

October 2025 Newsletter & Calendar

Dear People of God,

Fall has arrived and there is much going on in the congregation.

On October 5th we will kick off the 2026 Stewardship Campaign by gathering for worship, then move to the hall for fellowship and food. We will award The Janice Fernow Memorial Scholarship to Liz Marus and finally, the council will present a vision plan and update on the operation of the congregation.

As a preview, we have several offers on the property at this time. The council has begun the process of researching and discerning each offer. It is clear God has a plan! We hope to have something concrete to present at the October 5 gathering concerning the sale of the property.

As we begin our stewardship season, I ask that you ponder one question: Why St. Paul's? What makes this congregation meaningful in your life?

I encourage you to read through this newsletter and mark dates on your calendar. More importantly, I ask that you prayerfully discern who you know who might be interested in the events listed. Pick up the phone and invite. For most of you, at some point, someone invited YOU!

Pr. Anne



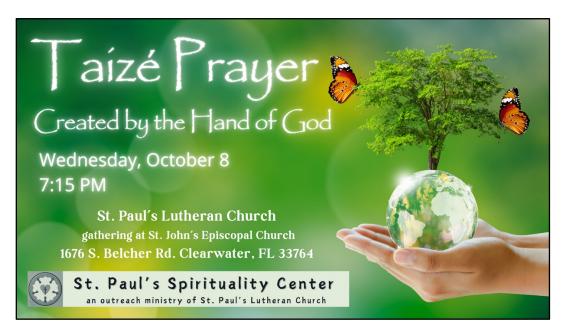
St. John's & St. Paul's

Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 4 - 10:00 AM in front of the church

St. John's Episcopal Church& St. Paul's Lutheran 1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764 ALL ARE WELCOME









Registration is now open for Women of the ELCA annual Fall Gathering, which is November 7-9 at the Warren Willis Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL. The theme is "All God's Children" based on Romans 8:14 - "For all who are led by the spirit of God are children of God". Pastor Anne was our chaplain last year. Ask her or Phyllis, Gretchen, Barbara, or Rhona about the conference. The programs and workshops (of which you get a choice after registering) are inspirational. For more details visit flwelca.com/2025-fall-gathering.





Wednesday
October 15- 1:00 PM

Smokey Bones 2693 Gulf to Bay Blvd located at Clearwater Mall

Invite a friend. All are welcome.

Please sign up by October 12

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

WELCA

Women of the ELCA **Bible Study**

Wednesday, October 15 11:00 AM - in the conference room

The lesson will be "Money, Stewardship and Generosity" in the September/October Gather Magazine.

Please bring your copy.

A magazine is not required to attend or participate.

Please bring your bible and an offering.

We will join Silver Foxes for lunch after our meeting.

All women are welcome.



Please reach out to Phyllis Berlage for more information.

St. Paul's Spirituality Center an outreach ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church 1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater

The program will take place in the church hall

Facilitated by Rebecca Bass,
Certified Grief Educator and Spiritual Director
and Pastor Pam Wellons

Grief Forum

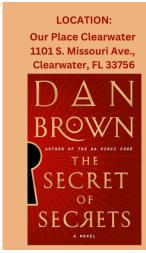
Where education and grief support meet

Pet Loss

Saturday, October 18, 2025 10:00 - 11:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME





St. Paul's Book Club

Our next meeting is

October 22, 2025 - 11:00 AM

Our next book is Dan Brown's latest novel, Secret of Secrets.

Robert Langdon finds himself targeted by a powerful organization and hunted by a chilling assailant sprung from Prague's most ancient mythology.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, October 19 if you will be attending. We have to make a reservation at the restaurant.

ALL ARE WELCOME - Even if you don't read the book!





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An Evening of Remembrance and Grief Education

We will begin our evening with a simple meal of sandwiches.

After dinner, Becca Bass will lead a conversation about how to be with people who are grieving, with a special emphasis on grief during the holidays.

Our evening will conclude with Evening Prayer in the church.

Please bring a small framed picture of your loved one to place around the altar for our service.

Wednesday, October 29

5:15 PM-5:45 PM- Dinner - Fellowship Hall 5:45 PM-7:00 PM Program: *Grief 101* 7:15 PM - Evening Prayer: "We Remember Them"

A free-will offering will be taken. Please register by October 26.

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Reformation Sunday October 26

Dates to put on your calendar now! Events to Invite Family and Friends!

November:

- Sunday, November 9 Lunch and Learn: Stewardship
- Wed, November 12 Thanksgiving Dinner and Taizé Prayer with St. John's 6:00 PM
- Tues, November 18 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM
- Sat, December 6 Advent Retreat
- Sat, December 20 Christmas Party with St. John's

December:

- Saturday, December 6 Advent Retreat Day
- Saturday, December 20 4:00 PM Christmas Party St. Paul's/St. John's