

# **St Paul's Epistle-November 2020**

## **This, That and Other Things**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. All Saints' Day: we give thanks for all the saints, living and departed!**

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Election Day: We pray for those who will be elected, and for God's blessing on our nation!**

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday: We begin our countdown to the Last Sunday of the church year (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>) and acknowledge the Jesus will come again, and we need to be prepared, ready for His return.**

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's Day: We honor and remember our military veterans and the freedoms we enjoy because of their service.**

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday: Yes, Jesus will come again because He has promised to do so.**

**Nov. 22- Sunday: This is the last Sunday of our current church year. Jesus is King and kings and Lord of lords and He shall reign forever and ever.**

**Nov. 26- Thanksgiving: Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good-His mercy endured forever.**

**Nov. 29- First Sunday in Advent: Happy new church year! We use the lectionary series "B" which has the Gospel readings predominately from St. Mark's Gospel.**

**Pastor Poganski**

## WORSHIP NOTES

**We gather together** to ask the Lord's blessing, In grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee, We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

**We worship Thee**, God of our fathers, we bless Thee; Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide has Thou been When perils o'er take us, escape thou wilt make us, and with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

**With voices united our praises we offer**, To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, To Thee our great Redeemer, for-e'er be praise. A-men. (TLH 568- modified)

**Service formats (the Liturgy and Hymns) have been modified to a spoken format to follow the current guidance for public gatherings.**

**Sunday, November 1, 2020 is All Saint's Day.**

**We are blessed to gather** as St. Paul congregation in our sanctuary to hear the precious, saving Word and to praise our most gracious Lord. We begin this worship service with the first four verses of "For All the Saints" (LSB 677) and hear scripture readings from Revelation 7:9-17 and 1 John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12 is our Gospel and provides the text for the Sermon titled, "Blessings and Baner—Saints and Sinners". During the service we also share the hymn "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" (LSB 554) and conclude with the last four verses of "For All the Saints".

**Sunday, November 8, 2020** is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**We gather** to focus on our worship theme "Called by the Gospel" with the Sermon based on the Gospel reading from Matthew 25:1-13. We will hear scripture lessons from Amos 5:8-14 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Several hymns will be spoken and may include "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (LSB 474); "Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying" (LSB 516); "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives" (LSB 468); "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" (LSB 496) and/or "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (LSB 515).

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**We gather in Christian fellowship** to share the Word of our Lord in Zephaniah 1:7-16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. Matthew 25:14-30 will provide the Gospel reading and Sermon text as we learn of "Using God's Varied Gifts". We will speak several hymns selected from: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" (LSB 508); "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses" (LSB 667); "I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light" (LSB 411); and, "Crown Him with many Crowns" (LSB 525).



## **Sunday, November 22, 2020- The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**We Gather** to "Recline in the Lord" as we hear a Sermon based on Matthew 25:31-46. The Old Testament lesson is from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and the New Testament lesson from 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. We will speak the words of selected hymns: "Come Thou Almighty King" (LSB 905); "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" (LSB 532); "The Lamb, the Lamb" (LSB 547); "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB 680); and "Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537).

## **Sunday, November 29, 2020 is the First Sunday in Advent**

**We gather together** to receive His healing gifts and to meditate on "The Three-Fold Coming of Christ" in the Sermon based on Mark 11:1-10. The scripture readings are from Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Spoken hymns will include "O Lord, How Shall I meet You" (LSB 334); "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (LSB 340); "Once He Came in Blessing" (LSB 333) and "The Advent of Our King" (LSB 331).

We are encouraged by our Lord to gather together whether virtually or in each other's presence to nurture and to sustain His body by hearing the Word; speaking His praises; praying for His church; and, sharing in our Christian fellowship.

All those worshipping in person are requested to consider their own health and that of their neighbor by following suggested health guidelines. In this way, we all support the spiritual, emotional and physical health of each other. We know that His "strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise."

We are grateful for all those who planned and created our beautiful outdoor worship experience. Thanks to all for your flexibility! Special thanks to Fred and Debby Weber for their musical offering. We are indeed privileged to gather together!

With thankfulness and praise,

Karen Broach, On behalf of the Worship Committee

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### **November Mission of the Month - The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet**

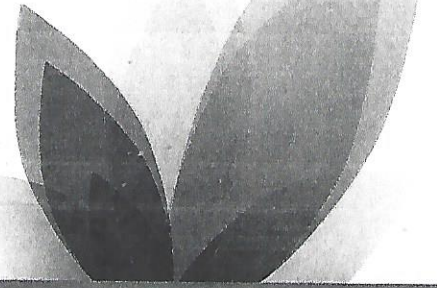
The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, Inc. was incorporated in November 1998 when four churches collaborated together to establish an interfaith food closet. Currently, there are 18 sponsoring congregations, one of which is St. Paul Lutheran, who collaborate to operate the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. The Food Closet is a demonstration of the belief that we have a moral and spiritual obligation to aid residents of our community who are hungry and in need. The types of food that is provided follows the USDA food groups guideline. A total of nine meals are provided per person per month. A family may visit the Food Closet once every 30 days. If you would like to give a gift, please use your offering envelope which states on it "Designated Gift for November". You may also give an earmarked gift to "Auburn Interfaith Food Closet". [Note: Please make any checks out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church"-Thanks!]



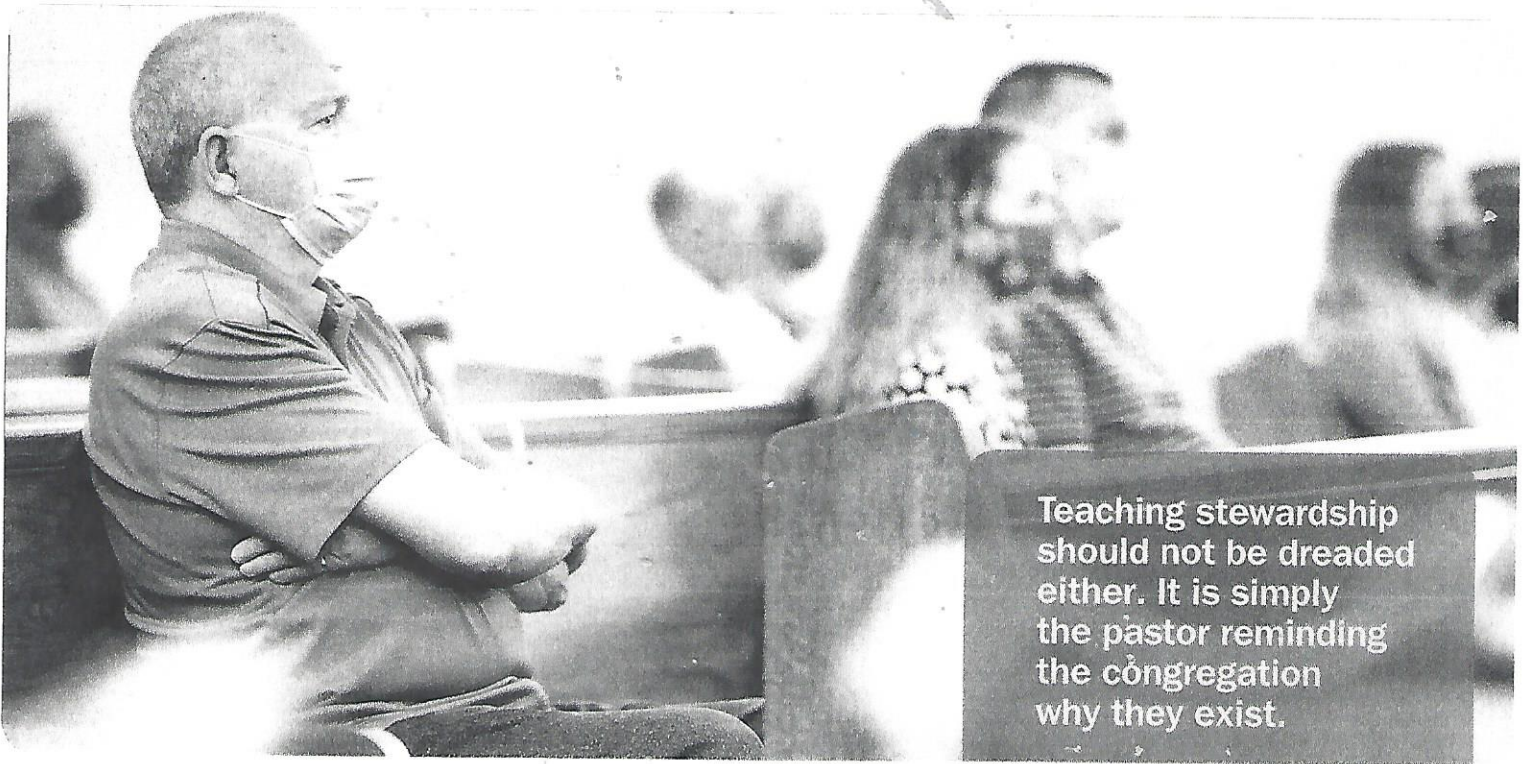
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## Thoughts on Stewardship



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**A**S WE APPROACH THE FALL of this very strange year, many congregations turn their thoughts toward their annual stewardship emphasis. And the temptation for many may be to dread this. That is understandable. Statistics indicate that across the Synod, there has been stewardship stress at every level. There are many reasons why this may be. Fewer in worship could well lead to less support for the ministry. Job losses, illness and other family stressors can put a crimp in generosity.

The general anxiety that surrounds this entire COVID-19 era can put a damper on giving and service. This could lead to either a dread of talking about stewardship or a presentation of stewardship that flows from dire circumstances.

But neither is the case! Our Lord is still the Giver of every good and perfect gift! Our Lord still gives us everything we need to support this body and life! God gives. We receive. This happens in times of plenty

and in times of want. It also happens in times of joy and in times of anxiety! Biblical stewardship is the teaching that these good and perfect gifts are simply trusts which our Lord has placed upon us to be used for the extension of the Gospel and the glory of His name! We don't dread the preaching of the Gospel. It is music to the ears of sinner/saints like us! Teaching stewardship should not be dreaded either. It is simply the pastor reminding the congregation why they exist. They exist to be stewards of the Gospel!

# November 2020 - St. Paul, Auburn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>All Saints' Day</b> 1 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 Zoom Bible Class	2	3 Election Day	4	5 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Church	6	7
<b>Pentecost 23</b> 8 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 Zoom Bible Class	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Church 10 a.m. Ladie's Bible Study on Zoom	13	14
<b>Pentecost 24</b> 15 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 Zoom Bible Class	16	17	18	19 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Church	20	21
<b>Last Sunday of the 22 Church Year</b> 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 Zoom Bible Class	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
<b>First Sunday 29 in Advent</b> 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 Zoom Bible Class	30 St. Andrew, Apostle					