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WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE?

"[It is] resolved, that members, congregations, and synods of this church be encouraged to "promote public life worthy of the name" by speaking out as an advocate and engaging in local efforts such as voter registration and supporting legislation to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens ..."

(ELCA Social Policy Resolution "Voting Rights to All Citizens" adopted Aug. 2013)

-We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all.

-We are called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens.
(ELCAvotes Initiative)

Beginning in 2013 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been working to remind American Christians of their responsibility as citizens in this world to participate in the governing process and to be advocates for voting policies and practices that ensure the right and opportunity for every citizen to vote.

For many, the present election might serve as an example of the importance of voting as one's civic and Christian duty. It is easy and exciting to go out and vote for a candidate you are passionate about. It may be less desirable to expend the effort if you are not as enthusiastic

about your choices. But this is precisely where the responsibility of participation becomes most important.

I sense a weariness among our people as we near the end of an election cycle which has been long, nasty and sometimes downright disheartening. But we must not lose sight of the fact that Christians believe that God is present and active in the secular governance of our nation. And we are to be hopefully and prayerfully active in the revealing of God's purpose and will for our American community.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Everyone must submit themselves to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, the one who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." (Romans 13:1-2, 7)

Martin Luther also reflected Paul's assertions when he encouraged his listeners to work within the systems of government (flawed though they may be) to participate in God's will for society. Luther carefully distinguished what he called the "Two Kingdoms of God" spiritual and temporal, outlining their separate missions and significance. He was very concerned when one kingdom would arrogate responsibility for the other. But he clearly believed the Christian has a responsibility to recognize God's activity in both kingdoms and participate in both until earthly government will no longer be necessary.

Christians vote, therefore, not only to be good citizens but also as a matter of faith. Whatever your political doctrine or party affiliation it is an article of faith to recognize the ability of God to work in the world through our participation in this particular process of our government. Christians vote as a fulfillment of their faithful responsibility to cooperate with God in God's providential guidance and governance of the world through those empowered to establish laws which promote opportunity and protection for all.

But our Christian responsibility to God's activity through social governance does not end with voting. After an election it is our Christian

obligation to engage with our elected representatives, encouraging them to carry out policies and enact legislation consistent with God's vision for society embodied by Jesus' life and teaching; advocating for justice, compassion, equity and peace.

On November 8th remember God's abiding presence within even imperfect human systems. Vote and pray that those who serve may be i
 --Pastor Frey

∞**WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**∞

November 5 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
 November 6 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

Those laid to rest by this congregation who will be remembered on this All Saints' Sunday:

Keith Howard Hunter*	Elizabeth W. Klein*
Neil Harvey Brown*	Raymond Lee Miller*
Marie S. Linsenbigler	Earl Raymond Hafer
Gerald Lloyd Reinert	Lucinda Diane Weiler
Arlan Stetzler	Scott DePrefontaine*
John Aulenbach	Raymond & Norma Dilks*
Linda Barbee Merkle	
Tracy Smale	*denotes non-member

November 12 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
 November 13 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
 November 19 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
 November 20 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
 9:15 A.M. – Annual Meeting. **No Sunday School.**
 November 26 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
 November 27 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION.....



On All Saints Sunday, November 6th, after the 10:30 AM service, we will celebrate a liturgy of dedication for the Columbarium and the liturgy of committal to inter the ashes of St Paul's Pastor Emeritus The Reverend Larry V. Schell. Please plan to be a part of this important occasion in St. Paul's community.

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....

Baptism: 10/16 -- **Aubrey Jeanne Braun**, daughter of Timothy & Kristin (Gage) Braun

Contribution to the **Renovations Fund** given in memory of **Scott DePrefontaine** by Gerald & Pat Levensgood.

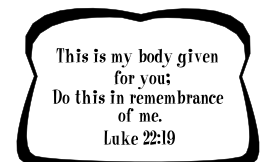
Contribution to **World Hunger** given in memory of **Scott DePrefontaine** by Howard & Connie Hunter.

MINCE PIE SALE – November 9 & 10.....

Sign-up sheets are now in the narthex with an October 30 deadline. Small pies will be \$8 and large pies will be \$10. Orders can also be taken by calling 610-582-4598.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR 4TH GRADERS

Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 A.M. to noon with Pastor Frey. Call the Church office if you did not receive a letter and would like to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY.....

Saturday, November 5 from 8 am - 12 noon

Bring your garden gloves or cleaning gloves to help with the outdoor or indoor cleaning projects. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for you to let us know you can help. Help is needed for the full time or just an hour. Youth, this is a great event for your service hour requirements.



**ANNUAL MEETING
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
Sunday, November 20, 2016
9:15 A.M.**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN - Our **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be here before we know it. Many, many hands go into making our bazaar a success and we are again asking you to help us make this happen. We always need **cookies, candy, "pantry" items, craft items** as well as help in many areas before, during and after the bazaar. In the next few weeks check the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex for the most-requested cookies and candy.

Don't forget, Attic Treasures can be brought to the church the week before the bazaar starting Sunday, November 27. We will also need large brown grocery bags. We will be working on craft items on Tuesday mornings between 9-12 o'clock. Come when you can; leave when you must! I could still need a Candy Chairman. Call Donna Saylor (610-858-0372) with any questions or suggestions!

We will begin selling **bazaar raffle tickets** on Nov. 15. Please stop by the table in the narthex and consider taking a packet or two to sell to family and friends. The prizes are also on display in the narthex.

GREENS WORKSHOPS.....

We will be collecting greens on Saturday, November 12th and setting up the workshop room in the church. We will need several people with trucks and chainsaws to gather trees at several locations. We will meet at the church around 9AM that morning. If you can help, please call Judy Trout at 610-689-5263.

We will start working on the greens Monday, November, 14th at 9AM. The workshop will continue through till the day of the Bazaar, taking a few days off around Thanksgiving, The hours are 9AM until 3PM. We welcome all volunteers and you can set you own hours depending on your schedule. If anyone is interested in helping in the evening, get in contact with Judy Trout.

Anyone wishing to place an order for greens can use the order form below. Orders should be placed by Friday, November 18.

GREENS ORDER FORM

Item	Price	Qty.	Bow color	Total
Wreath	\$25			
Log	\$25			
Door Spray	\$15			
Swag /bow	\$8			
Swag/no bow	\$6			
TOTAL DUE				\$

Deadline is Nov. 18, 2016.

Please indicate where you will pick up your items:

____ I will pick up at the bazaar.

____ I will pick up during a workshop time (Please indicate date and time.)

Name _____ Phone No. _____

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL DISTRICT.....



We are working with DB Middle School nurse to identify families who will receive food baskets from our congregation for Thanksgiving. The sign-up sheet for items needed is on the table in the narthex. November 20 is the deadline to bring your donations.

CROP HUNGER WALK—Sunday, Oct. 9 – Much appreciation goes out to everyone that walked and donated! It was our most well attended year so far, with over 125 walkers from Northstar United Methodist, Bethany Lutheran, St. Paul’s UCC Douglassville, St.Paul’s UCC Birdsboro, St. Mark’s Lutheran, St Gabriel’s, and Alice Focht United Methodist and our own congregation. We also had a wonderful church picnic; the Daniel Boone Homestead provided for a perfect environment.

WE ‘RE AGAIN DECORATING WITH POINSETTIAS ON CHRISTMAS EVE...

Use the form printed below if you would like to order a poinsettia. Orders must be placed early to ensure availability. **Try to place your order by Sunday, December 4, but final deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 11.**

The plants may be taken with you following the 10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please order _____poinsettias (5 blooms +) at \$8.50 per plant.

Amount enclosed \$_____.

Information for the bulletin: Given to the Glory of God:

_____In memory of _____

by _____

_____In honor of _____

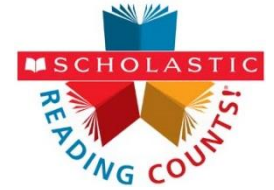
by _____

_____As a gift by _____

Name _____



DON'T MISS OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.....



Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps us discover who we are, especially for our children. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills. Talk about books and what your child is reading.
- Support our child development center's Book Fair. The center receives up to 50% of the sales to give back to our classrooms, teachers, and students. The more we sell, the more we benefit!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read to our child development center. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level, including selections for ADULTS! Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in helping St. Paul's Child Development Center.

Visit us from November 23 to December 5 and stop in to see us during the Bazaar! Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books. For more information, visit scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our online Fair is available from November 23 to December 5, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our St. Paul's Child Development Center.

YOUTH NEWS!!.....

SPYY (St. Paul's Younger Youth—Grades 1-6):



Youth Sunday – Nov. 6 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.—
Sign up at the youth bulletin board to volunteer for
the many parts of the service; also, to help out with
hosting the coffee hour snack table.

Nov. 20 after 10:30 service: Make Christmas crafts
to sell at the bazaar. Minute to win it game day.

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN—Nov. 27 & Dec. 18. Cost is
\$25.

OPEN DATE TO SPONSOR THE FLOWERS—Nov. 13. Cost is \$34.
Call the church office if interested.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
Wednesday, November 23, 2016 --7:00 P.M.
here at St. Paul's

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM



We pray for every member of the congregation on
Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name
here it is not because we think you have a specific need
for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers
whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for
churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council
members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests,
and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join
us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our
prayers will be: Larry Barr, Lauri Barr, David Barr, Cesar Bartra, Amy Bartra,
Sarah Bartra, Maeve Bartra, David Bause, Jan Bause, Jennifer Beers, Charlotte
Beil, Jacob Beil, Maureen Benedict, David Bennis, Victoria Bennis, Tyler Bennis,
Ryan Bennis. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out
a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office.
Please pray for those with special concerns: Brianna Boccella, Gene
Grubbs, Donnie Boyer, Jackie Hurchalla, Bob Baer, Nati English,
Adrienne Heisey, Craig Smith, Ralph Trainer, family and friends of Jill
Wrigley, Leroy Wenrich, Matt Hasson, and all others listed below and
those we name in our hearts: Amy Adam, Delphine Altland, Michael
Bach, Bryan B., Steve Baldwin, Vivian Bolles, Keith Bratz, Deb Bukey,
Tom Campbell, Don Charlesworth, Betty Clark, Ruth Corns, Jeffrey
Cremi, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson, Linda Domergue, Mary Ellen Eidell, Cindy
Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, Angela Fonte,
Lauren Freeman, Robert Geiger, Ida Gilbert, Michael Giorgio, Ron
Glaser, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, Ron Harris, Bri Heckler, June
Henninger, Sue Hildebeitel, Marie Hoar, Richard Hoar, John & Margaret
Kakas, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jack Lebo, Liane Lefever, Gloria Lutz, Lewis
M., John Maicher, Ronald McCarraher, Tricia Magner, Ada Marchewski,
Adrianna Marchewski, Charles Marquette, Jr., Janet Matson, Frank
McManus, John Meade, Laurel Miller, Marianne Moyer, Sandy Murphy,
Ron Mutter, Craig Nichols, Carol Nocera, Gail Norris, Richard Pool,
Heather Powers, Patti Pyle, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice,
Susan Ryan, Gabriel Schulze, Lita Sheppard, Carol Sherman, Sherry
Sigenfus, Johnna Storck, Jeanie Templin, Linda Troil, Sandy Wamsher,
Millard Watson, Ruth Ann Williams, Christopher Youse, Sherri Zigenfuse,
homebound— Geraldine Barbone*, Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Jennie
Clouser, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Pearl Miller, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey,
Patsy Smale. *Non-member

Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.



DECK THE HALLS

Decorate the Fellowship Hall!

Christmas Tree Display

Help us bring all the different and unique aspects of our congregation together in one inspiring, festive Christmas tree exhibit, on display in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 4 – Sunday, January 8.

Trees can be decorated by individuals, couples, families and committees in any style.

Decorate with a theme inspired by what you do or what you enjoy!

Trees should be artificial, pre-lit, battery operated, and not taller than 36".

Trees may be set up Saturday, Dec. 3 after the Christmas Bazaar, or on Sunday, December 4.

Trees can be brought to the church fully decorated; or you might consider decorating as part of a group activity.

Decorations and ornaments may be "manufactured" or hand made. Place a sign near your tree, including sponsor, title, and theme.

Include a tree skirt or base covering; make it part of your theme. Everything on your tree should be tightly secured.

All trees should be removed from the Fellowship Hall by Jan. 8.

For more information, contact Carole Renninger at 484-794-2652 or emilyndalesmom@aol.com.



11/1	Brett Simmons	11/16	Christian Cicala
11/3	Jeanette Forster Ryan Musselman	11/17	Emily Gaskins Blake Grim Jim Sarro
11/4	Alex Kutz Elisabeth Yoder Jamison Young	11/18	Dave Levensgood Henry Szajek
11/5	Ruth Bryan Lee Walley	11/20	Dominick DeNardo Aubrey Garman
11/6	Kiley Davidheiser	11/22	Elizabeth Haring Christopher Lynagh Michael McCormick William Stalneckner
11/7	Bynn Detwiler Leah Detwiler Tom Vroman Emily Walley Mary Ellen Hoffert	11/23	Eli Porter
11/8	Jeff Angstadt Jerry MacMullin	11/24	Jeanne Serrian Nancy Yocom
11/9	Fred Gaskins	11/25	Betty High
11/11	Kendra Day Letisha Leahy Donald Levensgood Sean Sonon	11/26	Meridith Gaskins
11/12	Torie Shaffer	11/27	Elena Eidell
11/13	Piper Braun Brian Kupp Kathy Wise	11/28	Dana Hickey Craig Yambor
11/14	Nathan Haring	11/29	Jacob Beil Austin Bonetz Cassandra Johnson Gwen Yerger
11/15	Kenneth Adams	11/30	Joyce Drey Michael Shingle David Soto
11/16	Sandra Berger		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –

Russell & Elizabeth Burns	11/7	46 yrs.
Barry & Susanne Leier	11/8	47 yrs.
Gary & Cindy Weidner	11/12	28 yrs.

Al & Lorrie Monroe 11/13 34 yrs.
 John & Tara Bologna 11/17 26 yrs.
 Bob & Joan Wendel 11/17 60 yrs.
 John & Pam Wolfe 11/20 40 yrs.
 Barry & Vicci Eidell 11/22 41 yrs.
 Tom & Deb Longstaff 11/26 11 yrs.

--YTD Giving thru September, 2016 --				
	<u>Jan-Sept.. 2015</u>	<u>Jan-Sept. 2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 253,062	\$ 256,140	\$ 3,077	1.2
Renovation Contr.	\$ 108,398	56,107	-52,290	-48.2
Total Giving	\$ 361,460	\$ 312,247	\$ -49,213	- 13.6
Mortgage Balance		\$808,367.48		

WOMEN'S GROUP TO START AGAIN IN JANUARY 2017.....

4th Tuesday of the month

We would like to set a schedule of programs for the rest of the year. If you have an idea for a program please contact Helen at 610-385-3616 or email strain41@ptd.net.


All suggestions welcome!

Stewardship: "ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT" - November 13, 2016



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Council persons in charge of services— Gary Weidner Jeff Duplak </div>		1 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	2 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM--Brownies	3 Noon—Amity Fr. Circle 7--Choir	4	5 8—noon—Cong. Work Day 6 PM—Holy Comm.
6 <i>All Saints</i> 8 & 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance Com. Dedication of labyrinth after 10:30	7 Make mince meat 7 PM—Christian Ed.	8 <i>Election Day</i> Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM--TOPS	9 Bake pies----- 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15—Executive Com 7--Council	10 7--Choir	11	12 9—noon—1 st communion class for 4 th graders 6 PM—Holy Comm.
13 <i>Stewardship Sun.</i> 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School SPLAT following 10:30	14 7 PM—Pastoral Care Bazaar greens work begins and continues until bazaar	15 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS 6:15--Brownies	16 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM--Brownies	17 7--Choir 7:30 —Crime Watch	18	19 7:30 AM—Property 6 PM—Holy Comm.
20 8 & 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Annual Mtg. Social Ministry after 10:30 SPYY following 10:30	21 6 PM—Bible Study	22 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM--TOPS	23 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7 PM—Thanksgiving Eve community service here at St. Paul's ---Book Fair begins-----	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	25	26 6 PM—Holy Comm.
27 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School	28	29 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS 6:15--Brownies	30 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM---Brownies	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> Money counters 8:00 Joanne Guss Tom Longstaff Deb Longstaff 10:30 Bill Kutz Angie Kutz Joe Koury </div>		