

The Epistle

God Loves Animals Too



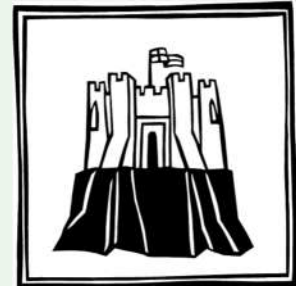
If you love animals, then you will find you are in good company here at St. Paul's. Pets hold a special place in the hearts and in the families of

many members here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We aren't the only ones! Scripture tells us that God also cares deeply for the animal kingdom. The covenant never to flood the earth again is made with Noah and all creatures of the earth (Gen. 9:8-17)! God hears the cries of birds and bears and feeds them (Job 38)! God rescues animals, not just people (Psalm 36:6)! Animals will be included in the new creation (throughout the Book of Revelation).

In order to follow the footsteps of our Lord in whose image we were created, we will bless animals at a special worship service on Saturday, October 4, outside on the church lawn. If there is inclement weather, we will still hold the blessing and will move under shelter.

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VALLEY INTER-FAITH DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH

This month's donation items for Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center are **peanut butter and jelly**.

Report from previous months: In August you gave 86 jars of baby food. Thank you for your generosity!

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Bring your pets and invite your friends and neighbors and their pets to receive a special blessing from God.

By taking good care of animals, we are not only good stewards, we also reflect the goodness of their Creator and ours.

In Christ,
Pastor Emily Beckering

Reformation Sunday is October 27

Confirmation and Potluck



Reformation Sunday will be especially festive this year! We rejoice with John and Jeni Cathcart that their children Ian, Patrick, Donny, and Bridget will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27, during worship with the Affirma-

tion of Baptism. Come at 9:00 am that morning for the adult forum, when the confirmands will present projects which express their faith in the Triune God. Come be encouraged in your faith through their witness.

Following worship, come to the annual German potluck lunch, and bring a dish to share if you are able. After filling up on good food and the always-enjoyable Sauerkraut band, stay for the St. Paul Players' production of *The Unexpected Guest*.

It's sure to be a day full of rejoicing in the Lord, our young people, each other's company, and good food!

Free Band Concert Oct. 27



The Cincinnati New Horizons Band is presenting a Gala Concert at St. Paul Methodist Church, Madeira, at 3 pm on Sunday, October 27, in honor of its 20th anniversary. This is a

part of St. Paul's free Sunday 2019-2020 concert series. Both Jack Wagner and Carolyn Koehl, members of the band, will be playing.

One featured composition will be *Fanfare Cincinnatus*, commissioned and written for the New Horizons Band by David Shaffer, formerly from Cincinnati, and a retired Miami University professor.

Safety at Our Church Home



This church is home. In order to ensure that we all feel safe in our home, we are launching a Safety Task Force to plan safety procedures and evacuation

plans for fire, weather, and active shooter emergencies, to research AED devices to determine the feasibility for such a device at St. Paul's, and to coordinate a few workshops on personal safety and CPR. This team will consult with local law enforcement. If you believe there are situations for which we should be prepared in addition to those listed here, or if you would like to be part of this committee, then please reach out to Nick Huitger, the safety committee's chair.



MEDITERRANEAN SLIDESHOW

On Sunday, November 3, after the service and the quarterly congregational meeting, Jim & Linda Miller and Carole Replogle will present a slide show of their 2017 Mediterranean cruise. Nelson Langefeld will also provide some commentary. Lunch will be served at 12:15 and the program will begin at 1:00. The program will last about 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Sandwiches will be provided and attendees are asked to bring snacks (potato chips, pretzels, tortilla chips, etc.) or a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 6th.



THANKS FROM PAUL PIEPER AND KATHY CROSBY

Paul would like to thank our St. Paul family for their birthday wishes and cards that helped him celebrate his 97th birthday. A special thanks for the “Happy Birthday” singing and the rose.

OWLS



Reserve the date of Saturday, Nov. 2, for another Fun Craft Day. Chrissy Harris and Doris Minton have graciously volunteered to meet with us and lead us through the steps of our next project. Meet at the church at 11:15 am, and we will leave for Lucy’s for lunch at 11:30 am. If you are unable to join us for lunch, be sure to come to the church library by 12:15. We hope that you will come and enjoy the fun. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex very soon.

Dorcas Circle



On Friday, October 5, all the quilts for Lutheran World Relief will be packed into boxes, identified for tracking purposes, and delivered to the Dayton area to be loaded into the large truck that will deliver the donations from all the area Lutheran Churches to the LWR warehouse. In the November Epistle we will disclose the number of quilts sent as well as identify the winners of the Quilt Raffle.

Thank you for your support this past year—for the dedication of the quilts and for your donations of fabric and sheets for this project. And now the Dorcas Room is empty, and we begin a new year of quilting. The next meeting day will be on Wednesday, October 16, beginning at 9 am and ending at 2 pm. We welcome any who would like to become a part of this project.

Celebrations in October



2 Jennifer Pence
9 Leandra Hawkins
11 Brianna Pirmann,
Marilyn Portmann

12 Dennis Niefeld
13 Parker Bronner, Amanda Peery
19 Ron Harbaugh
20 Bob & Marilyn Portmann
22 Terry McDowell
24 Mary Wagner
26 Ken Buhr, Abby Harbaugh

Give to St. Paul When You Shop at Kroger

KROGER PLUS CARD REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Note: This does not take away from your Gas Points Savings!

Community Rewards is a program Kroger has for our communities.

To have St. Paul Lutheran Church in Reading start receiving credit for your purchases.

You need to do the following:

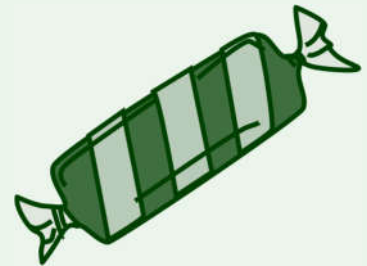
- Using your email, you can create an online account at **www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com**
- Register your Plus Card online at KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- After you Register Your Card you must designate who the funds go to!

**** St Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA) the number is 81585 ****

If you do not have a computer access or email then you can call 1-800-576-4377 and read them your Plus Card number on the back of your card and tell them to give your Community Rewards Credit to St. Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA) 81585

QUARTERLY CONGREGA- TIONAL MEET- ING NOV. 3

Mark your calendars to attend the 3rd quarter congregational meeting after worship on November 3. We will review financials, the capital campaign, and the Safety Committee's plans.



CANDY NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is in need of individually wrapped candies (such as you would give to trick-or-treaters) to serve as prizes for the games. If you are able, please bring "fun sized" candies before Oct. 9. Please see Diana Hawkins with any questions.



St. Paul Players Presents
Agatha Christie's
The Unexpected Guest

Dinner and a Show \$10.00

Friday October 18 & 25, Saturday October 19 & 26:

Doors open at 5:30 pm • Dinner starts at 6:15 pm • Show starts at 7:00 pm

Sunday October 20 & 27:

Doors open at 11:30 am • Lunch starts at 12: 15 pm • Show starts at 1:00 pm

Let's meet the cast and crew of **Agatha Christie's** *The Unexpected Guest*.

Richard Warwick

**Barry Prince (Fridays), Jim Sturgill (Saturdays),
 Nate Huitger (Sundays)**

Laura Warwick

Grace Francomb *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Michael Starkwedder

Kevin Noll *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Miss Bennett

Sarah Papin

Jan Warwick

Jose V. Paris *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Mrs. Warwick

Susan Schapiro *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Henry Angell

Dan Nieman *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Sergeant Cadwallader

Neil Geoppinger *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Julian Farrar

Randy King *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Directed by

Mary Benken

Assistant Director

Molly Simons

Produced by

David Hill

Light & Sound

Donald Harris

Master Carpenter

Steve Huitger

Master Electrician

Jim Sturgill

Costume Designer

Marcha Hunley *(new to St. Paul Players)*

Christian Education Schedule

Date	Nursery	Activity Time	Sunday School, Ages 3-7	Sunday School, Ages 8-11	Sunday School, Jr/Sr High
October 6	Taylor Beckering, Shirley Harbaugh	Becky Betsch, Bess Sturgill	Sarah Papin, Taylor Beckering	<i>Substitute - TBA,</i> Steve Headley	Donald Harris, Chrissy Harris
October 13	Bridget Cathcart, Joyce McDowell	John Cathcart, Penny Huber	/	/	/
October 20	Jeni Cathcart, Bess Sturgill	Bridget Cathcart, John Cathcart	Sarah Papin, Kim Coulehan	Nancy Erbeck, Steve Headley	Donald Harris, Chrissy Harris
October 27	Joyce McDowell, Bess Sturgill	Pat Coldiron, Joyce McDowell	Sarah Papin, Jeni Cathcart	Nancy Erbeck, Steve Headley	Donald Harris, Chrissy Harris

Worship Assistants Schedule

Month-Long Ministries	BULLETINS: Penny Huber and Jean Winkle		ALTAR GUILD: <i>Linens:</i> Shirley Harbaugh; <i>Setup:</i> Janet King; <i>Cleanup:</i> Kathy Hirt		COUNTER: Ron Harbaugh	
Date	Assisting Minister	Lesson Reader	Acolyte	Book Bearer	Communion Minister	Greeter
October 6 17 Pentecost	Terry McDowell	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Katie Sturgill	/	Pat Coldiron	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
October 13 18 Pentecost— Healing Service	Nancy Erbeck	Sherry Bronner	Donny Cathcart	/	Carolyn Koehl	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
October 20 19 Pentecost	Donald Harris	Kathy Hirt	Patrick Cathcart	/	Chelsea King	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
October 27 Reformation Sunday	Leandra Hawkins	John Cathcart	Alanna Cathcart	Bea Sturgill	Ron & Shirley Harbaugh	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

Sowing, Reaping, Rebirth, and Joy This Month

Fall Festival &
Costume Party

The Unexpected Guest
performances

**Serving our Neighbors:
Building Relationships and In-
viting More People to Jesus**

**Deepening Roots: Grow-
ing in Relationship with
God and Each Other**

Blessing of the Animals

Tough Bible Stories
study

Reformation Sunday

Our Life Together

For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Emily Beckering, 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley Chain** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Louise Barry; Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Austin Bronner** (Sherry's grandson); **Jodie Calhoun; Christian; Crystal, Troy and family** (Les Eckerle's niece and nephew); **Kathy Curless; George Demetriades** (Portmanns' friend); **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Eckerle and Wuestefeld families; Lee and Jane Erbeck; Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Jeanne Fuller; Jason Garcia** (Mayhughs' nephew); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Hannah; Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Andrew Horton; Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Dennis King; Jay King** (son of Jamie King, who cleans the church); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Regina Laursen** (Portmanns' friend); **Rudolph (Butch) Maier; Nick Mayer** (Elinor Schieman's grandson-in-law); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Audry Ruth McDonald** (Nelson Langefeld's great-granddaughter); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Doris Minton; Barbara and Jack Moorhouse; Jean Nolte; Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Pete, Zac, and Andrew Padolipa** (Wagners' friends); **Eric**

Papin; Don Pflieger (Kings' brother-in-law); **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper; Faith Pirrmann; Nick Pirrmann; James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Nancy Stirnkorb** (friend of Terri DeAngelis); **Susan** (Elinor Schieman's niece); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Jack Wagner; Daryl Weselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

At the death of: **Jan Faulkner** (Freda's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Bernice Baglien, Dottie Bangert, Louise Barry, Carol Leonard, Jack and Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **John Garbrecht** (Carolyn Koehl's nephew); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

St. Paul
Lutheran Church

As a community of Christian believers, we are called by God to use the many gifts He has given us, within the church and the community, so others may come to know Him.

Fall Festival on Saturday Oct. 12, 6-9 pm



FREE kids' games, snacks, candy and fun! Wear a costume if you want for the costume contest and come for intergenerational fun for the whole family! This is a chance to show hospitality to our neighbors and provide families with a safe environment for seasonal fun.

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