

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**October 2020**

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
is committed to praising,  
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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in honor of family and friends and in memory of loved ones  
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## Pastor's Letter

Pastors Letter for the October 2020 Newsletter

Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance-Proverbs 1:5

We really appreciate the way folks have stepped up to help maintain our vital church life through this pandemic. Whether it be worship or education, folks are taking extra steps to make sure that we can gather together safely, that the burdens of extra preparations do not overwhelm our joy in the Lord. What is extra heartening though is to see some of the blessings that have resulted in this challenging time, including our new education ministry, Faith Builders.

Pastor Sally and I are enjoying helping Sandy Albright with the new opening for Faith Builders for the youth; finding the music videos that introduce many youth to a whole genre of music and writing skits and puppet shows to perform on stage. Through Faith Builders we have five lively classes for youth age 0 through young adult.

Adult education is alive and well on Sunday mornings. The Concordia Bible study is a great in-depth way to enrich your study of the Books of the Bible, Sandy Albright has her ever supportive Parents of Faith Class, Larry Rinehart explores the great depths of our Lutheran Faith, Pastor Paul has Topical Christian studies throughout the year. Saint Paul is alive and vibrant, share this good news with friends and relatives. We have room for more folks. This is a home for good news, the Good News of Jesus Christ, at a time of stress we are a beacon of hope a city set upon a hill.



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

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 donated to NALS in support of their work.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the November newsletter need to be in the church office by **October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you can make some, please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thanks!



### **First Communion Classes**

First communion classes are being offered for those in second grade and older children who have not yet received their first communion.

This year we are going to do 2 of the sessions by Zoom and one in person. Wednesday October 14 and Monday October 19 will be zoom sessions from 6:30 – 7:00 and Saturday October 24 we will meet at church from 10:30 – noon. (No bread baking this year due to COVID 😞)

**First Communion will be held on October 25. Please see Pastor Sally for more information.**



## **BLANKET SUNDAY is Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020.**

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. 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 84 3-layer quilts and 10 2-layer quilts. **Thanks** to all those who help! Our quilters are: Bertha Spahr, Linda Ronan, Mim Root, Sue Dickensheets, Marguerite Keller, Jenny Walter, Joyce Hall, Deb Shue, Louise Frye, and Sandy Brenneman.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Friends, We can't predict when and where emergencies will happen around the world, but thanks to your \$566.06 gift to Lutheran World Relief, we stand better prepared to respond. On behalf of our staff here and abroad, and those we serve together, please accept my thanks once more. God bless you! In Gratitude, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.) President & CEO

Greetings Dear Friends, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your gifts and prayers. And much more important, please accept the immeasurable gratitude of persecuted Christians around the world who are served through your ongoing commitment, faithfulness and sacrifice. Keep Praying! Cole Richards, The Voice of the Martyrs

THANK YOU Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally! October is "Pastor Appreciation" month and as a congregation, we would like to say thank you to Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for your dedication, leadership, guidance and flexibility this past year. You both are a true blessing to our church in the ways you reflect the joy of the Lord and the heart of Jesus. We hope you know how much you are appreciated! THANK YOU for blessing us with ALL that God has blessed you with!!!

## Worship in October

- Oct. 4**      **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14  
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct. 11**     **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9  
Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13  
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 18**     **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7  
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 25**     **Reformation Sunday**  
First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7  
Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28  
Gospel: John 8:31-36

**Have you seen our BIG BIG House Video?** Thanks to Emily Gettman and the Hostetler crew for the videography and to the VBS kids for their cooperation. Check it out on Facebook! If you don't have Facebook let us know and we'll try to arrange for another showing on the big screen in Fellowship Hall!

### **How many new things can we have in one year?**

Well we are trying something special for the younger kids for Halloween since most community events are cancelled. **Wear your costume to Sunday School on Reformation Sunday (October 25)** – we'll have a little parade to the older classes and the Christian Education Committee will provide a small bag of treats. No scary or ungodly costumes – keep it fun and simple!

**Is there anything we can help you with?** We know that everyone and especially families with young kids are stressed because of all the changes in life and scheduling due to COVID. Please use the tear off below or e-mail or text us with any thoughts of things that might be a blessing to your life. Know that we are praying for you!

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I/We could use/need/pray for:

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

**Oct. 4** James Tice / Ken Worley & Family  
**Oct. 11** Clyde & Audrey Horner / Bill Myers  
**Oct. 18** Bob Haner & Family  
**Oct. 25** The Jones family

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

**Oct. 4** Ken Mummert  
**Oct. 11** Marty & Sandy Albright  
**Oct. 18** Rodney & Joyce Smyser & Family  
**Oct. 25** Bernice Beal

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

**Oct. 4** Denny & Deb Shue  
**Oct. 11** The Albright Family  
**Oct. 18** The Albright Family  
**Oct. 25** Richard & Mary Keller

**Mailing MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

**Oct. 4** Treva Albright  
**Oct. 11** John & Esther Jacobs  
**Oct. 18** Carl Smyser  
**Oct. 25** Charlotte Hoffman & Family

**PARISH MESSENGER**

The Hoke Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Carl Smyser

**OPEN 2020 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)

## HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice. Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked "pantry"



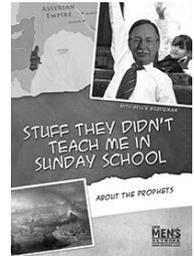
## Women of the Word

are collecting items to complete the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The items we need to complete these kits are: **Light-weight, dark-colored bath towel (20"x40" or 52"x27")**, **Bath size bars of soap (3 oz. or larger)**, **Sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)**, **one metal nail clippers (attached file optional)**. Please hold these items at home until the church reopens. If you have any questions, please see Barb Sloat.

Women of the Word will continue their monthly Bible Study on **Wednesday, October 21st at 1:00 pm**. We are continuing our "Living in Jesus" Bible study. This month Heather Heal we will lead our study "Rejoice in Him". We invite all women to join us in for study and fellowship.

**We are looking for someone to make DVD's** of the worship service for our shut-ins. See Pastor Paul or Jack Hall if interested.

**Men's Group:** are next Men's Group get together is Saturday October 17 at 8 AM, with a look at another one of the Old Testament prophets after a light packaged breakfast and good conversation and fellowship. This all takes place down in Fellowship Hall and lasts about one hour, so get out of the house and enjoy some time of faith sharing, discussion and learning. Our series is a good one and not too heavy, but rather very down to earth.



**Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Box  
information Coming Soon!!**

## Lay Responsibilities Update

We are continuing to rebuild our list of those who are willing and able to help with lay responsibilities. There are some new jobs some of which include helping with the live streaming and sound at early church and operating the outdoor equipment at late service. Please prayerfully consider joining in service to our Lord and His church. See Joyce Hall or Pastor Sally for more information.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

Denny Mummert & Dirinda Minnich ~ please keep them in your prayers.



**Third Thursday Bible, Bingo, Bag Lunch!**  
**Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends)** is taking on a new look this fall. Starting on **October 15** we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study, see below). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. Also, if you bring a bag lunch we can hang around and visit a bit.

Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

## Bible Study for October (two opportunities)

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures. This fall we all can engage in a study entitled *Words that Matter*, a look at the deeper meaning behind several words found in the Scripture. Rather than just a study of one book, this allows us to trace the rich meaning of the word from one book to another and, in the course of doing so, come to a more profound understanding of what conveys to us through His Word. So join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM, the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily devotion e-mail for that week. The September Bible Sessions will be held on **October 8, 15, 22, and 29**.

# First Ever: Retreat on the Saint Paul Lawn

When: October 9-10

(stay all night or sleep at home)



Begin with pizza (provided) at 6 pm

Movie ET at 7 pm (bring your own snacks and drinks)

Fire Ring with devotions and smores (personal smores kit provided) at 9 pm

In the morning we will have donuts (provided) and devotions and then at

9 am...another first ever... our very own **Disaster Response Walk.**

(funds will go to Samaritans Purse)

We will walk the perimeter of our property for one hour as a substitute for the CROP Walk which is virtual this year.



Mixed into the event another Saint Paul video to the music of Galaxy!

Please indicate how many parts of the event you can attend:

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Name and number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight \_\_\_\_\_

Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Donuts \_\_\_\_\_

Smoires \_\_\_\_\_

Walk \_\_\_\_\_

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