

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR OCTOBER 2025

*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.*



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 10

6:00pm--8:00pm

in the church parking lot

Fun for all ages!

If you would like to help in any way
please see Jill May.



Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

October 10

6:00pm-8:00pm

in conjunction with Trunk or Treat

Bring your pets for a special blessing.

HELP DECORATE FOR HARVEST SUNDAY

Saturday, October 4 at 10:00am

Please stop by and help with decorating. If you have fall decorations we can borrow it would
be appreciated.



Ever thought about how many questions you ask yourself or others during the day? I believe if you thought about it, it would be a lot! How many of those questions you ask yourself or others not get answered? Again, I believe it would be many.

I try to do a brief meditation every morning before I have my breakfast. I have been using for the past year an application on my phone called Calm. Every day there are Calm app staff who put meditations on the app for people like me. This morning (September 29) the mediation was about questions. The basic point of the meditation, at least from my perspective, was that sometimes many questions do not get answered, and that is ok. The meditation sought to help its listeners to "let the questions be."

That seems hard because for many of us the nature of a question is that it has an answer. I thought about this when it comes to our faith life – our lives as followers of Jesus. In faith there seem to be many questions that do not have an answer. Questions like: Who is God? Why does God not "fix" the world we live in? What is this stuff about free will? You have some questions that have been weighing on your heart. What are they? Can you "let them be" without a clear and definitive answer?

Scripture is of help to us here. The writer of Hebrews in chapter eleven starts the chapter with these words: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Pretty powerful words for us who have a "boat load" of questions about faith. The writer of Hebrews does not stop there with this description of faith. The writer then writes about the "ancestors." The people who have come before who have "by faith" sought to live faith, even when those questions they asked had no definitive answer because people of and by faith live in a relationship with a God who keeps us. With a God who loves and forgives us. With a God who sends us into the world, like our ancestors before us, to live in faith. Read all of chapter 11 of Hebrews and you will see what I mean!

Here at St Paul this October is filled with ministry activities – Stewardship program, Blessing of Animals, Trunk or Treat, First communion instruction just to name a few. Thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel here in the tri state area. Thank you for "by faith" you go into the world with questions to ask and to hear from others. May God bless you on your way.

In and By Fath,
Pastor KLM <><

First Communion Instruction

Pastor Mackey will be holding first communion instruction classes on October 5 and 12. The class will take place in the Undercroft and will begin around 11:30 am. Parents/ Guardians are encouraged to attend. First communion for those who have not had it will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 26. If you have any questions please call or email the pastor.



Dear St. Paul Congregation:

We hit the ground running after the summer with an ecumenical Service and joint choirs at First United Methodist, our annual Worship and picnic at Ritter Park, and Christmas in August with Katherine Becker Mansouri on the violin as special guest. We celebrated her mother Caroline's early birthday this Wednesday, after choir practice.

The choir started rehearsing in mid-August, and I am happy to introduce two (!) new choir members to you: Joe Lawson and Debra Egnor. We are very glad to have them and see the choir grow!

Talks are under way with Debbie Bradley, the music director of First United Methodist to organize a mutual project with their choir at St. Paul. This will take place in Spring 2026. This fall, my teaching load at Marshall was increased significantly with courses that are new to me, and I have four important chamber concerts with two different programs in Pennsylvania, so I simply cannot add to it.

My graduate student Steven Ferrer will fill in for me on October 5, during Harvest Sunday, while I will be in PA for the first two concerts. Please make him feel welcome. He is already working hard on liturgy and the hymns, and I am sure you will enjoy his prelude and postlude.

We were honored to welcome Sherry Kujala on Sunday, September 21 during Worship, wife of the late Walfried Kujala, flutist of the Chicago Symphony and professor at Northwestern University. Wally's father, Gus, was a longtime member at St. Paul and painted the red doors!

I have received a bid for a complete organ tuning and some repairs from the pipe-organ company Peebles-Herzog in Columbus. Dan Beals will forward this to the Church Council for consideration.

As always, please don't hesitate to talk to me, if you'd like to be involved in the music ministry at St. Paul!

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Dear St. Paul Congregation,

As the seasons shift and the air begins to carry the scent and feel of fall, we reflect on the blessings of this past month. We kicked off September with a wonderful church picnic at Ritter Park, where we also packed 100 blessing bags for those in need in our community. It was a joyful day filled with food, fun, and fellowship. The weather was perfect, and the Holy Spirit warmed our minds, hearts, and souls. Music and the Word reached even those simply passing by. It is always a powerful experience to do God's work with our hands.

Children and adults alike contributed to this effort, and together we've helped 100 people in need this year. We are truly blessed to serve our community in so many meaningful ways at St. Paul. May we continue to follow God's direction in all we do.

September has also been an exciting time for our youth. We celebrated the CCC kickoff at Ritter Park with Gino's pizza and spaghetti, and a birthday celebration for Daniel Kist with cookies and cake. The youth enjoyed being outdoors, breathing in the fresh air, feeling the sunshine, and simply being together in God's love.

We also launched Sunday School on Rally Day, where the kids shared summer stories, enjoyed snacks, and discussed plans for fall. A fun outdoor game of Uno added to the joy. We look forward to continuing our journey through God's Word and spreading His love to others.

There are some changes happening within our church. Our youth will be moving to a new room, and our quilters will also be relocating. We believe these changes will benefit everyone. We'll need help with moving, cleaning, and preparing the new spaces—many hands make light work, and all are welcome to assist.

Looking ahead to October, we have several exciting events: Harvest Sunday, Trunk or Treat, Blessing of the Animals, and a field trip to Cooper's Farm and Corn Maze. For Trunk or Treat, we're seeking volunteers to decorate trunks and help serve snacks like popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, and refreshments. If you're interested in helping, please contact me—we'd love to have you! Let us continue to encourage our youth to go out into the world and share their love and light with everyone they meet.

With gratitude and blessings,

Your Loving sister in Christ,
Jill May



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Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

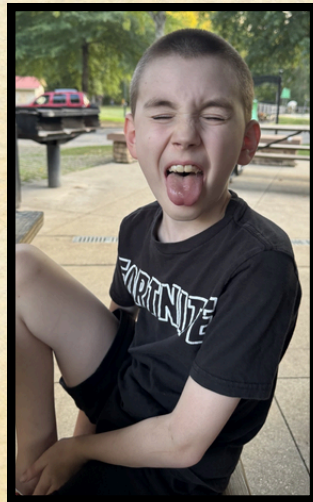
As we who are St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For two consecutive Sundays we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. For several weeks, we will each receive a letter from the Stewardship and Finance Committee. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, October 26, each member will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.





CHANGES TO ROOM DESIGNATIONS

Last weekend a group of dedicated members spent several hours moving furniture and boxes up and down the stairs here at St. Paul in order to make our spaces more useable. Here are the changes:

Nursery is now located in the back room of the Library area.

Quilter's room is now downstairs in the old youth room.

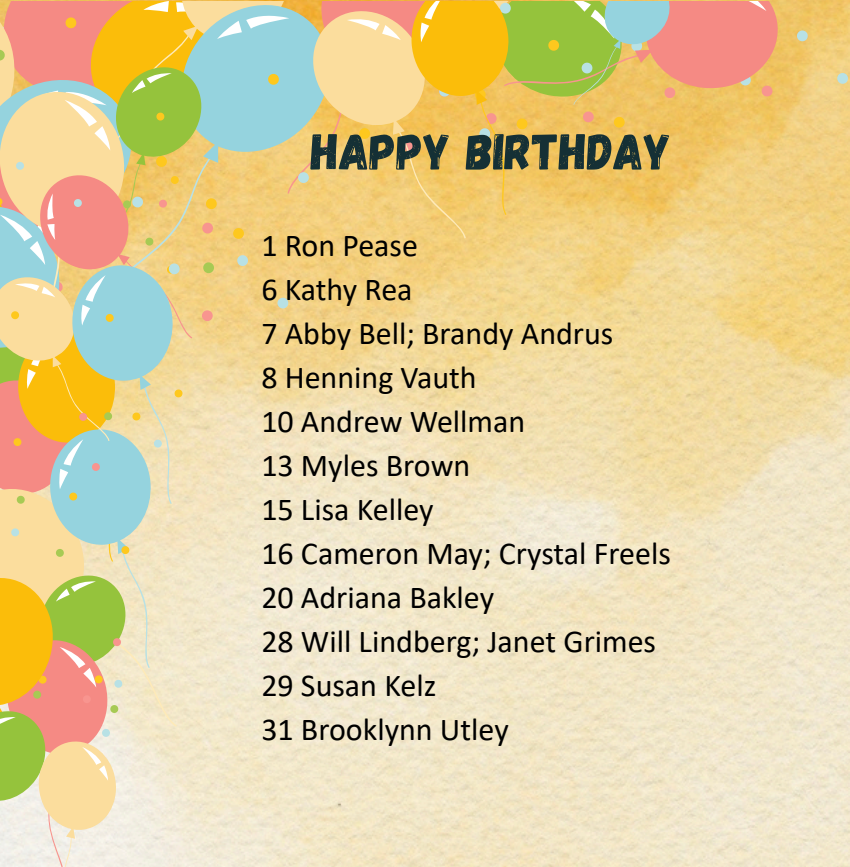
Youth room is now in the old nursery.

The old quilter's room is now home to seasonal decorations.

While there are still a few improvements left to be done, the rooms look great and will be much more functional.

A huge thank you to Dan Beals for leading this project. Also, thanks to Jill May, the quilting ladies, David Stuart, Rick Probst, Shannon Walker, Barb Garnett, Emma Kist, and Edie Beals.

Thanks to all of you for helping with this wonderful project!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Ron Pease
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 Bakley
28 Will Lindberg; Janet Grimes
29 Susan Kelz
31 Brooklynn Utley

Happy Anniversary

18 Bill and Janet Grimes



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you know of someone who needs comfort. The shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge. Cards are available to give along with the shawls.

NOISY OFFERING



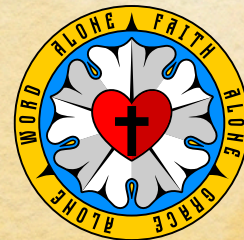
NOISY OFFERING FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

First Sunday of each month.
So far this year we have collected \$347.

coffee & Fellowship



Sunday mornings at 11:15 in the parlor. Adult forum has been discontinued for the time being. Please join us for fellowship time.



Reformation SUNDAY

October 26

Remember to wear red as we celebrate
Reformation Sunday

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			1 Noon Pastor at QRT 5:30pm CCC 7:00pm Choir 	2 Noon Bible Study 	3	4 10:00am Decorate for Harvest Sunday 
5 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship in Parlor 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am First Communion Class	6	7 9:30am Quilting 	8 7:00pm Choir 	9 Noon Bible Study  6:00pm Scouts	10 6:00pm-8:00pm Trunk or Treat and Blessing of the Animals	11
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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.



WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

Altar Guild: Debra Egnor and Bill Jennings

DATE	READER	ASSISTING MIN.	COM. DEACON	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	USHERS	BREAD
Oct. 5	Annette DuVall	Linda Schneider	Cheryl Konzett	Daniel Kist	Kennady Kist	ML Pratt	E. Arneson
Oct. 12	Linda Schneider	Bernadette Wellman	Emma Arneson	Daniel Kist	Jaylyn Garnett	ML Pratt	R. Arneson
Oct. 19	Mary Lou Pratt	Keith Wellman	Martha Danelle	Daniel Kist	Willow May	ML Pratt	R. Arneson
Oct. 26	Mary Lou Fricke	David Stuart	Steve Golder	Daniel Kist	Jackson Wellman	ML Pratt	E. Arneson

NOON BIBLE STUDY

on the
1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays
in the church Library.
Bring your lunch and
enjoy fellowship and Bible Study



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FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY

For the month of October we will be collecting cans of ***Cream of Chicken Soup***. There are donation containers in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.



Analee Maeland has recently moved to Conway, SC to be closer to her daughter, Kristy. While she is saddened to be leaving her friends at St. Paul who are so very dear to her, she is glad to be near Kristy. If you would like to send Analee a card or give her a call, her new information is:

Analee Maeland

Spring Oak at Conway #503

2310 Hwy 378

Conway, SC 29527

Phone: 843-397-0403



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 filled with food each week! If you can help by donating any of the items listed, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the office. Monetary donations are also welcome.

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

Fruit cups	applesauce
mac and cheese	Beef-a-Roni
beef sticks	cereal
pop tarts	fruit snacks
drink boxes	shelf stable milk
tuna salad/cracker combos	chicken salad/crackers combo

DAILY Devotional

As we follow the lectionary, we will look at a different scripture reading each day (Monday-Thursday). On Friday we will use Luther's format for contemplating scripture: Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession and Prayer.

If you are not already receiving the Daily Devotional by email please call the church office to be added to the list.



WE PRAY

FOR... LaDonna, Helen,
Judi, Opal,
Francesca, Stephen,
Helen, April, Steve,
Elisha, Kenny and Jessa



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on October 29 at 10:00am. We will be discussing "The Diamond Eye" by Kate Quinn. Please join us!



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