

## "Our Welcome"

In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

# All Saints' Sunday November 3, 2024 Holy Eucharist

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#### **Opportunities for Worship - Sundays:** 10:00am

#### Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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# For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

**Baptism or Marriage**: If you would like more information, please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: <u>rector@stpaulslansing.org</u>.

**Church School:** Our church school for elementary through middle school ages begins at 9:45am. If you would like more information, please speak to Barb Heany.

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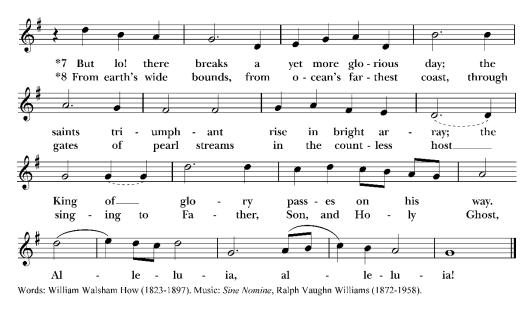
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#### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PRELUDE	Eventide	Lynn L. Petersen
OPENING HYMN	For all the saints	HYMN 287
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1 For all the 2 Thou wast their 3 O may thy 4 O blest com	saints, who from their la - bors rock, their for - tress, and their sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di -	rest, who might: bold, vinc!
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OfficiantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

The people are invited to sit

#### FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 25:6-9

*Reader* A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 24

1	The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,*
	the world and all who dwell therein.
2	For it is he who founded it upon the seas*
	and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3	"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?*
	and who can stand in his holy place?"
4	"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,*
	who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
5	They shall receive a blessing from the Lord*
	and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
6	Such is the generation of those who seek him,*
	of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
7	Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;*"
	and the King of glory shall come in.
8	"Who is this King of glory?"
	"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
9	Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;*
	and the King of glory shall come in.
10	"Who is he, this King of glory?"*
	"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

#### THE SECOND LESSON

**REVELATION 21:1-6a** 

*Reader* A reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I (John) saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN	The King of lot	e my shepherd is	HYMN 645
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Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 11:32-44

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

# OfficiantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eves of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

ClergyThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

#### SERMON

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS The people stand

Officiant	Through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.
Officiant People	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do.
Officiant People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Officiant People	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Officiant People	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Officiant People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.
Officiant People	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
Officiant People	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? <b>I will, with God's help.</b>
Officiant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Officiant People	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

The Officiant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us.

For Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop and the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.** 

For those in power and authority, for those running for election, guide them in right decisions that are just and wise for all people and our creation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.** 

Your home, O God, is among mortals, and you watch over your elect: Look upon all who suffer throughout the world and wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_; for those who are homeless or lonely, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant us faith to see your glory in this community, O God, that we may be people of compassion and new life. May the example of the saints give us courage and hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.** 

For those who departed this life in faith and in the fear of God especially Jim Clark, Helen Deliyanne, Pam Irwin, Richard Engle, Marian Kendall, Chris Krupka, Neal Bissinger, Amanda Lawton, Gary Ashby, and Pat Riley; that they may join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

#### The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your holy church, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then the Officiant and people say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

All stand. The Officiant says to the people,

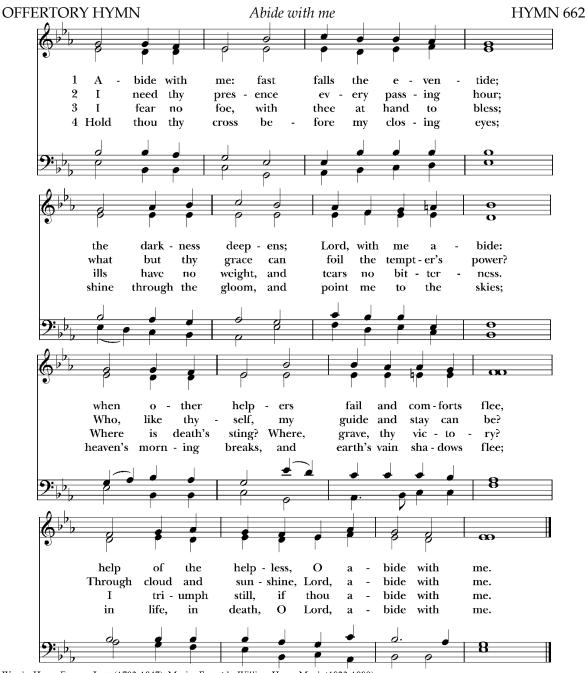
OfficiantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Shine like the Sun* Ivana Chacon, flute arr. Karen E. Black



#### Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

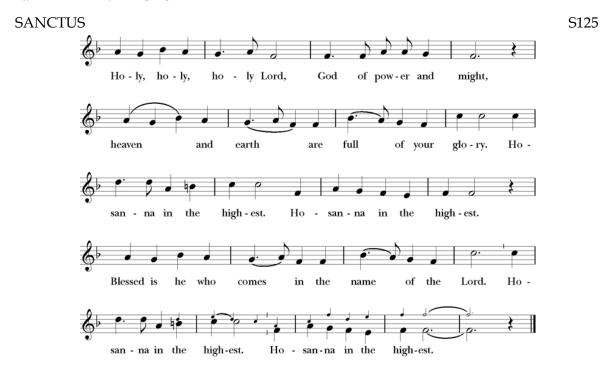
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

	The Lord be with you
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Officiant and People sing together

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: (the People say together)

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The people stand or kneel as the Officiant continues

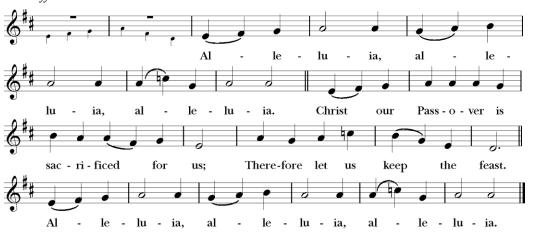
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

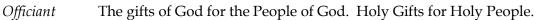


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The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



#### INVITATION



### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine

from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.



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#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

#### The Officiant and People say together:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: Darwall's 148th, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

#### DISMISSAL

OfficiantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Assisting in today's service		
Crucifer	Marti Narezo	
Subdeacon	Jack Baker	
Lector	AJ Walilko	
Prayers of the People	Deborah McMartin-Finkel	
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Greg Wortley	
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley	
Altar Guild	Melissa Blood (chair),	
Members for the Week	Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo	
Ushers	Melissa Blood, Justin Alexander,	
	David Parks, Debbie Parks	
Coffee Hour	Jane Bryce, Larry Clark	
Greeters		
Recycling Team	Jim Milne	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Isaac Francisco	
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks	

Assisting in today's service

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting next Sunday, November 10, 2024		
Crucifer	Greg Wortley	
Subdeacon	Jen Humphries	
Lector	Margaret Schulte	
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd	
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Debbie Parks	
Counters	Larry Clark, Margaret Schulte	
Altar Guild	Nancy Merriman (co-chair), Jane Bryce,	
Members for the Week	Theresa Milne	
Ushers	Joseph Lehning, Michael Hart,	
	Mark Rudd	
Coffee Hour	Barb & Libby Richardson	
Greeters		
Recycling Team	Carol Thomas	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Carrie Freeman	
Vestry Person of the Day	Jane Bryce	

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Our walk in love began early in our relationship. Living in Utah, a Methodist and a Catholic in the land of the Latter-Day Saints, becoming Episcopalian only seemed logical.

When we moved to our current hometown, two things attracted us to the congregation that became our home: a stunning building designed by a world-renowned architect, a perfect setting for two young architects early in their career; and a Boy Scout trailer in the parking lot, perfect for an Eagle Scout from years earlier. Both our children were baptized within the walls of this church. Our son was confirmed and lived his scouting life through the troop chartered by the church. And our daughter has lived her entire spiritual life at our congregation. All of it has been a walk in love.

That walk, and the love that accompanies it, sustained us through a dark time that came suddenly and unexpectedly. In 2021 we tragically lost our 15-year-old son. Our priest brought calm in that devastating moment and was a constant reminder that God walks with us. From the congregation in the days and weeks that followed, meals were prepared, boxes of supplies arrived, there were calls, emails, texts, visits from our community of faith. We never doubted that God was with us, walking with us and, many days, carrying us. Our faith deepened. We were renewed in the unending love of God and upheld by a congregation of friends that gave of their time, their treasures, and their love with no expectation for repayment.

The stewardship of their lives, their walk with us in love, upheld us. Through them, we have experienced how much Christ has loved us. And because of that, we are to able give to others from all the gifts that God has given and to continue to walk in love. [1933-99]

#### Questions for Reflection:

What is the relationship between compassion and generosity? How have you experienced both?



**Todd and Elizabeth** Medd are members of Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota. Through the death of their son, Liam, they established the 4-6-3 Foundation with a mission to provide lifesaving tools, techniques and resources to youth and their parents, coaches, teachers, and mentors to reduce the stigma around depression and end suicide. 463 foundation.org



#### Opportunities for Prayer November 3, 2024

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Joanne, Mike, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, and Ian. \**Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.* 

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Allan & Sally Boron and Jim & Joanne Boulton.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Capital Area United Way, 330 Marshall St #203, Lansing, MI 48912

**We pray for our downtown church community:** Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

**We pray for our worshiping communities**: St. Andrew's, Waterford; St. Margaret's, Santo Domingo, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of Southeast Asia.

**We pray for:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

#### Announcements for the Week of November 3, 2024 – November 9, 2024

**Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner this semester!** Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish we can reheat in a microwave, slow cooker, or toaster oven plus a salad or side, for 6 - 8 people. Meals can be dropped off at Canterbury (225 MAC) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Contact the Rev. Donna McNiel at <u>canterburymsu@gmail.com</u>, for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <u>https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU</u>

**Mission & Outreach:** Please join us in packing lunches for Punks With Lunch today. Meet us in the Merrifield Room. Please pick up a Thanksgiving Dinner grocery lists and a turkey requests from the M&O Bulletin Board if you can help with grocery shopping.. Please bring groceries into the Merrifield Room. We will have a table ready for you. You can bring them anytime, but all groceries and frozen turkeys are needed on November 24<sup>th</sup> when you come to church. Thank you for your support. We're still collecting toilet paper for First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and gently used clothing for Fretail.

**Bulletin:** Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to <u>office@stpaulslansing.org</u> to ensure accuracy.

**All Souls Party today:** Let's celebrate the Saints today during the coffee hour. Be prepared to have fun with activities, games and tasty treats. Wear your church-appropriate costumes if you like. Prizes for those who dress as their favorite saint!

**If Music Be the Food – Saturday, November 16th at 7:00pm:** Please join us. St. Paul's will again be hosting the concert series, "If Music Be the Food". Talented students of the MSU College of Music will be performing a varied selection of music so that we might bring nonperishable food stuffs and monies to support the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Help spread the word and invite everyone you know to be fed with music and spread a table of plenty for our community.

**Silver Bells in the City:** Calling for volunteers to fill bags of popcorn and pass out popcorn at Lansing's Silver Bells in the City on November 22. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. See Barb Heany for more details.

**Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours:** All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

**Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 26th at 6:15pm.** Our good friends from the Nokomis Cultural Center will be joining us. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room. We ask you to bring your favorite dessert to share.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

**Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification:** Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding class in December in the Choir Room from 10am-3pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. Please check the schedule and sign up in the Merrifield Room. Questions? Please contact John David Hawkins h012T@comcast.net.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom. The service will be posted on the St. Paul's Facebook page after being recorded. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

**Recycle ink cartridges:** Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

**St. Paul's Recycling:** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

**Reminder:** Please schedule all meetings with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. Please notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

**Coffee Hour sign up:** We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers. Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

**Please sign up to be a Greeter:** One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room –** Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

**Contributions Last Week:** For the week of October 27, 2024, St. Paul's received **\$5,163** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,755
Operating Income	\$170
United Thank Offering	\$238



#### This Week at St. Paul's November 3, 2024 – November 10, 2024

Sunday, 11/3:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am 11:15am	Noisy Offering Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary All Souls Party - Merrifield Room Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
Monday 11/4:	2:30pm 6:15pm	Staff Meeting Sacred Ground Class - Zoom
Tuesday, 11.5:		Election Day
Wednesday, 11/6:	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 11/7:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 11/8:		Office Closed
Saturday, 11/9:		Neil Bissinger Memorial Service/Committal - Chapel
Sunday, 11/10:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary Coffee Hour

# NECROLOGY 2024

### All the lives lost to the war in Ukraine All the lives lost to the Gaza Conflict All the lives lost to Hurricanes Helene, Milton, & Oscar

Gary Ashby Neal Bissinger Jim Clark Chris Couch Delaine Counseller Helen Deliyanne Eleanor Doersam Richard Engle John & Grace Hawkins Pam Irwin Marian Kendall Chris Krupka Amanda Lawton The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Richardson Pat Riley Bill Stulp Mary Thomas Joan VanAuken Marilyn Waters