

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [33] They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" [34] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

As we come to the close of another Christian Church Year, our eyes are turned to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ our Savior. In His Word, God encourages us to be prepared for that day. Our Bible Reading Schedule reminds us that the Last Day will come at an unknown time and day. Thus we need always to be ready for it (Matthew 25:13). On the Last Day, all human beings will be judged. Without faith in Christ, the unbelieving "goats" will be condemned to hell for eternity. With God's grace received in faith, the believing "sheep" will be ushered into the eternal glories of heaven (Matthew 25:31-46). This free gift of salvation moves us to thank and praise God for an eternal home. Look for passages in this month's reading schedule which encourage the giving of thanks to God, and the need to be prepared for the Last Day.

NOVEMBER:

1. Psalm 121; Mark 9,10
2. Job 23,24; Mark 11,12
3. Job 25; Mark 13,14
4. Job 26,27; Mark 15,16
5. Job 28,29; Galatians 1,2
6. Job 30; Psalm 120; Galatians 3,4
7. Job 31,32; Galatians 5,6
8. Job 33; I Corinthians 1,2,3
9. Job 34; I Corinthians 4,5,6
10. Job 35,36; I Corinthians 7,8
11. Psalm 122; I Corinthians 9,10,11
12. Job 37,38; I Corinthians 12
13. Job 39,40; I Corinthians 13,14
14. Psalm 149; I Corinthians 15,16
15. Job 41,42; II Corinthians 1,2
16. II Corinthians 3,4,5,6
17. II Corinthians 7,8,9,10
18. Psalm 124; II Corinthians 11,12,13
19. Matthew 1,2,3,4
20. Matthew 5,6,7
21. Matthew 8,9,10
22. Matthew 11,12,13
23. Matthew 14,15,16
24. Matthew 17,18,19
25. Matthew 20,21,22
26. Matthew 23,24,25
27. Psalm 125; Matthew 26,27
28. Matthew 28; I Thessalonians 1,2,3
29. I Thessalonians 4,5; II Thessalonians 1,2,3
30. Romans 1,2,3,4

Altar flowers: If you would like to thank God for blessing your life, to commemorate a loved one's memory, and to beautify the church, you could provide altar flowers for a worship service. The cost is \$20 for one small vase and \$25 for one large vase or \$40 for two small vases and \$50 for two large vases. The donor just needs to phone Amy in the church office to select a date for which you'd like to provide the flowers; you pay the florist directly. A member of the Flower Guild will take the vase liner/liners to the florist mid-week to have it/them filled and then delivered to the church on Friday.

Christmas Bazaar: Cotta Guild will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P. M. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to participate. We will have "white elephants", crafts, baked goods, candy, and Christmas cookies for sale. All items should be brought to the church on Friday or no later than 9:00 A. M. on Saturday morning. Lunch will feature hot beef sandwiches, sloppy Joes, homemade pies, coffee, and fellowship.

Bazaar Deliveries: If any of St. Paul Lutheran shut-ins would like the Cotta Guild Bazaar lunch delivered to them on Saturday, December 3, please call the church office at 835-2647 with your order. You have a choice of a hot beef sandwich or a sloppy Joe for \$3.00 and a piece of pie or a dessert for \$3.00. You may indicate a first and second choice, and we will try to accommodate you. Delivery will begin around noon. The deadline for ordering is noon on Friday, December 2. If you order a meal, you can also place an order for a dozen or two of Christmas cookies, which are \$3.00 a dozen.

**Cotta Guild will meet Thursday, November 10,
at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.**

We plan to

- prepare the gift bags for the Advent wreaths for the young families of our congregation,
- address cards for the fruit/cookie bags for our shut-ins,
- have election of officers,
- have a fall rally report by our delegate,
- have a devotion by Pastor Zimmer

**All women of St. Paul Lutheran are welcome to join us
for an evening of fellowship and service.**

Cotta Guild – October 13, 2011

Our meeting started at 6 PM with six delicious soups for our soup potluck.

We then followed with a LWML National Convention DVD in place of a devotion. Bev Kitzman, Trinity, Janesville, was the delegate to give the convention overview. The convention was based on Acts 13:14-20.

Cindy called the meeting to order with prayer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Cindy thanked Helen Schmidt for two funerals, circles for clergy appreciation, soup supper, LWML door offering collectors, Linda Seifert's circle, and Lila Schaal's circle.

Cindy reminded us of our secret sisters. Cindy asked Gary Paulson to continue advent candle holder/wreaths for this year, he will.

On November 30 a Reformation Service will be held here at St. Paul's. A set of dish towels was given to CVLHS for their auction.

We need to have a "food" certified person from our congregation as part of MN State Law.

A motion was made and seconded to supply one small vase of flowers, for the altar, when there are no other flowers available.

The bazaar worksheet was passed around. Peggy Gades will replace Ruth Hawker on altar guild. Linda Seifert's circle is next to work.

On November 10th, our next meeting we will address cards for shut ins.

Each circle is to supply two dozen cookies for shut in baskets before 1 PM on November 13.

November 26, at 8:30 a.m. will be our annual cookie bake for the bazaar. Each circle is asked to provide two volunteers. Anyone can volunteer, just notify Judie Waters or Cindy Wood if you would like to help.

Chancel Christmas decorating will be in the near future with an assigned circle. Cindy read thank-you's from Pastor Zimmer and Irene Hoffman's family.

Happy birthday was sung to Judie Waters and Lila Schaal. The meeting was adjourned. We then packed boxes for our military.

Our next meeting is November 10 at 7:00 PM

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Thank you

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Little Lambs Childcare,

Our family received an anonymous donation for help with the cost of Briggs' childcare at Little Lambs. We just want to say thank you! We are so fortunate to have our boys (Brock & Briggs) be part of Little Lambs. Thank you to everyone for all the continued support. Sincerely,

Adam, Patty, Brock, & Briggs

St. Paul Lutheran Little Lambs Childcare

Fall weather is definitely here! The air is crisp, the leaves are blowing everywhere and the farmers are harvesting their crops. Soon everything will look bare and then it will be white. God shows us the beauty of our earth through every season.

This past month we have been learning about Noah and the huge ark he built. We have been imagining what it was like with all those animals!
We have also been learning about fire safety and of course pumpkin time.

During November we will be learning about the following things:

Bible Story

Samuel

(1 Samuel 1 and 3)

Monthly Themes

Owls and Night time Animals

Veteran's Day

Turkeys

Thanksgiving

The Letter C

The color purple

The shape rectangle

The number 3

Please continue to collect those Milk Moola caps and bag tops: also the ink cartridges and Campbell type labels. I am checking to find out if we qualify for the Sunny D labels.

As we look ahead to the Christmas Season, we have been putting together a wish list. We are in need of a new DVD/VCR player. Our player will no longer play VCR tapes. We have a limited number of DVDs but lots and lots of tapes. If there is anyone that would be willing to convert our tapes to DVDs instead, that would be great! We are also in need of a new CD player. The one we use daily for circle time is not playing all of our CDs anymore. It will only allow us to play certain ones and when it does play it skips parts of the songs. If anyone would like to donate towards these,
please let us know. Thank you.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It seems I just turned in my contribution for the October Parish Newsletter and now it is time for the Novembers' newsletter to go out. Where does the time go? Is the world really spinning so fast or am I just getting so slow that I can't keep up? Either way, my Lord Jesus has promised in Isaiah 46:4-"To your old age and your gray hair I will take care of you." Thank you, Jesus, for keeping your promises.

These past three months have been very difficult for me. With my daughters illness, my brothers death, my own body wearing down and a few other health issues in my family, my plate is full. However, there is a verse in scripture I Thessalonians 5:16-18 that I memorized in our Women's Bible Study(held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM). It reads "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!" I also thank all of you for your prayers for me and my family. God is good!

The month of October, November, and December have many events that are special for all of us. In October we remember and celebrate the Reformation (October 31st). Martin Luther did not mean to start a new church; he nailed the 95 theses or statements to the door of the church so he could discuss them with the leaders of the Catholic Church. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for standing at Martin Luthers side and to the Holy Spirit for putting the words in his mouth that God the Father wanted him to say.

November has Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day as the special events. Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) is the day we honor all veterans-those who served our country and those who gave their lives in service to our country. We thank all of them with hearts full of love, but most especially we thank our Lord God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for watching over all of them.

And then comes December, with Advent and Christmas. Advent is the season when we prepare for Jesus coming to earth. First, born as a baby-taking on human flesh; so that He could live a perfect life for us; and then to suffer and die on the cross to pay for our sins, and then to arise on the third day so we can live with Him in heaven for eternity.

Advent is also the time when we prepare our hearts and lives as we await Jesus second coming to earth to judge us.

As we sing in one of our hymns-
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him; all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

As the scripture verse in I Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us,
"Be joyful, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

May God bless you real good!

Your Sister in Christ,

MaeDean