



# ST. PAUL VISITOR OCTOBER 2022

*The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to CELEBRATE and PROCLAIM to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.*



We pray for...

LaDonna, Anne, Judy, Debbie, Al, Dave, Elizabeth, Jon, Abby, Tom, Helen, Ernie, Patty, Corissa, Alyssa, Myles, Jerome, Charles, Bryan, Clarice and Arlene.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing. Amen.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 8

6:30PM-8:30PM  
IN THE PARKING LOT

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!



## HARVEST SUNDAY

October 9

10:00am



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.

## Pastor's Reflections

Over the past couple of months, I have had to deal repeatedly with customer service people. Some of these customer service people in the call centers have been helpful and friendly, others not so much. This "not so much" may have to do with my frustration with the automated system that does not get me to a real person without multiple phone calls and waiting. It also may be that people are overworked and underpaid at these centers. I often wonder about the people in the centers. Where are they located? What are the daily burdens they have inadvertently brought to work with them. It must be a hard job to talk to people on the phone who have a problem and do this day after day.

All of this made me think about how we in our culture relate to one another. Are we just too busy to take time to talk to someone? Is it all about profits and money for the investors and getting on to the next thing on our list? Customer service automated systems are just one place I have seen the "hurry up and get it done" culture we live in. This past Sunday as I was driving to church on Route 64 a white car in the passing lane, right before Hal Greer Blvd. exit, raced past me. I thought the driver had an emergency and was going to Cabell Hospital. The driver kept going. My first thought is I pray that car does not have an accident, and someone ends up getting badly hurt.

Jesus, in the gospel of Luke, frequently goes away to a quiet place. He does this to reconnect. to pray, and to be with his Father in Heaven. How do you do this? Are you taking time to be in a quiet place, to rest and be? It is so hard to do these days. It is as if we must make up for the "lost" time we were in pandemic mode and isolated. I am convinced that when I do this I can address the challenges that everyday life throws at me in a mindful kind of way, with a non-anxious presence. Jesus was a non-anxious presence most of his ministry. There is one exception and that is when his anger gets the better of him when he overturns the moneychangers in the Temple.

This October, as every October, we celebrate the Reformation. The beginning of something new in the church. We Lutherans are products of this something new. What does this "new" mean for all of us? Where are we going as church? Are we anxious or non-anxious about our future? Seems to me this is where we are, to quote a favorite line of a beloved hymn: "leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus" as we move forward together. We move forward focused on Word and Sacrament. We move forward in hope knowing that God is with us and will keep us into the unknown.

May God and Bless us this day as we seek to God's servants in the world.

Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor Mackey <><

PS: Hopefully, in the next month or so I will be beginning a weekly blog on our website. Keep a watch for it at: [www.stpaulhuntington.org](http://www.stpaulhuntington.org)

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

The music ministry wouldn't exist without the support and involvement from our church members – be it Keith Wellman who skill- and soulfully fills in for me when I am traveling, Carolyn Becker's daughters and grandchildren as visiting guest artists (we just heard Kamine Haghighi's beautiful voice in the anthem "On Eagle's Wings"), or our choir, whose members meet every week at 7 pm to enjoy music-making and socializing. There is also you, the congregation – I think I have mentioned several times in previous letters: It is a wonderful thing to hear your collective voices soaring up in the organ loft!

The month of October will be framed by two beautiful anthems: On October 2, we will sing "My God, How Wonderful" with music from the Scottish Psalter from 1615 and a text written in 1849 by the English Pastor and hymn writer Frederick Faber. I am also looking forward to Reformation Sunday on October 30, one of my favorite Sundays in the church year. As always, we will sing the hymn "A Mighty Fortress" together (and I hope you will make our church walls shake!). The St. Paul Choir will perform "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast," set to an 18<sup>th</sup>-century melody by D. Vetter, and with a text by – you guessed it – Martin Luther. The music on Harvest Sunday (October 9) will be appropriately themed, as well. Hymn selections include: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" and "As the Grains of Wheat."

Last, a quick look back: I hope you enjoyed having the praise band "Render the Hearts" again for our annual Worship and picnic at the park earlier this month. We had a great turn out, especially considering the weather, and your classically trained music director almost feels like a veteran praise band member now!

As always, if you are interested in joining the choir or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to talk to me after Worship on Sundays, email [vauth@marshall.edu](mailto:vauth@marshall.edu), or call 585-410-7659.

Again: Thank you!

Henning



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

It's Fall Y'all! This is an expression that I thought I would never use. This fall seems to have come very quickly. On the first day, the weather was cooler and the leaves were blowing out of the trees and we are reminded of change.

Isn't it funny how the weather can be parallel with situations in our lives. The change happens so quickly. We have no choice but to hang on for the ride.

We had a wonderful worship service and church picnic on September 11th at Ritter Park. Children of God rejoiced, praised, sang, prayed, danced and delighted in fun and fellowship. It was amazing to see our church family all together again. "Render the Hearts" shared in spirit with their blessings of music. We took time to remember those who were lost on this day and to pray for the families who suffered loss. God provided beautiful weather and the Holy Spirit was flowing in our midst. Our church picnic always sets the tone for what is to come next... Rally Day.

We started Sunday school once again! The youth are ready to be back in the classroom this year. No more Zoom Sunday school and we all smile with relief. Our first lesson back was about the rich man and the sick man, Lazarus. In the story, we focus on the fact that Lazarus is close to God and that the rich man is selfish and far from God. We all know God loves us and helps us daily. We are supposed to help others always. The youth did not understand why the rich man did not help Lazarus! I explained we are always to help those in need. I gave the kids an example story from my week. I ran the book fair at Kellogg Elementary. I noticed random acts of kindness everywhere. Children were giving money to kids that did not have money and sacrificing what they were going to get for themselves. Some kids would leave change for other kids at the register in case somebody needed it. These seemed like such adult decisions. They were actually simple acts of kindness. We have 335 children at Kellogg. I received a grant and other donations of money to help provide books for those who did not get them. I received over \$400 to help 45 children at the school to get books. All 335 children went home with a book from the book fair this year. God is amazing. God uses his children to work together to help benefit others. We discussed the first thing we do every morning. The youth said get dressed, get a shower, eat breakfast, and get ready for school. So, I said this is where we need to make a change. The first thing we should do when we get up is open our eyes and open our ears and look up and look to God! If we put God first everyday and offer thanks and praise, we are starting our day off right! We just have to make the change. The youth are practicing this each day.

CCC/LYO kickoff was a breakfast for dinner and game night. We played an interactive game with rolling a large die about all of our favorites, just to get discussion started and bring the youth back together. The youth played Candyland, a shark game, checkers, go fish and memory. We ended our evening with a new way to pray with Legos.

We prayed for ourselves, we prayed for others, we prayed for our similarities, we prayed for our differences, and we prayed for our unity and how God brings us together as one.

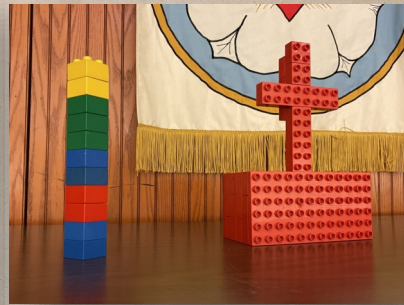
We will continue to use Lego prayer and build each week with our Legos. We look forward to seeing our end creation!

Our 11th annual Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 8th from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome to help out with this. We still need trunks to be set up and people to hand out candy. We also need donations of candy. There is a green basket outside the Narthex. If you would like to help out, please just contact me. We would love to have a community of our congregation to share in the fun & festivities and evangelize with the youth in our community. It is always a joyous and festive night!

Dear Heavenly Father,

Help us to recognize change in our surroundings and change within ourselves that we may help those around us in need. Help us to open our eyes and ears daily that we may see and hear you first, Lord. Thank you for all of the seasons of change! Help us to be the children you created us to be. One in love, faith and grace. Lord, lead us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

May you enjoy all of God's Blessings Always,  
Your Loving sister in Christ,  
Jill



Game Night at CCC



### News From Church Council

The church council had a meeting on Sunday, September 16, 2022 at noon in the library. The meeting went very well, and the Ministry Committees shared a lot of great things going on around St. Paul. Just a few highlights of the events/ reports include:

- Annual St. Paul Picnic with Render the Heart and Henning providing beautiful music with wonderful Fellowship
- The Backpack Ministry is serving 25 children this year
- Updating of the 'Use of the Church Facilities Policy'
- Fellowship Committee preparing to re-form and organize the Fellowship Teams
- A lot of building work and upkeep happening to the structure

Next meeting is October 9, 2022 at noon in the library, and church members are welcome to attend. As a reminder, the church council meetings are always open for anyone to attend.

For a complete set of church council minutes and/or the financial statements, please request a copies from the Church Office and stop by to pick them up at your convenience.

Also, thank you to Pastor Mackey and the Church Council members for your passion, love and dedication to St. Paul Lutheran Church. You are appreciated!

Jenny Murray



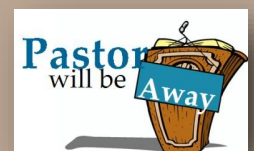
Worship and Picnic at Ritter Park



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School	1:00pm Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	12:00pm Staff Meeting 12:00pm Bible Study on YouTube		6:30-8:30 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Harvest Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Forum/ Sunday School 12:00pm Council 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands	7:00pm Writer's Group	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	12:00pm Bible Study on YouTube		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	10:30am Conference Meeting here 12:00pm Bible Study on YouTube		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School		9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Pastor at QRT	7:00pm Choir	12:00pm Bible Study on YouTube 1:30pm Social Ministry		
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<b>Reformation</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School	1:00pm Woman's Club 12:00pm Pastor at QRT					

Pastor will be away on October 16. Lois Broyles will be here to lead us in worship.





## CANDY DONATIONS

We need lots of candy for Trunk or Treat. If you can donate a bag or two please have them here by October 7. A container will be in the narthex for your donations.

## BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00am  
in the Parlor

The Book Club is returning! We will be discussing "The Cider House Rules" by John Irving for our first meeting. Please try to have the book read before the meeting.

All are welcome to join us!

Please see Kathy Mackey if you have any questions.



## DECORATIONS NEEDED!

The Worship and Music committee will be decorating the church for Harvest Sunday. They would appreciate any decorations you can give or lend for the occasion. Please see Linda Hay for more information.

If you are available at noon on Saturday, October 8, Linda would appreciate help with decorating.



## CHRYSANTHEMUMS

If you would like to purchase a mum (or more) to help decorate for Harvest Sunday, please fill out the form in the bulletin and place in the offering plate along with a check or cash. The cost is \$5.00 for an 8 inch mum. Forms must be turned in by October 2 for the dedication to be included in the bulletin. You may take your plants home after worship on the 9th.



## WORSHIP HELPERS

### October 2

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Reader: Ruthann Arneson  
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman  
Bread: Arneson  
Crucifer: Katie Dowis  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers: Tiffany Chapman  
Flowers:

### October 16

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman  
Reader: Steve Golder  
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray  
Bread: Arneson  
Crucifer: Cameron May  
Acolyte: DeLaney Utley  
Ushers:  
Flowers: Lisa Kelley

### October 30

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
Reader: Owen Murray  
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton  
Bread:  
Crucifer: Jacob Hale  
Acolyte: Katie Dowis  
Ushers:  
Flowers: Linda Hay

### October 9

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder  
Reader: Annette DuVall  
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
Bread: Murray  
Crucifer: Ethan Arneson  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers:  
Flowers: Wellman

### October 23

Assisting Minister: David Stuart  
Reader: Doug Korstanje  
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder  
Bread: Murray  
Crucifer: Alex Mackey  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers:  
Flowers: Garnett

**ALTAR GUILD:** Linda Schneider



OCTOBER IS  
PASTOR  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH

**Daily Devotional**  
in your inbox



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) with your email address.

### READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 3-7: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 10-14: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 17-21: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 24-28: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



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



- 12 Abel and Meredith Brumfield
- 16 Luke and Carolyn Fornash
- 18 Bill and Janet Grimes
- 21 Ryan and Pearl Bishop

Congratulations to Daniel Kist who received First Communion on September 25.



#### Worship Attendance for September

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)	YouTube
9/4	43	49	74	49
9/11	55	70	77	20
9/18	58	35	44	10
9/25	48	81	73	4

#### Sunday School

9/18	13 Adult Forum	9 Pre-K—12 (5adults)
9/25	12 Adult Forum	10 Pre-K—12 (2Adults)

#### CRIDLIN FOOD PANTRY

For the Month of October we will be collecting cans of tuna for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.



School has started back! We are delivering meals to Southside Elementary. If you can donate any of the items listed below it would be appreciated. Items should be in individually packaged containers and not contain any peanut products.



individual mac and cheese  
individual ravioli  
Pop tarts  
fruit cups

granola bars  
Vienna sausages  
individual juice drinks  
single serve cereal

***Foods should be in individual servings and not contain peanuts.***

## Prayer Ventures for October 2022

- 1** *International Day of Older Persons* Give thanks for our older neighbors and siblings in Christ! Ask God to help us value, engage and nurture the skills, wisdom, faith and spiritual gifts of older adults and to respond to their diverse needs, circumstances and stages of life.
- 2** Praise God for the work of the Spirit that equips us for lives of faith and service, gathers us in communities of faith and enables us — individually and together — to engage in vital ministries for the sake of the world.
- 3** Pray that we will respond generously to the immediate and long-term needs of people and communities impacted by flooding and wildfires, and that we will bear hope, encouragement and care to those grieving the loss of loved ones and neighbors and rebuilding their own lives.
- 4** *Feast of Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)* Pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity — the handiwork of God. Ask the Spirit to inspire us to live with greater simplicity and to manage wisely all that God has entrusted to our care, use and enjoyment.
- 5** We are living in times of economic uncertainty, a continuing pandemic, unresolved racism, political turmoil and human suffering. Pray for God to renew our spirit, calm our anxiety, strengthen our resiliency, draw our attention to the needs of our neighbor and help us make healthy choices.
- 6** “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you” (2 Timothy 1:5). Praise God for mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and others who invite us to believe in the life-giving love we have in Jesus Christ and who help us become fearless, faithful and compassionate disciples of Christ.
- 7** Thank God for our special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.
- 8** Pray that the wisdom and knowledge of physicians, health care workers and medical researchers will continue to grow and be applied for the health and well-being of all people, especially those who suffer illnesses and conditions lacking effective treatments or cures.
- 9** Praise God for the example of Jesus pausing on his way to Jerusalem to heal the 10 lepers, which encourages our faith in the power of God to heal and renew and calls our attention to the needs of people around us.
- 10** Pray for rostered ministers and lay leaders who serve congregations in part-time or multiple-ministry contexts, that through their faith, energy and creativity those congregations might discover and use the assets they have, responding to God’s call to serve their community, share the gospel and give witness to God’s love and mercy.
- 11** Give thanks and pray for the ELCA Justice for Woman program and for the unique voices and experiences of women and girls — across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality, gender identity and age — who raise awareness of and advocate for gender justice.
- 12** The ELCA Fund for Leaders helps provide scholarships for seminary students responding to God’s call to follow Christ as congregational leaders, campus ministers, missionaries, mission developers and more. Give thanks for the fund’s 25 years of helping seminary students continue their journey to ministry debt-free and for the generosity of ELCA members committed to encouraging and preparing new leaders.
- 13** Pray that we will live and serve with confidence in God’s promises, listen to and respect one another, and reflect the love and ways of God in all that we do and say as people of faith and disciples of Christ.
- 14** Remember in prayer young adults who are working, serving in the military or engaged in nontraditional education opportunities, that they might know that God has purpose for them and that their gifts, knowledge, interests, life experiences and work are valued by the church, their communities and the world.
- 15** “Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart” (Psalm 111:1). Give thanks for God’s trustworthy grace, activity in the world and daily blessings that renew and sustain us.

**16** Rejoice in the promise that God hears the cries of those who suffer injustice, inequality and persecution; pray for the Spirit to help us persist in our prayers for our neighbors in need and our endeavors to make our church, society, institutions and laws just, equitable, inclusive and compassionate.

**17** *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty* Supplying immediate relief for those who suffer poverty and hunger is critical, and the work we do together to address the underlying causes and eliminate poverty is essential. Pray that the Spirit will grant us wisdom, resolve and faith, that our efforts to end poverty will bear abundant fruit for the well-being of our neighbors in need.

**18** Give thanks for this year's Churchwide Assembly and pray that we will continue to create opportunities for mutual encouragement, prayerful discussion of difficult issues, Spirit-led decision making and recommitment to the work we do together to share the gospel, serve our neighbor and bear light and hope into the world.

**19** "From where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). Pray that our faith in God's love and care will be resilient and that we will be aware of people near us whom God works through to assist and accompany us in times of need and distress.

**20** Pray for abundant autumn harvests and for agricultural workers, farmers, ranchers and those who serve in distribution chains around the world as they strive to feed themselves and nourish people everywhere.

**21** Remember in prayer the people affected by catastrophic flooding in Pakistan over the past months — about 33 million people, including millions who have been displaced from their homes and communities.

**22** Give thanks for Lutheran Services in America, an alliance that includes the ELCA and 300 health and human service organizations and serves the diverse needs of more than 6 million people each year in the United States and the Caribbean.

**23** Ask the Spirit to ground our faith and service in humility so that we regard others as equal in humanity, children of God receiving the same grace, mercy and promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ that we have.

**24** Give thanks for the ELCA Youth Ministry program, ELCA Youth Gathering and ELCA Youth Ministry Network, and for leaders of children, youth and family ministries. Pray that their work supporting and equipping leaders and developing faith formation programs and initiatives will thrive.

**25** "Happy are those whose strength is in you" (Psalm 84:5). Give thanks that we find true strength and comfort through faith in God, who enables us to endure every difficulty and crisis in life, no matter how complex or consuming.

**26** Ask God to strengthen our relationships with the Lutheran World Federation, National Council of Churches of Christ and World Council of Churches for the work we do together to share the good news of Jesus Christ, grow the church, share resources for ministry and leadership development, and promote ecumenical and interreligious understanding.

**27** Pray that the Spirit will stir our determination to challenge ideologies that set us against one another through fear, hatred, untruths and mistrust. Ask God to help us hold to what is true, exercise love and mercy, seek justice and equity, care for one another and strive for unity.

**28** Give thanks for school counselors, social workers and psychologists who care for students and their diverse needs. Pray that all children and youth will have access to affordable, effective and supportive mental health services.

**29** Pray that our generosity will be driven by our desire to honor God, share the blessings and resources we have received, ease the burdens and suffering of neighbors in need, help others become self-sufficient, and strengthen communities.

**30** *Reformation Sunday* We receive God's grace — undeserved love and forgiveness — through the gift of faith in the risen Christ, who restores our relationship with God. Give thanks for Martin Luther, for theologians and for siblings in Christ who inspire us to study Scripture, embrace God's gift of grace and salvation, deepen our faith and love for God, connect our faith with daily life and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

**31** Zacchaeus' life changed forever when he came down from a tree and met Jesus face to face. Pray that our lives will be transformed and filled with joy because of our encounter with Jesus, who reveals God's gracious love for humanity.



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