



### **Joyful Journey**

“This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

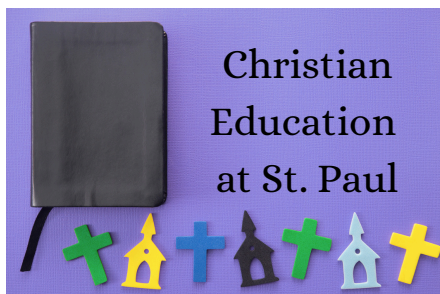
Some of life’s sweetest joy is found in simple moments. A cheerful heart, a faithful friend, service to others, or even a little laughter can remind us how great God is. This month, don’t rush past the small blessings. Let each one draw your heart to the One who fills every day with His love.

To help you find some of these opportunities, St. Paul is offering activities and events to guide you in this journey.

Fellowship and serving others: Help display quilts to share their beauty in the church on October 16, then prepare them for shipping to people in need on October 30; prepare clothing in the Clothing Closet October 1-31.

Friendship, fun, and food: Dinner at Gil’s Supper Club on October 18; a Disney movie night on October 10.

Community outreach with friends, fun, and laughter: Trunk or Treat on October 25. Please say this prayer - “Lord, help me notice Your joy in the little moments and thank You for every blessing along the way.” - then plan to join some or all of these activities to bring joy to your own and others’ journeys! (partial credit to Love in Faith)



## Welcome Pastor Brian Wachendorf!

We welcome Pastor Brian as our Interim Pastor. His first Sunday with us will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. Here is a little bit about him.

I grew up outside of Indianapolis, IN. I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked for several years as an engineer. I then spent several years as a stay at home dad raising my three sons, 2 of whom are currently in college and the third is living in Bloomington. I eventually heard my calling and attended Lutheran Southern Seminary in Columbia SC. I was ordained in 2020. I have been married to my wife for 30 yrs. She is currently working in Peoria.

## Sunday School

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 Megan Wertz at 309-435-1819

## Reformation Sunday

Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is quickly approaching! Come and join in the fun on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Please sign up to let us know that you are planning on decorating a trunk and handing out candy! Make sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and grands!



## Church Staff

- Brian Wachendorf, Interim 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
- Sue Borcharding, Vice President
- Linda Lowery, Secretary
- Michael Helgeson, Financial Officer
- Karen Rocke, Service Ministries
- Mary Jane Moder, Worship
- Megan Wertz, Education/Youth
- Brian Sharp, Property



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## Supper Club!

It's time to eat! Let's go eat at Gil's Supper Club in Hanna City on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering space so that we know to plan on you joining us.



## Movie Night!

The Wonderful World of Disney is on tap for our next movie night. On Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> join us in watching the movie Aladin and depending on time the Lion King. Bring an appetizer to share and join us in the Bess room at 6:30pm. Sign up so we can save your seat!

## Women's Circles

**JoAnna:** Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

**Esther:** Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

**Quilters:** Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am

## Women's Book Discussion

The Women's Book Discussion will be held on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Bischoff Room. We will be discussing the book "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. The book can be purchased at Barnes and Noble, Thrift Books or on Amazon. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending.

Here is a synopsis of the book:

When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house. Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.

## Women's Thank Offering Service

The Women's Thank Offering service will be held on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have girls and women of all ages be a part of the service through the many opportunities available by serving as ushers, readers, communion assistants or sharing your talent of music. Please sign up on the bulletin board, Your time, talents and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. Following the service we will have Pie Fest!

## We Pray For:

Rob Hackett, Susie Ney, Jeff Williams, Jim Chamberlain, Nina Marquart, Elijah Bolden, Tom Schreiner, Alisha (Borcherding) and Bev Fordham

Our Shut-ins:

Nina Marquart, Tom Schreiner and Sam Kahl

Prayer Chain Contacts:

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## Article deadlines

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

Articles for the November newsletter need to be submitted no later than **10am on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## 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.

Please place any documents that you have for Bev or Pastor in the box outside their doors.

We don't want to get things misplaced when they are just set on the desk.

Thank you!

## Quilts

The quilts that the St. Paul Quilters have made this year will be placed on the church pews on October 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to help with putting quilts out on the 16<sup>th</sup> and to help pack them up on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider taking some time to come and help. 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 and Men of St. Paul, please mark your calendars and save these important upcoming dates:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>:

“Hanging of the Greens”

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>:

55th Annual St. Paul Women’s Mini Dinner,  
“Peace on Earth”

We need a lot of volunteers to help in a variety of ways to make this event successful: bake, cook, decorate, serve, greet, work, create and donate raffle baskets and your time. We will not be having a General Store this year. Tickets will be on sale Sundays November 8, 15, and 22 for a cost of \$15. Once purchased tickets are non-refundable. Social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 followed by the entertainment of “The Tune Tribes”. Please watch for more information and to see how you can help. Thank you for your time, talents, generosity and donations.

## Church Council Information

### Council Highlights

- The air conditioning in the clothing closet has been installed.
- The flooring in the basement has been replaced/fixed.
- The roof has been patched.
- Work on the parsonage deck will begin soon.
- The new interim pastor begins in October.

## Worship Assistants

10/4: Shari Johnson  
10/11: Hal Fordham  
10/18: Elias Fordham  
10/25: Terry Cassidy

## Fellowship Treats

10/4: Johnsons  
10/11:  
10/18:  
10/25:

## 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

October 4: Brian Sharp and  
Mary Jane Moder  
October 11: Mike Coffman and  
Roger Conrad  
October 18: Kyle Burkholder  
and Amber Lowery  
October 25: Scott Lee and Julia  
Coffman

## Change of Address

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