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### Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service Wednesday November 22 - 7:00pm at St. Louis Catholic Church

You are invited to join us for the annual Paynesville Thanksgiving Eve Worship services at St. Louis Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 22. Worship will be led by clergy from the Paynesville area and music will be provided by the talented musicians from the area's congregations.



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## Shepherds Voice

## Comfort Creators - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer shawl ministry at PLC? We have several who knit or crochet prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for those in need and our newly baptized.

We want to thank Patti Cremers for leading this group for the past several years. Patti will be stepping down from her role and we are looking for someone to help lead this group. If you are interested please contact Patti Cremers at 320-295-2099 or the church office.



It's hard to believe November is already here, but at the end of this month it will be time to start decorating our beautiful worship space for Christmas. We will be having our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" after 9:00 am worship on Sunday, November 26. We have lots of trees and spaces to decorate so please plan to stay after worship to help out with this fun event. We always love for families to join us and there is always things for everyone to do from young to old. We will have the Christmas tunes going as well to set the mood for the holidays.



The women's Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel. We use the Gather magazine Bible study, there are copies available for those who don't have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday, November 9 at 10:00am the will also be our Thankoffering Service. All are welcome!

## Weather Related Announcements



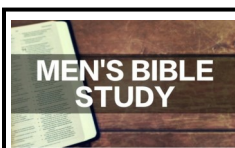
To check on weather related announcements pertaining to Paynesville Lutheran please check our website [www.paynesvillelutheran.org](http://www.paynesvillelutheran.org), our Facebook page; Facebook.com/PaynesvilleLutheran, or the KWLM radio station. Please use your best judgment when venturing out during the winter months.

## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 All Saints Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour 5:30-8:00pm Fellowship Hall in use.	6 12:30pm Quilters	7 3:00-9:30pm Just for Kix	8 9:00am Men's Bible Study 3:00pm iQuest 5:20pm Meal 6:00pm Worship Sowers, Confirmation & Sr. High following worship 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study	10 Veterans' Day	11 Veterans' Day
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## November Birthday Blessings to...

- 1 Paula Geier
- 2 JoAnn Yarmon, Jeremy Reiter, Lincoln Williams
- 4 Andrea Guzy
- 5 Vance Utsch
- 6 Brooks Heimerman
- 7 John Larson, Rowyn Hellermann
- 8 Kaitlin Haase, Paul Shepherd, Allie Stanger
- 9 Alexander Naujokas
- 10 Steve Larson, Garrett Leusink, Ellie Wendroth
- 11 Carol Dreyling, Ashley Eisenbraun, Wyman Nepsund, Kyleigh Tangen, Azalea Utsch
- 12 Kristi Leusink, Arlene Neuman
- 13 Bob Gardner, Melissa Stanley, Vic Wyffels, Brett Lieser
- 14 Bryan Larson
- 15 Morgan Soine
- 16 Callie Bennett
- 17 Brenda Evans, Deb Heitke,
- 18 Josh Hellerman, Henry Jensen, Ann Larson, Arlene Sullivan
- 19 Jamie Fearing, Easton Anderson
- 20 Logan Klein, Natalie Utsch
- 21 Rick Brady, Leland Kuechle
- 22 Stacy Rindahl, Roni Reiter, Collin Bonnema
- 23 Andrew Hendrickson
- 25 Ross Amundson
- 26 Larry Larsen, Wally Payne, Caroline Stanger, Khloey Kleven
- 27 Nora Ellefson, Sue Stahl, Gerald Meyer, Katie Wendroth
- 29 Taylor Reiter, Grayson Nepsund, Carson Moline



The Men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at PLC at 9:00am. Join us as we enjoy time together in Bible Study and fellowship.

## Operation Christmas Outreach

We are pleased to announce we will be working with our local Community Service Center again this year for our "Operation Christmas Outreach" November Mission of the Month!

For those of you who are not familiar with Operation Christmas Outreach: This is an outreach project that our entire congregation has embraced. Our mission of the month for November is to raise funds and awareness for those less fortunate; these funds are used to purchase Christmas gifts for teenagers in our community. This is our way of reaching out to our community and being the hands of Christ. What better time of the year to make Him known to others.

We ask that you pray for the teens in our area that will receive the gifts this Christmas season, that our church may make an everlasting impact that shows Christ loves them and has allowed us to share that love with them at Christmas and within our community each day.

We would encourage you to consider making a donation toward this project, you can do this by simply placing funds in an envelope within the offering and noting it is for "Operation Christmas Outreach" or you could mail your donation to church and ensure you mark it accordingly.



## Snack Donations Wanted for Sr. High Youth Group

Our Sr. High Youth Group meets each Wednesday following our Wednesday worship service. We currently have 10-15 youth joining us each week and we need your help. We are in need of prepackaged snacks and beverage donations for our youth group. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

**Items Needed:** Bottled water, Gatorade, Prepackaged snack



## Christmas Kick-Off Party

Join us on Sunday, December 3 from 2:00-4:00pm for our Christmas Kick Off Party put on by the PLC Youth and Family Board. There will be cocoa and Christmas movies. All kids age 3 and up are invited to join us. Parents can drop off their children and do some Christmas shopping or join us for family time.



## 10:30 Worship Service

We have had many comments from people who want a later worship service. The Worship and Music committee has met and decided that we will trial adding a 10:30 worship service once a month for the months of Sept, Oct and Nov. The 2nd service will be the same as the 9:00 am worship on that Sunday. This trial is not only to gauge the number of people who are interested in attending a later worship service, but also to gauge the feasibility of volunteers (ushers, musicians, altar guild, audio tech, etc..) to manage an ongoing 2nd worship service. We will be polling the people who attend this worship service to help with further decision making. After the November worship, we will revisit the idea as a committee to compile what we have learned during this trial run and make a decision moving forward. **Remember 10:30 am worship November 19.**



## Columbarium

The columbarium is a wonderful way for us to continue to minister to families during some of the most difficult times that we face. If you would like more information about the columbarium check out the churches website or contact the church office.



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Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing so. We thank you in advance for all your continued gifts, financial and otherwise. Please contact the church office for more information.

## Are You Heading South for the Winter?

If you are planning on going south for the winter please contact the church office as soon as possible. The sooner you are able to contact us the easier it will be to get things forwarded in a timely manner. If you gave us this information last year you still need to let us know so we can verify information.



## Poinsettias

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again where we begin planning for the holidays. Again this year you have the opportunity to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone for our Christmas Eve Worship Services. Envelopes are available in the gathering area or you can contact the church office to order. **Cost of the poinsettias is \$12.00 Deadline to place orders is December 4th.**



## Be Part of our Memorial Christmas Tree

Have you ever noticed the different trees that we have around our church building? Have you noticed the tree with all the ornaments and paper tags on it, that tree is our Memory Tree. The ornaments on that tree are given in memory of someone who has passed away and the ornaments usually have a special meaning for the family of that person. You can see who each ornament is remembering by looking at the tag connected to each one.

As we all know, the holidays can be a difficult time as we remember those who we have lost in the years past. If you would like to share an ornament in memory of someone that you love, please feel free to bring an ornament into the church office and we will get you set up with the tag to attach to the ornament. After Christmas the ornaments will be stored away until next year to be used again. As you notice the unique ornaments on the tree, please take a minute to pray for the families whose loved ones are memorialized on the tree.

