

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Living together in God's grace, we worship, learn, and reach out as a caring community to rejoice in, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SUNDAY
9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE
Nursery available for children preschool age and younger
10:30 HOSPITALITY
10:45 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- OCTOBER 7** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**
Oktoberfest
- OCTOBER 14** **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**
Special Congregational Meeting
- OCTOBER 21** **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**
- OCTOBER 28** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
New Members

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music room	2 9:00 a.m. Worship & Music meeting 9:15 a.m. Quilters	3 10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting (library) 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study	4	5 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED Monthly Committee Financial Activity due to Treasurer	6
	Pastor out of town 10/5-10/8					
7 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:15 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. Oktoberfest	8 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music room	9 9:15 a.m. Quilters 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	10 9:30 a.m. Member Care Cook Day 6:30 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study	11 Noon Council Reports due 6:00 p.m. Eve Circle	12 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	13 9:00 a.m. – Noon God's Work Our Hands Springdale Park
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Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Gen. 1:3-5



There is no greater painter than God. Our God can create beauty by just speaking. The beauty of the sunset on Lake Erie is like no other sunset. The color of the sky and water changes right before your eyes. Add to it, the separation of the light and darkness as the sun sets; and you have a spiritual experience that makes you think of the creation story.

Wanda and I had a wonderful vacation with family and friends living up North. We traveled to Michigan... "Go Green... Go White" where we spent time helping Tim and Kristin with their new home. We worked outside in the yard, worked in the house, and believe it or not; I got to climb a ladder and trim up all of their trees. Yes, Wanda knew what I was doing... who do you think held the ladder? :)

We left Michigan and traveled to Ohio, Waterford Pa, Fredonia NY, and then back to Warren, Ohio. It was great to have the time with Kevin, Becky, and our grandson Parker in Waterford. We left from there and traveled to see Wanda's sister Donna in Fredonia and then went to Warren, Ohio where we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Picture is on Facebook).

The news about a new home purchase for Kevin and Kelly in Stuart, Florida came to us while we were still at Kristin's. We're excited for them and will travel to Stuart to see their new home in a few weeks.

In our travels and in our life together, Wanda and I have witnessed the beauty of God's creation. We see and feel the love of creation in the places we've visited, in people, in our family, and in our friends. This trip back North was filled with loving relationships and when we returned home to Pensacola; we were once again showered with love through our relationship with you. We are blessed to be loved and to share love with so many members of the Body of Christ – Thank you!

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

And there was evening and there was morning...

God is good... all the time...
All the time... God is good...

Pastor and Wanda



OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Dawn Zeigler	Betty Bross	Ann Housh	Brian Pascoe
LECTOR(S)	Deacon Susan Anderson	Brenda Ekstrom	Brad Fludgate	Lori Overy
BEARERS	Carleen Bragan	Audrey Tinsley, Monica Moore	Brad & Alice Fludgate	Bob and Debbie Flanagan
USHERS	Debbie Flanagan Otto Wildensteiner Skip & Ann Housh	Scott & Regina Swanson, Norm & Linda Beal	Chuck & Sidney Glassmire, Sam & Rachel Geisler	Pat & Jeanne Clark, John & Brenda Ekstrom
ALTAR GUILD	Audrey Tinsley Carleen Bragan	Carleen Bragan Betty Bross	Sherry Schaeffer Etta McDonald	Wanda Gore Debbie Flanagan
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Lois Schlatter Sidney Glassmire	Mary Holway Alice Fludgate	Donna Funck Paul Marchant	Regina Gibbons Alyssa Pascoe
GREETERS AT THE PORTICO	Lori Overy Ruthie Nurnberger	Buehner family	Don & Lisa Boose	Volunteer needed
NURSERY VOLUNTEER	Theresa McDonald	Dawn Zeigler	Judith Lewing	Carolina Slotter

OKTOBERFEST



HOSPITALITY

“And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”

Phillippians 1: 9-11

I wish I could say **“Happy Fall Y’all”** but it is still hot!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the BBQ fundraiser, we appreciate your support and trust you enjoyed your sandwich. Thanks to John Ekstrom for preparing the meat for us. We are pleased to announce that all proceeds from this fundraiser will go to St. Paul capital funds to help with the unfortunate repairs we encountered.

Our next event will be **Veterans Day Reception, Sunday, November 11**. If you are a veteran, currently serving or have someone in your family as a veteran, we would like to have a “picture” display on exhibit. We are asking that you bring a picture with a card of information of who, when they served, what branch and relation to you. Please see Brenda Ekstrom, Faye Robinson or Linda Beal should you have questions.

We thank those who served as coffee host in the month of September. We currently need **volunteers** to serve in **October** and **November**. Hospitality Team will host the months of December and January.

As always, it is a JOY and HONOR to serve in GOD’S house!

God’s Peace,
Brenda

MEMBER CARE

MEMBER CARE CASSEROLE COOK DAY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 9:30 a.m.

It’s time to stock the freezer again! We are in need of cooks to help member care/hospitality members make soup and casseroles. We take these casseroles and soup when there is a need be it a troubling time or birth of a new baby. Please join us in the kitchen to help with this rewarding ministry. It’s a fun time followed by sharing lunch together. We will sample one of the casseroles and have a salad. Hope to see you on Wednesday, October 10 at 9:30 in the kitchen!

God Bless, Carleen Bragan



WELCA

Calling all women at St Paul. The Board of WELCA would like to invite you to the annual Fall luncheon on Saturday October 20th from 11 AM to 1 PM. We will be having a sandwich and fruit salad buffet. We invite you all to bring your favorite sandwich and fruit to add to the buffet. Dessert will be provided by the board. Babysitting will also be provided for anyone who might need it.



Today's Women of the ELCA can be proud that we are involved at unprecedented levels beyond what our foremothers envisioned before them. We are a diverse group of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters who have found a common purpose in serving within and beyond our church wall. Learn what is going on and share your ideas.

In addition to the program, we will also be electing new Board Members. Please consider becoming a board member when one of the nominating committee members call you and join us in our Mission: **Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**

Main duties of the Officers.

President

- Guide total work of the unit, Coordinate and counsel committees and help with their functioning
- Serve as primary contact
- Relate the program and work of the unit with women of the ELCA
- Keep up to date on conference activities
- Participate in Women of the ELCA training sessions and events

Vice President

- Assume the duties of the President as needed
- Interpret the mission of the Women of the ELCA

Secretary

- Keep records and handle correspondence
- Provide written announcements of meetings and activities
- Provide names and addresses of leaders to Women of the ELCA

Treasurer

- Receive and disburse funds of the unit
- Keep financial records
- Make regular reports to the unit and Coordinating Committee including annual report
- Interpret and transmit offerings

Please watch for more information about the luncheon in the weekly bulletin.

One more exciting opportunity for all women of the church is the WELCA Florida Bahama Synod Fall Gathering at Lake Yale. Come spend a wonderful weekend with hundreds of your sisters in Christ Nov.9-11th. Information is on the bulletin board. Hurry to join us as deadline for signing up is October 15th.

Submitted by Barbara Lenn, Secretary



SPOT

October brings cooler temperatures, and St. Paul Old Timers (S.P.O.T.) gathers again in Fellowship Hall for a delicious potluck plus a little enlightenment.

S.P.O.T. will meet at noon on Thursday, October 18th in St. Paul Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and plan on an enjoyable lunch among friends.

S.P.O.T. invites all members of St. Paul (and their guests) aged 55 or better to join in fellowship and community each month. There are opportunities to learn, share and just enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we eat in, each bringing a dish to share. Other times, we go out together and enjoy a good restaurant. Either way, it's an enjoyable time to get to know each other. Come along and join us, share the love of Christ in our midst.

Dan & Dawn Zeigler, S.P.O.T. Hosts

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

We are a fun group of ladies that meet monthly for lunch and all women of the congregation are welcome. We love to try different restaurants each month. For October we are going to Saltgrass Steak House, 905 East Gregory St. on Thursday the 25th at 11:30 am. They have a great lunch menu with smaller portions plus the impressive view of the bay. Sign the sign-up sheet that will be on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or call Alice Fludgate at 850-860-0368.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

We Need You!

The Social Ministry Committee has a busy year planned, but we need you in order to be successful.

Manna

Jesus instructs us to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39) and to help those in need (Matthew 25:37-40). With that in mind, a major project this year is to **collect food for Manna**. This is something that anyone can do, so **please contribute each Sunday**. The food for Manna will be distributed by the second Sunday of each month. Also, please sign up to help with the delivery of food to Manna. Our next Mission Sunday is October 14, 2018.

We **ONLY** donated 100 lbs on Sept 9, 2018!! **COME ON ST. PAUL!** We can do better than that! Just pick up one extra-large can of vegetables or tomato sauce when grocery shopping! Every little bit helps!



God's Work, Our Hands: October 13, 2018, 9am to noon, Springdale Park, Pensacola

We are working with “Keep Pensacola Beautiful” and have adopted “Springdale Park.” The park is located at Brent Lane and Evergreen St. Coming from the church, turn left on Brent Lane, past the Ronald McDonald House, before you get to Checker's at N. Davis Hwy, on the right. We have committed to only picking up trash, for 2 years, once every quarter! “Keep Pensacola Beautiful” will supply the trash bags and the gloves. We will also get a small street sign placed toward the road with “This Park Adopted by St. Paul Lutheran Church” on it. This is good publicity for the Church and may even bring in some new members. We have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Social Ministries Table. We will also have tee shirts available to order in the fellowship hall, at \$10 each. The last day to order tee shirts is September 30, 2018.

The Youth are encouraged to come out and participate also! This is an excellent way to earn those community service hours needed for scholarships at school, and for girl scout/boy scout badges.

New Members

We have new members joining St. Paul on October 28, 2018 Austin and Kristin Leonard, with daughter Regan, and Amy and Skylar Miller. Deacon Glenn Schaeffer will be presenting the good gifts, in support of the ELCA World Hunger.

“File for Life”

Barbara Lenn will be handing out the “File for Life” magnets to St. Paul Lutheran members, families, and friends, tentatively on October 28, 2018. The tri-fold file has space to fill in your medical condition, medication, insurance information, emergency contacts, and more. The plastic holder has a built-in magnet so it can be placed on the refrigerator. This helps rescue workers quickly find important medical information when every second counts.

Look forward to these upcoming events!

Social Ministry is not just a committee responsibility. It is something the whole congregation can be involved in, so please join us for one or more of the following activities.

October 7, 2018 – Oktoberfest

October 13, 2018 – God's Work, Our Hands

October 14, 2018 - Mission Sunday

October 28, 2018 – New Members Join

November 4, 2018 - Baptism, Regan Leonard and Amiela White

November 11, 2018 – Tree of Warmth goes up; Baptism, Christina and Chloe Wood

Continue to Collect These Items to donate!

Please remember to **save tab tops** for Ronald McDonald House. These tabs...along with other donations help the Ronald McDonald House pay the electric, and water bills! **Save eyeglasses** for the Lion's Club, **paperback books** for the prisons, and **individual toiletry items** for Waterfront Mission. Collection containers for these items are located on or under the social ministries table across from the library. **Let's see how many people we can get involved in social ministry this year.**

Regina Gibbons, Social Ministry chair



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



First Steps – Preschoolers are invited to the nursery for a time of Bible stories and singing with Miss Torryn on Sundays after worship for 30 minutes. This is an intro to Sunday school giving your little ones their *first step* along their faith formation journey. Parents are welcome to participate, but not required. A light snack will be served.



JAM, Jesus and Me – During October the children will be learning about people from the Old Testament: Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and His Brothers and Joseph in Egypt. All children in K – 5th grade are welcome to come learn with us in Room 2. A light snack will be served.

For Adults...



Holy Spirit Working Today – Sunday mornings during October through November we will be using the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies book, *God's World and God's People*. We will examine God's creation of the universe, the earth and its creatures, especially human beings. All adults are welcome to join in the discussions in Room 1 each Sunday morning at 10:45.

Wednesday Night Bible Study, An Interdenominational Study – Lee Droegemueller will continue to lead this lively study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church library. The group will be studying the book of Mark. Each week a new chapter is explored verse by verse with lots of discussion into the meaning. All are welcome!

LIBRARY

St. Paul library is open for you to enjoy a book, or just to have some quiet time in a comfortable space. We are open each Sunday following service.

Are you interested in serving at St. Paul by volunteering in the library? A volunteer would be available to assist with finding and/or checking out books to members on Sunday after worship. If you are interested, please see either Gloria Seiler or Dawn Zeigler.

The library is gearing up for the Fall and there are great books, DVD's and CD's just waiting to be discovered. Come check us out!

Gloria Seiler, Dawn Zeigler



FINANCE/ STEWARDSHIP

Earth is our home. We have no other place to go. God was the creator and He gave us a wonderful opportunity to care for it. We are also tasked to take care of ourselves and to manage our lives responsibly. These are important tasks, something we don't always consider in our daily actions. While we are wondering if we could save pennies by turning off the tap when brushing our teeth, how often have you considered people in areas of the world who must journey many miles just to find water and carry it home? What may seem trivial to us may have a significant impact on others or even have momentous consequence on their lives.

What does all this have to do with stewardship? Our actions are determined by how we view our needs and desires, but we must also consider our understanding of the needs of others. This perspective determines how we manage our gifts, given to us by God, and what we do with them. By thinking "outside" of ourselves we see our relationships with others in a new light of awareness. One can say "I am very lucky" or one can say "I am very blessed." It's perspective.

As children we were taught to be thankful. We write thank you notes to Grandma and Grandpa, to Aunt Nellie, because it is the right thing to do. As adults how do we say "Thank you" to God? Do we give abundantly out of reverence to Him, or selfishly out of concern for our own wealth? The Old Testament says to give "the first fruits, not the leftovers." We should use the same principle when we consider our thanks to God. Give abundantly from your heart and experience the true joy of making a difference.

Finance Committee

THRIVENT CHOICE

Thrivent "Choice Dollars" - Making a Difference

Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, you may have an opportunity to direct "Choice Dollars" to St Paul. Every dollar helps with our financial situation, and this is a way you can help make a difference.

"Choice Dollars" are Thrivent Financials' charitable outreach funds.....they are Thrivent's funds, and members become eligible based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to non-profits or congregations. It is easy to do.....simply go online to the Thrivent site, choose "Thrivent Choice Dollars", and follow the instructions. If you are unsure if you are eligible for this program, call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. If you have any difficulty in submitting your request please see Barbara Lenn, Congregational Advocate.

THRIVENT ACTION

THRIVENT ACTION FUNDS has \$250 waiting to help you with your project. Scout troops, committees, schools, ...it just needs someone with an idea to submit. If you are a Thrivent member you have 2 opportunities during the year to help someone make their idea a reality. If you are not a Thrivent member you can work with a member to submit the application. If you have any questions, please ask Barbara Lenn. Don't let these funds just sit there!



BLUEPRINT UPDATE

St Paul Lutheran Blue Print Payments

	2016	2017	2018
Jan		6,673.76	7,576.85
Feb		2,972.45	1,808.13
Mar		2,946.59	2,845.53
Apr		4,592.31	3,172.06
May		2,819.05	3,450.26
Jun		2,458.75	2,222.65
Jul		2,043.59	4,276.61
Aug		4,171.02	2,703.62
Sept		-	5,225.00
Oct	33,670.89	4,902.72	
Nov	5,242.95	3,858.07	
Dec	10,887.13	3,828.03	
	49,800.97	41,266.34	33,280.71
square feet	677.56	561.45	452.80

a First Blue Print after Refinance

b 7,282.59 plus 3,604.54 from Oktoberfest

c no payment sent during re-amortization

d sent 8/27 - based on offerings through 8/26

Note that these are the amounts sent that month

Mortgage Balance at August 27th = \$1,208,733

Monthly Mortgage Payment Comparison

October 2016: \$7187.00

November 2018: \$6511.00



MUSIC MINISTRY

CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS!!

Do you read music?? NO? That's okay!!
Do you love to sing?? YES? That's perfect!!
Do your children love music?? YES? Great!!
Do your children love to sing?? YES? Wonderful!!
Then we might have a new and glorious experience for you! PLEASE
consider gracing us with your enthusiasm and love for music and we will give
you the experience of a lifetime!



Your opportunities to participate are below:

Chancel Choir – high school to adult singers. We rehearse on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.
Cherub Choir – 3 - 5-year olds. Rehearse after Children's Message during church.
Young Singers – kindergarten -- 5th grade. Rehearsal TBA (if we get enough participation)
Youth Singers – Middle to high school. Rehearsal TBA (if we get enough participation)

Do you play an instrument or are you interested in the Bell Choir? We have opportunities for you to
serve the congregation as well. Bell Choir practice is on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Please get in touch with
Monika Durbin, monikadurbin@gmail.com.

Our music program at St. Paul is small (at the moment) but MIGHTY. We always welcome new
members to our ministry and look forward to the time when we are BIG and MIGHTY.

Questions or comments please contact:

Mary Holway, maryholway@gmail.com

Monika Durbin, monikadurbin@gmail.com

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 14

Immediately following Worship

Agenda: To discuss/approve the replacement of the Fellowship Hall AC units
(No other business will be discussed)

