

St. Paul's Church

October Newsletter

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Dear Church Family,

As I write this note for our newsletter I am thinking of those in our congregation who have died in the past few weeks and their testimony of faith by their words and actions. By no means are any of us or them saints but Christ already knows that about us. We are made in the reflection of God with the ability to care and love one another. We are given the gift of faith that allows us to walk through life guided, encouraged, forgiven and lead by our Lord and Savior. Psalm 116 comes to mind for me these days, "I will walk in the presence of the Lord...." As a congregation we are walking this life together to the best of our abilities.

We have begun our fall programming and it is good to once again gather our youth for Sunday School and Confirmation Classes twice a month. Our worship schedule remains consistent on Sunday mornings with in person in building worship at 9:30am and live streaming offered. Saturday worship will remain outside in the parking lot for now with weather permitting. One change to Saturday night worship is that there will not be Saturday evening worship the first Saturday of each month. I am grateful to our Saturday evening congregation for adjusting their worship to Sundays for the first weekend of the month in order to allow for me to have off the first Friday and Saturday of each month. I greatly appreciate having 48 hours off in a row once a month. Funerals will not be conducted the first Friday and Saturday of each month at this time. Thank you. Always, Pastor Dana

October Worship

Saturday Oct 2 No Worship Gathering

Sunday Oct 3 9:30am worship & streaming

Saturday Oct 9 5pm parking lot worship

Sunday Oct 10 9:30am worship & streaming

Saturday Oct 16 5pm parking lot worship

Sunday Oct 17 9:30am worship & streaming

Saturday Oct 23 5pm parking lot worship

Sunday Oct 24 9:30am worship & streaming

Saturday Oct 30 5pm parking lot worship

Sunday Oct 31 9:30am worship & streaming

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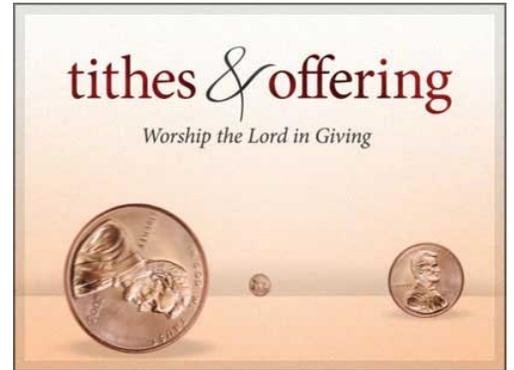
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Financial Update

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Paul's Lutheran Church!

Giving year-to-date through August is down about 3% from last year, expenses are down about 2% and cash position is still good. The decrease in expenses is mainly due to lower Sunday School, Adult Education and office expenses this year.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$242,911	\$249,609	-\$6,699
Expenses	<u>\$166,678</u>	<u>\$170,277</u>	<u>-\$3,599</u>
Difference	\$ 76,233	\$ 79,332	-\$3,099



We're excited that we are able to meet again for Sunday School and Confirmation and have the choir back on Sunday mornings! We have several options for you to join us for worship services outdoors on Saturday evening, indoors on Sunday morning or on-line any time!

Thanks to your generous support, the ministry of St. Paul's continues!

Invite Team:

Celebration of the retirement event was held for Lynne Peterson and Linda Kuyath during worship service on Sunday September 12th. They were presented with a mum plant, corsage, and a special quilt from the Quilters. Also delicious cupcakes baked by Jennifer Albarado (from the Invite Team) were given out to each congregation member that morning. We thank Lynne and Linda both for their years of loyal service to St. Paul's Church.

In an effort to let people know we are back to in person worship, our team designed a special "All are Welcome" 4' x 8' vinyl banner which we displayed on the church yard last Sunday. We will be using this banner for various occasions. We are hoping a good turnout this Fall.

Our team continues to make periodic phone calls to congregation members that may have limited access to the internet. We want to make sure they are informed of any changes that are going on especially with the pandemic.

Sharon Duden, rep from Invite Team

Volunteers needed: In the Community

Who would be willing to come in to sit with, Hold hands and Talk with certain residents?

Vaccinated or not...Please contact Debby Bradley from Benedictine Living Community.

Phone : 651-376-4124 or email: Deborah.Bradley@benedictineliving.org

Volunteers Needed: In our Church

Greeters, Ushers and Readers are always welcome....Also

We are looking for technology helpers: Someone to help with streaming

The service on Sunday mornings. Please contact Dan Flemke or Jamie Halvorson.



To my church family,

Many, many thanks for the wonderful retirement celebration! It was an amazing morning and I enjoyed every moment of it! Thank you to Pastor Dana, the Invite team, and the Worship team for all the planning and work they put into the celebration. It truly was appreciated! Thank you to the Quilters for the beautiful gift of a quilt. I was beyond thrilled to receive a gift made by your hands. I will treasure it always! Thank you Jenny Albarado for the beautiful cupcakes! They were so pretty and so delicious. I also enjoyed the "Christmas Sisters" story by Jan and Judy. Thank you! I truly felt a sense of family and camaraderie on Sunday morning. I left feeling so loved and so happy! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Linda Kuyath



Church Office will be Closed:
September 24—October 8th



September 9th Blood Drive

Presenting Donors – 46

Total Units— 42

Next Blood Drive is:

November 4th 1-6pm

Friberg Tanzania Update September 2021

After working as a missionary doctor for over 25 years in the Great Rift Valley, you would think we could anticipate and plan for the common problems. However, in the bush things often become chaotic and we have to revert to crisis management.

Maningo jumped out of a moving car when the brakes failed as the car entered a deep ravine. In a crisis Maasai act instinctively without hesitation. He sustained a closed humerus fracture, shoulder dislocation, 6-inch scalp laceration and tore the palm of his hand open. By grinding the gears down, the vehicle was slowed and maneuvered through the ravine. No one else was injured.

We stabilized Maningo at our clinic, washing the dust and sand out of the wounds with 5 gallons of clean water followed by saline. This cleaning is all important. We sutured his wounds, stabilized his arm, and referred him to a large hospital for x-rays, orthopedic treatment and wound care. The following day, against medical advice, he instead went home to his boma (kraal) and started gorging himself on daily BBQ and fresh raw goat blood. This was a disaster in the making. I contacted a Maasai elder who persuaded the patient to let our nurse come each day by motorcycle to inject IM antibiotics and to check on his wounds. He was very fortunate that the wounds healed without infection. Without the antibiotics he may well have died of sepsis.

Ten days after the trauma, the massive swelling of his arm had reduced and Maningo agreed to go for x-rays and orthopedic surgery for the fracture/dislocation. All worked out OK for Maningo as he and we tried to bridge two very different cultures, realities, and paradigms.

The main message of Christianity is that Jesus came to bridge our reality with God's reality. Jesus wants the Kingdom of God to impact every aspect of our lives. Humans constantly choose to ignore God and do things their own way. God is continually redirecting us so that we don't permanently hurt ourselves.

It is a privilege to be working as the medical coordinator of ten small health centers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We are trying to encourage Tanzanian doctors and nurses working in tough locations with improved technology, medical scholarships, and clinic renovations. This important work is only possible with your ongoing partnership. In God's Kingdom small efforts and resources are blessed and multiplied beyond what we would expect.

Dr. Steve Friberg