

JESUS SAYS...



⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.¹ Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

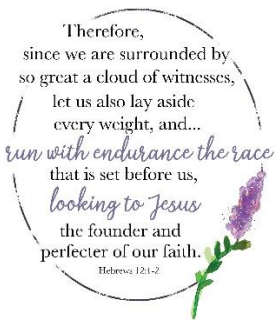
THE EVANGEL

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***ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**Purpose: We are called through Christ to praise God
and love generously**



“Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame,

whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!” Hebrews 12:1-3 (The Message translation)

Discipline in a long-distance race. That’s how this section is titled in Eugene Peterson’s The Message, a wonderful translation of the Bible. It calls to mind all the kinds of “races” with which we have been or are currently bombarded: the 80s/90s rat race, the arms race, the race to the top, the race for the White House, the crypto race, the AI race... Race, race, race. All these options, with thousands of daily ways to get twisted around, drained out, lost.

The poet who penned the lyrical letter to “the Hebrews” - a group of people, not a citizenry in a specific location - doesn’t tell us to stay put. Oh, just the opposite. We’re supposed to run. We’re supposed to run smart, and light, and keep going. Most of all, we’re supposed to run in one direction, with one purpose only. Follow Jesus.

Of all the motifs of a congregation transition process, my favorite imagery is of a “journey.” I like the biblical heft and weight of it. Until the Call Process is initiated, that is. Then the imagery of the “long-distance race” seems to speak of the urgency, the direction and the obstacles of this particular, pivotal moment in the life of the congregation.

Baked into this imperative “Run!” is **trust**. Jesus has already started *and* finished all that you are running in now. There’s no step in your life that Jesus hasn’t already taken and completed first...the good, the bad, the terrible, the terrifying. He did it so that we would be able to see the road, to see the way. He did it so that we also can have confidence that it’s an exhilarating, adrenaline-boosting race who’s only destination is in and with God.

To explain the next steps of the Call Process, think about a marathon. A group of people gather, the starting horn sounds, and, en mass, you take off. That’s the imagine of: the Council discerning that it was the appointed time to enter into the call process, the open process of setting and installing the team, and the opportunities (through a five-week

consecutive series of Congregation Conversations) to listen to one another as we directly answer questions on the Ministry Site Profile - which is the multi-paged document the Call Committee will fill out and submit to the Synod as a synopsis of who you are as this congregation in this time and in this place.

The Call Process at this point is still an open one. There is an invitation for everyone to be heard, for everyone to contribute. Staff will have voice from their specific perspective in this process as well. Ultimately, the choice to run the race is up to every individual to accept and to show up to the invitation.

There's always a "doubting Thomas" group in the race, too. Usually they're driven by unique internal motivations known only to themselves. To those who's hearts may be weighted with what our Hebrew's poet writer calls "spiritual fat", know that this can be a part of the race, too, but it's not healthy to stay in such a state long-term. I'd invite you to heed the call to "go over that (Jesus) story again, item by item" and study how he (Jesus) ran the race. You're running with a team, and the adrenaline that fuels us all is **trust**-in God, made known in Jesus, and in each team member who is striving to keep our eyes on the road Jesus has laid before us.

In a marathon, there are runners who specifically are there to set the pace. If you want to run in under 3 hours, then follow this person. Wanna run in under 3:30? Follow this person. They're the ones that run at the pace that will get you to the finish line by keeping those goals. That's specifically *my* role. I have two major jobs specific to the Office of Intentional Interim Pastor in this run: I make sure you're on the road, and I call out obstacles coming at you.

Like the pacer, I'm making sure you're pointing in the right direction on the road. I'm not here to make a new road for you or set you on a direction "I" think you should be headed. Just the opposite, in fact. The course is set not by me, but by the Call Process itself. You have said you are ready to walk the road of the Call Process. I'm with you to make sure you're following the prescribed race route, that you aren't getting yourself twisted around with directions, and that you aren't "off roading" in random directions. Here's the start, here's the road before you, and there's the finish. I'm keyed into the direction you are setting on the route of the Call Process.

My second job is to call out obstacles that crop up along the way. "Look, there's a truck coming at you." I do not get into the truck and pump the brakes. I do not pull you out of the way. I call out the dangers, the risks, the inevitable glitches that come with running this course. It is YOU who decide how you respond. These are your choices, your work together to decide how you are going to navigate running this race, your choice of

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candidates and your decision in calling your next pastor. It is the ultimate trust work of a congregation: believing that you have the best interests of each other at heart, believing that the folks that have been called up to speak into this process are listening hard and loving this faith community deeply, trusting that they are deliberately choosing to follow Jesus for the abiding love of this whole faith family, and confidently supporting them as we're all purposefully running together in the only direction that matters, to Jesus.

Welcome to the very next steps of the Call Process.

Congregation Conversations will be lead on five consecutive Sundays: October 20 & 27 & November 3, 10 & 17. They will be in the Fellowship Hall from 10:45 - 12noon. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. If you have any questions about the process and would like deeper conversation, please reach out to me. I'm here to listen and to help.

Pastor Katrina



THE CALL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET!

The Congregation Council, after prayerful and thorough deliberation and by unanimous vote, has affirmed the following to serve as our Call Committee: Sherry Cracium-Bolin (Council Representative), Wayne Butler, Lucille Farrington, Michelle Johnson, Sally Lovelace, and Jon Shaw. The alternate is Justin Hicks.

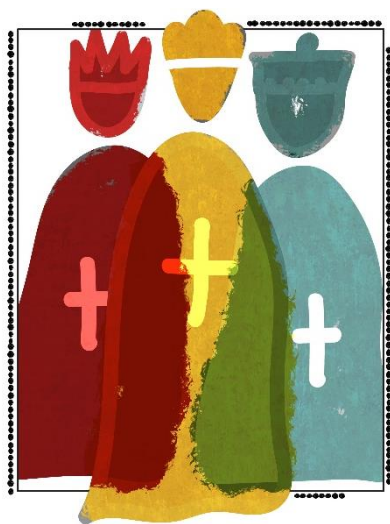
The Call Committee and alternate were installed on Sunday, September 22, in the worship service.

Join us in praying for this process, God's call forward in our ministries, and for these fellow siblings in Christ who will play an important role in our next steps.

There will be several opportunities to continue to help shape the direction of our future and name what kind of pastoral leadership will best partner with us. CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS will be held on Sundays, October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17. They will be for 90 minutes immediately following the worship service and held in Fellowship Hall.

God be praised for the abundance of blessings and for the exciting next steps our congregation is taking into our future!

Frank Hueske, Congregation Council President
on behalf of the entire St. Paul's Council



FOR ALL THE SAINTS...

All Saints' Day this year is observed on Nov. 3rd. From the introduction of this day in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal resource:

"All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we

gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem."

One of the beloved traditions of this day is naming those members of the congregation who have died since last All Saints' Day. Those names will be lifted up during the Prayers of the People, with accompanying toll of the bells and other traditional recognition.

Again this year, we are inviting you to submit names of ANY of your beloved people who have died - regardless of the year they died - to be lifted up during the worship service. You may submit any names that are significant for you and may submit as many names as you would like to lift up. We will read those names and sit together in that remembrance during communion. You can write your loved ones name on a slip of paper and put it in the offering plate or place it in the slot on the church office door. Specify that the name(s) are for All Saints'. You can also call or email the church office (717-637-5941 or stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net) to submit names to be read on Nov. 3rd. Please submit your names no later than Sunday, October 27th.

We also invite you to bring a photo of any loved ones who have died. You're invited to place those photos on the tables in the worship space during All Saints' Worship. So great a cloud of witnesses with whom we will gather around the table this year!

Any questions, please ask any member of the Worship and Music team (Suzanne Butler, Donna Lehman and Dave Maus).



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS,
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES AND COFFEE HOUR**

Children, 3 years through 6th grade, will be dismissed after communion (approximately 10:30 am) during the announcement time. From 10:30 - 10:50 will be music time with Ms. Gretchen. Once a month we will also share a musical offering with the congregation during the Worship Service at 9:30am.

From approximately 10:50 - 11:30 am will be Faith Formation time with rotating teachers. We meet in the courtyard on the 2nd floor of the education wing every Sunday.

If you would like to assist with Faith Formation either as the required 2nd adult present (no planning or participation required) or by leading a rotation, please contact Lynne Thompson at elynnnet@comcast.net. Thank you!

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes, will be held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge,** to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30 am.

This class will not be held on October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 so that everyone can attend the Congregation Conversations.

COFFEE HOUR will be held in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service.

On October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 Coffee Hour will be held in Fellowship Hall so that everyone can attend the Congregation Conversations.

Please Join Us!!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION began October 1 and will run through November 10. Boxes are available on the table outside the sanctuary. Please consider taking part in this important ministry as they spread the gospel message to children around the world.



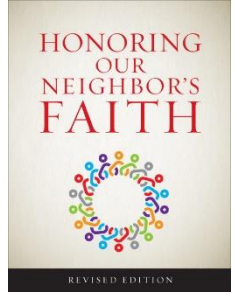
CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following

worship on Sundays, October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 and as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina

in the fellowship hall. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - All are

welcome to join us Monday evenings at 7 pm in the church lounge. We will be using "Honoring Our Neighbors Faith, A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America" by Robert Buckley Farlee. Hundreds of Christian denominations and dozens of non-Christian traditions have followers in the United States. How do we view this wide variety of beliefs and practices? How does the Lutheran tradition



compare with others? Since its release in 1999, *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* has been widely embraced as a valuable resource for congregational study or personal exploration around these questions.

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith Revised Edition brings new light and nuance to these questions, which are as timely and vital as ever. Use this book to explore thirty-two faith traditions that represent a wide spectrum of beliefs or stand out due to their size or public profile in America. Each tradition constitutes a "chapter" that includes key teachings, worship patterns and practices, and how each is governed. This revision also includes updated statistics, enhanced tools for group study and discussion, and updated resource and website lists to facilitate further study.

Can't commit to every Monday? No problem! Please join us as your schedule allows!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, & 17 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10 & 24 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine—Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins— Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10 & 17 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame— Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24 (\$10 each date)

OCTOBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING



October's DESIGNATED GIVING will go to our sponsored church in Tanzania. Funds that we send to our sponsored church will greatly help them in establishing a building where they can worship along with other necessities for their use. In building a relationship with our sponsored church, we can help spread the word and love of our God, not only to the members of our community, but to people in another part of the world.

MEN in MISSION BOOK SALE AND BREAKFAST

October is here and the Men in Mission's Used Book Sale will be held on Friday, October 11th, 9am to 3pm, and Saturday, October 12th, 9am to 12pm. If you would like to donate any books, DVD's, or puzzles please place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office for arrangements for someone to pick them up prior to the day of the sale.



Men in Mission

Also on Saturday, October 12th we will be having a pancake, scrambled eggs, and sausage breakfast along with a beverage from 7am-10am. A suggested donation of \$5.00 is asked.

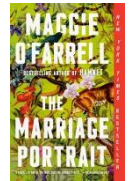
Donations raised from these two events are used to support our Youth.



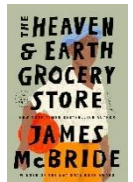
ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

DATE CHANGE--**Book Club members** remember that we changed the date for the October meeting. We will be meeting **Wednesday, October 23, 2024** at 12:30pm in the Lounge. We will be discussing The Marriage Portrait

by Maggie O'Farrell. This is a story about Lucrezia di Cosimo de'Medici and her marriage to Alfonso II d'Este, Duke of Ferrara. It takes place in 1560. The Christian Science Monitor says, "Captivating...O'Farrell's latest masterpiece presents a sumptuous portrait of a woman's purposeful determination to break the bars of her gilded cage." Join us for a good discussion and fellowship. Remember to bring a lunch or a snack.



Please email Janet Haack (jmhaack@comcast.net) your suggestions for books for next year if you haven't already done so. Janet would like to have them ready to pass out to the group in October so you have a chance to look over the books others have recommended. We will vote in November and set up 2025 schedule at the November 20, 2024 meeting where we will be discussing The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.



Youth and Family News

Changes are coming to our Youth and Family Ministry group! Join us on **Sept. 29** as we celebrate our past and look to the future. Check the Youth and Family ministry bulletin board for pictures and updates...as well as the weekly bulletin for details. Join us...and bring friends!



"I praise you, for I AM
FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE.
Wonderful are your works that I
know very well."
Psalm 139:14

Sept. 29 Youth and Family kick-off!
(following worship)

Oct. 13 Hanover Area CROP Walk
(at Codorus 1:00)

Oct. 27 SPYKids: Faith Formation
(10:50-11:30)

SPY: Lunch Bunch
(12:00-2:00)

Nov. 24 SPYKids: Family Game Day
(10:45 - noon)

Nov. 29 SPYKids: Parents Night Out
(6:00 - 8:00)
SPY: Parents Night Out/Lock In
(5:30 - 1:00pm Saturday)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR our Family
Lock In on Dec. 27 & 28!**

CONFIRMATION

All youth gr. 7 and up, whether or not you've affirmed your baptism (!), are invited to casual conversations about our Lutheran faith. We'll use parts of "Gathering reMix" (reflections from the Gathering) as well as other resources to discuss the tenets of our faith and how to be disruptive disciples in God's world. Look for more info soon...won't you join us?

All Saints' Confirmation Camp is **June 8-13, 2025** and is open to youth completing 6th grade through 9th grade. Plan NOW to join us with other Conference youth!

SPYKids

Kids (though gr. 6) and families join us once a month for an activity geared to you! We'll gather in the Gathering Room each month to kick off the planned activity.

We've got an exciting fall season planned! Check out the Youth and Family bulletin board in the hallway for up-to-date plans and information.

SPY

Youth (gr. 7-12) are invited to join our SPY group for quarterly (or so) activities and a Lunch Bunch other months. Here's what's planned so far:

Parents' Night Out/Lock-In: **Nov. 29-30**
(activities for children till 8 followed by fun for older youth overnight).

Winterfest, a synod event for youth in Gr. 9-12 will be held on **Jan. 3-5, 2025**. We hope to have a group attend! Mark your calendars NOW! Registration is due DECEMBER 1!

Our retreat at Nawakwa is scheduled for Feb. 14-16, 2025. You don't want to miss it!

Contacts: Deb-- debsowers@gmail.com OR 717.586.0596
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GLEANINGS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2024 GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL



Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35
“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me”
 Matthew 25:40

- After prayerful and thorough deliberation and by unanimous vote, council affirmed Sherry Cracium-Bolin (Council Representative), Wayne Butler, Lucille Farrington, Michelle Johnson, Sally Lovelace and Jon Shaw to the Call Committee. Council affirmed Justin Hicks as an alternate to the Call Committee. Please pray for the members of the Call Committee as they serve on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul’s.
- At the September council meeting, the Congregation Council disbanded the Renovation Taskforce as current renovation projects are completed. Remaining projects, short and long-term, were turned over to the Property Committee. Thank you to those who served on the taskforce!
- The Audit Committee completed the six-month review ending June 30th.
- Next council meeting is October 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me”
 Matthew 25:40

ATTENDANCE

Sept. 164	Facebook Live..... 11
Sept. 8101	Facebook Live..... 12
Sept. 1580	Facebook Live..... 14
Sept. 2281	Facebook Live..... 11
Sept. 2975	Facebook Live..... 15

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Aug. 31 11	Sept. 7 19
Sept. 14 11	Sept. 21 15
Sept. 28 6	

ON ALL SAINTS DAY, November 3, 2024

WE REMEMBER, WITH THANKFULNESS to God, all who lived their lives and dwell in the fellowship of God's kingdom. We especially remember those persons who, during the past year, have passed on to the Church Triumphant.



Joann Klinedinst
Timothy Smith
Lynn Kiick

Lois Brandt
Gerald Sprengle, Jr.
Gloria Zercher

Allen Defibaugh
Sheila Trump

The Faith In Action Committee would like **to thank everyone** who helped to make our School Kit project such a success. All of you who purchased supplies, gave money for supplies and shipping, and all those who came to the God's Work, Our Hands Ministry Fair to help fill the backpacks and box them up so that they could be taken to New Windsor, made this project such a success. We filled **118 School Kits** for Lutheran World Relief . Thanks to Diana Leppo for loading up her car and helping to get the Kits to New Windsor, MD. Some extra materials were packed up to keep for next year's School Kits project and the rest of the items not needed were given to New Hope Ministries. Blessings to everyone for your generosity of time and talents. A job well done.



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