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The Epistle—Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Reformation Day

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Growing as Disciples: Bible Study and Intergenerational Sunday School

“You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing” (Luke 10:41-42). This is what Jesus tells Martha when she is overwhelmed by her work while he is visiting her and her sister, Mary, in their home. That “one thing” which is needed is Jesus himself; a relationship with Christ. Mary chooses this by sitting at the feet of Jesus in order to listen to his teaching. Our Lord invites us to do the same so that we might deepen our relationship with the Triune God, be strengthened for the journey, and grow as disciples. We will seek to answer Jesus’ invitation here at St. Paul this year by dwelling in the Word together each week during Intergenerational Sunday School and several Bible studies:

Intergenerational Sunday School: Education Hour: Each Sunday from 9:00-10:00 am, disciples of all ages are invited to gather together for the education hour. During the first and fourth Sundays of the month, we will begin in large group study and then at 9:30, children will go with Nancy and Jane Erbeck to engage in an age-appropriate learning activity. Adults will then have an opportunity to dig deeper into our study and to support one another in our mutual growth. Intergenerational Sunday school supports us in living out Jesus’ call to discipleship by forming in us the practices of growing deeper in our relationship with God through prayer and study, building relationships with one another, and serving the local community and world.

As a reminder, the schedule is as follow: 1st Sunday—Bible Study; 2nd Sunday—Community Breakfast; 3rd Sunday—Service Project; 4th Sunday—Lutheranism Study. We have a special opportunity to form relationships across generations and to learn from one another’s perspectives and stories of faith on Sunday mornings, so everyone is welcome!

Weekly Bible Study: Every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30 am in the library, there will be a study of the weekly lectionary texts so that we might spend the whole week living with the upcoming Sunday’s Scripture.

Evening Bible Study Series: A Bible study series on the book of 1 Thessalonians will begin on Thursday, October 1, and runs for six Thursdays through November 5. We will meet in the library from 7:00-8:30 pm to study this, the earliest Christian writing in the Bible, so that we might learn from Paul and some of the earliest Christians about the transformative power of God in our daily lives.

As we come together to study the Word through these three events, we come expecting to hear God speak to us through Scripture and one another, in order that we, like Mary, might sit at the feet of Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Emily

Pastoral Emergencies

Please leave a message at 821-0987 (church office). Call Penny Huber at 931-6420 for prayer requests.

Please call the church or call Pastor Emily at 513-760-5884.

Dorcas Circle

On Sunday, September 27th, the quilts for LWR are displayed in the sanctuary. They will be blessed and later packed for shipment to the LWR warehouse. The total number will be posted soon.

Thank you to the Sunday School for the work done on the fleece quilts. Three were finished and will be added to those done in the spring. Thank you also to all who supply us with sheets and fabric for quilts— and for boxes that we need for shipping. This project is really a joint effort and we do appreciate your part in it.



Seniors Flying Solo

On Wednesday, September 23rd, our group saw the performance of the "Church Basement Ladies" in "The Last Potluck Supper". We have enjoyed the church basement ladies in the past and this was no exception.

NOW, on Sunday, Oct 11th, we plan to remain after the service to see the slides of Carole and Ron Replogle from their last journey to South America. Sandwiches will be provided and we are asked to bring snacks or dessert. If you plan to attend, do sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Elinor Schieman



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Sunday, October 25 Reformation Day!!

German Pot Luck Dinner: Noon (Fellowship Hall)

We celebrate on Reformation Sunday with special worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a German Pot Luck dinner at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider making your favorite German dish!!

It won't be the same without you, so be sure to sign up on the narthex bulletin board and join us for food, fellowship and fun! *See you October 25th!*

Please remember in prayer all the brave young men and women serving in harms way to keep us safe.

We remember especially:

- Paul Cordes** (grandson of Elinor Schieman)
- Jared Forst** (grandson of Jim and Loretta)
- John Garbrecht** (nephew of Carolyn Koehl)
- Beau Glenn** (son-in-law to Karen Koehl)
- Kylie Hahn** (granddaughter of Don and Gretta)
- Donald Hosea**
- Kyle Murdoch** (friend of Holly Ford)
- Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl)
- Joey Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl)
- Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl)
- Mack Thompson** (grandson of Freda and Bus Faulkner)
- Mylan Watkins** (friend of the Ford family)



Our 3rd annual Live Nativity Comes To St. Paul!

You're invited to join in on the excitement as the Evangelism Committee makes plans to bring the Third Annual Live Nativity right here to St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 12th! We are currently in the planning stages and you are invited to be a part of it all. Please see Diana Hawkins or Joyce McDowell if you would be willing to help!



Notes from the Evangelism Committee

We have changed our name..... This committee was called Congregational Care, but now has been changed to Evangelism.



On Saturday October 17th, we will be holding a Fall Festival Costume Party. It will begin at 6:30 pm for pizza and appetizers. Games and dancing will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Keeping of the Calendar.....

In the past we used a white binder to keep the church calendar. A few years ago we switched to the large desk type calendar on the wall in the narthex. Since we did this, we have noticed a lack of accuracy in the calendars. The council has decided to go back to the white binder which is located in the secretary's office on a shelf above the computer. Please make all entries to this book, now the official calendar of events at St. Paul. Please notify Sharon of any changes. An updated calendar will be posted weekly.

Tender Mercies

We are in need of items for the gift baskets for our future visits to Tender Mercies.

Anything can go into a basket. Some examples are: * Small umbrellas, pocket raincoats, rain bonnets/hats, etc * Personal care items (deodorant, hair spray, bath soap, disposable razors, shaving lotion, body wash, shampoo, perfume/aftershave, Kleenex, etc...) * decks of cards * hand held games * Pringles, nuts, pretzels, etc. * canned soups, tuna, crackers, etc. * bottles/cans of soda or juice * note pads/pens/pencils/markers * picture frames, alarm clocks, small radios, etc. * bagged candy/candy bars

This list is endless. We can make a gift basket out of just about anything you'd care to donate.

We are always in need of volunteers to go to Tender Mercies to help with the Bingo game.

Please let me know if you'd like to help.

Thanks a bunch –

Marie Calhoun

October Ministry Schedule

Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
4 Nancy Erbeck	Sherry Bronner	Jack Baumiller
11 Terry McDowell	Penny Huber	Jared Isaacs
18 Doug Lohmeier	Terri DeAngelis	Leandra Hawkins
25 Nancy Erbeck	Joyce McDowell	Maggie McDowell

Greeters: Ron and Carole Replogle

Altar Guild:

Linen: Elinor Schieman

Set Up: Marty Lohmeier

Clean Up: Diana Hawkins

Bulletin Folders: Jean Winkle and Penny Huber

*A very special thank you to all my church family here at St. Paul
for the wonderful birthday greetings!!!*

Paul Pieper





We pray for those near and far with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week:

Ann Christiansen, Pat Edwards, Bus Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Ken Garber, Pat Hollis, Carol Leonard, Marge Malin, Jack Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, and Edna Willet.

The Giving Tree will remain in the narthex . We will be doing away with the Meal of the Month and instead we will have the Item of the Month. There will be containers under the tree for **feminine products** for the month of October. We will be concentrating on items needed but not available with Food Stamps. Thank you for your generosity.

South American Journey

On Sunday, October 11th, Ron & Carole Replogle will present a slide show, the second part of their South America journey. The program will begin at approximately 12:30 and will last about 1 hour. Beginning at 11:45 sandwiches will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The first presentation was fascinating, please plan to spend part of your Sunday afternoon here at St Paul.

Those attending are asked to bring a salad or a dessert.

If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex at St. Paul.

October Birthday and Anniversary List

- Oct 11 Marilyn Portmann
- Oct 13 Parker Bronner
- Oct 16 Bus & Freda Faulkner
Amanda Peery
- Oct 19 Ron Harbaugh
- Oct 20 Bob & Marilyn Portmann
- Oct 22 Terry McDowell
- Oct 24 Mary Wagner
- Oct 26 Ken Buhr
Abby Harbaugh



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Chain:

E-mail: Church Office

mail@stpaulreading.org or call Penny Huber at (513-931-6420).

If there is no answer, please call the church office. Thank you Penny for handling this very important ministry to the congregation.

We pray for **Berkeley** (great grandson of the Curless'), **Jerri Bagley** (friend of Kathy Hirt), **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of Portmann's), **Amberly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell), **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson), **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **David Faulkner** (Bus and Frieda's son), **Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son), **Debbie Heinz** (cousin of the Portmann's), **Dick Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother), **Clara Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's mother), **Matt Huber**, (Penny Huber's son), **Linda Kohl** (friend of the Seickmann's), **Marty Lohmeier**, **Gail Myers** (friend of the Portmann's), **David Oaks** (son in law of Bus Faulkner), **Irvin Oerther** (brother of the Portmann's), **Anne Ohr** (cousin of Barb Moorhouse), **Craig Olsen** (friend of Sieckman's), **Bob Portmann**, **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's Great Grandson). **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Seickmann), **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Beth Schultz** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **Allan Sieckman**, **Kim Sieckman**, **Jason Simpson** (Grandnephew of Bus and Freda Faulkner), **Dot Smith** (friend of Marilyn Portmann), **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle) and **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter).

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 3-Adult, Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Reverend Emily Beckering, Pastor
Barry L. Prince, Director of Music
Janet King, Sacristan
Sherry K. Bronner, Financial Secretary
David Hill, Drama Director
Sharon Prince, Editor

	Church Council	Term
President	Nancy Erbeck	2015-2017
V.P. & Education	Joyce McDowell	2015-2016
Secretary & Evangelism	Diana Hawkins	2015-2017
Treasurer & Finance	Chris Geiger	2015-2016
Stewardship	Jim Forst	2015-2017
Social Concerns	Penny Huber	2015-2017
Property	Dennis King	2015-2016
Worship	Janet King	2015-2016