

Called by Christ to Serve

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool

Aberdeen, SD

November 2022

Reveling in God's Generosity

In Psalm 112:5, the psalmist writes, "It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice." As much as we praise generosity, the giving away of one's wealth is a terrible business model. No company that continually gives things away can sustain itself. Eventually it will go bankrupt.

This is why all true generosity begins with our Heavenly Father. Who but God alone can continue to give and give and give? Who but God alone has such divine abundance and plentiful bounty? Of course, these riches of God are primarily aimed at our faith.

There was a movie back in 1986 starring Tom Hanks called *The Money Pit*. A young couple buys a house hoping to fix it up and make it a beautiful home. Instead, as one thing after another goes wrong, the house becomes a giant financial burden that does nothing but siphon the couple's bank account dry. From the perspective of sin, you and I are money pits. We constantly and consistently fall into spiritual disrepair, yet what does God do? He heaps His generosity upon us time and time again, even as our reliance and dependence upon His mercy never wains.

If we were a real estate investment and God an investor, we'd be in a bad state. Thankfully God doesn't want to be known for His savvy investments. Instead, He wants to be known for His generosity. In fact, He wants His generosity in Jesus to open our eyes to the vastness of His love.

It's helpful to think of it this way. If God wants to be known for His generosity, what better way to do it than by bailing out over and over again a people who cannot survive without His lavish gifts. That's our God. That's our Savior. His super-abundance allows Him to turn our human views of generosity upside down. In Christ—in His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation—true generosity becomes something we get to experience daily and weekly.

Very few people in this world have the resources to reflect as much as a hint of God's generosity, and even if they did manage a dim reflection, they could only sustain it for a limited time to a limited amount of people. But you and I don't need a gift from an extravagant billionaire to know and receive true generosity. No, we get to know and receive it every time we hear God's Word proclaim us righteous. We get to know and receive it every time we remember our Baptisms and every time we eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord. What generosity our Lord shows us! When we understand what God's forgiveness, life, and salvation truly are, we see that God's generosity in Christ is something in which we should revel.

In Christ,
Pastor Bobby

Five Loaves Supper



November 5th at 5:15 pm. Menu: Baked potato bar. You may bring a salad or a dessert.

Prayer Service



A **Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, November 13th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for the fall harvest.



Nov. 13—Ham & Meatball dinner. Serving begins at 4:30 pm. Please sign up to help.



Nov. 20th @ 12pm—Annual voter's meeting. Your attendance is requested to support the plan to advance the mission of St. Paul's.



A Thanksgiving worship service will be held on **Wed., November 23rd at 6:15 pm.**

****No service on Thanksgiving Day.****



Nov. 26th—9am Help decorate the church for the Christmas season.



Please join the Steger Family for a party celebrating the High School graduation of Hannah Elisabeth Steger—December 10 from 1:00-3:00pm at St. Paul's in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP 605-848-1320.



NOVEMBER USHERS:

EARLY:

Rod Kono- Head Usher
Terry Ellingson
Tom Agnitsch
Myron Voegelé

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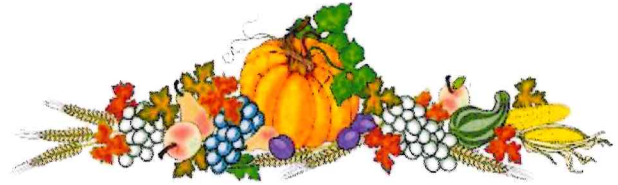
Howard Andeson, Head Usher
Paige Anderson
Kenny Kilber
Norma Kilber

HAM & MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, November 13, 2022

4:30 - 6:30 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran - Fellowship Hall



We need the following:

People to work in the dining room at the early shift (3:30-5:30) and the late shift (5:30 until done). There are sign-up sheets at the south and north entrances.

Please have your items for the Gift Sale at the church by **Thursday, November 10th**. We accept new and gently used items.

If you would like a meal delivered, please call the church office at 605-225-1847.

Adults - \$12.00 Children 6-12 - \$5.00

Baked items are needed for the Bake Sale.

Congregational members are asked to bring their favorite pie for the dinner.

Proceeds will go to the Lighthouse Preschool.

December Events

Advent Worship Services:	November 30, 2022	12:15 pm & 6:15 pm
	December 7, 2022	12:15 pm & 6:15 pm
	December 14, 2022	12:15 pm & 6:15 pm
	December 21, 2022	12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

(Soup & Sandwiches after the 12:15 pm service and prior to the 6:15 pm service.)

Joy Sunday: December 11, 2022—10:00 am Potluck lunch to follow (one service)

Children's Christmas Program: (To be determined)

Christmas Eve Services: December 24, 2022 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship: December 25, 2022 10:00 am (No Wed. night service)

No confirmation classes: December 28, 2022

No Sunday School: December 11 & 25, January 1st.

Check It Out!

The Youth Group Half-Nighter was a blast! We had 18 youth in attendance and 5 adults chaperoning. We started our night at the church playing Telestrations and eating pizza. Then we had an introduction to *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis. We learned that love can be categorized as affection, friendship, romance, and sacrificial/unconditional love (which is God's love for us). Playing games at the Retrocade was also one of our activities for the night which was enjoyed by all. Back at the church and in between rounds of Cops and Robbers, we learned that *The Princess Bride* is a movie all about the four loves. We discussed how good stories always have elements of God's truth in them. And we used characters from the movie to help us understand Christ's love for His church. By the time we witnessed the first yawn, it was time to go home!



Events and Information

- Youth Group is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from 5-7 PM
 - EXCEPTION: Youth group will be on the 6th and 27th for the month of November!
- Commercials and the Catechism
 - This will be the new series for youth group. We have analyzed movies and music thus far. Now we will turn our attention to commercials in conjunction with a study of the Large Catechism.
- Wreaths and Greens
 - Orders will arrive the weekend before Thanksgiving
 - Available for pick up on Sunday, November 20th

Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

November 2022

Give Thanks to the Lord!

"It's Good to Give Thanks to the Lord" is a song that the preschool children have been working on to sing for their families at our annual Thanksgiving Feast. As we reflect upon what giving thanks really means, we need to consider all the blessings that God has bestowed on us out of his undying love for us.

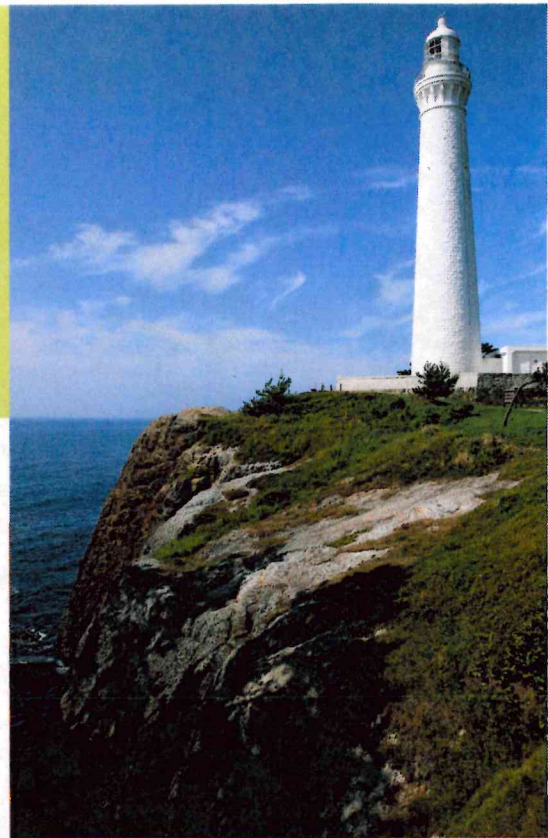
It is easy to give thanks for the positive things in our lives, but what about when our prayers are not answered the way we like or when things are not going the way we think they ought to be? We should stop and reflect upon the fact that as God's created beings, he is only going to give us what is good and right, and in his own time.

In preschool we are learning the difference between wants and needs. Though it is not improper to pray for things we want, we are learning that God always provides for our needs, and grants our "wants" in God pleasing ways; sometimes that means waiting a long time. We are also learning that just because we ask God for something, we may not get what we want, because God knows that our wants lead may lead us into greater sin and he is saving us from harm.

As you go about your week, remember to reflect upon the many blessings God has bestowed on you, the known and the unknown. Maybe God has not said "no" to unanswered prayers, but rather "wait." God could be saving you from temptation and preventing you from falling into greater sin and is showing you love and mercy. We do not know God's plan, but we trust him fully to fulfill his Word and keep his promises.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



Upcoming Dates:

November 10th-
Thanksgiving Feast
(Preschool Families Only)

November 23-25th-
No School

December 12th-
Christmas Program open
to public, plus Cookie
Sale Fundraiser

Reminders:
Save Those
Grocery Receipts



Gypsy Day Parade 2022!


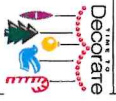
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
& Lighthouse Preschool

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578
Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077



Every Sunday: **Divine Service @ 8am**

Bible Study @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 9:30 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10 am Bible Study 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 5:15pm Women's Bible St 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation 7pm Reformation Bible St	3 9am Good Cheer Circle	4	5
6 Coin Banks	7 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	8 6:45pm Choir Pract. 7:30pm Bell Practice	9 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10am Bible Study 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation 7pm Reformation Bible St	10 9am Quilting 11:30 am LWMML lunch and meeting	11  Office Closed	12
13 12:30pm Prayer Service 4:30 pm Ham & Meatball Dinner	14	15 6:45pm Choir Pract. 7:30pm Bell Practice	16 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10 am Bible Study 5:15pm Women's Bible St 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation	17 9am Quilting 7pm Rural Gospel Init.	18	19
20. 12pm Annual Voter's Meeting	21	22 6:45pm Choir Pract. 7:30pm Bell Practice	23 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10 am Bible Study 6:15 Thanksgiving Worship	24 Church office closed	25	26 Decorate Church 
27 5-7pm Youth Group Food Cart	28	29 6:45pm Choir Pract. 7:30pm Bell Practice	30 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:45 am Bible Study 12:15pm Advent Worship 5:15 pm Women's Bible 6:15 Advent Worship 7pm Confirmation 7pm Bible Study			