

The Messenger



Remembering and Looking Forward

The day Martin Luther posted the 95 theses (October 31, 1517) the Reformation began in full swing. It was, first and foremost, all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was then, and it still is now.

Now we look forward with a spirit of thankfulness. We are thankful for the wealth of wisdom at our disposal, wisdom from 500 years and more of teachers in the faith. We're thankful for examples of bold confession and godly living as we face the future. Every generation has had to express the faith again in its own time, letting its own language be shaped by the everlasting truth. We have a solid foundation upon which we can build.



We can also be sure that there will be trials in the years ahead. We see the decline in church attendance and wonder what is happening. The devil, the world, and our sinful nature is attacking us at every opportunity. But we also have the assurance that Christ is with His Church. He has been with His Church, guiding her through storms and dangers in the past. We are thankful that He has promised to do so in the future as well. His grace alone is our source of hope and joy.

WE APPRECIATE OUR PASTORS!

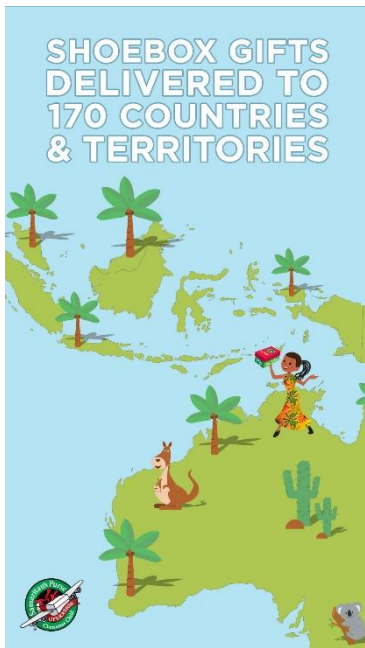
As many of you are aware, October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Show your thanks to the Lord for these dedicated servants. Both Pastor Elam and Pastor Richardson bring unique gifts to us in their sharing of God's rich blessings.

Here are a few easy ways to show our pastors that we appreciate them:

1. Be present at church this Sunday. This is one way to show appreciation to our pastors and to be together as the body of Christ. Give them a verbal word of encouragement and thanks as you greet them on Sunday!
2. Bring (or send) a card, email, or note of appreciation to our pastors.
3. As always, pray for our pastors. As our spiritual leaders, they are certainly under the attack of the devil. However, the power of our risen Lord is ours and we have the victory!



5:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall
Great German Food (provided), fun and fellowship.
Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and fellowship hall.
Last day to sign up October 23rd.
Free will offering for Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller.



SHOEBOX MINISTRY (CHRISTMAS)

Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex and the Welcome Center. Last date to return is November 13.

Last year St. Paul members donated 56 shoeboxes. Let's go for 70 this year!

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
Mark 10:14, ESV

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.



ORGAN REDEDICATION

St. Paul's Johannus Rembrandt organ will be rededicated to the glory of God during our Thanksgiving service of worship on

Sunday, November 20, at 10:30 a.m.

The organ which was built in the Netherlands, was purchased and installed during the fall of 2002, thanks to the congregation's generosity and a grant from St. Paul's Endowment Fund.

Join us as we give thanks for this wonderful gift of music.



To enhance our streaming capabilities, we could use some used (but good condition) phones. If you have one of these phones in good working order and don't know what to do with it, please consider donating them. See Scott. Thanks!

IOS 10.x, 11.x, 12.x

iPhone XR
 iPhone Xs Max
 iPhone Xs
 iPhone X
 iPhone 8
 iPhone 8 Plus

Android 7.x, 8.x, 9.x

Samsung Galaxy S9/S9+
 Samsung Galaxy S8/S8+
 Samsung Galaxy S6 edge
 Samsung Galaxy S6



WHICH HYMN IS THAT?

Much of the solo organ music played during our worship services now include the corresponding hymn numbers in the bulletin so the text can be followed for personal meditation.

REMEMBER THE HYMNAL FROM 1941?

(pgs. 5 & 15 😊)

If you would like to hear hymns from the 1941 hymnal, go to this link [1941 Lutheran Hymnal](#).

Hymns were recorded using a "Gothic Pipe Organ" SoundFont.



Dates to remember:

October 22, LWML District Rally. Registration 9:30-10:00, cost \$10.00. All ladies of St. Paul are invited. Check out flyers in Fellowship Hall and Narthex. Collection for "Gifts of the Heart" may be put on the table in Fellowship Hall. These gifts will go to Preschool Plus. Here are items needed: paper towels, tissue, pull-ups (2t-5t), wash clothes, wipes, books, butcher paper, glue sticks, copy paper, construction paper, and crayons for preschoolers. Thank you in advance!

October 30, Oktoberfest. Great German Food, fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheet in narthex and fellowship hall. Last day to sign up October 23rd. Free will offering for Rev. Tyler McMiller. Rev. McMiller along with wife Yanela, daughters, Lia and Alessia are serving in Italy. They will visit Lutheran churches scattered across the Italian Peninsula. Many in these areas have never seen a Lutheran pastor. He will bring the Gospel of Jesus' salvation. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

LWML thanks you for your support and prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Gracious Father, we pray for our nation in these times where disaster, suffering, and struggle have befallen Your people in many areas of our country and world. We pray for those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Where there has been injury and loss of life, provide Your healing and Your comfort in accord with Your will. Be with those who have lost their possessions and homes and restore them in Your good time. Give strength to all who will serve in bringing relief and mercy to those in need, and provide them the resources needed, as well as the words of comfort to offer, directing all to the hope we have in Christ. Fulfill Your promise that You will give to all their daily bread, supplying our needs in the ways that are best for us. We pray also for all who are impacted by wildfires in various parts of our country. Protect all who serve as firefighters and emergency management personnel, and keep Your people safe from devastation and destruction.

As our economy continues to be uncertain, give to all who cry to You whatsoever they need to support them in this body and life, even as You have given all that is needful for our life in Your kingdom eternally, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



PRESCHOOL PLUS

Did you know that the preschool next door to St. Paul was started and is supported by the Southern District LCEF?

We celebrated fall with gift of *Portals of Prayer* and oatmeal creme scarecrow to teachers at Preschool Plus!



FALL WORK DAY

Thanks to about 18 folks coming out on a beautifully cool Oct 9 Saturday morning, we checked off a bunch of items from the 'To-Do' list. Clean up Sanctuary/Narthex (sharpen pencils, vacuum, dusting, polishing) as well as in the Fellowship hall. Also, some badly needed window washing. Dead shrubs were removed, and good ones trimmed.

We all finished up with a great lunch of homemade potato soup and turkey sliders.



SHUT-INS AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Ideas for remembering our folks who are home bound:

Send a greeting card

Call, text, or email

Schedule a visit

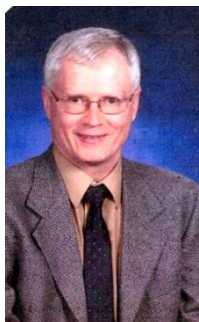
Bring a meal or sweet treat

Make a grocery store run

Make a "goody box" (note cards with stamps, pen, crossword puzzle pad, candy bar, etc.

AND of course, PRAY for and with our precious sisters and brothers.

In Memory:



John Mikulka

SEPTEMBER 20, 1954 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2022



Health:

Mike Ahrendt

Audrey and Bob Cordes

Sue Gill

Janice Mather

Debbie Mikulka

Doris Schreiber

Marge Elam

Janice Mather

Doris and Jim Nieme

Shut-ins:

Becky Culver

Carolyn Culver

Milton Kennedy

Daniel Killion

Betsy Milton

Ann Ohme

Jack and Mary Smiley

Berna Wittkop

"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God..." Isaiah 41:10

"The Lord is the strength of my life." Psalm 118:14

***** Contact information can be obtained through the Church Office (334) 272-6214.*****

October 22 LWML Regional Rally at St. Paul
 October 30 Oktoberfest/LWML Fall Festival
 November 5 Fall Back Time Change
 November 10 Volunteering at the Food Bank
 November 12 Long Range Planning, 10:00 a.m. - noon
 November 12 Mexican Train, in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
 November 19 Church Chicks at 8:30 a.m., Chappy's on Vaughn Rd
 November 17 Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul
 November 20 Organ Rededication at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 November 20 Congregational Thanksgiving Meal (Single Service at 10:30 a.m.)

Upcoming Activities

AUGUST FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions.....\$15,527 (**\$7,806 below Budget for the month**)
 Monthly Budget.....\$23,333
 Endowment Fund (thru September) \$54,924



October Karalyn Maevers
 November 6 ... Debbie Howard
 November 13 . Karalyn Maevers



Frank Richardson	10/16	Ed Maher	10/29	Elena Reinebold	11/09
Laura Salmons	10/20	Keith Thomas	10/29	Ron Hill	11/10
Doris Schreiber	10/22	Michelle Campbell	11/02	Scott Kennedy	11/10
Theresa Holman	10/23	Glenda Morissette	11/03	Jerry Huffstickler	11/11
Julie Nightengale	10/23	Don Schulz	11/04	Mary Smyly	11/11
John Harris	10/26	Cheryl Segrest	11/05	Amanda Andrews	11/12
John Weimer	10/28	Zach Reinebold	11/08	Isabella Crew	11/14
Diane King	10/29	Mike Nisbet	11/09		

Charles & Debra Howard

October 23

Tyler & Megan Olsen

November 2



Please submit pictures/information for the newsletter by the 12th of each month to dhoward@knology.net.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

To activate the prayer chain, contact the church office at 272-6214.