn Mertzlufft, sister-in-law of Ron Mertzlufft
Keith Berland and Christopher Berland, uncles of Julie Braun
Chris Eiser, friend of Nancy Carlson
Florence Olson, mother of Laurel Larson
Mardee Baumgarten Thomas, friend of Stacie Pierce & Bruno Tabis
Jinny Eken, sister-in-law of Bob Polzin
Delores Donahue, friend of Ron Mertzlufft
Kay Brend, friend of the Yurkos
Julaine Roessler, sister of Darlene Bohlman*

Please submit your prayer requests by Wednesday at noon.

Urgent requests are always appropriate. Please call the church office at 630-668-5953.



Worship Each Sunday

8:30 am in Sanctuary

9:45 Education Hour

11:00 am in Sanctuary

Attended Nursery

8:15 am—12:15 pm

Flowers on the altar today are given by **Ann Holmstrom** in celebration of ESSE and in honor of St. Paul Military Veterans.

Pastoral Care is always available.

During office hours, Monday-Thursday 9 am—5 pm, please call the office at 630-668-5953.

In emergencies, contact Pastor Jared Olson at 941-302-5733 (cell)

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Anniversaries this Week

The following couples celebrate their wedding anniversary this week. Let us join in celebrating their love for each other!

Pete & Carol Vollum, 56 years

Carl & Pat Heine, 45 years

Paul & Rebecca Johnson,

14 years

Next Week's Forum

November 18—His Wheels is a not-for-profit Christian cycling service organization. Its mission is to promote the design, fabrication, and manufacturing of hand-pedaled trikes for people with lower extremity disabilities in developing countries. Find out much more about the fascinating life-changing work of this Wheaton based organization from Alice Teisan, its founder and Executive Director.

Our Fall Plant Sale Was a Huge Success!

Over 100 plants were sold to support We Grow Dreams Nursery. The mums are still looking amazing two months later! We received a portion of each sale and earned \$210—which was donated to Lutheran Disaster Response! Many thanks to all who helped; Nancy and Nora Arnesen, Julie and Natalie Braun, Sue Cahalan, Kim Diehl, Eileen and David Gustafson, Mina Kerr, Birgit Lindgren, Don Shindler, Anna Shindler Olson, and Matt & Deana Sons.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SPRING PLANT SALE ON MAY 19, 2019!

Items for Return

in the kitchen, there is a cupboard marked *ITEMS FOR RETURN* and it contains a variety of dishes, plates, trays, and bowls which were brought for various events. There are also similar dishes on the counters which are overflow from the cupboard. Please check the kitchen to see if any of these items belong to you. Any leftover items will be donated to a resale shop on Thursday, November 15.

Meals Do Matter Assembly Day

Wine, Women, and the Word will be hosting the next Meals Do Matter assembly day on Friday, December 7 in Fellowship Hall. Look forward to more details!

And, of course, there are meals available in the freezer in the room across from the church office. Please take them to friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else who could use a meal and to know that we are praying for them!

PADS

PADS sheets are up for November 19 and 20th. Please check out how you can help. Our church committed to PADS many years ago. We need this to be a whole church project. We can always use new people helping with making food or helping serve, set up, clean up. We have had a few new people and I am thankful for you. We are having pasta and chicken in November. It also falls on the week of Thanksgiving, so I know a few teachers that have the week off. This is your chance to help. Any questions, call Pat Noeske 630-462-7868 or Ron Diener.

This Week at St. Paul

Monday, November 12

5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Spiritual Yoga

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 am Labor of Love Quilters
9:00 am Men's Bridge
12:00 pm Faith Circle
6:30 pm Holy Crafters
7:00 pm Library Team Meeting
7:00 pm Operations Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 pm Jubilation Ringers
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15

7:00 pm Learning Board Meeting

Friday, November 16

6:00 pm Movie Night

Saturday, November 17

7:30 am Men's Book Discussion Group