

# The Masthead

*Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!*



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**October 2020**



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## OCTOBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

4	LWML Sunday
12	RO Fire Dept Open House
25	Reformation Sunday
29-30	Parent & Teacher Conferences




## From Pastor's Desk

October. This is the month when we start to see things change. This is the month when all of Michigan begins to transition stages. What kinds of things do we anticipate in October? Well, let's start with the simple things. Our summer clothes are packed away (begrudgingly perhaps). Our winter clothes and jackets and boots are dragged out of the attic and dusted off (hoping that it all still fits this year after a pandemic quarantine). Air conditioning turns to heat. The overwhelmingly overstocked fall candles begin to saturate the air in every square inch of the house. Pumpkin spice lattes are the only kind of coffee that anyone sells anymore. The leaves turn colors. The grass sheds its green to yellow. And of course- the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights get longer. October! The transitional month of the Midwest that marks a time of great change. However, no matter how many things change, the fact remains: we will always anticipate what comes our way. It's in our nature. It's in our blood. We ready ourselves for a new day, a new season, a new year, a new ... change.

However, sometimes change can be worrisome. It can be worrisome because it means that we are not in control. We hear very often that we are to "trust in God." Yet, how do we know that God will take care of us even in this next season? How do we know that things won't get worse in the winter especially with the pandemic still hanging about? How do we know that God is still in control especially when we are not? Sure, we can anticipate for whatever comes our way but ultimately that's all we can do... right? Not necessarily. In fact, our life under God is unique in the fact that we know that even change (whether it be seasons, finances, health, etc.) is under control. Romans 8:28 says that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those called according to His purpose. Jesus even says in Matthew 6 that we are not to be anxious about tomorrow because the God who clothes the grass of the field will do much more for you, his own child. The Lord who formed the light and created the darkness (Is. 45); the Lord who created the heavens and the earth, living things both visible and invisible (Col. 1); the Lord who formed every beast of the field and bird of the air (Gen. 2) will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31). The seasons will change but our God never changes. It's in His nature. It's in His blood. For He is the one who molds and fashions the new day, new season, new year, and oversees all change.

So, go ahead and bring out those winter boots. Burn those fall candles. Anticipate change. Whatever you do, be confident in the Lord. Trust in Him for your never-changing salvation. And as always- rejoice and be glad in this day and the next!

  
Pastor Andrzejewski

# MINISTRY

ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID, WATCH FOR UPDATES IN THE WEEKLY NEWS

## MINISTRY PROGRAMS



### Annual Youth 'SOUP SALE'

The youth group of St. Paul will be out in the lobby selling their 'specialty soups' again to help raise funds for their group for various programs and activities held throughout the year. Please be sure to stop by on Sunday, October 18 after services and pick up a container or two.

**October Collection for 'Operation Christmas Child' Last Month for collections** as we begin to package up gift shoeboxes. Items may be placed in the wood box located in the coatroom in the lobby. October collection: **Wash cloths & toothbrushes, hair accessories, brushes/combs, small pads of paper, crayons, colored & regular pencils & sharpeners & markers, small toys, socks & t-shirts** (all sizes).

## REFORMATION SUNDAY



### OCTOBER 25

What is Reformation Day? It is the day the light of the gospel broke forth out of darkness. It was the day that began the Protestant Reformation. It was a day that led to Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and many other Reformers helping the church find its way back to God's Word as the only authority for faith and life and leading the church back to the glorious doctrines of justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. It kindled the fires of missionary endeavors, it led to hymn writing and congregational singing, and it led to the centrality of the sermon and preaching for the people of God. It is the celebration of a theological, ecclesiastical, and cultural transformation. So we celebrate Reformation Day. This day reminds us to be thankful for our past and to the Monk turned Reformer. What's more, this day reminds us of our duty, our obligation, to keep the light of the gospel at the center of all we do.

Join us on Sunday, October 25 during our worship services as we celebrate Reformation Sunday.



October is the usual month set aside to show our appreciation for our Pastor and his family. It might be a simple note of encouragement, a prayer, a small treat of something he/she enjoys or a verbal acknowledgment of your thanks and appreciation.

While we acknowledge clergy appreciation month, it needs to continue well beyond this month. Just as we expect pastors to be available for us, we need to show our love, support and appreciation on a daily basis.

May God continue to bless you Pastor and Rachel!

### Lutheran Woman's Missionary League Sunday Blessing Box



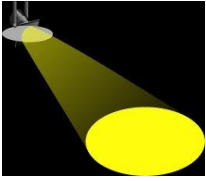
The first Sunday in October, LCMS congregations recognize the annual LWML Sunday. This year we celebrate October 4. To kick things off for the 2020/21 LWML year, you may help by contributing to a **Blessing Box**. The idea for the Blessing Box is for you to bring *mites* (coins or bills) for every year you have been blessed in your life. This could be for how many years you've been married, how many years you've been alive or the years you have had with your children. It's your choice, choose your blessing! Extra mite boxes will be available for pick up. All funds given are distributed for various missions provided by the LWML. To learn about LWML and its missions, go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Please continue to give on the 1st Sunday of the month to fill and bring your coin boxes back to aid LWML throughout the year. Thank you for your support.



## School's Christmas Shoppe is Coming

On December 11, the students of St. Paul School will have an opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping for mom, dad, sister, brother, grandma and grandpa and friends, to buy handmade gifts for \$1-5. This is an affordable and fun way for the students to get quality gifts for everyone on their list. If you are interested in making a dozen or more items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe or help in the planning of this event and/or help the day of the sale with wrapping the gifts, please contact Anne Sagan at 248-546-5228 or email her at [annesagan@yahoo.com](mailto:annesagan@yahoo.com) for any questions.

# MINISTRY



## SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

What will your legacy be?  
Do you ever wonder what

people will say about you after the Lord has called you home? When people remember you, will they think about your generosity, your kindness, may be how boisterous you were? Will they think about how you rooted for the 'other' sports team or about the home-made cookies you baked for Bible Study. There are hundreds of little moments, words and actions that we have with each other through our lives and you never know how meaningful those moments can be to those who continue to live on earth. You just don't know how those moments will define your legacy.

Legacy...it has a few different meanings. A legacy can be practices handed down from the past by tradition. Our faith in many cases is a legacy provided to us by the Holy Spirit through loving parents. Legacy can be a gift of money or property given through a will. Legacy can be the ongoing influence and impact you have, your life has, when you are not present. When reflecting on legacy as Christians, there is a direct correlation to stewardship. God calls us to manage all things He provides in our lives including our time, our bodies, our money and resources, our relationships. Stewardship is the activity of carrying out one's identity as a steward. This happens in daily life as the tasks of everyday life in the world are carried out. If we are managing life with Christ at its center, imagine how that will shape our legacy!

St. Paul has been and continues to be truly blessed with faithful member-stewards. People who devote themselves in many ways to contribute and improve the church so it can reach new people. This month let's fondly reflect on one of our members, Clifford 'Cliff' VanNest. Cliff, a longtime member of St. Paul, was at different points in time, an active member of the Trustees. He also helped keep up the church grounds,

working with the Garden Club. He even helped make the toast (and butter it) for the Men's Saturday breakfasts. He always had a smile and a story to share. Upon his passing in late 2018 at the age of 96, Cliff provided St. Paul with a financial gift that resulted in the new monitor in the church lobby and other technical upgrades.

After reading the brief summary about Cliff's influence here at St. Paul, what words would you use to describe his legacy? Maybe those words would be something like:

"Cliff was kind, hardworking, generous."

"Cliff was a devoted Christian who loved his congregation."

"Cliff was a faithful steward."

May all of us find encouragement through our Lord and Savior Jesus, to be motivated, intentional, and to live our lives as God intends, so we can have a lasting, Christian influence on the world we interact with. Let us strive with the help of God to be faithful stewards and provide that legacy as an example to others.

**PRAYER CARE** – If you are in need of a prayer spoken or meditated on by St. Paul's prayer warriors, there is a group of individuals who are ready to pray for you. At any time, please feel welcomed to submit your prayer request to Chris Steiber via text/call 248-515-1983 or email [christinemsteiber@gmail.com](mailto:christinemsteiber@gmail.com). All prayer requests will be kept confidential. Please note: for public prayer in worship services led by Pastor Andrzejewski on behalf of the church, you must contact the church office. Additionally, if you would like to serve as a prayer warrior who will pray for these specific prayer requests, contact Chris Steiber. Prayer requests will be sent to prayer warriors via email. *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people"* (Ephesians 6:18).



## BIBLE VERSE'S OF THE MONTH CHURCH YEAR — SERIES A



Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
Oct. 4 (Proper 22)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-19	Phil. 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
Oct. 11 (Proper 23)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 25:6-9	Psalms 23	Phil. 4:4-13	Matt. 22:1-14
Oct. 18 (Proper 24)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)	1 Thess. 1:1-10	Matt. 22:15-22
Oct. 25 (observed)	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19



# MINISTRY

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He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals His thoughts to mortals...the Lord God Almighty is His name. **Amos 4:13**

Perhaps you are familiar with Jesus' words about the relationship between faith and moving mountains.

## **BUT HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ABOUT A MOUNTAIN MOVING A PERSON?**

**THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED RECENTLY TO A  
WOMAN WE WILL CALL SARAH.**

Sarah is from an Eastern European country and was visiting family who had emigrated to the United States. Although a God-honoring and traditionally religious person, she didn't understand what it meant when her family tried to describe the reality of trusting personally in Christ. Sarah is attractive, well educated and has a well-deserved reputation in her country as an outstanding musician. She has studied with some of her country's most talented musical elite and is known far beyond the borders of her nation. In spite of all this, Sarah could not quite grasp the concept of the grace and grandeur of a loving God who desired a relationship with her.

Wanting Sarah to experience much of the beauty in this part of the world, they traveled with her to some of this area's most famous sites. She was thrilled to see wildlife coming into urban neighborhoods, deep gorges cut through centuries of granite-like rock, blue skies with mountain peaks piercing the clouds. Each Sunday they visited a different church so Sarah could glimpse the wide variety of Christian worship.

And then one afternoon Sarah's family drove her up to one of this country's highest peaks, over 14,000 feet high. Expecting her to surely enjoy the experience, they were unprepared for her stunned response as she stood in the silence of the peak, gazing at clouds both above and beneath her, at the valleys far below. She suddenly spread out her arms and cried, "Oh, this is the God you're talking about!"

Later conversation revealed that at that moment on the mountaintop, God lovingly revealed Himself to her in a way that spoke uniquely to her soul and she opened herself to all that He wanted to be for her. God used a mountain to move her into relationship with Himself.

Thoughts About God, by Marilyn Ehle used by permission

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## **ABOUT OUR BIBLE CLASSES**

**Adult Information Class** Pastor Andrzejewski will lead this class. While this class is used for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran by confirmation, you are under no obligation to join if you just want to learn about our Lutheran church. Members are welcome to come as well for a refresher course. Please contact the church office at 248-541-0613 for further information.

**Pastor's Bible Class — Sunday Mornings** at 9:45 a.m. in the church lounge. Based on various books of the Bible.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** is at 9:30 a.m. in the church lounge. This class is lead by Greg Paul. Current study: The Book of Acts.

**Growing in Christ Bible Study** is an adult Bible study that is open to and intended for everyone. It is prepared by CPH and follows the same topics as the children's Sunday School classes, but does so at an adult level. For this reason, it can be especially helpful for parents who have their children in Sunday School. It requires no previous knowledge, and all needed materials are provided as a handout in each class. We meet in the school library on Sunday mornings when the kids Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. Feel free to bring children who are too young to go to Sunday School themselves. Will hope to begin on Sunday mornings beginning in *January*.

**Youth Sunday School from 9:45am** in the school building where they learn about how much Jesus loves them. For child(ren) grades Pk-6th. Will begin on Sunday mornings starting in January. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Fullerton-Hertz, (734) 546-1478. And for Junior & High School youth Bible classes, contact [kristensharp@gmail.com](mailto:kristensharp@gmail.com) or (248) 245-1090 or Colleen Olsen at [olsencolleen@yahoo.com](mailto:olsencolleen@yahoo.com) or (248) 288-0769.

**Monday Women's Bible Study** — We meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the church lounge on Monday mornings. We begin with devotions and break into our studies. Some studies we use, follow with some personal preparation the week before each lesson, followed by group discussions. Call Janet Dunker (248-646-7378) for more information about this women's group.

**Young Adults** — This is a group of post-college age to 30 something young adults who gather together for Bible studies, potluck dinners and various outings. If you want to enjoy some great Christian fellowship this group is for you. To find out more, contact Craig Rinkus via email at [craigrinkus@gmail.com](mailto:craigrinkus@gmail.com).

**Men's Opportunities** — All men of the congregation are invited for Bible studies, devotions and Christian fellowship. Two opportunities: Thursday mornings at The Avenue Restaurant for breakfast & Biblical talks at 8:00 a.m. and, the 3rd Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the church lounge for breakfast and usually a Lutheran Hour Ministry Biblical study.

# SCHOOL MINISTRY



Dr. Margie Baldwin  
Principal

## St. Paul Lutheran School

100+ Years of God's Grace

### Our Mission

"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us!"

### Our Statement of Purpose

St. Paul Lutheran School equips children for a life of service with a foundation of academic, physical, spiritual, and social maturity centered around Christ Jesus.



## PARENTING HELPS (first part series of four in a Harvard Family Research Project)

### Starting School

I can still remember my daughter's first day of kindergarten; she had carefully selected which outfit she wanted to wear, distractedly picked at her waffles during breakfast, and nervously approached the school playground holding onto my hand.

As I walked her over to the kindergarten line, I hoped her years of education would be fulfilling, that her classmates would be friendly, that her teachers would be kind and wise, and that she would be successful.

What I didn't know then is just how important my participation would be to her scholastic achievement. Parental involvement is actually one of the greatest predictors of a child's school success. Numerous research studies demonstrate that family engagement promotes a range of benefits for students, including:

- improved school readiness,
- higher student achievement,
- better social skills and behavior,
- and increased likelihood of high school graduation.

But what exactly are parents supposed to do?

### Consider The Messages You Send Think about your behavior

You model your attitude toward education through your own behavior. The messages that you send to your children, both directly through your words and indirectly through your actions, are quite powerful.

- Are you open to learning?
- Do your children see you read?
- Do you take an interest in what is happening in the world?
- Do you get excited about **their** new knowledge and growing understanding?

### Think about your questions

Your questions are an important way to convey your interest. But rather than interrogate your children when they come home from school, let them tell you about their day.

You can start with broad, open-ended requests, such as "*Tell me something exciting that happened today.*" What they choose to focus on is an indicator of what is really important to them. Afterward, you can ask specific questions to satisfy your curiosity or help fill in the details.

### Think about your focus

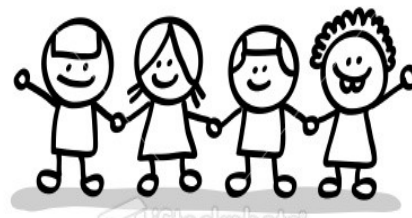
Another way you communicate your values is through complimenting certain behaviors and not others. In regard to school, do you want your kids to care more about good grades, a love of learning, staying out of trouble – or all of the above?

Ideally, your kids will value all of these things, but sometimes it is not that easy.

Let's say that your child gets lost in a science website while completing a homework assignment. Are you glad that your child is showing intellectual curiosity or are you disappointed or frustrated that he ran out of time and rushed through the actual project? What if your child didn't complete classwork because he chose to stay with a sick friend in the nurse's office?

How you respond and the messages you send depend on the values you hold; and sometimes your values conflict with one another.

(Next series: *Consider The Help You Provide*, continued in the November issue)



## FUNDRAISERS

**Little Caesars Pizza Proof of Purchase** We continue to collect these proof of purchases found on the pizza boxes. Please bring these in to the church or school.

**Box Tops** Find and clip **Box Tops** from various food packages for St. Paul! They are each worth 10¢! Our assigned coordinator, will send them in and our school gets a check! Leave them at the school in the box near the office or at the church. Thank you.

**Viking News** Every Friday, we send home our school newspaper – *The Viking*. We send it home with the children and also by email. If you would like to receive the Viking by email, please make sure the school office has your email address.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

23	End of 1st quarter
29	Half Day-Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-8:00 pm)
30	No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences (9 am-Noon)

## Directory

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## Prayers

### **Homebound**

Marion Havrilla  
Leona Jackson  
Alan Lacey  
Donna McMinn  
Art Peludat  
Jean Schneider  
Charlette Schroeder  
Ralph Schroeder  
Kathleen Ulrich  
Don Whitbeck



### **Military**

Eric Banker  
Mark Bowdich  
Paul Bowdich  
Matthew Canfield  
Sam Eskew  
Brandon Newton  
Brendan Sharp  
Joe VanDamme  
Tirzah VanDamme  
Jason Zuniga  
Gabrielle Zuniga

### **Boards/Committees**

Board of Education  
Board of Elders  
Board of Evangelism  
Board of Finance  
Communications &  
Technology  
Fund Operating  
Music Ministry  
Board of Stewardship  
Board of Trustees  
Women's Guild  
Board of Youth

## Gifts Given

### **St. Paul Church**

In memory of *Mary Ann Peludat* by Mr. & Mrs. William Carpenter & Family

In memory of *David Woodward* by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Woodward

In memory of *Dave Hamlin* by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rutledge, Clara Lichtenberg

In memory of *Betsy Fortner* by Clara Lichtenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rutledge, Mr. & Mrs. William Carpenter, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Charnawskas, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Supnick, Mr. & Mrs. Don Storck, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Limbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Grund

### **St. Paul School Tuition Assistant Fund**

In memory of *Mary Ann Peludat* by Mr. & Mrs. David Hemming, Gay Eskew

In memory of *Betsy Fortner* by Mr. & Mrs. David Hemming

### **St. Paul Needy Families Fund**

In memory of *Mary Ann Peludat* by Gay Eskew, Dawn Heins, Dee Landmesser, Mr. & Mrs. Garell Rice, Mr. & Mrs. David Beardsley, Cheryl Fontana, Mary Nemetz, Sandie Yagiela

### **St. Paul Choir Fund**

In memory of *Betsy Fortner* by Mr. & Mrs. Art Steiber, Sr.

### **Church Extension Fund (debt reduction)**

In memory of *Betsy Fortner* by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baker

**GIFTS**—Donate to the church by giving a memorial or honorarium by using the card located in the lobby. This is a two part card, one to go with the gift to the church and the other to be mailed to the family. Contact the church office, 248-541-0613 for any questions.

## Official Acts

### **Baptisms**

Marshall Mackinder  
Maeve Baker

### **Date**

08/08/2020  
09/05/2020

### **Funerals/Memorials**

Betsy Fortner  
Jean Frincke (private graveside)

### **Date**

09/10/2020  
09/11/2020



# October 2020

*All events are tentative and subject to change. Contact the church office for verification.*

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C=Communion, YCC=Youth Confirmation Class, WBC=Women's Bible Class, AIC= Adult Info Class, EIP=Education Intervention Program, YA=Young Adults, SS=Sunday School



# October



If we've missed listing your birthday, please contact the church office 248-541-0613

**October 01**

Kelly Burch

**October 02**

Jeanne Valdes  
Dennis Wozniak

**October 03**

Henry Miller  
Teresa Tokar

**October 04**

Steven Baker  
Terri Rasmussen-  
Brockmiller

**October 05**

Kimberly Bergman  
Emmet Witmer

**October 06**

Gary Bayer  
Hadley Pierce  
Timothy Ulrich

**October 08**

Kevin Calhoun

**October 09**

Esther Bowdich  
Nancy Pyykkonen

**October 10**

Darlene Baker

**October 11**

Molly Newell  
Ross Pomroy  
Viktor Sagan  
Anthony Valdes

**October 12**

Preston Hager  
LeAndre' Turner I

**October 15**

Craig Rinkus  
Kristin Sharp

**October 17**

David Newton  
Peter Walsh

**October 19**

Cheryl Beyerlein

**October 20**

Blyth Mackinder

**October 21**

Albert Harris  
Kenneth Ruszkowski

**October 24**

Gayle Carpenter  
Anne Sagan

**October 25**

Mark Costakes  
Jennifer Louwers  
Jeremy Newell  
Eleanor Ohngren

**October 27**

Zaphorah Shipp

**October 28**

Thomas Limbaugh

**October 30**

Rick Kilbourn  
Emma Marrow  
Garel Rice  
Stewart Sutherland

**October 31**

Debbie Hill  
Jaxtyn Jarvey  
Art Steiber  
Mary Tokar  
Dennis Walker

