

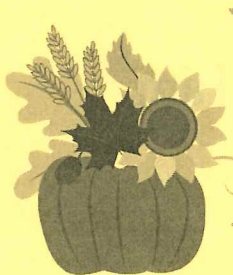
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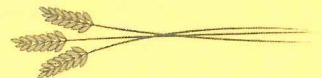
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Gather, Grace, Grow, Go



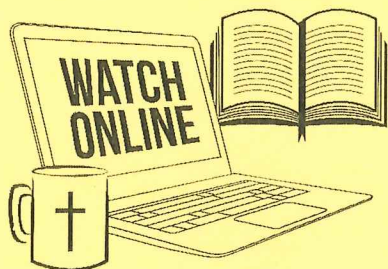
November

2023



Kroger Community Rewards Program. From **01-May-2023 to 31-Jul-2023** 30 families St. Paul has received \$75.82 from your rewards on purchases at Kroger. To use the rewards program you can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. All **current participants** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program **do not** need to re-enroll this year in order to earn funds for St. Paul. The rewards program runs from May 2023 to May 2024. Our NPO number is RK460. **Registration is online only.**

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline for December Ray is November 21st, 2023. Articles may be submitted via e-mail (stpaulww@comcast.net), on a flash drive or in writing.



While all are not able to be face to face in worship in our Sanctuary, there are still opportunities to gather to hear God's Word, to pray, to sing and to be encouraged. Please join us at 11 a.m. on our Facebook page for our livestream service.



Prayer List



Prayer requests are welcomed and can be made on our Facebook page, by emailing the church office at stpaulww@comcast.net, or with our connection cards. To keep the list current, please make your request each week you wish to have your loved one's name included in the prayers.

OFFICE HOURS



Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:45-1:45
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30- 11:30



Sunday Services

1st service begins at 8 am

2nd service begins at 11am



Dear friends,

The Good News About Death

In November, we will join in a new sermon series that focuses on death and how we relate to it as Christians. Talking about death can be difficult, but it is not something that we should fear. We have hope in Christ Jesus. Death does not get the last word God does. We remember what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We will explore this more during the month
of November. Here is the schedule:

November 5th: The Other Side of the
Curtain

November 12th: Grieving with Hope

November 19th: How Many Shopping Days
Left?

November 26th: The Last Word.

In addition to the sermon series, there is a special invitation in the month of November for anyone to make an appointment with me to plan their own funeral. This may sound like an odd thing to do, but there is something healing and life giving about taking time to think about the songs and readings to be used after you die. It shows that we do not fear death, but that we celebrate the victory that Christ has won for us.

See you in November.

Pastor Branden
Grace and P



Sunday School Service Project Time!

Our Sunday School children have decided to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child for our mission project this year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. The mission of the project is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The organization ships the simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

To join in this project, we have secured a Thrivent Grant to purchase the shoeboxes and some items to put in the boxes. We are making some games, and each Sunday School child is packing two boxes with the help of their family. **How can you help?**

We have made **Christmas pinecone decorations** (thank you Ketchum family for the pinecone donations) to sell to you for a donation of your choice. We are raising funds to cover the \$10 it cost to ship each box. The pinecone decorations are being sold on October 29th and November 5th.

The boxes need to be prepared and ready to ship by November 12th. **If you would like to donate a filled shoebox** for the collection, please see the **display in the narthex** or contact Leann Smith; leann57@iwarp.net or #810-488-5829.

BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US ON DECEMBER 17th AT THE 11:00 SERVICE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.



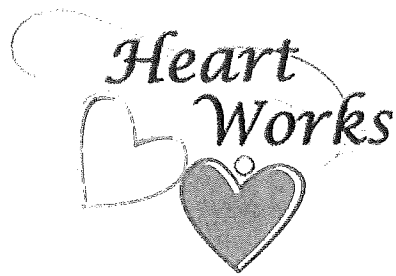
Planning a Fund Raiser?

Present the idea to the Council for approval. Request the fund raiser form and a manila envelope in which to collect money during the event. Store the money envelope in the safe. At the end of the event, count the donations. Give the financial secretaries the envelope so it can be reported as income. Checks are issued every two weeks. Let the treasurer know the amount of the check, contact person's name and the address for mailing.



FOOD TRUCK REPORT 9/21/23

A huge thank you to the 26 great volunteers who helped with this food truck. We had a record of 219 families come to get food for 695 individuals. We received 10,476 pounds of food and about one pickup truck load of food was left over. The leftover food went to Harbor Impact Ministries for distribution to more needy families. It was mostly fresh peaches and some walnuts, yellow split peas and garbanzo beans that was left over. The total cost of the truck was \$882.00. We used a Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250.00 and the cost to the church was \$632.00.



HEART WORKS will be meeting on Tuesday, November 7th. We will be meeting in the Activity room from 10:00 until noon, to enjoy knitting, crocheting, looming...and lots of fun conversation!! We create hats and scarves to share with those in need, as well as Prayer Shawls which act as God's loving arms wrapping folks in a warm embrace, giving comfort, love, and strength that only comes from Him. Please consider joining us on November 7th.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The September/October/November edition of "Our Daily Bread Devotion" is available for you to pick up. They are in the church office hallway. Please feel free to stop by and pick up a copy.



Quarterly Giving Statements

The 3rd Quarter contribution statements have been emailed/mailed. If you did not receive yours or would like a hard copy, please email, or call the office and let us know if you would like it mailed or place in your box.



Garden

Our last harvest was October 8th totaling the production to 2,600 lbs! Thank you for all your hard work and we hope to have your help and support next year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHOIRS OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

The choirs of St. Joseph Catholic Church are very excited to announce that we will present a Christmas concert Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church 1403 Seventh Street, Port Huron. Please come and invite your family and friends too! Our choir is very excited to share the spirit of Christmas with you!



2023

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November 5th Voters Meeting

Reminder that the Voters meeting is on November 5th after the second service. If you are a member you should have received a packet with the information that we will be going over. Please bring this to the meeting as we will not be handing out copies.



Volunteers needed for Sunday Services

We are in need of volunteers for the following:

- Greeters
- Lectors
- Usher
- Coffee Hour Host/ Social Hour
- Senior Driver

There will be sign up Sheets in the Narthex in December.

We especially need more volunteers for the 8 AM service. Please consider Volunteering.

Alter Flowers

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex in December for 2024's Altar Flowers. Please Consider signing up to host flowers.



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Fall is the time when the people of St. Paul take time to reflect on the concept of stewardship.

It involves looking at the blessings that we have been given and determining how we can give back to God through the use of our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Last month you should have received a stewardship packet outlining opportunities to be involved in the plans for 2024. Prayerfully consider your options and get involved in ways that share your strengths and passions. Flower chart and volunteer worship task sheets will be on the table in the narthex.

Commitment Sunday is November 12th. Together we can carry out God's call to Gather, experience Grace, Grow, and Go!