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ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE ♥



FRIDAY, OCT 18TH
5:30PM-7:30PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00AM

*Harvest
Sunday*



Pastor's Reflections

As I write these reflections to you it is raining outside. Yes, that is right, it is raining. Think about this for a minute. How many times have you talked about it raining or not raining in the last several weeks? What about praying? Have you been praying for rain? I have! It has been so dry, dusty, and hot lately. The ground around my house did have grass but does not seem to these days. I hope it comes back.

The lack of rain has brought drought conditions to our area. Do you ever feel “in a drought” when it comes to your spiritual life? Things are so dry and confusing, and you wonder when God will bring a bit of refreshing “rain” to your spirit.

In our adult forum here at St Paul we have been exploring the Celtic spirituality of “thin places.” Thin places are where the “veil” between heaven and earth is “thin.” As I think about thin places, I am reminded of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians in chapter 13 where he writes these words: “now we see in a mirror dimly then we shall see face to face.” Seeing our Lord and Savior. Thin places refresh our spirits. They are places here in our lives where we get a glimpse of God and God’s awesome otherness.

This October we will celebrate the Reformation once again. Do you suppose that Luther and his spirit were dry? He had been doing the same thing in the same way. Not to say repetition is bad. But from what I can understand about Luther is that the meaning of what he was saying and doing seems to have gotten lost. Something inside him was calling him to call his beloved church to reformation. To do different.

At the last Council meeting the leaders here reflected on scripture. The scripture focused around the two great commandments that Jesus identifies: love God and love neighbor as yourself. It was a good discussion. Do you suppose that the rain and refreshment of the spirit is reminding us a people of God to love. To love as God loves – unconditionally and without reserve.

That all sounds simple – LOVE. Then of course the tricky part is how to LOVE and be about God’s love and Neighbor love daily. I think we do well here at St Paul. For me sharing God love and Neighbor love is one of the thin places in my life. I pray it is for you also.

Thankful for the rain. Thankful for a God who gives us Jesus. Thankful for you all as you partake of the “living water” that is Jesus in sharing God love and Neighbor love.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

I hope you enjoyed our annual Worship and Picnic at Ritter Park. As in the past few years, the praise band Render the Hearts did a great job and we are grateful for them. It's always nice for me to partake in the Service as part of the congregation, rather than as a musician: a totally different experience!

During the summer months, we usually use Setting 10 of the liturgy, because the choir is on break and Setting 10 does not require a cantor. After the picnic, we switched to Setting 4. Starting with the first Sunday in Advent, we will go to Setting 5. We are lucky to have a wonderful choir and several strong singers who are comfortable canting and singing solo passages.

In this context, I'd like to commend Keith Wellman on a beautiful Baritone solo in an anthem setting of "Built on A Rock" on Sunday, Sept. 22. This hymn tune is very appropriate for Reformation, and we might repeat the anthem then. Since I sensed an interest, I'd also like to use it to share and some details about playing the organ during Worship:

Our organ has two manuals (keyboards for the hands), and a pedal board (for the feet). There are 13 ranks (sets of pipes), each of them with a distinct sound (some sound like flutes, there are two that sound like strings (very soft), one like a bassoon, one like a trumpet, etc. I can distribute these ranks between the three keyboards to create a certain sound. This is called registration, and I will write more about it in a future newsletter.

Hymn playing is somewhat different from playing "concert" music for prelude and postlude. The notes for the hymns are usually sight-readable for me and I don't need to practice them much, if I want to simply play the music as printed with bass support in the pedals. However, there are some advanced hymn playing techniques, namely playing with a solo stop and re-harmonization.

Hymn Playing with a Solo Stop

The difficulty in playing with a solo stop stems from the note distribution between hands and feet. In a four-part texture (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) on the piano for instance, the left hand always plays the lowest line (bass) and the right hand the top voice (soprano) plus one or two of the middle voices. When playing with a solo stop on the organ, the right hand *only* plays the soprano (that's the hymn melody) using one "solo" rank of pipes (for instance the bassoon or trumpet: one of the louder ranks), the left hand plays the two middle voices on the second keyboard (alto and tenor, set to a combination of different, much softer ranks, usually flutes), and the bass line is played by the feet on the pedal board. This can get confusing!

Henning

The image shows a handwritten musical score for the hymn "Built on a Rock". The score is written on two staves: a treble staff for the right hand and a bass staff for the left hand. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. Handwritten annotations in blue, green, and red ink are used to indicate which organ part (Right Hand, Left Hand, or Feet) plays which notes. The right hand plays the soprano line (melody). The left hand plays the alto and tenor lines. The feet play the bass line. The annotations are as follows: a blue circle around the first two notes of the right hand staff, a green circle around the first two notes of the left hand staff, and a red circle around the first two notes of the bass staff.

RIGHT HAND

LEFT HAND

FEET

1 Built on a rock the chu
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples ma
3 Christ builds a house of li
4 Yet in this house, an ea

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

As it quickly changes seasons from summer to fall, the youth are making use of this beautiful weather and using their hands to do God's work. The youth have started cleaning out the back playground area. It has become overgrown and a bit out of control. We have had help from Tom Kist and Kenny Kirby to remove two trees that have grown into wires and the fence line. The other youth and parents have been active to take part in pulling weeds, raking and cleaning up the back as well. It is looking so much better. We have one more work day planned to finish pulling weeds, power washing the equipment, and cleaning and covering the outdoor grill. We have a new swing to hang and some ideas about upgrading the playground at a later date. Our plan was to have a nice playground area during Blessing of the Animals and Trunk or Treat, on Friday, October 18th, so kids or animals will have a quiet area if in need.

We enjoyed a wonderful church picnic and Rally Day at Ritter Park on September 15th with "Render the Hearts" as our musical guests. The weather was perfect. We had about 100 enjoy the uplifting music and worship service outside and evangelized with others in the park. During worship a few of our 3rd graders were recognized and given new bibles. After worship, we packed 100 Blessing bags with hygiene needs, water, snacks, socks and gift cards. This was a great way to use our hands to do God's work. We will pass bags out to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Our congregation enjoyed food, fellowship, dancing and a day of service. It was a wonderful experience to see the sea of red with "Go in peace, Serve the Lord" all over the place. Whether music was enjoyed, the scripture and word, the food, the sharing of packing blessing bags, or the free coffee from 7 Brew Coffee, a good time was had by all. The youth always enjoy free play with one another at the park.

Sunday school and CCC have started back up in full force. The youth love coming together to learn and to share God's word and for fellowship and fun. We had our CCC Kickoff at Ritter Park. We had Domino's pizza and celebrated Daniel Kist's 11th birthday with an ice cream cake from Baskin Robins. The kids enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and fresh air as they played on the swings and equipment, ziplined, roller skated or played in the sand box. We stayed a bit longer to embrace a few more minutes of the wonderful day that God made. Our little group was glad to be reunited and are excited for the days ahead. Sunday school has started and we had one more day of clean up and service outside to clean up the playground. The youth learned sometimes outside work can be hard but what a difference it makes when the job is being done with many hands to make the work load lighter. We will finish the playground clean up and look forward to playing back there once again. We also plan to have a cookout on a youth night before the weather gets cold.

On Friday, October 18th from 5:30-7:30pm, we will be hosting Blessing of the Animals and Trunk or Treat. This is our 13th Trunk or Treat event but the first time we will hold the two events together. The animals will be blessed in front of the church and Trunk or Treat will be held in the parking lot. The back playground area will be an area used for animals, children, and adults who need a quiet space. We plan to have many trunks and festivities this year. We will have popcorn, hotdogs, apple cider, smores, hand painting, a cookie walk, games and many decorated trunks with candy. Please sign up to set up a trunk and dress up for Trunk or Treat. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can call or message me anytime. We always need volunteers to help with this event. Girl Scouts will also be helping, as they always give back to the church and help sponsor this event. If you cannot volunteer, we are asking you to help by donating items needed. We will be collecting bags of candy and packages of cookies for the cookie walk. There will be a green tub in Narthex to collect these items for the next couple of weeks. I hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this event this year. Let's make it the best Blessing of the animals and Trunk or Treat ever!

As we journey through the rest of the year, remember this: God has entrusted us with unique gifts and talents. We should step into our calling with confidence and courage. Let's do something extraordinary with everything God has given us. We were created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples of the Lord. We are destined for Greatness! Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR OCTOBER

October 6

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Konzett
Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread Provider:
Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

October 20

Reader: Barbara Garnett
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Acolyte: Kennady Kist
Ushers:
Bread Provider:
Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

October 13

Reader: Linda Schneider
Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Bread Provider:
Children's Sermon: Jill May

October 27

Reader: David Stuart
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers:
Bread Provider:
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

ALTAR GUILD

John and Nola Scott



Hello St. Paul friends!

November 10 will be an extra-special Sunday during morning worship as we are planning to honor our veterans from the congregation. Hopefully, all have registered with the church listing his/her service to our country. In order to include everyone in the congregation, the quilters will be providing each with a poppy to wear. You may honor or memorialize any veteran with a ribbon on the poppy which will include the veteran's name. For example, you may list family members or friends who have served whether they are living or not. You may honor as many veterans as you wish including their names on the ribbons. The quilters are asking for a \$5 donation for each name included on the poppy to help defray the costs of the special project they are providing for our congregational veterans. If you are unable to attend The Service on November 10, you may still order a poppy with names to wear. Contact Norma Gensler or Creigh Pemberton from the quilters. We ask for God's blessing on our veterans as we thank them for their service.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

~Lt. Col John McCrae



Worship and Picnic in the Park

Thanks to everyone who helped pack the Blessing Bags for the Homeless!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

18 BILL AND JANET GRIMES
21 RYAN AND PEARL BISHOP



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ron Pease
3 Clarice Kumlien
6 Kathy Rea
7 Abby Bell; Brandy Andrus
8 Henning Vauth
10 Andrew Wellman
13 Myles Brown
15 Lisa Kelley
16 Cameron May; Crystal Freels
20 Adriana Bakely
28 Will Lindberg; Janet Grimes
29 Susan Kelz
31 Dolly Oshel; Brooklynn Utley



The Book Club meeting has been rescheduled for October 2 at 10:00am. in the parlor. We will be discussing "The Marrowbone Marble Company" by Glen Taylor. Please join us!



**RECYCLE
INK CARTRIDGES**

Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.



If you need Pastoral care for any reason, sickness, surgery, hospital stay, other concerns, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Mackey. He would love to visit with you and offer prayer. His cell phone number is 724-212-9393. You may also call the church office at 304-525-9630 if you would like to be added to the prayer chain.

Join Our Bible Study Group

**We will be looking
at the
Weekly lessons**

**THURSDAYS AT NOON
BRING YOUR LUNCH
ALL ARE WELCOME**



The readings listed below are emailed to the congregation Monday-Friday along with a suggestion for contemplating the scripture. If you are not currently receiving the daily devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX



WE PRAY FOR:



LaDonna, Helen,
Deanna, Laura, Sue,
Meredith, Francesca,
Lauren, Carissa, James,
Curt, David, Cindy, Gloria
and Jeff.

If you would like to add
someone to the prayer
list please call the church
office.

Sept. 30-Oct. 4: Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews
1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16
October 7-11: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17,
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31
October 14-18: Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16,
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45
October 21-25: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46,
Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

Reformation
SUNDAY
GRACE ALONE FAITH ALONE
SCRIPTURE ALONE

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

10:00am

Remember to wear red



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of October we will be collecting boxes of Mac and Cheese for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.





NOISY OFFERING FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Start collecting your change!! Through the end of the year, on the first Sunday of each month, our youth will collect a “noisy offering” in celebration of ELCA World Hunger’s 50th Anniversary.

Our goal is to raise \$1000.00 by December 31.

Your change can make a big change for those who are hungry!

We will have a couple of special collection days:

October 27 Reformation Sunday

November 17 for Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve worship

We have collected
\$675.00 so far!

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the Blessing Bags through Amazon or with an ornament from our Christmas in August tree. And thank you to everyone who helped pack up the bags at the picnic. We were able to put together 100 bags to hand out to those in need. Extra bags are in a plastic container in the narthex—please feel free to take more bags to give away to someone you see in need. A special thank you to Creigh Pemberton for facilitating this project and putting in lots of time to make it happen.

SCHOOL HAS STARTED!

Your donations will help provide weekend meals for students at Southside Elementary School.

Backpack items are an ongoing need throughout the school year. We provide 25 backpacks each week! If you can help by donating any of the items below, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the church office.



fruit cups	applesauce
Mac and Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Beef sticks	Cereal
Pop Tarts	Fruit snacks
Drink boxes	Shelf stable milk
tuna salad/crackers	chicken salad/crackers

All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30am Quilting Pastor at QRT	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Harvest Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum/Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	NO Noon Bible Study Pastor at Conference Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum/Sunday School	Church Office closed	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study	5:30-7:30 Trunk or Treat and Blessing of the Animals	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum/Sunday School 12:15pm Council Meeting	Pastor at QRT	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study 6:00pm Girl Scouts		
27	28	29	30	31		
Reformation Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum/Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		



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Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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