

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church OCTOBER 2022 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



October 2022 From the Pastor's Heart

The Beginning of the End or A New Chance for Glory?

October is the beginning of the end of the year 2022. October is the first month of the last quarter of the calendar year, the fiscal year, and the operating year for many corporations. Many companies and individuals view October as the beginning of their last chance to make the year 2022 a good year, a profitable year, a successful year. October begins the last push to reach the 2022 sales goals, achieve the 2022 profit goals, and realize numerous other markers of success for their companies for the year 2022. Whether the year 2022 will be considered a good year or a bad year, a successful year or a year of failure will be determined in the next 12 weeks starting in October.

Likewise, October marks the end of the Major League Baseball's regular season and the beginning of the playoffs which will determine the teams that will play in the World Series. No matter how great the regular season was what happens in October will determine the World Champion of baseball.

Perhaps it is by "Devine Design" that our lives are like the annual business cycle, and the Major League Baseball season. Are you in the October of life, like I am? Is the end simply closer than the beginning? If you are, I suggest we learn from the business world and Major League Baseball. I suggest we make a new energetic push that will help us be ready for Jesus's return. 1 Peter 5:4 (CEV) says: Then when Christ the Chief Shepherd returns, you will be given a crown that will never lose its glory. If you want to be blessed in the fourth quarter of your life and leave a legacy of faith and Godliness that glorifies God, implement Jesus' teachings in the 5th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. We know them as the Beatitudes.

Matthew 5:9-17 (CEV)

⁹ God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children!

- ¹⁰ God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right. They belong to the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me.
- ¹² Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven. People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.
- ¹³ You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.
- ¹⁴ You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden,
- ¹⁵ and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house.
- ¹⁶ Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

While October is the beginning of the end, the start of the fourth quarter of the business year and the beginning of baseball's playoffs, I believe God would have us view October as a good month, a month of new opportunities, a new chance for new achievements and success. Let the month of October inspire you to make a new start, take on a new challenge, start a new business, start a new ministry, do something you have never done before.

October gives us a chance to finish well, a chance to be a blessing to others and a chance to leave a great legacy that will inspire future generations. I was encouraged by the recent football game between Appalachian State. Trailing 26 to 28 as time was running out, victory seemed impossible. As the last second pass thrown by the Appalachian State quarterback, was flying through the air, defeat looked certain, the opposing team was poised to intercept or knock the ball to the ground and win the game. Neither happened, they only tipped it and before the ball could reach the ground an Appalachian State player grabbed it and ran the ball into the endzone for the game winning touchdown. Out of the jaws of defeat Appalachian State snatched a 32 to 28 victory. Winning plays at the end of football games, like this one, are often called Hail Mary plays, a reference to answered prayer. They remind us to keep on living the Christian life as long as we have life. We must keep on loving God and serving our neighbors until we are called home to be with the Lord. No matter how hopeless the situation may appear we must never quit, we must never give up. After all, we are on Jesus's team and victory is assured, it has already been won.

Have victorious October!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Spencer





COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022 :

Council Officers: President: John Taylor; Vice-President: David Beaver; Secretary: Eric Lamanna

Staff Support: John Taylor

Finance/Stewardship: Matt Kanupp

Planning: Seth Rollins

Outdoor Ministries: Eric Lamanna

Worship & Music: Justin Rubow

Outside Property/Cemetery: Jeremy Loadholdt

Inside Property: Josh Crisp

Social Ministry: Steve Hovis

Parish Education: David Beaver

Evangelism: Marsha Kinley

Hospitality: Gary Plonk

Youth: Susan Lineberger

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, October 9, 2022—7:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2022-2023

- Our teachers are Jeremy Loadholdt, Kelly Taylor, Susan Lineberger and Pastor Spencer.
- ◆ DATES:

Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18; Jan. 8 & 22; Feb. 5 & 19; March 5 & 19;

April 2, 16 & 30; May 7

- Time: Sundays: 11:30-1:00 after worship—lunch provided
- Pastor Spencer is meeting with those to be confirmed this year (Oct. 9, 16 & 23 after worship from 11:30-2:00 p.m.)
- Everyone is invited to stay for a brief reception on Oct. 30th after worship in Bollinger Hall to honor of our confirmands: Cameron Kanupp, Annabella Lamanna and Gabriella Porter



All Saints Sunday—November 6, 2022

We will light a candle to remember St. Paul's members who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints 2021:

Oscar Plonk, John Davis, Jerry Black, Lloyd Best,

Carol Garrison, Jonathan Eudy, Vera Martin,

James Goudelock, Shirley Black

Please join us at worship each week—10:30 a.m.



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

SPLC will recognize veterans at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on <u>Sun., Nov. 13, 2022</u>

We encourage everyone to come out to show our appreciation!

Contact David Beaver if you have questions.



Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Would you like to serve at the Soup Kitchen in Lincolnton? St Paul's is working:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Contact Susan Hutcherson 980-241-3604 if you can volunteer!



WELCA OFFICERS 2022

Women of the ELCA: President: Sandy Kennedy; VP: Susan Hutcherson; Secretary: Becky Paseur; Treasurer: Lisa Rubow

Mission Team: Donna Robinson, Jenny Eudy, Susan Lineberger

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



WELCA MISSION LUNCH—November 6, 2022 after worship.

Karen & Mark Bollinger and Joe & Lynn Rhyne will be our guests to talk about their fall trip to Guatemala. All proceeds go to Matthew 2540—visit their website www.matthew2540.net to learn more about this mission

WELCA WILL BE PROVIDING THE MEAL—EVERYONE INVITED!



WELCA CHRISTMAS DINNER & PROGRAM

Monday, December 5th in Bollinger Hall

All women invited!

PROJECT TURKEY 2022

Our goal this year is to provide 50 \$75 gift cards to be distributed between Battleground and S. Ray Lowder Schools in Lincolnton. These gifts cards will be given to families who need help purchasing food for Thanksgiving. Make checks payable to St. Paul's for "Project Turkey". Thanks for your support!





John & Kelly Taylor are working with the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Kelly's phone: 704-678-6419



MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH - 7:30 a.m.

MEN'S GROUP PRESIDENT: MATT STROUP / Email address: mttstrp@gmail.com



JOY GROUP MEETING

- Our October 1st trip to The Orchard had to be cancelled due to the forecast of rain and wind from Hurricane Ian. We'll plan to go in the spring of 2023;
- Watch your bulletins for information on our next event. Information will be coming very soon.
- See Sandy Kennedy if you have questions.

NEWS FROM ELISHA MITSCHKE-LAMANNA

- Handbell Choir Schedule: Sept.—May: (2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8:45 a.m.)
- Chancel Choir Schedule: Sept.—May: (5:00 p.m. each Sunday) Begins 9/11
- See Elisha Lamanna if you have questions. Her number is 704-692-7423





PASTOR'S SCHOLARS

Congratulations to

JAKE PARKER and ADDISON VINEYARD

who will be recognized as Pastor's Scholars at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on October 23, 2022.

• David Beaver will present them with their awards. This recognition is given to Sunday School Students at St. Paul's who have mastered the following:

Books of the Old & New Testaments; Psalm 23; Romans 3:28; The Apostles' Creed; John 3:16; The 10 Commandments; The 12 Disciples; The Lord's Prayer; The events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Mark your calendars and plan to be here on <u>October 23rd</u> to give them your support!



RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER LUNCH Sunday, Oct. 23rd—after worship in Bollinger Hall

EVERYONE INVITED!

MEAL: PINTO BEANS/HOT DOG LUNCH

St. Paul's Relay Team, *Fishing for a Cure*, is raising money for the American Cancer Society. If you want to participate see Lisa Rubow or Kelly Ramey.

Checks can be made payable to The American Cancer Society and given to Lisa or Kelly.

Thank You

My life changed one Sunday morning as I was enjoying an activity that I have loved for many years. The reality of a slow recovery was daunting mentally and physically. I cannot convey to the people of St. Paul's what the outpouring of your love has meant to me and Susan. Our cup runneth over! God placed you in our lives for such a time as this for which the value of your presence and prayers are immeasurable.

In His love, Alan Hutcherson

OCTOBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS:

10/1 Sue Plonk

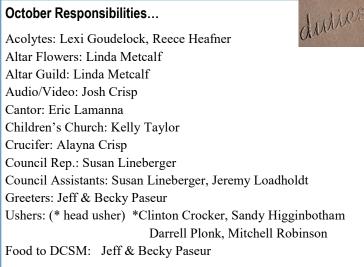
- 10/2 **Gabriella Porter**
- 10/4 **Rhett Porter, Stephen Secrest**
- 10/5 Luke Robinson
- 10/6 Wes Cloninger, Kaia Owens
- 10/8 Jayce Cloninger, Clinton Crocker, Jennifer Hope
- 10/9 Tony Heafner, Resa Hoyle
- 10/10 **Eldon Jackson**
- 10/13 Sadie Cloninger
- 10/14 Kay Urfer
- 10/16 Jordan Barker
- 10/17 Kenny Carter
- 10/19 **Kelley Barker**
- 10/20 Karen Denton
- 10/24 **Pierson Parker**
- 10/26 Garrick Spake, Patrick Spake
- 10/27 Justin Cloninger
- 10/28 Paula Hull
- 10/29 Annabella Lamanna
- 10/30 **Elizabeth Eudy**

OUTREACH MINISTRIES...



- \Diamond Boy Scouts Troop 22 chartered at St. Paul's. Make donations by marking for "Troop 22";
- \Diamond Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Pinto Beans, Canned Meats, Pork 'n Beans-Always need peanut butter /crackers & personal hygiene items- Bring these items to the church or mark donations for DCSM;
- \Diamond Project Turkey...Make checks payable to St. Paul's for "Project Turkey"
- \Diamond School Partnership Fund... The ALL Sunday School Class collects money to purchase hygiene and others personal items for students (formerly called Backpack Fund).
- \Diamond World Hunger... Mark donations accordingly:.
- \diamond ELCA Disaster Relief...Mark donations accordingly.

October Responsibilities...



Date:	Reader	Nursery
Oct. 2	Lynn Rhyne	Susan Lineberger, Joelene Nielsen
Oct. 9	Kelley Barker	Sara Loadholdt, Susan Cricp
Oct. 16	Ashley Cloninger	Jayda Owens, Susan Lineberger
Oct. 23	Katie Crocker	Dru Parker, Sara Loadholdt
Oct. 30	Chase Heafner	Erika Ramiro, Jayda Owens
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ON-LINE GIVING...Easy Tithe/Ministry One

You can give a one-time donation or set it up to give recurring donations by going to St. Paul's website:

www.stpaulsdallas.org

Click on the "On-Line Giving" Tab and follow directions.

Or

You can give using your IPhone by downloading the app Ministry One-search for our church using our zip code of 28034 then follow the directions.

Or

Mail in your donations to 531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034.

Thanks for your support!

SPLC: Look around and Call!





NEW ADDRESS (College Student)

 Maylin Crisp, 201 Westbrook Dr., Apt. C 16, Carrboro, NC 27510



BOY SCOUT TROOP 22 FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Sunday, December 4th—11:30 a.m. (Bollinger Hall)

Chili Beans & Veg. Soup

Everyone invited!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SCOUT SUNDAY & FUNDRAISER LUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Chicken 'n Dumplings

Everyone invited to stay after worship for Chicken 'n Dumplings in Bollinger Hall.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

6:00-8:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

See Kelly Taylor if you can provide cakes for the cake walks or will bring your vehicle for trunk or treating..

This event is sponsored by

The St. Paul's Middle & High School Youth



Memorials & Gifts...

- In memory of Shirley Black given by: Marsha Kinley
- In memory of Deborah Quinn Harris given by: Mariah Q. Porter (SPIRIT Group)
- In memory of Marilyn Campbell (Jane Blanton's sister) given by: Mark & Becky Lamphiear
- In honor of Sandy Kennedy and St. Paul's Senior Citizens given by: Nelson Hoffman (ELCA Good Gifts Program—Water Well)
- In honor of Mark Robinson's birthday given by: Dr. David & Mrs. Jerri Sue Staton
- In honor and in gratitude for all in the amazing St. Paul's family who prayed, texted, called and sent cards regarding my surgery on 9/9. I love you all! given by: Becky Lamphiear



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Our Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of:

- Shirley Black who died Aug. 26th. Memorial Service for Shirley was held at St. Paul's on Aug. 30th with Pastor Fredrick Mitschke officiating;
- Marlene Harris, Cindy Safrit's sister-in -law, who died Sept 4th;
- Justin Dellinger, grandson of Roy & Pam Clemmer, who died Sept. 8th;
- Patricia "Pat" Hoffman, sister-in-law of Nelson Hoffman ,who died Sept. 13th in Tempe, Arizona;
- Marilyn Campbell, sister of Jane Blanton, who died in Georgia

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Prayer List

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Call the office to have a name added or removed.

<u>In the armed forces</u>: Jordan Barker; Joshua Best, Austin Earle; Mark & Thor Gignac; Blake Hughes; Coty Land; Gregory Tyler III

Home-bound/Assisted Living/Rehabilitation:

Carrie Cloninger, TerraBella, 1550 Charles Road, Shelby NC 28152 Gene & Lou Collins, 715 Narrow Gauge Rd., Dallas NC 28034 Jean Dover, Covenant Village-Room 106A, 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 Ted & Frances Goins, 728 Klumac Road, Apt. 126B, Salisbury, NC 28144 Pauline Guess, 226 Elizabeth Lane, Dallas, NC 28034 Betty Faye Lineberger, 423 Ike Lynch Road, Dallas, NC 28034 Betty Paseur, Brookdale Robinwood-Room 36, 1750 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 Martha Pasour, Woodlawn Haven Rest Home, 301 Craig Street, Mt. Holly, NC 28120 Jill Robinson @ Robin Johnson House, Dallas Todd Stillwell @ Mt. Ridge, 810 King Arthur Dr., Gastonia, NC 28056 Sally Terres, Covenant Village-Room A113, 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 **Our Members** Mardie Best, Betty Bumgarner, Marlene Cloninger, Lou Collins (@ Caromont), Grace Harbin, Susan Holbrooks, David & Linda Hoyle, Alan Hutcherson, Myra Lineberger, Kay & Malcolm Lynn, Louise McManus (@ Courtland Terrace), Henry Moffett, Sandy Plonk, Danny Safrit, Pat Sellers, Chris Thornburg, Kay Urfer, the families of: Oscar Plonk, Jerry Black, Lloyd Best, Carol Garrison, Jonathan Eudy, Vera Martin, James Goudelock, Shirley Black and all who mourn the loss of a loved one **Friends & Family:** (Names removed after 1 month – you can fill out a prayer card or call the office to add to this list): Dan Blanton, Nancy Bollinger, Marybelle Bryne, Scott Collier, Marietta Disher, CRU Military, Nancy Friday, Tony Friday, Sharon Gibson, John & Joann Gignac, Judd Harrelson, Hunter & Monica MacConnell, Dale Robinson, Carol Stroup, Caroline Walker, The families: Rev. Bill Zima, Marlene Harris (sister-in-law of Cindy Safrit), Justin Dellinger (grandson of Roy & Pam Clemmer), Pat Hoffman (sister-in-law of Nelson Hoffman), Marilyn Campbell (sister of Jane Blanton) and all who are mourning the loss of a loved one





HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time to clean out those closets again!

We have scheduled our joint Clothing Giveaway for Saturday, November 19. We hope that you have clothes you can donate. We will be focusing on winter clothing (sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves, etc.,) but we will accept any gently used, clean clothing you would like to donate.

So please help us by getting the word out to your family and friends that we would appreciate their donations for this much needed cause.

Call Ron or Amy Holland (704.813.0103), and we will meet you at Holy Communion to drop off your donation, or we can pick it up at your home.

Thanks once again for helping meet this need in our community.

³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:35-36



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The Rev. John and Mrs. Debra Spencer

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Newsletter information should be turned in no later than the 15th of each month. Thanks for your help.



We're on the Web:

www.stpaulsdallas.org

See the online calendar at www.stpaulsdallas.org to view up--coming events and activities. Non-Profit Org.

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Council Elections and Budget Information

- Annual congregational meeting begins Sunday, Nov. 13th where we begin the process of electing council members;
- To remove your name from consideration on council ballot, fill out a form (in narthex) and put in the offering plate BEFORE OCT. 31st;
- 2023 budget is being prepared. Matt Kanupp is Finance/Stewardship Chair. The proposed budget will be presented on Nov. 20th and vote on the new budget will be Sun., Nov. 27th at 10:30 a.m. worship service.



MISSION STATEMENT:

At St. Paul's, we are committed to serve as faithful children of God as a part of a connected family of believers.



- Church Office Hours: Sept. –May: Monday— Thursday; 8 a.m.—2:30 pm
- However, it's always a good idea to call ahead to be sure our schedule has not changed.



Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack for your donations. Using envelopes helps with the process of counting and recording monies.

Check out our on-line giving option: go to our website www.stpaulsdallas.org or go directly to www.easytithe.com/dl/? uid=st531296 to register your account. On-line giving guides in narthex.



Help us keep our buildings secure. Please be sure to lock the doors after your group uses the buildings. Doors have to be pushed to be sure locks engage. Thank you!