

## *Life Together*

Greetings, people of St. Paul's! It is a joy for Alison and I to at last be among you.

We have appreciated your warm welcome, filled with offers of help; recommendations, from restaurants to dentists; and that wonderful welcome shower that filled our pantry with paper goods and other helpful household things -- along with a couple bottles of beer and gift cards to restaurants and Jewel Osco.

Thank you for so quickly helping us feel part of St. Paul's and Waukegan!

As many of you know, we're settling into a house we purchased on Hickory Street in Waukegan. We hope to get unpacked and arranged enough to host a Christmas party in December. We'll let you know.

In the meantime, I'm working my way into my call as your new pastor. Here's what I'll be up to in the next couple of months and a little beyond:

- Getting to know you all by attending Bible studies, meetings and other activities as well as beginning to visit the homebound and others.
- Getting to know the community through conversations with community leaders in the schools, city government and non-profit agencies and churches.

You already have many wonderful ministries going on at St. Paul's and many resources and connections to the community. I look forward to learning more in the coming months about how they can enhance our proclamation of the Gospel in Waukegan and beyond.

Watch for more information soon about two opportunities that I'm hoping to begin in mid-January.



The first is an exploration of multi-cultural ministry through a program developed by the Evangelical Lutheran in America. It's called "One Body, Many Members: A journey across race, culture and class." You can learn more by Googling that phrase. We'll soon be working on a leadership team to launch the study and conversation. If you're interested in helping to lead, let me know.

The second thing that I'm planning to begin in January is a class to learn conversational Spanish. I'm hoping 10 to 20 members of the congregation will join me in taking this fundamental step in welcoming the neighbors God has given us.

Together, these two ministry initiatives are foundational to proclaiming the Gospel in our multi-cultural community.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns in regard to any aspect of our ministry and life together, don't hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail or to drop by church for a visit or invite me into your home for a chat.

God's peace—and joy!

*Pastor Mark Rollenhagen*



# Journeying Together

## November

### Ushers

- Nov. 4 Aaron, Stover, Campbell, Stater  
10:30 Schmidts
- Nov. 11 Hall, Sandine, Swanick, **Alwardt**
- Nov. 18 J. Burba, **Gehrt**, Sorensen, Hopkins
- Nov. 25 Baraboo, **Kilpatricks**, Koskinen

The bolded name ushers at 10:30 worship as well.

Can you usher on Thanksgiving Eve and/or Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Sign up on the sheet on the whiteboard or let Becky Ingram or John Robinson know. These special services are a great opportunity for those who would like to usher but can't commit to a set schedule. We will train you!

Financial Recap	September
Weekly Giving	\$24,153.00
Monthly Income	\$27,229.51
Monthly Expenses	\$23,333.55
Monthly Surplus	\$3,895.96
YTD Surplus	\$23,790.83
Mortgage Repayment Fund Balance	\$5,490.00
Raise the Roof Fund Balance	\$2,771.76

Our weekly giving rebounded in September, also aided by five Sundays in the month. Our renters are current as well. As we go into the final quarter of our fiscal year, we are in good shape. Our budgeted expenses are tracking as expected, particularly our facilities expenses, including utilities.

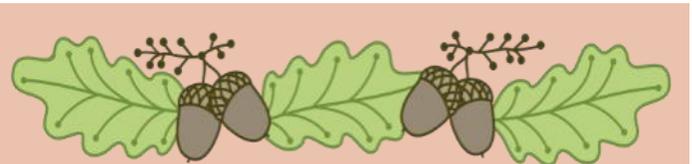
If you are able, please consider an additional donation to the Raise the Roof Fund. The roof above the Education Wing was completed in early October. Thank you for your continued generous support of Christ's Church through St. Paul's.



## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7:00pm

Before gathering together with family and friends, join us for a special evening service of giving thanks to God in word and song.



## A Word of Thanks

Thank you, dear people of St. Paul's, for a memorable send-off on my final Sunday leading worship. The reception was wonderful and the news of the donation to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Laotchikit (Haiti) warmed my heart. I truly treasure the many kind words spoken to me. I will continue to pray for you and look forward to hearing of great things happening at St. Paul's as you journey together with Pastor Mark.

God bless you all!

Pastor Janet



## Christmas Rummage Sale

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 9am - 3pm**

Dig out your unneeded Christmas decorations and your old winter gear (snow shovels, sleds, boots, coats, skis, hats, mittens, etc.) and get ready to bring them in for the Christmas Rummage Sale! Encourage your friends to donate as well. All donations are tax deductible.

Donations will be accepted Sunday mornings & during regular office hours (Tues., Wed., Thur., 9am—2pm) or by calling Lillian Langford at 847-912-2170 to arrange a different time. We would also like to sell baked goods that day as well & need lots of volunteers to help. For more information please contact Eleanore Sorensen at [elkabob5@aol.com](mailto:elkabob5@aol.com).



**Saturday, Nov. 24, 9:30am**

**Old School Forest Preserve Shelter C**

Run or walk to benefit COOL Ministries. This is a chip-timed race that starts at 9:30am. Registration

opens at 8:30am. Register online before October 31 and receive a \$5 discount on registration fees.

Non-perishable food items for the pantry will also be accepted at the race. [Go online to getmeregistered.com and search "COOL 5K Libertyville"](http://Go online to getmeregistered.com and search 'COOL 5K Libertyville').

## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

There are two ways to help families in need have a happy holiday meal. Donate \$20 to fund a basket of food which includes a turkey and all the sides and dessert. You can go online to [cool-ministries.org](http://cool-ministries.org) or place a check in the offering plate made out to the COOL Food Pantry, with "Holiday Gift Basket" in the memo line. If you prefer to shop and can drop off your donation directly to the food pantry, the following items are suggested (enough for a family of four):

- Turkey or a gift card covering the cost
- Turkey gravy
- Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Vegetables
- Fruit or cranberries
- Corn bread mix or rolls
- Dessert
- Shelf-stable powdered milk or juice

The pantry has plenty of refrigerator and freezer space for your donations and may be dropped off during regular business hours. Donations for Thanksgiving are due by Nov. 19.

## GIVING THANKS

Kristi & Kalina Hull give thanks for the scholarship money they each received this year from the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund. Kristi is attending UW-Oshkosh and Kalina is pursuing a career in music at UW-Whitewater.





## HURRICANE RELIEF

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States and across the globe. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors in the Gulf as they recover from Hurricane Michael. Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Relief" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Use a special envelope at church and mark your donation "hurricane relief" or go online to <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief>.



## BAKE SALE & FAIR TRADE ITEMS

**Sunday, Nov. 18 between services**

Just in time for Thanksgiving, pick up some ready-to-bake frozen apple pies to benefit educating youth in Panama; Fair Trade item sales will replenish our Mission Team fund.

## ELCA World Hunger

In 2016, your gifts have helped our church respond to hunger and poverty through more than 400 projects in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States. These gifts are brought together with the skills, capacity and resources of local communities to make transformative change. By working effectively through trusted relationships, ELCA World Hunger has consistently kept fundraising and administration costs at less than 10 percent annually, to ensure that your gift goes where it is needed most.

### WAYS TO GIVE:

**Make an online donation.** [Online giving](#) is simple and secure.

**Mail your donation** *Make checks payable to ELCA World Hunger.*

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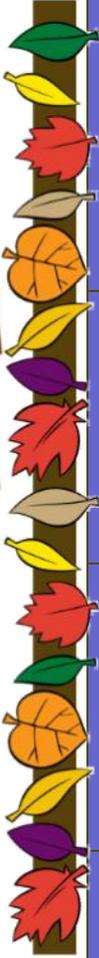
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**Give by phone** Call 800-638-3522 to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8am—5pm Central Time.

**Give through your congregation** Make checks payable to your congregation, indicating **ELCA World Hunger** in the memo line, and place your gift in the offering plate.

# November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9am Traditional Worship Sunday School 10:30am Cont. Worship Adult Bible Study  <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	<b>5</b> 1-3pm Knit & Crochet	<b>6</b> <i>Election Day</i> 5:15pm Praise Band 6pm Pealers 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>7</b> 10am Bible & Brew	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8am Men's Breakfast	<b>3</b>
<b>11</b> 9am Traditional Worship Sunday School 10:30am Cont. Worship Adult Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7pm Altar Guild	<b>13</b> 5:15pm Praise Band 6pm Pealers 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>14</b> 10am Bible & Brew	<b>15</b> 7pm Church Council	<b>16</b> 8am Men's Breakfast	<b>17</b> 9am-3pm Christmas Rummage Sale
<b>18</b> Mission Team Bake Sale 9am Traditional Worship Sunday School 10:30am Cont. Worship Adult Bible Study	<b>19</b> 1-3pm Knit & Crochet	<b>20</b> 5:15pm Praise Band 6pm Pealers 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>21</b> 10am Bible & Brew 7pm <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> Worship	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am COOL 5/10K
<b>25</b> <i>Christ the King</i> 9am Traditional Worship Sunday School 10:30am Cont. Worship Adult Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9:30am-3pm Quilters	<b>27</b> 5:15pm Praise Band 6pm Pealers 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>28</b> 10am Bible & Brew	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8am Men's Breakfast	