



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

OCTOBER ~ 2023

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

Dear Friends in Christ,

Continuing education is an important element in allowing me to continue to serve as Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) here at St. Paul. I am using my newsletter article this month to inform you of an intensive educational program, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which the Northwestern Ohio Synod has made available to all SAMs. CPE is a requirement for all individuals going through the candidacy process for ordained ministry. It usually is practiced in a clinical environment such as a hospital, hospice, or nursing-care facility. The program, as adapted for SAMs, is able to be practiced in the parish life of the congregation, which includes, but is not limited to, hospital and crisis care, assisted living and nursing facility visits, in home and minister's office visits. Through CPE, an on-going visitation practice will be established, which is something I have aspired to do, but haven't been able to accomplish (as desired) during my first year.

The ten-week course of study begins October 18th and runs through December 20th – right through Advent; completion of the program will be a special Christmas gift. The CPE training involves reading, journaling, writing verbatims and case studies, and weekly check-ins with my SAM supervisor and the CPE coordinator. Each week there will be a five-hour Zoom gathering with the CPE coordinator and fellow SAMs going through the training. As I said, this will be an intensive time of study and self-reflection and evaluation — all focused toward helping improve my Christian-care giving.

The above verses embrace the purpose of Clinical Pastoral Education. Good Christian-care takes place when the minister reflects Christ's peace, is gentle, unselfish, and empathetic, showing honest concern for all God's people — people in crisis, dealing with life changes, struggling with daily life, or celebrating and sharing life's joys. When the minister has the tools (a harvest of righteousness) to do Christian-care well, then ministry brings peace to the care receiver and the care giver is blessed with peace as well. That is a gift of a gracious God, steadfast in love and mercy.

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ, means we are called to be care givers to one another. During this time of study, I need your understanding, patience, on-going love and support, and most of all your prayers. We serve a loving and caring God who is always with us; the peace of God be with you always.

In Christ's Love,
Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 ~ 7:00PM**

Attendance: Minister Deb Noll, Tom Carey, Mary Coldren, Nathan Cowan, Amy Gibson, Jan Grieser, Laurie Laird, Natalie McClelland, Jake Orwick, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

Chairperson, Laurie Laird, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, and opened with a review of our 2023 Book Study, “Grounded in Prayer” (Week 4 – Days 4-7). Written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The August 7, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Checking account balances as of August 31, 2023

Current	\$158,516.73
Building	\$25.00
Improvement	\$902.24
Missions	\$9,508.00
Special Projects	\$39,546.73
TOTAL	\$208,498.70

Savings – General Memorial \$8,852.62

- Account balances for August 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with July checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of August 31, 2023, totaled \$170,172.77 vs. a budgeted \$132,850.86. Expenses for the same period totaled \$137,289.05 vs. a budgeted \$113,504.29.
- \$40,000 has been transferred from the checking account and into a money market account at Premier bank with a 4.11% interest rate.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Natalie McClelland

- Weeds were pulled at the parsonage and a hostas plant by the church sign needed to be replanted due to a tree falling from the storm in July.
- Jake and Tom removed all the old bags of salt from the barn and set out to be taken.
- The east wing, first set of double door area needs cleaned out, there are many bugs in this area that need removed.
- Tom and Justin will be installing the rope lights on the outside cross.
- Mike Stoltz replaced the ceiling panel in youth room.
- Bart Welte sprayed for bugs around the perimeter of the church.
- Jake Orwick is looking into a service to assist with putting salt in the softener.
- Jake Orwick will be purchasing a new salt spreader, the old one is broken.
- The bulletin board in Welcome Space will be moved.

MINISTER’S REPORT - Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

Word for Thought:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— Psalm 103:1-2

Do you have a special place where you go to feel connected with God? Is it a quiet place, free of interruptions? Maybe a place in your home where you go to escape outside distractions. Maybe it’s sitting on a deck embracing nature’s beauty and song. Is your special space so familiar to you that you can picture it vividly,

even when you are not there? The sunroom in the parsonage is such a place for me now. But there is another place where my mind often takes me back to. It is the front room of the home where I grew up. It was the room where I read my Bible and held private conversations with Jesus. It was a place of peace in difficult times. I hope you have a place like that; I pray it is a place where you bless the Lord, and remember the Lord's benefits of forgiveness, healing, redemption, and steadfast love and mercy.

Activity Since the August Council Meeting:

Worship and Church Functions

- Worship Services (x6)
- Outdoor Worship & Picnic (x1)
- Outreach Team Meeting (x1)
- Training session for new Presentation Software (x1)
- Staff Meeting (x1)
- Emcee for Chalk Talk evening with artist, Elva Hurst

Member Contacts Outside of Worship

- Christian Care Consultations (x4)
- Hancock County Fair, Children's Sing in Gospel Pavilion
- Thursday Evening Card Group "The Jokers" (x4)
- Gerald Rettig's 90th Birthday celebration
- Ill member care calls (x4)
- Care-cards sent (x18)
- Thank You cards to Outreach Team and WELCA for hosting the community meal and Elva Hurst

Related Church Activities

- Pericope (Text) Study – Marion Area Clergy Group Zoom (x2)
- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Zoom (x1)
- Synod Authorized Minister Supervisor Meeting (x2)
- Worship with residents @ Good Samaritan Society (x1)
- Central Conference Ministerial Gathering (x1)

Shipwreck Sunday/10th Anniversary Celebration New Church

- Pastor Steve Edmiston will be attending, and will preside over Holy Communion
- Have available Gluten Free bread or wafers for any guests on gluten free diets.

Ecumenical Relationships

- Pastor Matt Blau, Methodist Pastor, Arlington has reached out with a request that local pastors/ministers meet to build Ecumenical Relationships and Ecumenical Worship and Fellowship opportunities (Thanksgiving Eve Service, as an example).
- Pastor Blau, Pastor Ramsey, and I will meet here on Wednesday morning, September 20, to begin discussions on building Ecumenical Relationships

Synod Authorized Minister Notes

- Renewal Process (*Deadline for emailing all items to the Synod Office is October 1, 2023*)
 - SAM, SAM Supervisor, and Congregational Council Chair (Laurie) to complete evaluations, we will meet on Friday, September 22, at First Lutheran Church, Upper Sandusky to review the evaluations. Email evaluations to Jennifer Prueter at the Synod Office

- Congregational Council Chair (Laurie) to write a letter to the Bishop and Synod Council saying St. Paul is still in need of a SAM, and that I am requested to continue as said SAM. To be emailed to Jennifer Prueter at the Synod Office
- SAM to write a letter to the Bishop and Synod Council requesting SAM renewal authorization for 2024. To be emailed to Jennifer Prueter at the Synod Office
- Pastor Steve Ramsey will be my SAM Supervisor in 2024

Continuing Education

- Stephen Ministry St. John Lutheran Church (x1)
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
 - Begins October 18 through December 20, 2023
 - All application and written materials have been submitted.
 - Application fees have been submitted.
 - All books have been ordered and received.
 - Seeking a team of individuals to write *Prayers of the People* during the ten-week CPE training.
 - Pastor Steve Ramsey will serve as NWOS supervisor throughout the CPE training.

Vacation

- Taken: September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2023

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- God’s Work our Hands was Sunday, September 10th. Youth went through all the Sunday school cabinets and supply room and took inventory and got rid of items that were old and needing removed. Wood Jenga blocks were painted and pizza and brownies were provided by Merritt and Dorine vonStein.
- Amy will be going to Arlington School on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30am, which is National Student Prayer Day and will participate in Prayer by the Pole.
- The youth Italian dinner will be Sunday, October 1st at 11:30AM. Ticket sales start Sunday, September 17th.
- Corn Maze is scheduled for mid–October.
- There is a concert on Thursday, November 16th at Marathon Performance Arts Center, featuring Jordan Feliz and Colton Dixon, and the youth will be attending. This event is open to the congregation as well.
- Giving Blitz will take place again this year.
- The Christmas bowling party is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd.
- It was proposed to add a Youth budget proposal line item for mileage for youth minister.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- The church picnic was held on Sunday August 20th. Over 70 tickets were sold, it was a great turnout.
- 15 kids sang at the gospel pavilion for the Hancock County Fair on August 30th.
- Kids Praise will start on Wednesday, October 18th and will run through November 15th. They will be doing a series called “Eternity and Beyond” where the kids will become space explorers. Dick will be running a special science/space lesson for them.
- The fall festival is planned for October 21st starting off with trunk or treat in the parking lot at 6:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome area for anyone interested in participating.
- 3rd grade Bibles will be handed out on Sunday, October 22nd.

OUTREACH – Tammy von Stein

- Food drive for Good Hope pantry will to be held in October.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES –

Old Business

- New software update for Service
 - A new computer will be purchased for the software program and this new program will be used for both services on October 29th.
- November Election Positions – Open positions for 2024 are:
 - Recording Secretary
 - Parish Board Asst. Superintendent
- Williston Home visit
 - Laurie would like to plan a visit sometime in October.
 - Sarah Rush, a representative from the Williston Home is available on October 15th and has offered to speak to St. Paul about the home.

New Business

- Budget for 2024 items to consider will be to replace carpets in the Fellowship Hall along with new area rugs in the Welcome Space.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:48pm

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Council Chair, Laurie Laird called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

This meeting was held to approve a special congregational meeting which will be set for Sunday October 15th right after 9:00am service in the sanctuary to approve the installation of the handicapped entrance door due to the cost of the project. Mike Stoltz motioned to approve, Jan Grieser seconded, motion was passed.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 2023

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser

HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson

AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Kemerley and Pam Hoffman

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

Minister Deb’s Office Hours:

Monday – Day Off

Tuesday – Work from Home, Evenings at Church, as necessary

Wednesday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Thursday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM [afternoons reserved for scheduling home visits]

Friday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Saturday – 8:00AM — NOON

Sunday – Worship / Visitations / Catechism

* * All are subject to member’s needs and emergencies.

* * Available by phone [419-560-1988 cell]

* * e-mail address: dnoll2347@gmail.com

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023: Karen Beard (*Jessica Kemerley’s mother*); Deb Best; Lee Best; Catherine Carey (*John’s wife*); Shawn Dunbar (*husband of Rachael [Reichley]*); Margaret Hamilton (*Tom Valentage’s sister-in-law’s mother*); Hazel Hartman (*daughter of Taryn & William Hartman*); Mark Hoffman (*Mike’s brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike’s brother*); Jan Leedy (*friend of Vera Sheets*); Kyle McDowell; Larry Parke; Scott Shaw (*Lisa Gossman’s brother-in-law*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Brycen Lucius, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 15th AT 10:15AM — The Church Council is calling a special meeting, for Sunday October 15th after the first service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the plans to install a handicap door at the entrance. Church council can only spend \$5,000.00 without congregational approval. The door and electrical work will cost \$9,195.00 installed. According to the constitution we need to post this notice for two Sundays before the meeting. The money for this is available and would like to have it done before winter. We need at least 50 voting members in attendance for this. It will be a very short meeting then you can go to Sunday School.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

There are 2 church positions open for 2024.

If you are interested in serving in these positions please contact Laurie Laird or Jan Grieser.

Positions needed are: 1 Trustee

Parish Board Assistant Superintendent



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Celebrated the
192nd Anniversary of the
“Famous Dove” Shipwreck
~ and the ~
10th Anniversary in the
Current Church Building**



**“Bound Together by God’s Amazing Grace”
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make Sunday, September 17th a day of joyous celebration. To the choirs and soloist: Bell Choir, Senior Choir, Praise Team, St. Paul Kids, and Stephen Cowan – you raised a joyful noise to the Lord, and lifted the hearts of all who heard. To our readers: Isaac and Stephen – thank you for delivering the Shipwreck story and God’s Word so expressively. To Pastor Edmiston for presiding over Communion and the Communion Assistants who helped serve Christ’s meal. To the video and sound technicians: Marty and Ed – the video helps enhance the worship experience, and the streaming enables others to participate in worship even if they cannot be physically with us. And to the family who generously had “The Lighthouse” chalk drawing framed – it will be a constant reminder that God is watching over us and is our light in the darkest storms, as it also reminds us of St. Paul’s Shipwreck heritage.

Thank you: To Council for providing the Bratwursts; To Outreach for the Dietsch’s Ice Cream Bars; To those who cooked the Brats, and to all who brought covered dishes to make our after-service meal and fellowship complete. Thank you to those who helped with set up and clean up – your labor of love is appreciated. Lest anyone be forgotten, Thank You all for coming and being a part of the day of remembrance and celebration.

*With Heartfelt Gratitude,
Minister Deb*

THE OCTOBER SEWING DAY WILL BE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we’d love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch. **[There were 11 ladies at the Tuesday, September 26th sewing day and 4 quilts were assembled along with 6 quilts that were brought in making the total of 133 quilts completed. Thanks to all who attended. WELCA]**



Kids Praise will begin on Wednesday, October 18th for Pre-school — 5th Grade
There will be a light meal at 5:45PM and classes will end at 7:30PM
“Eternity And Beyond / Living Life with Eternity in Mind”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST the YOUTH will be SPONSORING
A SPAGHETTI DINNER FROM 11:30AM — 1:30PM.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1st SPAGHETTI DINNER — 11:30AM – 1:30PM
Sunday, October 8th — ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Saturday, October 21st — Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat — 6:00PM
Sunday, October 22nd — Corn Maze — 2:00PM – 6:00PM

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1st Confirmation Class — 1:30PM – 2:30PM
Sunday, October 8th, 15th, and 29th Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, October 22nd NO Confirmation Class

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 5th ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Thursday, November 16th Jordan Feliz and Colton Dixon Concert — 6:00PM
Sunday, November 19th Giving Blitz — 6:00PM – 8:00PM

If you are interested in providing our youth with dinner for their youth group meetings, please sign-up on the sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space. The meal should be ready by 6:00PM. Meals can range from homemade, crockpot, fast food and pizza, etc. Donors can make meals as simple or elaborate as they wish. We usually have chips, candy, Little Debbie's and popcorn in the cabinet. Please let Amy know in advance what you plan to provide.

I have had some members ask recently if the youth need anything to reach out. Thank you to the members who have donated snack items for the youth.

[* * Right now the snack needed most would be:

Candy — snack sized, chocolate and gummies * *]

The following items will also be helpful!

Individual Chip bags

Hostess treats

Fruit roll-ups, Gushers, Fruit by the Foot

Microwave popcorn — Extreme Butter and Kettle Corn

Cookies

If you would like to contribute “snacks for youth”, please leave your treat in the kitchen labeled “snacks for youth”.

Thank you for your support! Amy Gibson

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2023

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9–10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2023 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.

The October Outreach Mission is to collect items for the Good Hope Food Pantry. Below is a list of things that they need. Remember, when donating canned good items, please be sure they are normal serving sizes versus the large bulk cans, as these are items that will be passed out to individuals. If you would like to donate any items, please put them in the Welcome Space in the corner by the lighted trees. We would like to challenge the congregation to see if we can really fill our space in October to be a blessing to those in need in our neighborhood. Thank you, St. Paul Outreach Committee

There are also copies of the Food Pantry List on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

GOOD HOPE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY — 419-365-5582

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| Box Cereal | Can Dinty Moore Stew |
| Oatmeal (cont. of instant, variety flavor, and maple/brown sugar) | Boxes of Mac and Cheese |
| Jar Peanut Butter Jar Jam (grape or strawberry) | Box Pasta (Macaroni, Spaghetti, Noodles) |
| Box Pancake Mix or Bisquick | Jar Pasta Sauce |
| Bottle Syrup | Box Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper |
| Bottle Catsup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce | Can Beef Ravioli |
| Salad Dressing (Ranch, Italian, French, Thousand Island) | Package Ramen Noodles (Beef or Chicken) |
| Cans Fruit (Peach, Pear, Mixed, Pineapple, Oranges, Applesauce) | Package Paper Towel |
| Pork and Beans – Baked Beans – Kidney/Chili Beans – Chili Spice | Bottle Dish Soap |
| Box Mashed Potatoes | Bottle Laundry Soap |
| Package of Gravy | Package Toilet Paper |
| Dessert (Frosting – Chocolate or Vanilla w/Cake Mix, Brownies, Cookie Mix (Sugar or Chocolate Chip) | Bottle Cleaner |
| Bag of Rice | Package Body Soap |
| Cans of Veggies (Green Beans, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Mixed, Tomatoes, Pickles {not slices}) | Bottle Shampoo |
| Cans of Soup (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Beef Vegetable, Chili, Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken) | Tube Toothpaste |
| | Large can of Meats (Turkey, Pork, Beef, Chicken, or 2 cans of Tuna) |
| | Box of Crackers (Saltine, Club, Cheese, Graham) |
| | Box of Pretzels / Chips |
| | Box of Granola Bars (Peanut Butter, Variety, or Chocolate Chip) |



Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:30AM and they are studying the Book of Ruth and also studying Deborah. All are welcome.

Prayer Writing Team

...then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you. Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayer from this place. (2 Chronicles 6:39–41)

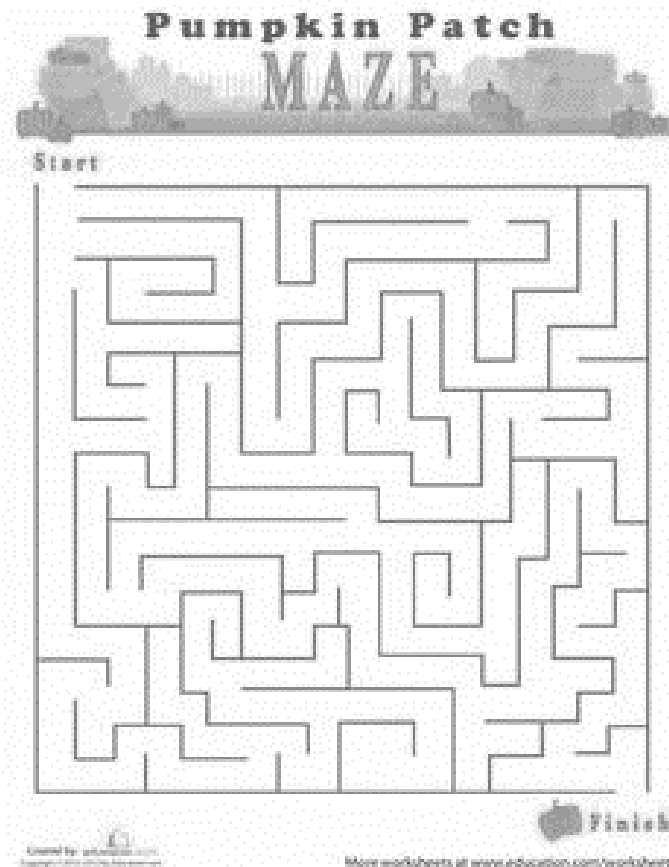
Beginning mid-October, I will be participating in a continuing education program, “Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)”. CPE is a ten–week intensive study in pastoral care involving visitations, reading, writing, self–journaling, supervisory meetings, and weekly 5–hour Zoom discussions with CPE cohorts. CPE will help me better provide Christian care to our members in our church’s daily life and especially in times of personal crisis.

It is my hope to engage a team of church members (3 to 5 people) to share in the gift of writing the weekly “Prayers of the People”. I am asking your help in taking this important part of worship from my desk by placing it in the loving care of our members.

The team will read the assigned scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary as the stimulus for the prayers. Then using available resources and individual creativity team members will formulate the intercessory prayers. As residents of the communities served by St. Paul, you will bring to the table a more personal perspective on local needs than I have been able to bring, thus our members may feel more personally connected with the prayers.

Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of the Prayer Writing Team. I am hoping to gather the team by mid–September. Please let me know of your willingness to participate in this important part of our worship experience.

Keeping all in prayer, Minister Deb



2023 Daily Bible Readings

The Year of Story is the Northwestern Ohio Synod's theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through "The Story of Jesus." Together, let us read His story and ponder what God's Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

The readings for October are:

JESUS' MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM (CONTINUED)

Oct. 1	<i>Cleansing the Temple</i>	Matthew 21:12–17; Mark 11:15–19; Luke 19:45–48
Oct. 2	<i>Jesus Curses the Fig Tree</i>	Matthew 21:18–22; Mark 11:12–14; Luke 13:6–9
Oct. 3	<i>The Authority of Jesus is Questioned</i>	Matthew 21:23–27; Mark 11:27–33; Luke 20:1–8
Oct. 4	<i>The Parable of the Two Sons</i>	Matthew 21:28–32
Oct. 5	<i>The Parable of the Wicked Tenants</i>	Matthew 21:33–46; Mark 12:1–12; Luke 20:9–19
Oct. 6	<i>The Parable of the Wedding Banquet</i>	Matthew 22:1–14; Luke 14:15–24
Oct. 7	<i>On Paying Taxes</i>	Matthew 22:15–22; Mark 12:13–17; Luke 20:20–26
Oct. 8	<i>The Question about the Resurrection</i>	Matthew 22:23–33; Mark 12:18–27; Luke 20:27–40
Oct. 9	<i>The Great Commandment</i>	Matthew 22:34–40; Mark 12:28–34; Luke 10:25–28
Oct. 10	<i>Who Is David's Son?</i>	Matthew 22:41–46; Mark 12:35–37; Luke 20:41–44
Oct. 11	<i>Jesus Denounces the Scribes and Pharisees</i>	Matthew 23:1–36; Mark 12:38–40; Luke 20:45–47
Oct. 12	<i>The Lament over Jerusalem</i>	Matthew 23:37–39; Luke 13:34–35
Oct. 13	<i>The Widow's Offering</i>	Mark 12:41–44; Luke 21:1–4

THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DISCOURSE IN JERUSALEM

Oct. 14	<i>The Destruction of the Temple</i>	Matthew 24:1–2; Mark 13:1–2; Luke 21:5–6
Oct. 15	<i>Signs of the End of the Age</i>	Matthew 24:3–8; Mark 13:3–8; Luke 21:7–11
Oct. 16	<i>Persecutions Foretold</i>	Matthew 24:9–14; Mark 13:9–13; Luke 21:12–19
Oct. 17	<i>The Desolating Sacrilege</i>	Matthew 24:15–28; Mark 13:14–23; Luke 21:20–24
Oct. 18	<i>The Coming of the Son of Man</i>	Matthew 24:29–31; Mark 13:24–27; Luke 21:25–28
Oct. 19	<i>The Lesson of the Fig Tree</i>	Matthew 24:32–35; Mark 13:28–31; Luke 21:29–33
Oct. 20	<i>Watchfulness</i>	Matthew 24:36–44; Mark 13:32–37; Luke 21:34–38
Oct. 21	<i>The Faithful and Unfaithful Slave</i>	Matthew 24:45–51; Luke 12:41–48
Oct. 22	<i>The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids</i>	Matthew 25:1–13
Oct. 23	<i>The Parable of the Talents</i>	Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 19:11–27
Oct. 24	<i>The Judgment of the Nations</i>	Matthew 25:31–46
Oct. 25	<i>Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus</i>	John 12:20–26
Oct. 26	<i>Jesus Speaks about His Death</i>	John 12:27–36
Oct. 27	<i>The Unbelief of the People</i>	John 12:37–43
Oct. 28	<i>Summary of Jesus' Teaching</i>	John 12:44–50

THE PASSION BEGINS

Oct. 29	<i>The Plot to Kill Jesus</i>	Matthew 26:1–5; Mark 14:1–2; Luke 22:1–2; John 11:45–53
Oct. 30	<i>The Anointing at Bethany</i>	Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; Luke 7:36–50; John 12:1–8
Oct. 31	<i>Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus</i>	Matthew 26:14–16; Mark 14:10–11; Luke 22:3–6

October 2023 Birthdays

Sunday, October 1 st	Lindsay Hankins
Sunday, October 1 st	Pete Wilson
Monday, October 2 nd	Alex Coldren
Monday, October 2 nd	Kolt Robinson
Tuesday, October 3 rd	Jordan Gillespie
Wednesday, October 4 th	Emily Hirt
Wednesday, October 4 th	MaryEllen Nesler
Thursday, October 5 th	R. J. Coldren
Thursday, October 5 th	Norm Hahn
Friday, October 6 th	Ryder Haley
Saturday, October 7 th	Korbyn Robinson
Sunday, October 8 th	Sherri Ward
Monday, October 9 th	Lee Laird
Tuesday, October 10 th	Kristy Schroeder
Thursday, October 12 th	Kelsey Norway
Friday, October 13 th	Mia Wolford
Sunday, October 15 th	Barbara Schnelle
Sunday, October 15 th	James vonStein
Monday, October 16 th	Rachael Dundar
Monday, October 16 th	Kaelynn Hirschy
Monday, October 16 th	John Medvec III
Monday, October 16 th	Robert Robison
Monday, October 16 th	Todd Wilson
Tuesday, October 17 th	Stephen Cowan
Wednesday, October 18 th	Amanda Crates Bayliff
Wednesday, October 18 th	Van Follas
Wednesday, October 18 th	Ryan McDowell
Thursday, October 19 th	Raena Bayliff
Thursday, October 19 th	Isaac Cowan
Thursday, October 19 th	Noah Cowan
Thursday, October 19 th	Kennedy Sickles
Thursday, October 19 th	Nathan Zuercher
Friday, October 20 th	Ellie Grieser
Friday, October 20 th	Jenny Welte
Saturday, October 21 st	Jessica Depuy
Monday, October 23 rd	Andrew Clark
Monday, October 23 rd	Nathan Cowan
Monday, October 23 rd	Erica Fisher
Monday, October 23 rd	Randy Grieser
Monday, October 23 rd	Beth Wilhelm
Tuesday, October 24 th	Zachary Carman
Tuesday, October 24 th	Rusty Marquart
Wednesday, October 25 th	Jerry Kimmel
Thursday, October 26 th	Theresa Grieser
Friday, October 27 th	Orion Galloway
Friday, October 27 th	Elayna Huss
Friday, October 27 th	Amy Krantz
Friday, October 27 th	Mitch Wilson

Saturday, October 28 th	Jessica Kemerley
Saturday, October 28 th	Ashley Sickles
Saturday, October 28 th	Morgan Tiell
Sunday, October 29 th	Sonja Eversole
Sunday, October 29 th	Craig Hankins
Sunday, October 29 th	Amber Hirt
Monday, October 30 th	Andrew Fitch
Monday, October 30 th	Merritt VonStein
Tuesday, October 31 st	Adrienne Huss
Tuesday, October 31 st	Jonas McCasland



October 2023 Anniversaries

Sunday, October 1 st	Rick and Jody Wolford – 45
Monday, October 2 nd	Gideon and Erica Fisher – 13
Sunday, October 8 th	Matthew and Caitlin Hankins – 2
Monday, October 9 th	Chad and Beverly Snyder – 24
Tuesday, October 10 th	Waqar and Erica Habib – 16
Tuesday, October 10 th	Ron and Judy McDowell – 53
Thursday, October 12 th	Dave and Anna Wolford – 48
Saturday, October 14 th	Mike and Pam Hoffman – 45
Thursday, October 19 th	Joe and Lisa Creque – 38
Thursday, October 19 th	Thad and Jennifer Dempster – 27
Friday, October 20 th	Zac and Lindsay Boehm – 6
Monday, October 23 rd	Richard and Sharon Smith – 58
Tuesday, October 24 th	Shawn and Jennifer Griggs – 25
Tuesday, October 24 th	Jeff and Pam Pepple – 36
Thursday, October 26 th	Shawn and Amber Hirt – 21



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 11:30AM – 1:30PM YOUTH sponsored Spaghetti Dinner 1:30PM – 2:30PM Confirmation Class	2	3	4	5 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 5:30PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Mary Coldren 6:00PM Sunday School reserved by “The Jokers”	6	7 9:00AM – 1:00PM WELCA Fall Gathering / St. Luke’s, North Baltimore
8 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	9	10 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	11 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	12 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School reserved by “The Jokers”	13	14
15 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HARVEST HOME SUNDAY 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Special Congregational Meeting 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	16	17 6:30PM WELCA / Soup Supper	18 5:45PM Light Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise / WNL 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	19 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School reserved by “The Jokers”	20	21 6:00PM Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat
22 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 2:00PM – 6:00PM ReFUEL / Corn Maze <u>NO</u> Confirmation Class	23	24	25 5:45PM Light Meal served before Kids Praise 6:00PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise / WNL 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	26 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School reserved by “The Jokers”	27	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	30	31				