

The Masthead

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OCTOBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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(Adult Information Class)
- 24 Trunk or Treat
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The Hard Part

My mother was the peacekeeper in the house. And we had a large house. The Andrzejewski household carried 6 people (and a dog). One mother. One father. Four children (three boys and one girl). As you could imagine, it was always a lively household. Every once and a while, us siblings would fight... as any other sibling would do. There was never any real winner in these petty arguments. More often than not, there was rarely a valid purpose. But I can tell you this—there were always the consequences. Yes, we were grounded if we went too far. Yes, our favorite toys were taken away. But that wasn't the hard part. Not even close. The hardest part that our matriarchal peacekeeper enforced upon us was... the forgiveness. "Tell your brother you're sorry," mom would say. "Tell your sister that you forgive her," she would demand. In the heat of the moment, that was the last thing I wanted to do! If you have any idea of what I'm talking about, then you know that was the hardest part of growing up. The forgiveness. Because resentment and hatred and bitterness has a monstrous appetite. Grudges send us toward an infinite downward spiral. Revenge is never enough. It's much easier to hold on to hate than to let go of your hatred.

Why is that? Why is it so hard for us to forgive one another? Perhaps it's because the fires of irritation are too hot to put out at times. Perhaps it's because it may be too hard to heal whatever hurt that you felt. But in any case, you are told to "forgive one another, just as Christ forgave you" (Col. 3:13). Yikes. The hard part. But it also makes sense. Who are we to withhold forgiveness when it was Christ who had every right to withhold ours? Think about that. Did Jesus ever turn his back on us when "anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk" filled the hands and mouths of those who slaughtered him to the cross? Absolutely not. Could he have ignored us, or even more, returned the favor? Absolutely. But he didn't. Outrageous as it might seem, Christ loved the hateful. And even died for them too. And if He thinks that those people who condemned him to the cross, scourged his back, impaled his side, and left him for dead was worth forgiving... maybe we should reconsider "the hard part" of what our forgiving looks like. Does that make forgiving any easier? No. Painless? Probably not. But let me encourage you to remember this from Paul's words in Ephesians 2: ³¹ *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.* ³² *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* That's right. Put it away from you. Bury that wrath at the foot of the cross and let His grace take its place. Set the example, just as Christ did for you. Extinguish those flames of bitterness with the waters of the forgiveness. Who knows... maybe the hard part of forgiveness may grow to be a little easier every time you do it. This world has a monstrous appetite—let's fill it with love.

MINISTRY

Accepting What You Cannot Change

We can prevent a lot of frustration, disappointment, and stress by letting go of what we cannot control. I want certain people in my life to be different, and for many years I tried unsuccessfully to change them. I thought they needed my help to change, so I gave everything to try and change others who did not want to change. In the end, I was worn out and frustrated my efforts to change others were useless.

There are things in life no matter how hard we try to change them, won't. Being aware of what we can change is important. We can change ourselves but infrequently can change others or our circumstances. We can pray and ask God to intercede with our loved ones and circumstances, but we cannot control the outcome of our prayers. We have no control over how our prayers get answered. Sure having faith does and can help, but just because you have faith for something does not necessarily mean that it will happen the way you thought.

We should always have hope for change and that things in our lives will get better, but we should not stay stuck when we can't change something we don't like. If we stay too camped out around not accepting our reality it can lead to self-pity, anger, and bitterness. One of the reasons we become stuck in our suffering is that we are trying to control things that are beyond our control. If we focus all our energy on what we have no control over we can feel mentally and physically drained.

Acceptance of what you cannot control has many benefits:

- ♦ A more positive outlook
- ♦ Less worry and stress
- ♦ More energy from not trying to figure things out
- ♦ You will be able to move on and enjoy life again
- ♦ Depression will lessen or lift completely
- ♦ You will feel more peaceful and calmer

A change in perception must also take place for you to be able to let go and accept what you cannot change. If you believe the pain in your life will never end, your suffering will feel unbearable. There are times though we have to live with events that we don't know when will end, such as with COVID. During those times of uncertainty, you can develop new and better coping skills to help manage unknown times.

Most of us have felt uncertain and distressed when faced with situations we can't change; however no matter what the situations we face there is one thing that is in our control and that is our attitude and our response. Acceptance means letting go of our expectations for how we believe things should have turned out. Acceptance makes us feel lighter and as if a burden has been lifted.

Operation Layette's October 7 @ 7:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars!

What is Operation Layettes?
The Council of Lutheran Women Collects and packages up layette (infant) items to give to various organizations in the Detroit area, such as: Compassion Pregnancy, Peace in Detroit, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. which all assist pregnant women those in need and their families. Item donations for layette packages may be donated throughout the year. Types accepted are: Onesies and sleepers (3-6 months); receiving blankets; cloth diapers; socks and booties; sweater sets (knit or fleece); baby lotions; bottles; infant toys. Everyone is invited to attend and help package. We begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Stop by for a few minutes, a couple of

hours, or just pop in to find out what it's all about. If you have any questions, please call Pam Stasko at 248-544-8390.

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Saturday Men's Breakfast -
All men of St. Paul and their friends and neighbors are welcome to join and fellowship with other men of St. Paul for devotions, breakfast and a LHM Bible study is always on the agenda. Our next gathering: October 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the church lounge. Hope you will come and join us!

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: **hair ties, brushes & combs, crayons, pencils & markers, sharpeners, small toys, small stuffed animals, boys socks, t-shirts (all sizes), toothbrushes, color books & notepads**

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Special Festivities are planned for this day of celebration beginning with One Worship at 9:00 a.m. and following afterwards with fun and fellowship. Bring the whole family and your friends. Music and merriment is abundant.



OCTOBER 31



BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Psalm 96:1

Sing a new
song to the
LORD! Let
the whole
earth sing
to the
LORD!



**Mark Your Calendars for Royal Oak
Spooktacular Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 24th from 1:00—3:00 P.M.**

Needed volunteers who are willing and able to decorate their trunks and pass out candy for this popular community outreach program. Lots of donations of wrapped candy is needed (we serve a couple thousand kids!) You may leave candy in the white boxes located in the lobby. Trunk sign up is also in the church lobby. All decorated vehicles need to be in the Main Street parking lot by 12:30 p.m. the day of event. Contact Colleen Olsen, 248-202-4176 for questions.

Lutheran Woman's Missionary League Sunday Blessing Box



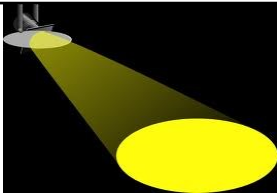
The first Sunday in October is when LCMS congregations recognize the annual LWML Sunday. This year, October 3 is when we will celebrate. To kick things off for the 2021 LWML year we are going to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to a Blessing Box. The idea for the Blessing Box is for you to bring 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 to choose your blessing. So plan to be a part of this on October 3. Funds given are distributed for various missions of the LWML. Please continue on the 1st Sunday of the month to fill and bring your coin boxes back to aid LWML throughout the year.



Royal Oak Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

Come hang out with the firefighters of Royal Oak on **Saturday, October 9th** at the Royal Oak Fire Department, next to the church, for an open house. There will be Fire Trucks to sit in and on display, Smoke House, Stove Fire and the Jaws of Life demonstration. Free Cider, Donuts, and Ice Cream and much much more!! Come enjoy a day of fun with your child(ren). The excitement begins at 11:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. Events may include CPR demonstration, using a real fire hose, learn about fire safety, watching an extrication demonstration, Bounce House and more. Your child(ren) will have a blast. You won't want to miss this. Bring the whole family.

MINISTRY



SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus told them *"I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you."* (John 13:15) Being a good steward is our response to God for all the love He has shown us. Our stewardship focus this month is on the Steiber/Hillenbrand family.

Art Steiber recalls how as a child watching his parents and other adults serve and volunteer, influenced him to use his talents and time to help the church and serve God. He first served as an Elder under Pastor Guettler. Since then he has served as chairman of Elders, chairman of Board of Education, Vice President of the congregation and now President of the congregation. Over the years he also taught Sunday School (where he met his future wife who was also teaching), was a Cub Scout leader, worked on teams that planned events such as our 125th Anniversary, and other projects. Chris, Art's wife, transferred to St. Paul from St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth in 1981. Since then she has served in various ways including teaching Sunday School, leading St. Paul Women's Guild, Women's Ministry, and Youth Ministry. She recently assisted with MOPS as a mentor mom and childcare provider. She has helped with our National Day of Prayer observance since it began in 2007. Most recently, she started a prayer group for prayer requests of our members. Tim (son of Art's sister) and Angela Hillenbrand enjoyed singing in the choir, volunteering at Arts, Beats and Eats, and decorating the church for Christmas. Tim has taught Confirmation and is one of the Scripture readers at church. Angela was one of the speakers at our first Women's Retreat. Tyler and Krista (Hillenbrand) Zenk started the Young Adults group, sang in the choir, played bells, and enjoy helping out at other church functions (Arts, Beats, & Eats, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Christmas decorating). Tyler also served on the Call Committee, Stewardship Board, and helped setting up the church website. During the Lenten season, he also sang as the evangelist in the Passion According to St. Matthew. Sarah Hillenbrand serves currently on the Stewardship Board, sings in choir, and is active in the young adults group. She also enjoys giving back to the church by participating in Trunk or Treat, the Easter Egg Hunt and Arts, Beats, & Eats. Love for God, His people, and His Church motivate this family to continue to serve at St. Paul. They enjoy being here and appreciate all the church has given to them. They want to serve as an example for their children and thank God for all He has done.

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. 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).



Monthly Bible Readings

LCMS 3 Year Series B



		First Reading	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
Oct. 3 (Prop. 22)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 2:18–25	Psalms 128	Heb. 2:1–13	Mark 10:2–16
Oct. 10 (Prop. 23)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:6–7,	Psalms 90:12–17	Heb. 3:12–19	Mark 10:17–22
Oct. 17 (Prop. 24)	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Eccl. 5:10–20	Psalms 119:9–16	Heb. 4:1–13	Mark 10:23–31
Oct. 24	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 31:7–9	Psalms 126	Heb. 7:23–28	Mark 10:46–52
Oct. 31	Reformation Day	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 or Matt. 11:12–19



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 and his wife will enjoy or a just a verbal acknowledgment of your thanks and appreciation.

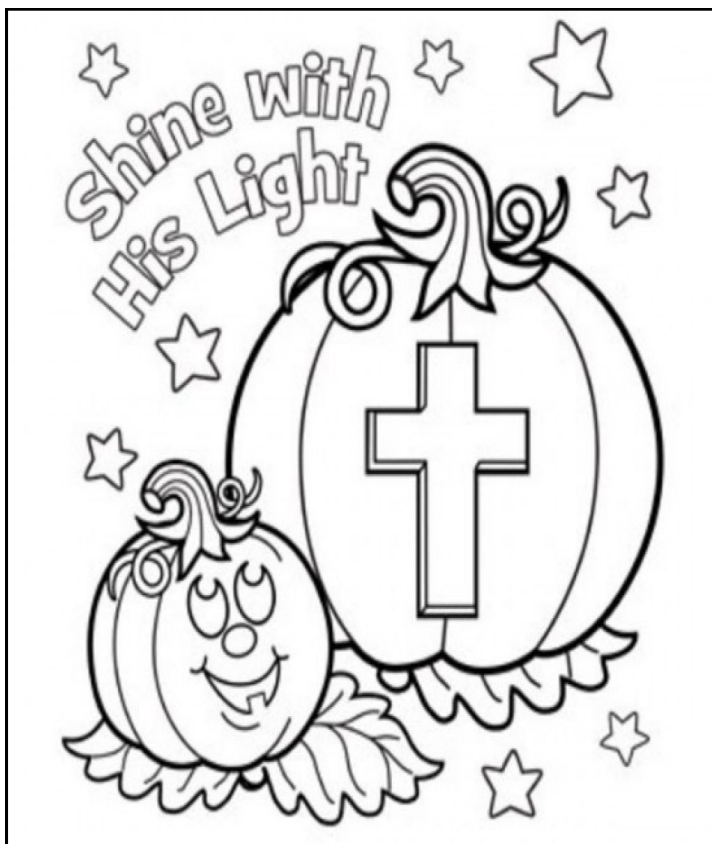
While we acknowledge clergy appreciation month, it needs to continue well beyond this month. Just as we expect pastors to be available for us, we need to show our love, support and appreciation on a daily basis.

May God continue to bless you Pastor and Rachel!

High School Bible Study will begin again in church library between church services on 10-3-2021 at 9:45 am. Open to all High School aged students.

KIDS KORNER

Color Me



School's Christmas Shoppe is Coming

Getting a jump start...

On December 10, 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 for any questions.

Young Adults Upcoming Gatherings—

Bible Study - Gospel of Mark

Tuesdays, (10/12, 10/26, and 11/9) at 7:15pm

Location: Atwater Brewery, Detroit (free parking available)

In addition, please sign up for the following events. Message me with any questions:

Lutherfest/Oktobefest — Friday, October 1, 6-10pm

Location: Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit (includes valet parking)

Cost \$50 (must sign up in advance by clicking "Donate Now" at this link and selecting the number of desired tickets for "Lutherfest": [Give | Historic Trinity Church](#))

Detroit's Faith & Work Conference

Hear from and discuss matters of faith and work with local pastors and other professionals

Saturday, October 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit (free parking)

Sign up: [Detroit's Faith & Work Conference Tickets, Sat, Oct 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

\$25 sign-up fee includes breakfast and lunch (scholarships are available)

Follow us on IG @ [faith.and.work](#)

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SCHOOL MINISTRY

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.



From Eric Pittman, Co-Principal

EDU COMMENTS

Courtney James, an elementary educator and social influencer, as well as a Clorox

spokesperson offers the following helpful tips for learning this year:

Rule Your Routine

When it comes to extracurricular activities or classroom activities, routines help children stay focused and on task! Create a calendar or schedule with a designated time each day to check in with your child about upcoming activities, projects, or tests so you're all on the same page.

Go Outside the Box

Consider mixing up classroom studies to reinforce classroom learnings. On the weekend, take your budding biologist to the nearby aquarium and ask your aspiring writer to journal a story about the day.

Stay Organized

A clean and organized space helps kids focus. Clear bins with items labeled and books and toys organized on shelves gives a sense of order, and also responsibility for putting them back where they belong.

Prevent Germs

The start of the school season also means the return of colds and flu. Keep up healthy habits by disinfecting high-touch surfaces at home, washing your hands regularly, and staying home at the first sign of illness.

SCHOOL NOTES

Our theme for this school year is "In Him All Things Hold Together" based on Colossians 1: 15-20. As we begin the new year, there has been challenges as well as blessings. Like every school, we continue to deal with Covid-

19 issues. There are constant changes, sometimes weekly, with new recommendations or mandates. There are worker shortages, shipping delays, and unavailability of products.

These issues have affected the make-up of our staff for this school year. Mrs. Rita McClatchey and I are serving as co-principals this year. One of our upper-grade teachers accepted a new position at another school at the last moment. A nice problem is the continued growth of our preschool program necessitating staff adjustments.

But the Lord has provided for all our needs. We have added **Mr. Henry Eising** to our staff part-time as teacher in grade 5. Henry, a graduate of Hillsdale College, will teach Literature and History, giving Mr. Paul relief to fulfill his responsibilities at church.

Mrs. Blyth Mackinder will have added responsibilities in the preschool as the program continues to grow.

Our kindergarten – 5th grade enrollment stands at 52 students. We retained some of the new students from last year who wanted in-person learning, but many returned to their local school districts this year. With enrollment very low in grades 6-8 and staffing problems, we discontinued these grades this year. Our plan is to add a grade each year based on the enrollment numbers.

Preschool numbers have exploded this year. We are near capacity at 29 students, and have added more class time to accommodate the increase. We are also considering adding another day of instruction if enrollment dictates the need.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year with many events and activities. Jesus remains with us through His Word. We can rejoice we have a school where all teaching and learning flows from God's Word because "In Him All Things Hold Together."

FUNDRAISERS

Kroger Rewards—Go online to Kroger.com/CommunityRewards to create an account. Our Organization # is HG674. All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. We just received a check for \$130.77 from Kroger.

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 in the envelope on the bulletin board at the church. Thank you.

Auction Committee This is one of our biggest events and a great fundraiser for our school. It takes a lot of people and planning. We are looking for people who would like to help in any way, big or small from church or school for our Auction in the Spring. Parents of our school, it is a great way to help the school and earn a year's worth of Time and Talent hours!! Would you like to chair the committee, help to acquire Auction items or help with gift packaging? Can you help to set up the event, or help during the event? Could you help with printing or office work? Contact Sue at the school to sign up or for any questions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

13 Picture Day
24 Trunk or Treat (1-3:00pm)
29 End of 1st quarter
1/2 Day-Records Day

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Prayers

Homebound

Marion Havrilla
Leona Jackson
Donna McMinn
Art Peludat
Charlette Schroeder
Kathleen Ulrich
Don Whitbeck

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

Military

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



Gifts Given

St. Paul Church

In memory of *Henry Pittman* by M/M Jim Charnawskas

In memory of *Jane Butala* by M/M Chester Limbaugh, M/M Bob Rutledge, M/M Kevin Butala, Ruth Rice

In memory of *David Woodward* by M/M Timothy Woodward

St. Paul School

In memory of *Jane Butala* by Clara Lichtenberg, M/M Jim Charnawskas

Tuition Assistance Fund

In memory of *Jane Butala* by M/M Kevin Butala, Beverly Turner

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.

BAPTISMS

DATE

PARENTS

Charlotte Canfield	08-21-2021	Matthew & Katie (Allen) Canfield
Marley Baker	08-21-2021	Jeremy & Katie (Canfield) Baker
Benjamin Bamford	08-29-2021	Jeremy & Megan Bamford

Member Changes

Transferred Out	James Kelley & Josiah
Transferred In	Amber Martini & Georgia

Member Changes:

M/M Larry & Belle Sawyers (address)	15785 Goddard Rd #104 Southgate, MI 48195
Carole Grayson (address)	1016 Adams St., Little Rock, AR 72204
M/M John & Cheryl Beyerlein (address)	4221 S. US Highway 23, Greenbush, MI 48738
Bethany Withers (address)	9119 Woodridge Ct., Davison, MI 48423
Elizabeth & Maya Rummel (address)	P.O. Box 308, Clawson, MI 48017
Chris Burch (address)	23940 McMillan Ave., Warren, MI 48091
M/M Gary & Sharon Maloney (address)	2044 Wickham Royal Oak, MI 48073

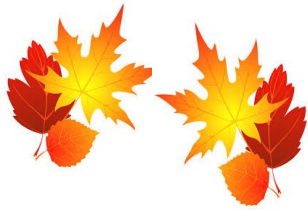
Funerals:

Name:
Jane Butala

Service Date:
09-20-2021



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

10/02 *Jeanne Valdes*

10/03 *Henry Miller*

10/04 *Steven Baker*
Terri Rasmussen-Brockmiller

10/05 *Kimberly Bergman*
Emmet Witmer

10/06 *Gary Bayer*
Hadleigh Pierce
Timothy Ulrich

10/07 *Jana Yamarino*

10/08 *Kevin Calhoun*

10/09 *Esther Bowdick*
Nancy Pyykkonen
Rachel Andrzejewski

10/10 *Darlene Baker*

10/11 *Molly Newell*
Ross Pomroy
Viktor Sagan
Anthony Valdes

10/12 *Brett Hansen*
LeAndre' Turner J

10/13 *Otto Zenk*

10/15 *Craig Rinkus*
Kristin Sharp

10/17 *David Newton*

10/17 *Peter Walsh*
Alice Schley

10/19 *Cheryl Beyerlein*

10/20 *Blyth Mackinder*

10/21 *Kenneth Ruszkowski*

10/22 *Andrew Keeble*

10/24 *Gayle Carpenter*
Anne Sagan

10/25 *Mark Costakes*
Jennifer Louwers
Jeremy Newell
Eleanor Ohngren
Ellison Meagher

10/26 *Sarah Hillenbrand*

10/27 *Zaphorak Shipp*

10/28 *Thomas Limbaugh*
Chase Burgess

10/30 *Rich Kilbourn*
Garek Rice

10/31 *Jaxtyn Jarvey*
Dennis Walker
Debbie Hill

