

The St. Paul Epistle

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A Note from Pastor

Gwen:

Healing Service- On Sunday, October 17th, and Sunday, October 24th, we will lift up the ministry of healing, giving thanks for the ministry of Luke, evangelist, and physician. We will offer an anointing for healing during worship on the 24th.

National Youth Gathering Meeting Info- October 24th at 6:00 pm. In-person meeting with a "build your own nacho bar" . Please see Diane Gainey with any questions.

All Saints Day Prep. We will display black and white printed pictures of our members who have died since last year's All Saints Day. Pastor will share some words about the members in the sermon on All Saints Sunday, November 7th. We encourage you to share a word, phrase or memory of our members who have died by writing a note about them on sheets that will be available in the narthex starting on October 17th.

Stewardship:

Our Stewardship resource is called "The Generosity Project". We have heard two speakers, Nick Border and Georgia Veyette, speak on the ways generosity can strengthen our faith. Nick also showed the kids that generosity is for EVERYONE by teaching them in a fun way during the children's sermon on Rally Day Sunday, as we kicked off our program year for Christian education. Georgia spoke about the importance of generosity to the Christian life, how we are all called to be

generous, and how there is always more than enough when we share. She invited us to be "it" in the spiritual practice of giving, aka "Christian tag".

The Generosity Project has many activities and questions that could get us ALL thinking about how we give and share. For example, as a household, you could talk about how you give, save, and spend. You could also take on the challenge of looking at common items in your house, like books, and see how you could share them with others. There is more material than we could possibly cover on a Sunday, because it's designed to be a small group session, (for a half-hour to hour meeting for 6 weeks!)

Here are two Affirmations and Blessings from the materials that speak to how we give as Christians and affirm our ministry of giving at St. Paul: "I am created in the image of a generous God. I give because I want to mirror a generous God." and "God equips us and has given us many opportunities to give and share at home and away from home".

Please listen for Stewardship messages in worship on October 10th and 24th. We plan on distributing materials that will help you prayerfully plan your giving and consider sharing your other gifts of ministry, time, and interests, so that you can return them in early November, on the 7th and 14th, and we can offer thanks to God for your gifts by November 14th.

Thank you for our ministry together here at St. Paul!

Peace,
Pastor Gwen



150th Anniversary of St. Paul:

New date is **Sunday, March 27, 2022**. We hope to see everyone there!

Thank you,
150th Committee

Trunk or Treat:



Join your St. Paul family
for trunk or treat!

Sunday October 17th from 3-
5
in the St. Paul parking lot.

We are looking for trick or treaters in costumes and for people that would like to decorate their trunks and pass out candy or treats to our St. Paul youth!

Contact Jill Lievens with questions and to RSVP if you are decorating your trunk!
309.738.6852

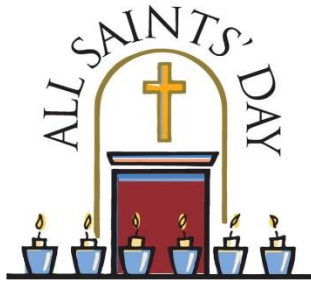


Confirmation Sunday:

Confirmation Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 31, at 10:30 AM worship service. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 30th in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, October 31st at our 10:30 AM service, ten of our youth who completed confirmation classes will affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as they become confirmed members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The confirmands are:

Ben Adams
Jacob Bainbridge
Beth Churchill
Kallie DeBaillie
Kennedy DeBaillie
Ryan DeBaillie
Sawyer Fliege
Parker Larson
Aubrey Sandberg
Abby Weber



All Saints Day:

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 7, 2021. Please bring a framed picture of your loved one to display during worship. Thank you!

Christmas Eve:



Christmas eve worship service times will be 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 9:00 PM. More information will be available as December gets closer.

Harvest Meal



Will be cancelled this year, due to Covid19.

We hope we can celebrate our Harvest meal together next year.

Flower Chart 2021:



A **NEW** flower chart for 2021 is available in the narthex. You may sign up to provide flowers for 1 or 2 vases for our worship services. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please pay for your flowers (\$20 per vase) at the time you sign up to provide them in the box located directly beneath the flower sign-up chart.

Orion Area Food Pantry & Volunteer Information:



Each year, the Orion Area Food Pantry asks members of each of the area churches to help on food distribution days. **Distribution days: Tuesdays from 4-6 PM**, except for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meal distributions, which have longer distribution hours. Distributions take place at the lower level of the village hall. If you can help with any of these dates, please sign up on the bulletin board located in the courtyard hallway.

St. Paul's month for donations is **March and September**.

LCW News & Events:

WELCA is now LCW
(Lutheran Church Women).



LCW Breakfast Meeting at the Windmill:

No Meeting Tuesday, October 5th

Stitchers:

Tuesday, October 6th at 8:30 AM – breakfast
Tuesday, October 12th at 9:00 AM – make soup
Tuesday, October 19th at 9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 26th at 9:00 AM

October Birthdays:

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Carlson, Gabriel	10/01
DeBaillie, Carly	10/02
Sampson, Marjorie	10/02
Terry, Jason	10/03
Holst, Leann	10/05
Farwell, Natalie	10/06
Stiles, Kristina	10/06
Hampton, Savannah	10/07
Weber, Lane	10/07
Farwell, Courtney	10/08
Johnson, Jacob	10/09
Nguyen, Toan	10/09
Norton, Blaze	10/09
Pettifer, Linda	10/09
Mullen, Lon	10/10
DeBaillie, Cindy	10/11
Jacobsen, Denise	10/11
Pulford, Eric	10/11
VanDuyne, Elyse	10/11
Sandberg, Kristy	10/12
Weber, Doris	10/12
Kruse, Jeremy	10/13
Nelson, Gary	10/13
Johnson, Catherine	10/14
Whitsell, Troy	10/14

Adams, Benjamin	10/15
DeBaillie, Ryan	10/16
Ward, Rodney	10/16
Beck, Deena	10/18
Houser, Lilian	10/18
Seabloom, Michael	10/18
Thrasher, Glenna	10/18
Bowers, William	10/19
Carlile, Melinda	10/19
Campbell, Parker	10/20
Frenell, Sarah	10/20
Stockton, Hannah	10/20
Brodd, Jeanne	10/21
Larson, Parker	10/23
Montgomery, Billy	10/24
Hoftender, Heather	10/25
Kerker, Gavin	10/25
Carlson, Robert	10/26
Meier, Gregg	10/26
Buffington, Rylan	10/27
Carlson, Richard	10/28
Cox, John	10/28
Gainey, Matthew	10/28
Swope, Dawn	10/28
Minneart, Kyle	10/29
Stenzel, Jeannette	10/30

October Baptismal Anniversaries:



Bennett Dahl	10/01
Norma Gordon	10/01
Chris Holst	10/01
Greg Rochleau	10/01
Celinda Vestal	10/01
Abby Chelstrom	10/03
Edward Willhouse	10/03
Erika Jess	10/04
Parker Campbell	10/06
Aron Lees	10/06
Daniel Seabloom	10/09
Derek Beck	10/10
Finlee Lindgren	10/10

Donna Dahl	10/11
Debra Lawyer	10/11
Benjamin Dunlap	10/12
Will Dunlap	10/12
Olivia Ortegell	10/12
Michael Sundvall	10/12
Maxwell Johnson	10/13
Courtney Whitsell	10/15
Robert Pettifer	10/16
Morgan Ash	10/18
Tyler Sandberg	10/18
Hollis Willis	10/18
Michael Lawyer	10/19
Bryan Peterson	10/19
Molly Vestal	10/19
Cain Bernhardt	10/21
Jeffrey Dahl	10/21
Kody Peterson	10/22
Helen Ward	10/22
Joseph Border	10/24
Shelly Marshall	10/26
Alyssa Anderson	10/27
Janet Stenzel	10/28
Kathleen Kurrle	10/29
Brian Stoudt	10/30

each week as a reminder of their duties, and she will relay these changes to our church secretary. **If you know you will be absent during certain timeframes, please let Nikki know so she does not schedule you to volunteer during that time. Thank you! Your assistance is appreciated!**

October 3, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Randy & Cindy DeBaillie
 Lector: Beth Hoffman
 Acolyte: Autumn Hofender

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Brain & Pat Stoudt
 Acolyte: Will Hampton
 Sound System: Lori Dhabalt
 Lector: Sheryl Hiatt
 Assisting Minister: Rod Ward
 Altar Guild: Joyce Hepner
 Lawn Care (10/02 – 10/09): Brad Gainey

October 10, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Jim & Dianna DeBaillie
 Lector: Kim Nightingale
 Acolyte: Bryan Peterson

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Ken & Deb Pulford
 Acolyte: Alyssa Peterson
 Sound System: Sheryl Hiatt
 Lector: Jane Helke
 Assisting Minister: Lori Dhabalt
 Altar Guild: Teresa Carlson
 Lawn Care (10/10 – 10/16): Ray Parrish

October 17, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Ray Parrish
 Lector: Cindy DeBaillie
 Acolyte: Cavan Terry

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Brain & Pat Stoudt
 Acolyte: Carson Peck
 Sound System: Jeff Schroeder
 Lector: Diane Gainey
 Assisting Minister: Lori Dhabalt
 Altar Guild: Beth Hoffman
 Lawn Care (10/17 – 10/23): Mike Hepner

October 24, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Randy & Cindy DeBaillie
 Lector: Beth Hoffman
 Acolyte: Elyse Van Duynes

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Gloria Grafton
 Acolyte: Rylan Buffington
 Sound System: Lisa Johnston

October Worship

Volunteers:



Worship volunteers have been assigned for the **month of October**. If you see that you will be unavailable on a certain Sunday to which you have been assigned, please switch with another member and call Mary Lindgren at 521-8658 to let her know the changes. Mary has been calling the worship volunteers

Lector: Jan Enders
Assisting Minister: Rod Ward
Altar Guild: Debbie Dahl
Lawn Care (10/24 – 10/30): John Carlson

October 31, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Rick & Joyce Hepner
Lector: Kim Nightingale
Acolyte: Lexi Christiansen

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Lisa Johnston
Acolyte: Aliyah McRae
Sound System: Lori Dhabalt
Lector: Jane Helke
Assisting Minister: Lori Dhabalt
Altar Guild: Judy Frenell & Jody Belowske
Lawn Care (10/31 – 11/06): Nick Border

November 7, 2021:

8:00 AM:

Greeters: Jeff & Debbie Dahl
Lector: Beth Hoffman
Acolyte:

10:30 AM:

Greeters: Rod & Helen Ward
Acolyte:
Sound System: Sheryl Hiatt
Lector: Lori Dhabalt
Assisting Minister: Rod Ward
Altar Guild: Hannah Stockton & Sarah Frenell

Parish Nurse News:



It's fall again, and I love this season. I am one of "those people" who love pumpkin in everything.

I had some pumpkin cookies last night at my first parish nurse class and I was in heaven.

Fall brings a newness after the heat of summer. Cool fresh air mornings and evenings, lovely colors on the trees, fires in the fireplace, and farmers harvesting the corn and beans greet us this season.

It's a good time of year to get out and walk or hike or just open your windows to enjoy the freshness of the air. It's great for our mind, bodies, and spirits to enjoy the fruits of the season.

Some good hiking places to go include Blackhawk State Park, Sylvan Island, and the Hennepin Canal Trail. If walking by the river sounds good, you can walk by the Mississippi on the Ben Butterworth Trail or the Davenport River Trail. A good walk around Orion is always good too. Get out and enjoy the weather this fall as we all know that winter puts a damper on getting outside.

I stopped at Stones Apple Barn and picked up some delicious apples. I found a recipe for some banana pumpkin bread that I am going to try, and I have been in the Starbucks drive up to pick up a Pumpkin Chai tea. The good foods for the fall are here. Pick up some goodies and then try and not indulge too much (which is really hard :))

Pray for the spirit of Christ to speak to you this season. We have just started our program year at St. Paul. Come to church to sing the praises of God and hear His word. Come and sit in on a class or visit with others. It's a joyful time to be together. If you cannot make it to church, then you can listen online on our Facebook page.

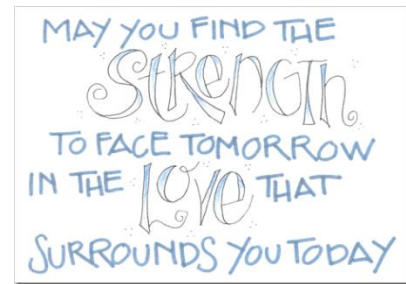
The prayer circle has been revamped and the members will be getting the new version in the mail. The new version is different, but also the same. We have asked everyone on the prayer circle how they like to be contacted and we will be doing a variety of phone calls, texting and emailing. If you have a request for the prayer circle, please call Jan Meier at 309-521-8243.

If you cannot reach Jan, please call or text me at 309-912-1881 or Pastor Gwen at 815-621-0508. Please note that you need permission from the person who you are requesting prayers for to put them on the prayer circle.

Prayer circle members are Jan Meier, Sheryl Hiatt, Pastor Gwen, Nikki Debaille, Jan Enders, Helen Ward, Janet Boney, Jane Helke, Teresa Carlson, Paul and Carla Roome, Gary and Debbie Nelson, Jody Belowske, and Diane Gainey.

Till next month, May God's love envelop you and keep you in His loving embrace.

Sheryll Hiatt
Parish Nurse



Covid Booster Shot:

COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for the following Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago: This is only for those people that received the Pfizer vaccine. There will be more information coming out in the future for those people who received the Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Eligible recipients of the booster include 1) Anyone over 65 2) 18+ with underlying medical conditions including cancer, heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, dementia, weakened immune system, overweight and obesity, pregnancy, smoker-current or former, Downs syndrome, substance abuse 3) 18+ who work in a high risk area: First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregated care staff) Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers), Food and agriculture workers, Manufacturing workers, Corrections workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, Public transit workers, Grocery store workers.

Sympathy:



Our deepest sympathy to Brian & Pat Stoudt, and their family at the passing of Brian's mother, Leona Stoudt. Leona passed away on September 13th.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Carolyn Abrahamson at her passing on August 28, 2021.

May you find peace and comfort in the prayers and people surrounding you.

August Financials:



August YTD Income \$138,346.35
August YTD Expenses \$146,396.71
August YTD Net -\$8,050.36

Council Meeting Highlights from September 2021:

Annual Weiner Roast:

- Cindy and Randy DeBaillie are again our gracious hosts. October 3 at 5:00. Bring sticks for roasting hot dogs and a dish to pass. Additional information online, in bulletin and in The Epistle.

Gathering update:

- Such an awesome event for our youth to attend! Look for updates and meetings to come!

Youth Activities:

- 5th Quarter
- Middle School

Painting of Sunday School rooms:

- Painting has been completed for the hallway and six rooms. Would like to continue to other rooms but the few and mighty need a little break!

Technology Committee:

- Still looking for additional members for this committee. Please prayerfully consider!

Congregational Member Status:

- **Have you moved, changed email address or phone number?? Please contact Nikki in the office so we can update your records!**

Constitution Review:

- **We have a task force that will be reviewing the Constitution. If you are interested in joining, please notify the office.**

Endowment Ministry Programs

Fund:

Grant application forms are in the hallway. The Endowment Committee will review all applications and recommend a plan of distribution, which Church Council will review. Please turn your form into the church office when it is completed.

Blessing Bags:



Thank you for continued donations for the Blessing Bags! As a reminder, we are always in need of donations, such as: warm socks, chap-stick, hand warmers, deodorant, protein snacks, wipes, granola bars, rain ponchos, Kleenex, and gum. Please make sure they are travel-sized and individually wrapped. There is a collection box in the hallway. The completed blessing bags are also in the hallway. Please feel free to take and distribute.

Thank you,
Family Life Committee

College Student Request:



If you are moving and changing addresses, please contact Jana Baraks or Nikki in the church office. We send out care packages and want to make sure your package will make it to you. Thank you!
