



## 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 ~ 2024

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<sup>31b</sup> *"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,  
<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)  
<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to [Thomas], "I am the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6a)*

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be placing Bibles into the hands of our third graders. The Bible is all about God's Word—and God's Word is all about Jesus—the Word made flesh. Being in the Word brings us to know Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing Jesus, the gift of God's grace is revealed. In Jesus our sins are forgiven and we are set free. Free for what? Daniel Erlander and Marc Olson provide a list of answers in the booklet "A Lutheran Welcome to the Bible". They write, "Liberated from anything that would enslave us, we are free to . . .

- FORGIVE our enemies and all who would harm us
- HOPE in God's future
- SERVE humbly and patiently
- RESPECT and enjoy life
- RENEW, take time off, play, keep the Sabbath, enjoy God's creation
- CONFESS our sin, our failures
- OBEY the Ten Commandments and FOLLOW the way of Jesus
- LET GO of our abundance of money and things that others may live
- LAMENT over the pain, brokenness, disease, war, and injustice in our world
- HONOR those in authority, practice good citizenship in community, nation and world, and discern when to resist, to speak truth to power
- LIVE in harmony with CREATION, tenderly caring for it, protecting it, receiving its gifts with thanksgiving, and responding with awe and wonder
- RISK . . . to take chances
- SPEAK of God's love and invite others to join the journey of faith in Jesus Christ
- DREAM God's dream of a world of Peace
- NURTURE the love relationship with God through PRAYER
- SEE CHRIST in every person and in every part of creation
- SEE OURSELVES, our bodies, sexuality, and talents as beautiful GIFTS to be used for the glory of God
- TRUST God and God alone
- PRACTICE HOSPITALITY by welcoming the outsider, the stranger
- WORK AND PRAY FOR JUSTICE, God's dream of a world where all have dignity and all have enough
- LIVE BY GRACE, trusting that worth and identity have been declared by God, knowing we do not have all the answers. Grounded in divine love, we decide and act boldly, trusting God's mercy whether we are right or wrong . . . can you come up with more?

As we prepare to place the Bible in the hands of our youth, I invite you to join me in picking up our Bibles, getting into the Word, and asking God to reveal the God-self to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Pray for our youth as we present them with the Holy Bible carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the freedom from sin for all who believe. Amen.

In Christ's Love, Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 – 7:00PM**

*Attendance: Laurie Laird, Jane Follas, Deb Clevenger, Minister Deb Noll, Nathan Cowan, Jen Welte, Tom Marquart, Jacob Orwick, Jan Grieser, Amy Gibson, Natalie McClelland and Jake Leu.*

**CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Discussion was held on chapter 7 of our study book, *Serve Selflessly*, and Minister Deb noted we'll soon be serving community meals the last Sunday of every month. All members recited the Council prayer together, and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu**

<b>Account Balances at August 31, 2024</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	
Current	181,482.53
Council Discretionary	685.70
Improvement	0.00
Missions	15,058.49
<b>Special Projects</b>	
Shipwreck Festival	2,247.16
Music	2,375.43
C. Price Memorial Funds	27,175.73
Bell Choir	1,762.56
Special Projects - Other	0.06
	33,560.94
<b>Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA</b>	<b>\$ 230,787.66</b>
Operating Account	40,269.64
Money Market Demand Accounty (MMDA)	191,533.17
<b>Total Operating/MMDA - Bank</b>	<b>\$ 231,802.81</b>
Outstanding Deposits at 8/31/24	-
Outstanding Checks at 8/31/24	(1,015.15)
<b>Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA</b>	<b>\$ 230,787.66</b>
<b>Savings</b>	
General Memorial	<b>\$ 14,719.47</b>

- Council members reviewed financial statements. Total income for the period Jan-Aug 2024 totaled \$179,084.43 vs. a budgeted amount of \$150,819.77. Total expenses for the same period were \$181,030.69 actual vs. \$174,038.72 budgeted.
- Interest income generated by our Money Market account is estimated at \$753.27 during the past month.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter income designated for playground equipment totaled \$5,375 as of September 1.
- Recipients of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter designated income were discussed. The Navajo Lutheran School in Arizona was suggested, and approved via general consent.

## **MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll**

- The report began with a Word for Thought from Psalm 46, *Be still and know I am God!*
- Upcoming events were then reviewed including Shipwreck Sunday services, Confirmation classes, Ecumenical Partners lunch, *Our Daily Bread* Community Meal, and a SAM Renewal Meeting with the Bishop.
- See full report attached at end of minutes.

## **TRUSTEES REPORT – Tom Marquart**

- Stump Fire Protection was contacted to inspect fire extinguishers. They will also replace a broken exit sign in fellowship hall. Andrew Follas will inspect the kitchen range system.
- Overhead Door was contacted to inspect noisy garage door opener at parsonage.
- This week an electrician will install a new security light near the service drive.
- A hole in parsonage closet upstairs has been repaired.
- Reorganization of the church attic has begun; metal shelves were moved to another room and supplies placed on them. While moving shelves, the fire alarm system was triggered and it works like it's supposed to.
- The janitorial supply room has also been organized.
- How long should we keep boxes of donation envelopes found in attic? Jake recommended seven years.
- Roughly 10 totes of air mattresses were found in attic. Discussion was held on what to do with them.
- It was suggested that carpet in the education wing be cleaned this winter.
- On Friday, Brice Hartman will pour a concrete footer outside the main entrance for mounting the church bell.

## **PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark**

- Kids Praise begins mid-October.
- Planning for the Fall Festival is underway with a date TBD.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson**

### **Highlights:**

*August/September* Rally Sunday  
Began Studying Revelations in HS Sunday School  
Finalized Details for upcoming Confirmation year w/ Minister Deb  
Updated Bulletin Board

### **Upcoming:**

*September* 15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Parent Meeting (Weekly Confirmation begins)  
15<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL (Grades 7-12)  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Ignite! Nerf War and Pizza (Grades 4-6)  
27<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL After the Game: Campfire  
29<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL

*October* 5<sup>th</sup> – Ignite! by the Campfire  
6<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL  
16<sup>th</sup> – KP/WNL  
19<sup>th</sup> – Fall Fest  
20<sup>th</sup> – ReFUEL  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – KP/WNL

### **Ongoing:**

- Planning and Execution of ReFUEL, Sunday School, and Confirmation
- Create and Distribute: Newsletter Info, Flyers, Bulletin Board, Emails, Social Media Updates, Calendar, Website
- Attend: Youth Board, Parish Board, Staff Meetings, Council

### **Council Requests:** N/A

**Additional items:** Received approval for money from the Trust Fund; Giving Blitz to be held in November; Community Christmas Giveaway; Stuff the Stocking; and the next Fundraiser (Oct. 27–Nov. 10) will include new church shirts, hoodies, and travel mugs just in time for Christmas.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- School supplies and backpacks were delivered to Cedar Creek church at the beginning of August, and food items and toiletries were delivered to Good Hope Pantry at the end of August. Thank you to all who donated.
- Outreach is preparing for our first community dinner which will be held the last Sunday of September on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 1PM. This mission will be called “Our Daily Bread Ministries”. Sign-up sheets and volunteer opportunities are posted on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.
- The Outreach Committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

- The September meeting of Worship Committee was held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7PM. Devotions were given by Nathan Cowan.
- Old Business: Discussion of past services.
- New Business:
  - September 15<sup>th</sup> – Shipwreck Sunday. Theme: “Jesus Calms the Storm”
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Home Sunday
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Saints Sunday
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Youth Participation in Worship (reading lessons, greeters, etc.)
- Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Flooring information and a bid proposal for the Fellowship Hall was presented. Laurie noted the proposal also included new flooring in the hallway and conference room. It is commercial grade with a 10-yr warranty. Amy noted her home church in Bowling Green had the same flooring and it lasted ~20 years. It was suggested we also get a quote on carpeting (in a darker color that won’t show stains) so we have 2 options to present at the annual congregational meeting.
- Discussion was held on adding a line item for the position of Marketing Technician.
- Regarding the purchase of a portable sound system for special events, Jan Grieser presented information and a system that retails for ~\$200. Ed von Stein has used and approves of this system. The purchase was approved by Council members via general consent.
- Discussion was held on enhancing the name of our church on the large stone sign so it’s easier to read. It was suggested that Crates or Northwest Masonry be contacted for their input.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Council positions for 2025 were reviewed with regard to service, terms, and replacements. Emily Clark noted that Parish Board needs an Assistant Superintendent and 2 new members. The Chair will update the list and post in the News of the Flock to make the congregation aware of open positions.
- Jake Leu will soon be working with the Chair on the 2025 church budget.
- It was noted there is still concern about the ELCA’s stance on controversial issues, and the Chair encouraged all members to be informed.
- Jan Grieser reported that Seth Carey would sub for her as Praise Team Coordinator if/when needed. Jan will pay him directly so a separate check doesn’t need to be issued.
- It was noted that Jane Wilch has been here 25 years but gets only 2 weeks paid vacation. Deb Clevenger moved and Natalie McClelland seconded a motion to increase her paid vacation to 3 weeks. Motion carried. Minister Deb suggested this be discussed with the Staff Support Committee.
- The Staff Support Committee will be meeting with all staff before the end of the year.

## **ADJOURN**

- Prior to adjournment, the Chair asked for news of the flock and prayer requests. The meeting adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 8:34pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7pm. Members are asked to read Chapter 8 of the study book, *Hope Relentlessly*, prior to the meeting.

*Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary*

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**Synod Authorized Minister's Report**  
**St. Paul Congregational Council**  
**September 10, 2024**

Word for Thought: *Be still and know I am God!* Psalm 46:10a

This summer did not go according to the way that I would have planned Dick's retirement to begin, nor as I would have expected for the lives of a few of my friends. Dick's visits to the hospital, and his need to be on dialysis was never my vision, nor was cancer expected for my friend Linda, or the home explosion that took everything from Dean, including his wife Ann's life. But I am not alone in facing unforeseen life changes. Each of us encounter situations that were never a part of our plan. We never anticipate the detour God would have us take. When we travel the unknown path, and it leads us into the storms of life, this Psalm reminds us to: *Be still and know*—God the great I Am is in charge. We trust God's plan because we know of God's great love for us revealed in Jesus Christ crucified and risen. Jesus said to the raging sea, "Be still!" and all was calm. So, it is when we allow our hearts to be still and know and trust God. May God, who is, who was, and who ever shall be, calm the storms raging in you, and give you peace. Amen.

Activity Since the August Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x6)
- Sewing Meal (x1)
- "The Jokers" Card Group (x4)
- In-office, home, and phone Visitations (x11)
- Home Communion delivered to 2 individuals
- Outreach Meeting (x1)
- Worship Committee Meeting (x1)
- Youth Board (x1)
- WELCA (x1)
- Confirmation (four youth were confirmed on August 25)
- Meeting with Council Chair, Vice Chair, and Elders (x1)

Related Church Activities

- SAM Supervisor Session (x3)
- Ecumenical Partners Lunch (x1)
- Serenity Spring Worship (x1)

Vacation/Holiday Taken

- No vacation taken
- Labor Day Holiday – Monday, September 2, 2024

Upcoming Events

- 193<sup>rd</sup> Shipwreck Sunday – September 15 (2 services w/Holy Communion, Cemetery Service at 3:00pm)
- Confirmation Classes Resume – September 15 at 5:00pm
- Ecumenical Partners Lunch – September 19 (Pastor Matt Blau and Pastor Steve Ramsey)
- *Our Daily Bread* Community Meal – Outreach – September 29, 11am to 1pm
- SAM Renewal Meeting with the Bishop – September 29, 3:00 to 4:30pm @ Peace Lutheran in Bowling Green. Deadline for the forms to be submitted for SAM renewal has been extended to October 31, 2024.
- Heart valve procedure is scheduled for a member on September 12
- Knee replacement surgery is scheduled for a member on September 26

Items for Consideration

- Suggestion: To have Staff Support meet annually—if not semiannually, or even quarterly—with staff members.

*Respectfully Submitted: Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister*

**2025 Church Positions**

Chairperson	Jan Grieser [1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 year term]
Vice Chairperson	Open
Elders	Tom Carey [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term] Mary Coldren [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term]
Recording Secretary	Natalie McCelland [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term]
Treasurer	Jane Follas [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term]
Trustees	Tom Marquart [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term] Jacob Orwick [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term] Mike Stoltz – [end of 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 year term?] Bart Welte – [end of 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 year term?] Deb Clevenger – [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term]
9:00 Deacons	Nathan Cowan [ 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term] Aaron Smith [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term]
11:15 Deacons	Lynn Boehm – ? Lee Laird – [2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term]
Parish Board Sup’t.	Emily Clark [ 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term] Assistant – Open Secretary – Rebecca Stoltz – [end of 1 <sup>st</sup> term ?] Treasurer – April Smith – [end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term ?]
PB Members	Kendra Parke, Amanda Leu, Erin Tobin, Chelsea Boehm, Jenna Stoltz ??
Cemetery Trustees	Allen Boehm, Raymond Bower, Steven Reichley??
Staff Support	Gary Wilson, Craig Durliat, Mike Ingram, Janet Carey ??
Trust Fund Comm.	Craig Durliat, Anna Wolford, Lisa Gossman, Doug Coldren, Jane Follas ??
Youth Board	?? (appointed)
YB Chair	Chris Sheets
YB Vice Chair	Jenny Welte
YB Treasurer	Lindsay Follas
YB Secretary	Tina Cowan
YB Adults	Amanda Leu, April Smith
YB Youth	Open

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 2024**

- SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Lisa Gossman  
**PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Jan Grieser  
**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Tammy Robinson  
**AUDIO VIDEO:** Marty Grieser and Ed vonStein  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Uncover – Christine Kemerley / Cover – Pam Hoffman  
**LECTOR:** Stephen Cowan  
**WEBSITE COORDINATOR:** Chelsea Boehm

## PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370  
Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-235-0499

## 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.

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**PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024:** Stephanie Beaschler (*friend of Christine Kemerley*); family and friends of Ann Bollinger (*friend of Minister Deb and Dick*); Dean Bollinger (*friend of Minister Deb and Dick*); Grace Bowers (*5 month old granddaughter of a customer of Mike Hoffman*); family and friends of Beth Bracy (*Brian Welly's sister*); Jim Carey; Jon Gast; Marsha Grieser; Norm Hahn; Nancy Heacock; Mark Hoffman (*Mike's brother*); family and friends of Daryl Ingram (*Mike's brother*); Jim Jones (*brother-in-law of Sally Valentage*); Christine Kemerley; Brenda Little (*friend of Linda Wilson*); Connie Makrides (*Jessica Kemerley's grandmother*); Steve McClelland; Kyle McDowell; Dick Noll; Faye Parcher (*Beth Wilhelm's mother*); family and friends of Linda Reuhrmund (*friend of Minister Deb*); Rod Settlemyre (*friend of Pam Hoffman*); Andrew Slough (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Beckett Wilson; all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin and Annabelle Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

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*Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~*

Thank you all so much for the confirmation gift! You are all wonderful!

*Alex Coldren*

**St. Paul Parish Education – Thank you for your incredibly generous donation to Children’s Mentoring Connection.** We are grateful and will humbly serve the kids with your contribution.

Blessings – Children’s Mentoring Staff

**COOKIES FOR KAIROS:** Thank you so much for all those who helped make cookies for the Kairos Ministry. I ended up with 140 dozen and as a team we came up with 3,400 dozen cookies [*that is 40,800 cookies*]. Thank you also for the prayers. Thank you again,

*Tom Boehm*

**Dear St. Paul Members, Thank you** for gifting me a wood cross for my confirmation. I appreciate all your support and welcoming. Thank you for attending my confirmation. Sincerely,

*Carrie Ludwig*

**Many thanks** to our church family and friends for their kind words, prayers, and cards during the passing of my brother, Daryl.

*Mike and Elaine Ingram*



**Congratulations to Peyton and Ellie [Grieser] Simon on the birth of their daughter, Delilah Mae.** Delilah was born on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was twenty inches long. Chad Greiser is Delilah’s grandfather and Mike and Jan Grieser are her great grandparents. God’s Blessings be with Peyton, Ellie, and Delilah.

## Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Daryl Ingram.** Daryl, 75, is Mike Ingram’s brother. Daryl passed away on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was held in Marysville, Ohio on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Beth [Welly] Bracy.** Beth, 69, passed away on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Bridge Hospice Care Center in Findlay. A private funeral was held with burial at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

May the family and friends of Daryl Ingram and Beth Bracy feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.



**The October Sewing Day will be Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2024

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:34–40

Jesus tells this parable to make the point that when we serve others, we serve God. After listing acts of service, including providing food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, lodging for the homeless, clothes for the naked, and healing for the sick, Jesus concludes, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”. Imagining Jesus as the ultimate recipient of our kindness is true motivation to serve in our families, church, neighborhood and world. When He prompts us to sacrificially invest in the needs of others, **we serve Him. When we love others, we love God.**

**How can St. Paul serve Jesus in our community and love God by loving others in our path?** 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.

*Loving God, please open our eyes to the needs of others around us so we can help them and love You better. Amen.*



**Bible Study meets in the Library on Thursdays beginning at 9:30AM. We are studying the Book of Joshua. All are welcome!**



### **October Offering Opportunity (giving envelope box ‘building’)**

It was previously announced that our designated giving for the fourth quarter would be the Navajo Lutheran Mission School. But due to the recent hurricane activity in the southeastern United States, it has been decided that for at least the month of October (maybe longer) the designated giving will go to Hurricane Relief efforts either through Lutheran Disaster Relief or through direct means. If you are personally touched by this disaster, either through family or friends living in one of the areas impacted, please reach out to a member of Church Council, the church office, or Minister Deb to make us aware of those individual(s). If possible, provide a church or emergency services contact so we can follow up as to how to best get them the assistance they need.

Lutheran Disaster Relief suggests the following ways to offer help:

- 1. PRAY** — Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God’s healing presence give peace and hope in this time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors;
- 2. GIVE** — Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to LDR equip them to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower LDR to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete;
- 3. SHARE** — Spread the word throughout your community to give Lutheran Disaster Response an even greater impact as it serves our neighbors on the long road to recovery.

We live into God’s mission by helping others in need. Prayerfully consider how you can help give hurricane relief at this time. Again, you can donate through your giving envelope or visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) for more information on Lutheran Disaster Relief.

May God use you as a beacon of light shining in the darkness during this time of immediate response and long-term recovery. Amen.

Thank you, Minister Deb

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**2024: THE YEAR OF REST:** The churches and friends of Northwestern Ohio Synod are invited to participate in the Year of Rest. Instead of the traditional daily Bible readings, we are invited to engage in daily rest practices using the seven types of active rest: Mental, Sensory, Emotional, Social, Creative, Spiritual, and Physical. Grounded in a weekly Bible verse, it is the Synod’s prayer that the guided calendar will help us discover daily moments of rest and peace. To learn more about the Year of Rest and the Seven Types of Active Rest, go to the Northwestern Ohio Synod website: <https://nwos-elca.church> scroll down to Bishop’s Writings and click on: 2024: The Year of Rest. [There are copies of the September 2024—“The Year of Rest” on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.]

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### **ReFUEL and YOUTH INFORMATION for OCTOBER**

Greetings and Happy October! This month we will be continuing our weekly Confirmation meetings.

**Please note on October 20<sup>th</sup> — Confirmation will be from 3:00PM-4:00PM.**

October 5<sup>th</sup> — Ignite by the Campfire! 7:00PM–9:00PM — grades 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> (s’mores, hot dogs, games and Bible study)

October 6<sup>th</sup> — ReFUEL — 6:00PM–8:00PM (air fryer appetizer night, games and Bible study)

October 20<sup>th</sup> — Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat — 5:30PM–8:30PM.

**\*\*\* We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event. Youth are being asked to assist with activities and potentially Haunted Woods (stay tuned)**

This year Wednesday Night Live (WNL) will be centered for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Bible study will be Echo the Story. Students will take a deep dive into the Bible and learn how to connect the Word of God to our daily lives. I am VERY excited about this Bible study. Hope to see you there! 5:45PM – lite meal — 6:15PM – 7:30PM Bible study and games/activities. Begins Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Invite your friends!

Thank you all for your continued support of our youth programs. I know life is busy and these years fly by. We at St. Paul want to do our best to help support the development of faith for each and every one of our youth. To those we haven't seen in a while, know that we miss you and invite you to join us soon! You are always welcome to any event, worship, and Sunday school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you.

Blessings, Amy Gibson, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator



## WELCA Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:00AM — 1:00PM



Registration and Coffee: 9:00AM — 9:30AM

Devotion — Prayers — Communion — 9:45AM

Devotion by Christine Kemerley — Ephesians 4:32 — *“Be kind and forgiving”*

Program — 10:15AM —

Information on “Bees” by Ken and Jessica Depuy  
Cotton Candy ~ Bee Products ~ Maple Syrup can be purchased

Free Lunch — NOON

Closing Hymn and Dismissal — 1:00PM

Offering — ½ to Synodical Treasurer, ¼ to Conference Treasurer, and ¼ to the Good Hope Church Food Pantry

In-Kind Offering for Good Hope Food Pantry —

Mac and Cheese, Cereal, Laundry Soap, Laundry Softeners, Body Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste

Registration: \$4.00 — Registration Deadline — Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

To Register, please call St. Paul Lutheran Church — 419-326-3535

Join us for FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP !!!

Spring Gathering will be at Good Hope Lutheran Church, Arlington

## October 2024 Birthdays

Tuesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lindsay Hankins
Tuesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pete Wilson
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Coldren
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flint Gossman
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kolt Robinson
Thursday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jordan Gillespie
Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Hirt
Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	MaryEllen Nesler
Saturday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	R. J. Coldren
Saturday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Norm Hahn
Sunday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ryder Haley
Monday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Korbyn Robinson
Wednesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Laird
Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy Schroeder
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kelsey Norway
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mia Wolford
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Schnelle
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	James vonStein
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rachael Dundar
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kaelynn Hirschy
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	John Medvec III
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Robison
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Wilson
Thursday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Cowan
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Crates Bayliff
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Van Follas
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan McDowell
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Raena Bayliff
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Isaac Cowan
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Noah Cowan
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kennedy Sickles
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Zuercher
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Grieser
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Welte
Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jessica Depuy
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Clark
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathan Cowan
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Erica Fisher
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Randy Grieser
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Beth Wilhelm
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Zach Carman
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Kimmel
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Rettig
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Grieser
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Orion Galloway
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Elayna Huss
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Krantz
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch Wilson
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Kemerley

Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Sickles
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Tiell
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sonja Eversole
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Hankins
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Hirt
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Fitch
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Merritt VonStein
Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Adrienne Huss
Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jonas McCasland



## October 2024 Wedding Anniversaries

Tuesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rick and Jody Wolford – 46
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gideon and Erica Fisher – 14
Tuesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew and Caitlin Hankins – 3
Wednesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chad and Beverly Snyder – 25
Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wagar and Erica Habib – 17
Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ron and Jody McDowell – 54
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dave and Anna Wolford – 49
Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Pam Hoffman – 46
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Richard and Kari King – 25
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Joe and Lisa Creque – 39
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thad and Jennifer Dempster – 28
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Zac and Lindsay Boehm – 7
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dick and Sharon Smith – 59
Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn and Jennifer Griggs – 26
Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff and Pam Pepple – 37
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn and Amber Hirt – 22



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Uncover: Christine Kemerley / Cover: Pam Hoffman <b>Lector:</b> Stephen Cowan <b>Organist:</b> October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , and 27 <sup>th</sup> : Lisa Gossman		<b>1</b> 7:00PM Worship Committee Meeting 7:30PM Youth Board Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 4:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Mary Coldren 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:00PM Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00PM – 9:00PM Ignite / Campfire / Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>6 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER            PENTECOST</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00AM – 1:00PM WELCA Fall Conference 5:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Mary Coldren
<b>13 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER            PENTECOST</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion NOON Fellowship Hall reserved by Cindy Boehm 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30PM WELCA / Soup Supper	<b>16</b> 5:45PM Meal before Kids Praise 6:15PM – 7:30PM Wednesday Night Live Bible Study / Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER            PENTECOST</b> <b>FALL FEST / TRUNK OR TREAT</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 3:00PM – 4:00PM Confirmation Classes 5:30PM – 8:30PM ReFUEL / Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:45PM Meal before Kids Praise 6:15PM – 7:30PM Wednesday Night Live Bible Study / Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	<b>24</b> 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" 6:30PM – 9:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Mary Wilson / Quilt Club	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM – 1:00PM Community Meal / Fellowship Hall 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Classes	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:45PM Meal before Kids Praise 6:15PM – 7:30PM Wednesday Night Live Bible Study / Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:30PM – 7:30PM Kids Praise	<b>31</b> 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"		