

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

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## **Pastors Newsletter for October 2019**

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.  
Proverbs 16:3

I always find this time of the year to be an exciting one in the life of the church. Christian Education hour, Bible studies, committees and council get into full swing and many plans are brought to fruition. This fall I have noticed this is particularly so, new and better ways of doing a variety of things are being implemented, visitors are showing up in greater number, the vibe as they say, is good. In this kind of atmosphere, it is always particularly important that we make sure that it is God that is leading us, and through the Holy Spirit directing our overall course. It is good therefore that as we gather as committees we always pray together, that our monthly prayer gathering at church upholds the ministry and members of Saint Paul. One thing is for sure, trying to get ahead of God is never going to end well, and thankfully just the opposite is normally the case around here.

A couple of things you will notice right away, new prayer booklets are being made available to help us all to uphold the ministries of this church and the needs of the world in general, these will be going out to many homebound members as well. When people gather in Fellowship Hall there will be a book cart full of great books to borrow from our library. Our bulletins are continuing to be redesigned to make it easier for everyone including visitors to follow the service. For Advent we are planning to use a cohesive series entitled "What Child is This" from the ever-reliable Concordia Publishing House. "What Child is This" is a great resource which includes really nice devotional booklets for both adults and children, a great program to invite neighbors to by the way. It is only October, and all this is happening already, not a bad start to the fall I would say.

Let us all as brothers and sisters in Christ commit these and other works to the Lord, and let us invite our friends, family, acquaintances and others to this dynamic congregation, giving thanks to God for life and salvation through Jesus. Pastor Paul

## **SPECIAL APPEAL FOR October: North American Lutheran Seminary**

Since the Institute of Lutheran Theology has suspended its development of courses for Christian education, we will be switching our support to the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS). This seminary is operated by the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), in which our pastors are co-rostered. Located in the Pittsburgh area, NALS offers short courses and seminars for pastors, seminarians and laity in theological and liturgical topics. Funds collected for this month's appeal will be used to support attendance of our seminarian or other members at one of these seminars. If the money is not requested for such use by December, it will be donated to NALS in support of their work.



**Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!**

### **RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS**

Keith Eisenhart, Mary Kopp, Rena Wilson, Barb Little ~ please keep these members in your prayers.



### **Our Response to His Love in August:**

2017 = 189

2018 = 169

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the November newsletter need to be in the church office by **October 14th.**



**BLANKET WORKSHOP:** The quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, **October 9th at 9:00am** to tie knots, so why not join them and knot some knots! Thanks to all who donate material and time for this important work. The three-layer quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief and the two-layer quilts are donated locally.



**PRAYER LUNCH:** Join in prayer concerns at the Prayer Lunch, at noon on **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the conference room.** Please bring your lunch and help pray for the church, our pastors, and the congregation.



**Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.**

October 16	Sight and Sound (tickets are already purchased)
November	Lunch at Hoss's
December	Lunch at Hoss's

### **Pie Night!**

Wolf's Church, Paradise Evangelical Covenant, Zion Schaffer's and Saint Paul are going together to have a night of fellowship and singing! Did I mention that the fellowship involves pie? Yes, it is a hymn sing/pie night with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Connie Dunklebarger will be calling for pie donations, if she doesn't call you, you could call her and volunteer to bring your favorite pie. However, more than pies, we need people! So, bring yourself, your family and friends and be ready to enjoy good food and good company. This all takes place on **October 14 at 6:30 pm** in Saint Paul's Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and spread the word! Oh yes, there may be some ice cream involved in this event as well!



## Book Club

Please join us **October 17 at 11:30am**. Bring a lunch and meet it in the Conference Room. The book we are reading for October is: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult



**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Our dessert for October is chocolate chip peanut butter bars. Follow your favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe and add 1/2 cup peanut butter. (NO nuts please.) Cut into 12 squares and wrap individually. We need 30 pans (12 per pan) by **9 am on Friday, October 19th**. If you can make some, please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thanks!

### WORSHIP IN October

- Oct. 7**      **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-25  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:1-3(14-18)  
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16
- Oct. 14**    **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7,10-15  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:12-19  
Gospel: Mark 10:17-22
- Oct. 21**    **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:1-13(14-16)  
Gospel: Mark 10:23-31
- Oct. 28**    **Reformation Sunday**  
First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7  
Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-23  
Gospel John 8:31-36

## Men of Faith

Our next men's breakfast, time of fellowship, and study will be **October 13 at 8 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Last month we had a good discussion based on the short video we show, and now we continue that with the second of this series on "The Period of the Kings." No matter what your age you will enjoy this time with other men as we strive to live out the Christian life in our very secular world. Invite a son, other relative, friend or neighbor along, just mark how many are coming on the list at the back of the church, so we know roughly how many to expect for breakfast.

**First Communion Classes** for young people 2nd grade and up be held **Oct. 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:15pm to 7:00pm and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Please see Pastor Sally if your child is planning to attend.

**Daisy Girl Scout openings!** If you know of a Kindergarten or first grade girl interested in Girl Scouts we have openings in the Daisy troop that meets here at St. Paul. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sunday School wing. You can visit <http://www.gshpa.org> to register. The Daisy troop number is 20398.

## HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, pasta sauce, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, dry spaghetti, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed cereal, kidney beans, gluten free products, lower sugar products for diabetics



**Holiday Season Needs:** 12-16lb turkeys, turkey breasts, 3-6lb hams, boxed mashed potatoes, canned yams or sweet potatoes, boxed sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned turkey gravy, canned cranberry sauce, boxed cake mix, frosting, boxed fruit gelatin  
*Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.*

**Our 70+ Worship Service and Luncheon will be held on Oct. 3rd.** Our Social Ministry Committee always does such a great job hosting this, you won't want to miss it, look for your invitation in the mail and please let us know if you did not receive one!

**Our congregation** will remember those members who passed from this life to the next this past year at our All Saints Service on **November 4** at the 8:15 service. We also will mention in the prayer loved ones who passed away during the past year. A paper is available in the Narthex for you to list the name of those you like us to remember. We give thanks to God for their witness to the faith and the promise for life eternal we have in Christ our Lord!



**BLANKET SUNDAY is Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.**

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That's the feeling you can share with an LWR Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone.

**First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding.** But their versatility also makes Quilts useful for many other purposes as well. Thanks to all those who have donated materials for these quilts. Since last Oct. our quilters have made 129 quilts!!

**Thanks** to all those who make quilts! Our quilters are: Bernice Eash, Mim Root, Bertha Spahr, Marguerite Keller, Evelene Young, Jenny Walter, Donna Sprengle, Joyce Hall, Donna Rinehart, Louise Frye, Linda Ronan, & Sandy Breneman.

**We welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Maxwell John Runyan. Max is the son of Laura and Chris Runyan and brother of Maci. He is the grandson of Bill & Lynette Baker, Pastor Paul & Pastor Sally Gausmann and the great-grandson of Carl and Delores Smyser. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon him!



**Congratulations and God's blessings to John & Linda Sherman** on the birth their grandson Isaac John Sherman. We thank God for this gift of new life!

## LCMC

Please pray for the LCMC Annual Gathering from October 7 through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Sally, Chuck Mann, Kate Frye, and Joyce Hall will be traveling to Des Moines, Iowa for this year's gathering. There they will hear excellent preaching and teaching and participate in some interesting workshops like: Youth Discipleship, Social Media, Leading through change, etc. You can watch part of the Assembly, which takes place October 7 to 10<sup>th</sup> live streaming on your electronic devices at [www.lcmc.net/live](http://www.lcmc.net/live) and our group will report back to the congregation when we return on the things we learned and experienced. Thanks for supporting our members and our association as we continue to live out our calling to share the good news of Christ our Lord.



## **SPONSORSHIPS**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)**

<b>Oct. 3</b>	Fall Communion Lunch – Open
<b>Oct. 7</b>	James Tice / Ken Worley & family
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Bill & Kathryn Myers / Clyde Horner
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Bob Haner
<b>Basket</b>	Charles & Jackie Witman and family
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Mary Jane Fauth / Joe & Jill Jones and family

### **BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)**

<b>Oct. 7</b>	Mary Jane Fauth & Kenneth Mummert / Open
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Marty & Sandy Albright
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Rodney & Joyce Smyser and family
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Bernice Beal

### **BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)**

<b>Oct. 7</b>	Denny & Deb Shue
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Marty & Sandy Albright and family
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Marty & Sandy Albright and family
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Richard & Mary Keller

### **DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

<b>Oct. 7</b>	Treva Albright
<b>Oct. 14</b>	John & Esther Jacobs
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Open
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Charlotte Hoffman & family

### **PARISH MESSENGER**

Hoke Family

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

Open

### **OPEN 2018 SPONSORSHIPS**

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."*

*James 1:5*

### **Sunday School for all ages! (Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)**

#### **For Adults:**

**Parents of Faith** – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

**Lutheran Theology class** – meeting temporarily in conference room. Studying Luther's Large Catechism.

**Concordia study works through various books of the Bible-** this class meets in the parlor.

**Faith Forum** meets in Pastor Sally's Office-great discussion of the Word, Prayer and Mutual Support.

#### **Faith building for youth and children:**

**Senior High** (grades 10-12 in the youth room) They are combining with young adults for a class called: Money, Money, Money. Come learn about earning, saving and giving to the glory of God!

**Crib Nursery – Toddler** in the nursery room.

**Pre-K through 5th grade** - will be doing a unit of God Creates a World and a People. Lessons include creation, Adam & Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Noah.

Confirmation classes for **grades 6 and 7 will be in the room next to the youth room.** Grades 8 and 9 will be in room one.

All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us



## THANK YOU

Pastor Paul & Pastor Sally – Thank you so much for all of the care and attention which you gave to Janet, especially over the past 7 weeks. The family really appreciates your concern for us also. The funeral service was perfect-we were all pleased and feel mom would have loved it also. Thanks again and God Bless you both. Chuck and Cindy Smyser and the rest of Janet’s family

Dear Saint Paul Congregation: We received with gratitude your gift of \$985. Thank you for your ongoing support of KCA students. Thank you for your support of our mission to create an environment in which students thrive, families matter, teachers inspire and communities benefit. You have a heart for KCA’s ministry to provide consistent Christian influence to these young children as they learn and grow. Gratefully, Gary Hiller, Director of Development Keystone Christian Academy

### A Message to My Sponsor

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. First, of all, I would like to thank God for continuing to fight for me in my daily life. I am also thankful to God for continuing to fight for my family by giving it a good health. How are you doing? “If the LORD had not been on our side” – let Israel say this! I thank God for fighting for me and enabling to pass my form six exams in the field of chemistry, biology, and geography (CBG) buy getting division two. I am expecting to enter into University in November and peruse the first degree of Chemistry. Also at the center, I got the chance to attend the youth seminar which was done in Morogoro. Mostly I am thankful for your prayers, for they helped me moving from one step to another. For the four moving on to university, what courses will you be studying? At the center we learned how to maintain a pure life according to the Word of God. May God bless you and fight for the works of your hands. Please pray for my studies. Marko.

**Women of the Word** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 17th at **1:00 pm**. Our Bible Study will be ...*And Leaving It There*, which is part of our *Giving God Your All* study. We invite all ladies to join us for study and fellowship at **our new time!** We look forward to having you join us!



In 2003 Saint Paul Lutheran Church did a thorough study of our building needs. We examined hopes and dreams from the past (when this building was started back in the 1960's), current needs and future hopes. From that study arose a plan that addressed nearly every area of our facility. In order to make the project more attainable we decided at that time to break the project into two phases. Phase I was completed around 2005 with improvements to the Sunday School wing, Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen. Two of the main benefits we reap from that project are the ramps on either end of the Fellowship Hall and a storage closet. In the ensuing years we have revisited Phase II numerous times and in the process, we have revised those plans somewhat (originally we envisioned the completion of a connector wing along with other updates to the office wing.) Our current plans have shifted the focus slightly. We felt it best not to add too many additional areas of square footage, but instead try to accomplish some of our original goals by updating what is already in place. The new plans will benefit our older members (covered drop off, shorter walks from the parking area and improved parlor) and also make our building more attractive to young families and visitors (a closer nursery/child gathering area and more well-defined building entrance.) With this in mind, and with the backing of the congregation from this year's annual meeting council sought out "soft" pledges to see how close we could get to the approximate cost. Since we recently have had good news on both sides of the number equation council held a special meeting, the results of which are printed below.

**Sharing The Light of Christ, Phase II update:** At a specially called council meeting on September 17 the council examined the recently completed feasibility study and voted to approve the Phase 2 renovation project and to present this project to the congregation for approval at a specially called congregation meeting at a date to be established.

The following dates were setup for the congregational information sessions about the renovation project:

- Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the start of All Committees Night
- Sunday, October 7, 2018 during Fellowship Time
- Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall at a catered lunch

Look for your postcard invitation to the October 21 luncheon to come in the mail soon!

## Upcoming Church Family Events! These activities are for EVERYONE!

**Crop Walk- Oct. 14 at 12:30** This is an annual event that our congregation participates in to raise money for local organizations that help combat hunger. We will be meeting following second service to eat a quick lunch together (please pack your own lunch) before heading to East Berlin. We will walk throughout the town (there are sidewalks) fellowshiping and raising money for the hungry.



Back by popular demand.... **Trunk or Treat!**

We will hold this event on **October 28** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Decorate your trunk and hand out treats to youth from our congregation and community 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger (we are asking the older youth in the congregation to help with games and refreshments.) Cars line up starting at 6:00 so that we are ready when the children come! Join the fun (donations are being accepted for refreshments!) Sign up in the Narthex!



**The Youth and Family Committee** is sponsoring a bowling event on November 14. We will meet at 5:00 at the church (or meet us at Hanover Bowling Center at 5:30) We will be bowling and eating pizza until 7:30. The cost per person is \$3 and sign up and payment is needed by October 21. All are welcome to join us for a fun evening!



**The Youth and Family Committee** would like to sponsor a family for Christmas. Do you know a family in our community that has a special need (unemployment or health issues) that we could give presents to and bring some extra cheer to at that special time of the year? Please see Pastor Sally with any suggestions. Thanks for your help in identifying people for us to minister to in Jesus' name.

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