



The Parish Twine

November, 2024

- St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, IA
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, La Motte, IA



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Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays
of each month
plus major festivals

Sunday Worship

St. Paul's—8:30 a.m.
St. John's—10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

St. Paul's—after worship

DST ends

November 3

**Women of ELCA
Bible Study**

Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Joint at Salem—Nov. 4,
6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship

Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m.
Ecumenical (place to be
determined)
Nov. 28, 9:00 a.m.
St. Paul's

From the Pastor's Desk

This month's entry in our series on hymns comes from Rev. Laurie, who writes about a beloved hymn that originally comes from her own Anglican branch of the Christian tradition:

“For All the Saints (ELW 422) is a familiar hymn for many of us, but perhaps most especially for Episcopalians/Anglicans like your Deacon, Rev. Laurie. The hymn was written by William Walsham How (1823-1897), who eventually became the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, and was first published in 1864. The current tune—“Sine nomine”—was created in 1906 by the renowned composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. It has been described as one of the finest hymn tunes of the 20th century.

The hymn is most often sung on All Saints Day, (November 1st, or the first Sunday in November) as it commemorates and memorializes those who have gone before us. This sentiment of honor and glory is expressed in the very first verse of the hymn:

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In this first verse, the saints, perhaps laborers or peasants, who confess their love of Jesus before they pass. We've probably all heard of some famous saints, such as St Francis, St Teresa of Avila, even St Nicholas. We learn from this hymn that saints can also be everyday people, like relatives and friends who bring joy to our lives. Saints can also be those who die in battle, who sometimes die as nameless, faceless casualties.

Verse 4 of “For All the Saints” addresses the creation of saints through death in battle:

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Yet verses 5 and 7 return us to honoring the everyday saint:

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(You may notice in verse 7 a poetic reference to the “pearly gates”!) Episcopalians sing “For All the Saints” as the Processional Hymn on All Saints. The processional is a regular piece of the Episcopal ritual; the crucifer (the person who carries the processional cross) and pastor process up the aisle of the church, from the back to the front, to begin the service.

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Council Notes

Worship Attendance:

	<u>St. John's</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sept. 29	33	16
Oct. 6	35	12
Oct. 13	28	12
Oct. 20	23	10

St. John's Council meeting—October 7:

Meeting called to order by Richard Busch.

Members present: Richard Busch, Duane Tietjen, Tom Harmon, Linda Hueneke, Mark Hueneke, and Peggy Post.

Devotions: Provided by Pastor Will

Pastor Report: Provided by Pastor Will

Secretary Report: Provided

Treasurer Report: BSB checking; MIF; Sunday School; Memorial Fund; Trinity Parish; Fundraiser

Reports approved

- Old Business:
 - Building and Grounds:
 - Mark H. gave update on church repairs. The work has been completed.
 - Fundraising committee to provide update to congregation.
 - A Thank You should be placed in the newspaper.
 - Pastor to contact committee regarding blessing the repairs.
- Lectern access:
 - It has been decided to move the lectern to the floor and see how that works.
- Braille books:
 - Julie is doing more research.

Next meeting is a joint meeting being held at Salem Andrew on November 4, 2024 at 6:30. St. John's will meet after church some Sunday if needed.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Congratulations

Peggy Post is a great-grandmother. August James was born to Ashley and Jonathan Parker on September 27.

Our Sympathy

- ◇ Gloria Medinger, cousin of Ruth Tietjen, died October 4.
- ◇ Robert (Bob) Yeager died on October 9.
- ◇ Rosie Williams of Bellevue died October 21.

Thanksgiving Worship

- ◇ Either St. Catherine or St. John's will host an ecumenical service on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. (location to be determined soon)
- ◇ We will have worship at St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 24.

In Our Prayers

Avela Bahr, Billie Bohy, Norma Bormann, Marilyn Bradley, Richard Bradley, Carlton Busch, Kimberly Busch, Tricia Busch, Kevin Cornelius, Janell Daugherty, Paul Dent, Max Elliott, Carl Ganzer, Jessica Harmon, John Hinke, Gary Hughes, Anthony Jensen, Marilyn Knief, Sharon Konrardy, Rod Miller, Rev. Duane Priebe, David Schroeder, Liam Schroeder, Shirley Schroeder, William Turnmeyer, Diane Wallace, A. J. Walter, Duane Westphal, Rita Wiegert.

November Birthdays

- Nov. 1 — Lisa Harmon
Keith Hueneke
- Nov. 3 — Ryan Feller
- Nov. 5 — Tammy Christoffer
- Nov. 7 — Mitchel Gill
- Nov. 8 — Mariah Hueneke
- Nov. 9 — Cecilia Teal
- Nov. 10 — Gary Hansen
Serenity Kohlenberg
Glenda Meyer
Dale Schroeder
- Nov. 12 — Wendy Tietjen
- Nov. 13 — Tracey (Mark) Hueneke
- Nov. 16 — Janice Busch
Gloria Petesch
Carly Schroeder
David Schroeder
- Nov. 18 — Marty Bormann
Lisa Hueneke
Dan Knief
- Nov. 19 — Lynn Hueneke
Brooke Schumacher
- Nov. 21 — Avere Kasik
- Nov. 22 — Toby Moeggenberg
- Nov. 23 — Billi Schroeder
- Nov. 24 — Payton Kettmann
- Nov. 26 — Gretchen Knief
- Nov. 28 — Ruth Hingtgen
- Nov. 29 — Laura Bishop
Jeanette Frederick
- Nov. 30 — Ada Schilling

Anniversaries

- Nov. 2 — Matt & Erin Weis
- Nov. 14 — Bob & Judy Kremer
- Nov. 16 — John & Julie Busch
- Nov. 28 — Duane & Ruth Tietjen

Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

November Bible Study & Meeting Thursday, November 7, 1:00 p.m.

Devotions: *Bea Hansen*

Bible Study: *Pastor Will*

We will study Rebekah, p. 47 in “Women of the Bible”. There will be sewing at 10:00 a.m.—bring a sack lunch.

Our October Quarterly Meeting October 10, 2024

There were 6 members present.

Old business:

- \$50 was sent to Ewalu for quilt auction.

New business:

- Officers and any others willing to help plan for the Thankoffering service, the Christmas party and the program for the coming year are to meet October 23 at 9:00 a.m.
- Election of officers—Marge Felderman agreed to remain as president (*unless someone would be willing to step into that office*), and Dianne Strickler will remain as treasurer. Linda Hueneke is secretary, with Betty Schroeder to fill in as needed.

Our Quilts

In October, 7 tied quilts (6-52x80”, 1-60x80”) were taken to Open Closet at St. John, Dubuque.

Thank You Notes

We have received notes of thanks for our donations to Camp Ewalu and Lutheran Services in Iowa.

Our Bakeless Bake Sale

Thank you to all who have already contributed, and if you haven’t yet, we ask for your prayerful consideration as to how you can support the work and projects of the women of our parish. Checks may be made out to St. John’s/St. Paul’s WELCA.

Remember Your Thankoffering

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have been setting aside coins and small offerings every day to give thanks for blessings in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. At a Thankoffering service, women bring these offerings together to give thanks to God in worship and fellowship. Thankofferings go in full to support the churchwide ministries of Women of the ELCA.

On Sunday, November 10, our Thankoffering will be gathered in the worship service at both St. Paul’s and St. John’s. Please plan on attending this worship and sharing your offering.

New Addresses

Harmony Dubuque
Marilyn Knief
901 W. 3rd Street
Dubuque, IA 52001

Carlton Busch
Stonehill Communities
3485 Windsor Ave.
Dubuque, IA 52001

Andy, Amanda, Willa and Wyatt Ruden
1971 Creek Wood Drive
Dubuque, IA 52003

Confirmed October 27

- Joseph Christoffer was confirmed at St. Paul’s.
- Madilyn Hueneke and Payton Kettmann were confirmed at St. John’s

Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 3
Fall Back One Hour



All Saints Day

As we celebrate All Saints’ Sunday on November 5, we remember ones dear to us who have died since last All Saints Day. Please let us know if there is someone you would like to include.

Veterans’ Day Program—November 11 10:00 a.m. at Bellevue High School Gym

We thank all of the Veterans of our communities for your service. We give thanks to God for all who have gone forth from here to serve and returned safely, and we pray for a safe return in due time for all current service members. We hold in prayer also all those who have returned from their service wounded in body, mind, or spirit. May God grant them healing and peace.

Peggy Post is to be presented with a quilt of valor at this event.

Thrivent Members

You have until November 26 to have a say in who represents you on the Thrivent Financial board of directors, who lead and govern the organization. If you’ve already voted, thanks! If you haven’t voted yet, you may vote on line, visit [Thrivent.com/vote](https://www.thrivent.com/vote), or vote via the paper ballot mailed to you.

Also, remember to direct your Choice Dollars—this needs to be done every year.

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The processional hymn is sung, first and foremost, to honor and glorify God. When we process, we symbolically move from outside the church, where we leave the cares and worries of the world behind, to inside the church, where we approach God, through Christ. As the cross goes before us, we are approaching Christ.

Episcopalians also typically sing a Recessional Hymn at the end of the service, when Jesus leads us back out into the world, with the cross again leading the way.

On All Saints Day . . . and every day . . . let us remember those who have come before us. Let us honor our ancestors by reverencing, respecting, and remembering them as the saints they are.

Peace and all good,
Rev. Laurie



Community Events

St. Donatus Catholic Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, November 3, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in their parish center. All-you-can-eat — Pancakes, Hickory Smoked Sausage, Sweet Rolls, Applesauce. Adults, \$10.00; ages 6-10, \$5.00. Country Store also.

Salem Lutheran, Andrew, Harvest Auction, Sunday, November 10. Worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by a meal. Please stay for the Harvest Auction. Kids of all ages are welcome—you never know what may be available for purchase.

Faith Lutheran, Andover, Fall Supper, Sunday, November 10, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Serving “Kalmes Chicken” and Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Roll & Choice of Apple, Chocolate or Pumpkin Dessert. Parking Lot Pickup ONLY. Tickets, \$16.00

Lutheran Services in Iowa

November 2024: National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month! Lutheran Services in Iowa has served adoptive and foster families for decades, helping to ensure every child has a safe and loving home. For over a year, we joined with Four Oaks Foster and Adoption Services to better serve the families of Iowa. As a subcontractor, we continue to train and support foster, adoptive, and kin families in the western side of the state. Our team has served over 700 families through assistance during the licensing process and by providing on-going support and development in the past fiscal year.

To learn more about our Foster Care and Adoption services, please visit www.lsiowa.org/foster-care-adoption. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065

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