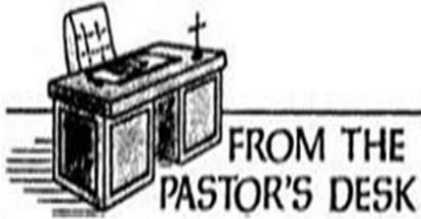


St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 2022 Newsletter



Greetings and His peace to you!



As we look forward to the more mild temps and the possibility of gathering around a nice fire and furthering enjoying the company of both friends and family, we also look toward all that October brings.

Already, more than one hunting season is open, which brings much excitement both in chasing your favorite quarry and fond memories of hunts past. We are also in the season of waiting, once more, as we wait for not only God to give that incredibly beautiful painted tapestry of trees and fields of fall color, but we also wait for the time of celebration of the 1st coming of our Lord and Savior.

In all of that business, there is one thing that sometimes goes unanticipated in the month of October. And that is repentance. "*But isn't repentance kinda a Lent thing?*", you may ask. Yes, it is definitely a Lent thing, but it's also an "all year long thing." So, why do I mention it for October? Because October is the month we, as Christians, associate with the Reformation. "*What does the Reformation have to do with repentance?*" you may wonder. Much.

The Reformation happened because God's servant Martin Luther was shown that the church on earth was in error. It was going against several things in Scripture, which happened to be a specialty area of Luther in his studies and teaching duties. Luther wanted the church, his church that he was a member of, to do what was right according to how God wanted it, not how those higher up in the church were doing it. In the end, Luther was condemned, and nothing that was wrong was 'reformed' or fixed.

Every human errors, makes mistakes, or messes up at some time. Usually and unfortunately, this is often. We, as human creatures, live in a Fallen world with Fallen lives, and we sin. That's it.... we sin and cannot stop ourselves from doing sin over and over, no matter how hard we try. And that's precisely why God sent His only Son. Still not really a clear connection to October and the Reformation is there?

God's forgiveness is graced to us through Jesus the Christ and what He endured in our place on the cross. That is fact. What is also fact is what John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ both preached. That repentance is **before** forgiveness. Yes, you receive forgiveness through Jesus and we certainly all need that. What we need to recognize is the fact that each and every one of us needs to be truly repentant when we sin. Not merely worldly sorrowful because you got caught and now face whatever the consequences are, but to be truly repentant, truly godly sorrowful for your sinful actions. God knows if we are or are not truly repentant. The danger comes into play when we try to 'fake it' as far as only pretending to be sorry, or taking for granted what Jesus did for a whole world.

That type of action even has a name. An imprisoned Lutheran pastor who was killed during World War 2 called it "**cheap grace**." Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed that any person treating the graced gift of forgiveness that has been extended to them lives like 'they can do anything and act however they want to and receive forgiveness without admitting sin' is treating God's gift of grace in a 'cheap', ungrateful manner. This behavior treats Christ's sacrifice is insignificant and unimportant. They are, in effect, saying that they do not really need God's grace at all and none of the God-given grace is necessary. Bonhoeffer described it as 'grace without the cross.'

God wants all His human creatures to be reconciled to Him and not end up in hell. His Son is proof of that. When we get closer to celebrating Reformation please remember that the grace you receive is not cheap, and just like in the Reformation hoped to being about changing the way people think and act after repentance, we need to confess our wrongdoings, our sins. God is ALWAYS ready and willing to forgive all sin. Even a whole world's worth of sin!

God's richest blessings to you and your family!

in His name,

Pastor Mike Metzler





GermanFest

St. Paul Lutheran Church

405 2nd Street NW
Hinckley, MN 55037

(1/3 mile west of downtown on Pine Co. 18)

A traditional style German Feast featuring hand carved roasted pork loin; served with seasoned baby red potatoes, hot German potato salad, sweet & sour red cabbage, sauerkraut, green beans, assorted fresh baked bread, and homemade pumpkin dessert.

Friday, October 14th

Serving Dinner 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

Dinners "TO GO" available on request

Pie Auction at 6p.m. plus a Silent Auction.

Cost: Adult/\$12.00

Children (age 10 & under)/\$ 6.00

Age 3 and under/Free

Call (320) 384-6267 for information.



CHURCH NEWS



Acolyte Schedule

Oct 2nd: Piper
Oct 9th: Noah
Oct 16th: Corbin
Oct 23rd: Hunter
Oct 30th: Norah

Ushers:

October 2, 9, 16th: Tonette Peterson and Judy Hopkins
October 23rd: Nancy Williams and Jennifer Kubesh
October 30th: Judy Hopkins and Jennifer Kubesh

Bible Study:

Wednesday mornings at 10am. Everyone is welcome!

GermanFest:

Silent auction items are needed..... bring in donations at any time. Drop them off at the church office. Talk to Tonette if you have any questions or can donate.

Pie auction: a sign up sheet is up on the fellowship door for anyone who would like to bake.

We would like to have 20 different pies for the auction. If you have questions about baking a pie, contact Jennifer.

If you are interested in making the pumpkin dessert this year, we will have "baking kits" available in October 9th.

Office Hours:

Jennifer will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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2nd: Carolyn Vogler
3rd: Nancy Williams
4th: Kelly Tocholke
Tianna Day
5th: Larry Gregg
8th: Lucille Signore
9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
10th: Pastor Mike
11th: Duane and Liz Klar
12th: Shawn and Karissa Ausmus
Matt and Jayne Maser
13th: Sue Hickle
Leah Ausmus
21st: John Frank
Ron Brant
Cydelle Klande
22nd: Doug Kottke
24th: Elliotte Signore
26th: Troy Peterson
28th: Bailey Gorsenger
Eddie Welch
31st: Barb Schroeder

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

**November Newsletter
items are due by Oct 21st**

Flower Chart:

Oct 2nd: Larry and Linda Marotz..
...in honor of loved ones
Oct 9th: Duane and Liz Klar.
....in honor of wedding anniversary
Oct 16th: Rebecca and Jerry Perrotti
... in honor of Kain and Christeva's
wedding and their wedding anniversary
Oct 23rd: Wendy Kottke
... in honor of Doug's birthday
Oct 30th: Open

Prayers

Florence, Margie, Ray & Gerry,
Diana, Lorraine, Dora, Janice,
JoAnn, Arden, Lois, Mona, Mary
and Carolyn



2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV – 10

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Youth Group

We will be hosting the next circuit youth event in Hinckley on **Sunday, October 9, at 2pm**. This will be a great chance to check out the circuit events!

Wreath products will be for sale during October. Information will be available soon.



Confirmation Corner

Welcome to the Confirmation Corner!

We began Confirmation class last Wednesday and we're off to a great start. Soon we'll be studying the Commandments and their meanings.

We have 2 students in Confirmation this year. **Noah Hickle** is returning this year as a 2nd year student and joining him in class is 1st year student **Piper Brant**. We're looking forward to having a great year with lots of learning about God, ourselves, and our place in His world. Please keep the Confirmation students in your prayers.

If you know someone who would benefit from adult confirmation instruction, please contact Pastor by office phone voicemail 320-384-6267 (ext 2), cell (or text) 763-286-4803, or email at revmentzler18@gmail.com

Sunday School

Sunday School Please come join us and bring a friend or two!! We welcome all to learn about God. Any questions, please see Karissa Ausmus. We hope to see you there.



LITTLE LAMBS

Hello and thank you for the blessing you have brought on the preschool.

We had our first two weeks and our students have been learning about Creation and the promise of the Savior. The kids have been learning their letters, numbers, colors and shapes. They seem to enjoy it.

Thanks Jason, preschool teacher



SUPPLICATIONS

We always have many things to pray about, some of which are supplications, which are requests on behalf of others. The supplications may be things like healing to things like a better job or the like. Here are some supplications:

For our children as they go back to school that God may protect them from harmful teachings and give them courage and strength to stand up for truth and what is right in God's sight.

For all those struggling with alcohol and/or drug abuse, that God helps them stay strong and that we see our place to help when He calls us to action.

For Hayden and the family of Alvina Busse, plus those we name in our hearts, for continued healing and comfort.

For the Pine County health workers for courage and wisdom as they help and inform us.

For the Finlayson Fire Dept. that they remember that God is also protecting them as they serve us.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Unapproved Council
Minutes 9-12-2022

Present: Tonette Peterson, Randy Hickle, Pastor Mike, Wendy Kottke, Doug Kottke, Rick Williams, Greg Kroschel, John Frank, David Berquist, Jennifer Kubesh
Agenda was approved upon motion by Rick, second David

Meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:15pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as presented upon motion by David, second by Greg

Treasurer's report accepted upon motion by Greg second by Rick

Income: \$74,016.81 Checking \$4,611.80

Expense: \$96,408.33 Savings \$49,109.57

Net Income: -\$22,391.52 (Savings includes Pastor's \$20,000 loan and memorial funds)

Pastor's report: Home visits, office visits, hospital visit, installation & blessing, online devotions, elders meeting, gospel concert, LL, Doxology event, newspaper article, circuit confirmation retreat, circuit youth event, CASE & SS meeting, circuit meeting.

Elders Report: Would like to host a Christmas concert with fellowship to follow around Thanksgiving

Trustees: Met with Zack Miller. Roof is still leaking on north and south sides. They are going to reflash the steeple base this week or next.

Old Business

*Little Lambs is enrolling for fall classes. Please pass the word! We need students!

*The ushers schedule is complete through March 2023 (except for Lenten and Holy Week)

*Still waiting on the second insulation bid.

New Business

*Orange Envelopes will be going out soon. General Fund and Other are the designations for this years funds. Motion Wendy, second John

*Set apart to serve pilot program is looking for donations. This is tabled until we can get more info

*The Budget Committee will be meeting and present a proposal at the October Quarterly.

We adjourned at 8:27pm, upon motion by David and second John, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Tonette Peterson, St. Paul Lutheran Church council secretary*

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Pastor
Rev. Mike Metzler

Church Secretary
Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter
Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Organists
Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Council

Meets 1st Monday each month at 7pm

Chairman: Randy Hickle
Vice Chair: Toby Hickle
Elders: Robbie Robinson,
John Frank
Matt Maser
Greg Kroschel
Trustees: Rick Williams,
David Berquist
Doug Kottke
Secretary: Tonette Peterson
Fin. Sec.: Cydelle Klande
Treasurer: Wendy Kottke

Stewardship

8/14/22 to 9/18/22

General Fund \$9,177.00
Altar Guild..... \$125.00
Altar Flowers..... \$120.00
Little Lambs \$10.00
Missions \$15.00

TOTAL..... \$9,447.00



CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Hummingbird Wristwatches

Psalm 25:6

“Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.”



When you remember something that happened and where and when it happened, you are using what scientists call episodic memory. Scientists have traditionally thought that such memory was unique to man.

Other scientists suspected that possibly some creatures may have episodic memory. For example, take the hummingbird with its fast metabolism. They need to eat often and remember where reliable sources of nutrition are to be found. At the same time, different flowers regenerate nectar at different rates. Researchers went to the natural habitat of the rufous hummingbird, equipped with some fake flowers and sugar water. The manmade flowers were constructed with reservoirs that could hold the sugar water. Half the flowers were refilled ten minutes after a bird would feed from it, while the other half were refilled twenty minutes after a feeding. Researchers found that the birds quickly learned which flowers were filled at which intervals. They soon returned to the flowers that were filled every ten minutes at ten-minute intervals while they waited twenty minutes in between visits to the other flowers. They noted that the birds did a good job of this even though they were keeping track of eight flowers.

It makes more sense to believe that episodic memory is a sophisticated ability that is the gift from a caring God to those creatures whom He knew would need it.

Notes: Science News, 4/15/06, p. 237, “Hummingbirds can clock flower refills.” Photo: Female rufous hummingbird. Courtesy of Peter Pearsall/USFWS. Public domain.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	3 7pm Council Mtg	4	5 10am Bible Study 3pm C.A.S.E 3pm Confirmation	6	7 <i>Pastor by asst only</i>	8
9 9am Worship w/ communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 2pm Youth Circuit Mtg	10	11	12 10am Bible Study NO C.A.S.E NO Confirmation	13	14 5pm GERMANFEST <i>Pastor by asst only</i>	15
16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Quarterly Mtg	17	18	19 10am Bible Study 3pm C.A.S.E 3pm Confirmation	20 M.E.A. Break No School	21 M.E.A. Break No School <i>No newsletter deadlines</i>	22 <i>Pastor by asst only</i>
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COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

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For God so Loved the World



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