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Worship Sundays at 10am

Sunday School at 11:15am (Sept-May)



I hate money. There. That's a great way to start a newsletter article from your beloved pastor! I get a lot of anxiety about money. I was raised poor. I've never been able to save money. I've always felt like a failure when it comes to money. I owe people money.

Maybe you feel like I do. Though, truthfully, I'm sure you are all better with this topic than I ever am!

Or maybe you have already quit reading!

Hey! If I have to write this, I really like to think you could keep reading!

OK, perhaps I should start again, and if you have been in the church for any amount of time, you probably know where this article is headed.

The truth is, Jesus talks more about money than a lot of other topics. What he reminds us though, is that everything that we have, everything, comes from God.

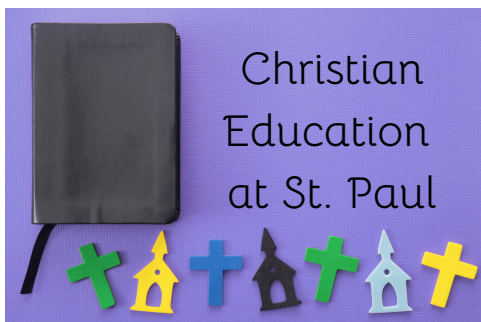
Now, when I'm really honest, I don't deserve it. Any of it. Not the money, not all of the things, none of it. Yet, holy cow, Scott and I have been blessed beyond belief, beyond measure.

Yes, this is the fall, and in the church that means that it is time to think about pledging and budget and all the money things that we don't like to think about, let alone talk about!

Yet the truth is, St Paul is incredibly blessed! Yet the truth is also that it takes a lot of money to keep a church going. And yes, that's where all of us come in. In a few weeks, you will receive a letter and a pledge card. You are being asked to prayerfully and in gratitude for all of your blessings, discern how you can financially help your church to do God's work. This is a private discussion in your family and one that you should prayerfully consider how God might be asking you to stretch your gifts, but never out of an obligation, always out of gratitude for everything that God has already blessed you with. Count your blessings. Pray. Listen to where God is nudging you. Give thanks for all of your blessings! I'm giving thanks for each of you today, for certainly God has blessed me with each of you!

In peace

Pastor Lisa



Two youth to Affirm their Faith

On Sunday October 26th Alice Gramlich and Tilly Fordham will be confirmed with the Affirmation of Baptism Service during worship. A special reception to welcome these young women as adults in the congregation will be held following worship. The students will meet one more time with pastor to learn what it means to be an adult in the congregation, choose their Bible verses, and to go through the Affirmation of Baptism service. Please joyously congratulate these young women and their families for this wonderful step in their faith journey!

Confirmation Class has begun!

Confirmation Class has begun just September 12th with watching the movie "Luther". This will be our year of studying about Martin Luther and the Small Catechism. Our class will meet October 12th and 19th. Class meets right after Sunday School and lasts an hour and a half. Please pray for the students and their families as they fulfill their baptismal promises by teaching their children about the amazing love of God!

Sunday School

Sunday School is in full swing! We have purchased curriculum that will follow our text that is used during Sunday Services to reinforce learning. If you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer to teach please contact Morgan Wertz 309-435-1819

Bible Study

Come and join Pastor Lisa as we embark on a bible study on the book of Exodus. We will have two opportunities for this study. Monday evenings at 6pm and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. Our first meetings will be on Oct. 6th and Oct. 8th. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office so Pastor can make sure to have enough materials for everyone.

Reformation Sunday

Sunday October 26th is Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday is the day that we celebrate the birth of the Lutheran church and remember Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the Wittenburg doors. This act challenged the Catholic church on several positions including the use of indulgences and caused a radical change in the church and the world, equipping people to be able to challenge the church and to learn about the Grace of God! Please wear Red on this festival Sunday! See you in church!



Church Staff

- Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
- Bev Fordham, Administrative Assistant
- Eric Coffey, Custodian
- Kyle Burkholder, Groundskeeper
- Deborah Garmers, Organist
- Michael Helgeson, Celebration and Praise Music Coordinator

Church Council

- Abigail Williams, President
- Michael Helgeson, Vice President
- Linda Lowery, Secretary
- Penny Post-Freeman, Financial Officer
- Karen Rocke, Service Ministries
- Mary Jane Moder, Worship
- Morgan Wertz, Education/Youth
- Brian Sharp, Property



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Photos for All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is just around the corner November 2nd. Just as last year, we ask that you would bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed. We will place their pictures in the sanctuary so that we are reminded of all the saints who have gone before us during worship. We do ask that you bring your picture to the church by October 29th so that we have plenty of time to set out all of the pictures. We also ask that you include with the picture a slip of paper stating the name(s) of the people in the photograph and how you know them or are related to them. For example: Carroll and Nancy Myers (Pastor Lisa's parents).



Quilts

This year's quilts that the St. Paul Quilters have made this year will be placed on the church pews on October 10th. We will be surrounded with the warmth and beauty of the quilts for two Sundays before they are packed up and sent all over the world where they are needed the most. May God bless the hands and hearts that have lovingly cut, sewn and tied these quilts, and may God bless those who will receive them! As always, our quilters would love the donation of any size sheets to be used in the assembly of their quilts!

Women's Book Discussion

The Women's Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 23 for a general meeting and a book review and discussion. The book selected is: "Gifted Hands" The Ben Carson Story" written by Ben Carson, M. D. With Cecil Murphy. This is a very inspirational, faith-based, and true story about how believing in yourself and God can make a difference. You will be responsible for providing your own book. Suggestions as to where to find the book: Amazon(approximate cost: \$12.00) Zondervan.com, Book Nook in Peoria, and The Peoria Public Libraries. If you have any questions or need help in finding the book, please contact one of the Women's Officers.

Women and Men of St. Paul, please mark your calendars and save these important upcoming dates:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD:

"Hanging of the Greens"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND:

54th Annual St. Paul Women's Mini Dinner,

"Sharing Christmas Hope"

We need a lot of volunteers to help in a variety of ways to make this event successful: bake, cook, decorate, serve, greet, work, donate baked goods and raffle baskets and your time. Please watch for more information and to see how you can help. Thank you for your time, talents, generosity and donations.

Worship Assistants

10/5: Penny Post-Freeman

10/12: Sue Borcharding

10/19: Elias Fordham

10/26:

Fellowship Treats

10/5: Sue Borcharding

10/12:

10/19: Lisa Snyder

10/26: Cake for Confirmation

Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/2: Karen Rocke

10/11: Gerry Bloom

10/18: Kevin and Maryann

Baetz's Anniversary

10/19: Sally Bloom

10/23: Kevin Baetz

10/24: David Heerman

10/29: Rev. Brain Coffey

10/30: Henry Ulrich

Counters

10/5: Gerry Bloom and Hal Fordham

10/12: Brian Sharp and Mary Jane
Moder

10/19: Mike Coffman and Roger
Conrad

10/26: Kyle Burkholder and Amber
Lowery

Women's Circle Dates

Quilters: October 6th and 20th

JoAnna: October 2nd

Esther: October 28th



Supper Club!

It's time to eat! I think those are some of my favorite words! Let's go eat at Olive Garden on Tuesday October 21st at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering space so that we know to plan on you joining us.

Come and Join St. Paul Lutheran for our fall festivities on October 18th!

The evening will begin with our annual trunk or treat from 5-6pm. Once trunks close at 6pm, we invite you to stay and enjoy food and music by the bonfire from 6-8pm! We will provide hotdogs, chips, smores, and hot apple cider. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the fire and music!

LGBTQIA Support Group

St Paul is starting a support group for those who are interested in coming together for mutual support, learning, and advocacy of the LGBTQIA community. If you are interested in being a part of such a group regardless of how you identify or if you are an ally, please contact either AJ Dunn, Kathy Niu or Quincy Johnson for more details.

Fill the Pantry

The Free Little Pantry is in desperate need of all kinds of non-perishable foods. To help with this we are having a **special food Sunday on October 19th**. We are asking everyone to please bring food items or personal care products with you to worship and the children will collect them during the offering and place them at the Altar. Let's fill the chancel area with an abundance of food.

Let's spend the afternoon at Tanner's!

Come and join in an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your St. Paul Family on Sunday October 12th. We will meet at church at 3:30 to carpool to Tanners.

Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot!!

We Pray For:

Shirley Barber, Rob Hackett, Floyd Rademaker, Andrea Williams, Susie Ney, Jeff Williams, Kendra Tallman, Abby Mundwiller, Shannon Perales, Jim Chamberlain, Terri Montgomery, Joe Ferrie, Nina Marquart, Susan VanMoorlehem, Roger Conrad, Boyd Conrad, Steve Rocke, Pastor Lisa, Willie Miller and Rachel Jenks.

Our Shut-ins:

Floyd Rademaker, Nina Marquart, Tom Schreiner and Sam Kahl

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Cindy Lee 309.635.9691
Eileen Cunningham
309.685.0720



Council Highlights

Tillyanne Fordham and Alice Gramlich will be confirmed on October 26th.

Kyle Burkholder has been working on building a wheelchair ramp for the clothing closet door.

Karen Rocke talked about the needs for the clothing closet and food pantry. A special collection is being planned to help with these needs.

The council welcomed A.J. Dunn as a new member.

Dear St. Paul family,

I want to give you all an update of WHY I am on the prayer list. Late last year I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Unfortunately, by the time it was diagnosed, it had already spread to my lower spine and the surrounding lymph nodes, and the doctor said surgery was not an option. I did undergo a chemotherapy regimen, and it did slow the progression -- for a while. The side effects, however, have been pretty severe -- softened bones, a slipped rib, swollen legs and neuropathy in my feet. The doctors told me a couple weeks ago after my last round of tests that this is a "super aggressive strain." They are throwing everything they can at it, but my new prognosis is now one to three years.

Your prayers are greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for your continued support of me and my family.

Jim Chamberlain (Teri's brother)

Looking Ahead

- November 2nd~ All Saints Sunday. Bring pictures of loved ones who have passed to display in the Sanctuary.
- November 9th~ Undie Sunday. Let's air out those undies!!! Bring NEW underwear, socks, T-shirts, Bras to donate to our Clothing Closet.
- November 16th~ Women's Thank Offering Service and Pie Fest
- November 23rd~ Stewardship Pledge Sunday and Hanging of the Greens
- December 2nd~ 54th Annual Mini Dinner

Article deadlines

Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin no later than 10am Thursday mornings.

Articles for the October newsletter need to be submitted no later than 10am on October 24th.

Notification

Please if you are in the building for any reason, or any length of time contact the office so we know who is in the building.

Thank you!

Please place any documents that you have for Bev or Pastor Lisa in the boxes outside our doors. We don't want to get things misplaced when they are just set on our desks.

Thank you!