

# St. Paul Lutheran

## October 2022 NEWSLETTER



### *From the Pastor:*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Luther never meant to form a new church. He never meant to have Christians named after him. The man by whom our church was reformed never desired to leave the church he knew. So much about the Lutheran Reformation is lost in our world today. From a time that knew only one Christian Church, now to having literal thousands of denominations in the United States alone. Sometimes I wonder what Martin Luther would think about the state of the church today.

The history of the Reformation is certainly an interesting topic. Hearing how Luther grew in faith and the circumstances of his life are of great value. But that's not what the Reformation is all about. We're not to call ourselves "Lutherans" anymore than we should still be "Roman Catholic". For the truth of the matter is we are Christians first. I'm not a Lutheran; I'm a Christian. At least, that's the way Martin Luther saw it.

The central tenant of the Reformation is that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone. This had been blurred by numerous other teachings that had crept into the Church. It is and remains the core testimony of Scripture. Luther simply uncovered it again. That's what we celebrate on Reformation day this month.

For also consider the namesake of our Church, St Paul. He delt with similar circumstances of division in the Church. *"For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.* What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" 1 Corinthians 1:11-13. When we call ourselves Lutherans, we're not (or shouldn't be) saying that we follow Luther. He was a sinful man just like us. Rather, we say that he taught us again to follow Christ!

By grace, God has saved us from the lies of the devil. He has delivered us again to the truth of his word. He has given us faith that we may trust, not in Luther, but in Christ who died and rose for you! Yet, we praise God for using Luther to restore to us these truths, restoring to us the very Word of God. May we thus take comfort in learning from Luther how, not to be a Lutheran, but to be a Christian who is saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ!

Pastor Sorenson



### Happy Birthday!



Jack Hurst– 10/5

Tom Krizan– 10/7

Don Preston– 10/7

### *Altar Flowers*



**Oct. 2–**

John & Linda Williamson  
(31st wedding anniversary)

**Oct. 9–** LuAnne Rommel

(Darrel's birthday)

**Oct. 16–** Julianne McGill

(33rd wedding anniversary)

**Oct. 23–** Guy Webster

**Oct. 30–** Ray & Jill Hellmer

(48th Wedding anniversary)

### *St Paul Online:*

Visit our website: [www.stpaulmadison.org](http://www.stpaulmadison.org)



Facebook– @StPaulMadisonLCMS

YouTube– St Paul Lutheran Church  
(services and sermons online)



Note: You do NOT have to have an account in order to view these pages.

### **Contact us**

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### Serving in August

#### Altar Guild

Berta Nelson & Linda Williamson

#### Tellers

**October 2-16**– Kay Daubenspeck & Chris Krueger

**October 23-30**– Jill Hellmer & Bonnie Kaschinske

#### Ushers

##### **October 2**

Jamie Meise, Jerry Meise, Dan Dierks

##### **October 9**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

##### **October 16**

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

##### **October 23**

Jamie Meise, Jerry Meise, Dan Dierks

##### **October 30**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16– Leadership Meeting

October 30– Trunk or Treat

### *Christmas Poinsettia Orders!*



Christmas is just around the corner! A Sign up sheet for poinsettias has been posted on the bulletin board next to the lift. **Poinsettias are \$16 each and come in Red, White, Pink, and Jingle Bells. Checks may be made out to "St Paul Lutheran Church" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Deadline to order is November 13th!**

Help us decorate our sanctuary for Christmas with your order!

### *Trunk or Treat*

St Paul will be hosting our Trunk or Treat **following service on October 30**. If you are interested in offering your trunk for the event, please sign up in the Welcome area. **Candy will be provided**. Feel free to bring decorations and dress up!



### Generous Donations

Our congregation recently received a generous donation from the Florence Deese Living Trust. This donation is a reminder that, in the past, we have also received other generous donations because people have included our congregation in their wills or their Living Trusts. In addition, we have received many generous donations in memory of church members and other people. Our congregation greatly appreciates all of these donations, and we want to give a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who either made them or helped arrange them.

We now encourage you to include a donation to our congregation in your will or your Living Trust. Your donation will help us to continue to spread the Gospel both among our members and among our community.

### *Interested in Volunteering?*

Our Sheep's Clothing closet is always looking for volunteers. Help sort clothes, receive donations, and keep it open to help our community. If interested, speak with Luanne Rommel or Berta Nelson.

## St Paul Financial Update

### GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

August 2022 Actual Income	\$14,486.92
August 2022 Actual Expenses	\$14,213.55
August 2022 Net	\$273.37

### DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (8/31/2022)	\$181,007.77
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Take Note

Please send any items and prayer concerns you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at [office@stpaulmadison.org](mailto:office@stpaulmadison.org), or please call the office at 608-244-8077.

If no one is able to take your call, please leave a detailed message and a number where you can be reached in your message.

**ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Thank you for your help!