

The Epistle

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

October 2024



October

Gathered to Go . . . to study God's Word, Worship together; and to walk with Christ by loving, serving and nurturing all God's people where ever they are and whatever their circumstances.

From Pastor Lori

*Now you (we) are the body of Christ (the Church) and individually members of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27*

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I think about ministry at St. Paul’s, I realize that we have a lot to be thankful for. We also have a lot to challenge us. There are so many opportunities to be God’s hands and voice in our community and world; discerning how to faithfully respond can seem overwhelming. This verse from 1 Corinthians reminds me that we don’t do it alone. Each one of us has something to contribute to the ministry is God calling us to do.

“We” is an inclusive word. It means that our congregation is made up of individual members who come from a variety of backgrounds that include an assortment of family histories, educational, work and life experiences. The combination of these assorted backgrounds and experiences equips us for the work of ministry.

When we draw together our passions, histories and resources, we are able to accomplish far more than we could do as individuals. It’s how we live out our Baptismal call to share God’s redemptive and creative Word with the world by loving other people in the way of Jesus and by working for justice and peace in all the world. As we work together, we experience what it means to be the body of Christ in powerful and tangible ways.

I thank God for the gifts that each one of you brings to the ministry of St. Paul’s. I am blessed to work alongside you and look forward to discovering new ways that we can share God’s love with people here in Penn Yan and around the world!

Grace and peace.

Pastor Lori

Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more.

Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.

Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite God can possible love.

Phillip Yancey ‘What’s so amazing about grace.’

Church Council News

Nominating Committee Recommendations

The nominating committee is recommending the following people to serve in elected positions at St. Paul's:

Church Council:

Christian Education Trustee – Kristen Houle

Social Ministry Trustee – Jewel Goodsell

Audit Committee: John Dubbs

Memorial Committee: Ingrid Michael

We are still looking for two people to serve on the Church Council. Please contact Wanda Wood if you would like to learn more about serving in this important leadership role.

Social Ministry

kidCare

We are once again going to collect items for kidCare. This organization helps children of all ages who need underwear, socks, and diapers (larger sizes). You may also make monetary donations. We will be collecting throughout October. There will be a box for kidCare items on the Social Ministry table. There are many children who do not have these basic items. Thank you for thinking of these children.



Celebrating Our Compassion International Child

St. Paul's has been supporting a child in Haiti through Compassion International. We recently learned that Kethai has moved away from the area and is no longer eligible to receive Compassion's support. Below is a translation of the message we received from Kethia, thanking us for our support:

1. Kethia is thankful for all your support provided for her and her family over her time in the program. You never gave up on her in all she did in her life.
2. There's no way to be transferred.
3. Does sponsorship program was very helpful to her. She learned a lot of things about God and human relationships. She's in the 12th grade. She learned sewing.
4. Keep praying for her so God keeps her and her family sage.
5. She would never stop praying God to bless you and protect you and your family in all you do and the you continue to help other children in need.

Paul's Place

Paul's Place is now part of one of our ministries and we as a group of volunteers are asking for a donation of a meal for the month of October.

If you are willing to offer a meal that would feed 14 people, please talk to Todd Christensen or reach out to him via phone or email.

As our ministry grows, then in the new year Todd will put up a sign-up sheet. Thank you for your consideration and help.

Grab and Go Lunches



We are responsible for Grab and Go Lunches on **October 11th** and **October 25th**. On October we will be providing Macaroni and Cheese, cookies and apples. We have some cheese to help you get started. On October 25th we will be serving beans and franks, rolls, cookies and apples. The sign up sheet will be across from the office. If you need anything, please contact. Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

The Sharing Shed

The Sharing Shed continues to serve those in our neighborhood and our community. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry by donating items, shopping, managing The Shed. A special thank you to those who have received Thrivent grants that have helped to fix The Shed and purchase needed items. **Again thank you Barb Simon and Les Wood for “updating” The Shed with new locks, windows, and paint!!**

During the month of October, we would like to stock our shelves with: Individual rolls of paper towels and toilet paper; Kleenex; liquid hand soap; shampoo and conditioner; toothpaste; Granola bars; individual packages of chips, pretzels, and cookies; Pop Tarts; and canned pasta for kids. Please donate what you feel that you are able to do.

Hunger Offering for October

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in.
Matthew 25:35



Each month we collect an offering to help feed hungry people and help hurting communities in our county and around the world. Sixty percent of the offering is used to combat world hunger. Forty percent is given to local organizations to help them “feed” people either physically, emotionally or spiritually. This month, the local part of our hunger offering will be given to **The Sharing Shed**.

Your offering can be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or mailed directly to church. Remember to designate the amount you want to give on the hunger line of your envelope or write “Hunger Offering” on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for helping to care for our neighbors near and far!

Worship

October News from the Pews – Core Value: Worship

Sunday October 6, 2024

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

20th Sunday after Pentecost Green

Mark 10:2-16

Hymn of the Day: *Our Father by Whose Name*

ELW 640

Sunday October 13, 2024

Psalm 90: 12-17

Hebrews 4:12-17

21st Sunday after Pentecost Green

Mark 10:17-31

Hymn of the Day: *Faith Begins By Letting Go*

ACS 1004

Sunday October 20, 2024

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

22nd Sunday after Pentecost Green

Mark 10:35-45

Hymn of the Day: *O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us* *ELW431*

Sunday October 27, 2024

REFORMATION Sunday

RED

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Hymn of the Day: *O God of Light*

ELW 507

Welcome to October with all its colors and smells! We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of God's creation. We continue hearing God's word from the Gospel of Mark as part of our service during this late Pentecost season. Our liturgy components remain as they have been in Early Pentecost. Our Communion Liturgy is taken from Setting Four; the Offertory Hymn is one verse of As Saints of Old; and we are confessing The Apostles Creed.

Thank you all for hearing the call for needing more help as Worship Leaders. Many have stepped forward to read, help with Altar Guild, Usher, and fill the **new spot of Greeter**. The Greeter does just what the name implies: Greets our Sunday worshipers, mindful of any visitors that might be joining us. Please wear a name tag and stand near the Labyrinth so that you can easily see both the front door and the hallway. Guide our visitors to the sanctuary as well as asking them to sign the guest registry on the stand across from the sanctuary doors. You may sign up for a Sunday of your choice on the Worship Leader calendar across from the office.

Let's join together on **Sunday October 20** for a coffee hour and learn some new hymns with Peter! We will gather in the Narthex after worship.

Sunday **October 27, 2024 is Reformation Sunday**. Please wear Red as it is a festival Sunday when we remember Martin Luther and his strong faith and actions.

“Come Let us Worship the Lord for we are his people.”

Those Who Serve

	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Assisting Ministers	Brian Foster	Elaine Gleason	Whitney Booth	Dorothy Oswald
Ushers (2)	Terry and Sallie Jensen	Dave and Charlene Nielsen	Terry and Sallie Jensen	Terry and Sallie Jensen
Greeters	Adrienne Foster		Adrienne Foster	
Readers	Adrienne Foster		Cathy Booth	
Altar Guild				
Sound Board	Charlene Nielsen	Les Wood	Les Wood	Charlene Nielsen
Computer	Various Volunteers	Various Volunteers	Various Volunteers	Various Volunteers
Counters	Adrienne Foster and Ingrid Michael	Les and Wanda Wood	Dave Nielsen and Ingrid Michael	

We Need Your Input

The Worship and Music Committee is discerning when to hold our Christmas Eve Service in order to accommodate the needs of our congregation. To help us identify your needs, a **survey** will be included in the bulletin on October 6th and 13th. It can also be accessed by opening the attachment to the October Epistle. Thank you for your input. One survey per person, please!

Congregational Care

Hope Offering for Elyse

During the month of October, we will be collecting a Hope Offering for Angie Bailey's granddaughter, Elyse Kalder. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the table in the narthex for your offering.

Thank you for supporting Lee and her family during this challenging time!

Parish Life Coffee Hour

Please come and join us for food and fellowship at a Reformation Sunday Coffee hour. We will gather in the Narthex immediately following the 10 am service on **Oct 27th**. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Parish Life committee is going to put a coffee hour signup sheet on the bulletin board. It is always nice to have a chance for fellowship after the church service. Any individual, family, or group can host a given Sunday. Consider asking another person to host with you. It doesn't need to be anything fancy - just coffee and cookies is great! If you have any questions, contact any Parish Life committee member. Their names are on the signup sheet. Thanks!



Memorials

Terry Nussbaumer
Carl and Barb Simon

Don Shaw
Carl and Barb Simon

Bev Chidsey
Carl and Barb Simon

Joanne Ekdahl
Carl and Barb Simon

Community Events

PENN YAN FESTIVAL

Saturday November 2, 2024

Main Street Penn Yan

11am to 2pm



This is the annual 1st Saturday event. Booths will include: Arts/crafts; Local Merchant sales; Not for profit groups and food & drink. Local Restaurants will have specials; live band; petting animals; hay ride and much more. Come join the fun with your friends and family.

St. Paul's will be participating in this event by giving out free cookies, brownies and notepads with the church's information on them. This is a way for St. Paul's to be more visible in our community and let people know who we are and where we are located.

We are asking our members to participate by providing cookies or brownies; helping to clean up after the event and taking an hour shift to help at the booth. Help is also needed Friday Nov. 1st at 10am to package the cookies/brownies.

Sign-up sheets for all of the above will be on the bulletin board across from the office. We are asking for at least two dozen baked goods from each person who offers to provide them. **Please have your cookies/brownies to the church by 10am Friday Nov.1st.**

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lori, Elaine Gleason or Charlene Nielsen.

**Penn Yann Area Council of Churches
Ecumenical Prayer Service
For Christian Unity**

**Tuesday
October 1, 2024
12:15 pm**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
135 Hamilton Street
Penn Yan**

**All services are posted on the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches
YouTube page**



P R A Y E R S
for Unity

Reminders

Prayer Requests in Public Places

Prayer is an important part of our faith. It is one of the ways we support each other during times of illness, crisis and grief. This is a faithful and powerful practice. Our intentions are often in the best place. However, some people prefer to keep their situation private. If you would like to include someone on the prayer list in the bulletin, during worship or through an email, please ask for their permission to make it public. Thank you.

Thank You Notes

Matthew  **Ministries** CINCINNATI, OH 45242

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Thank you for thinking of Matthew 25: Ministries and supporting our work with those in need.

By donating clean, empty plastic pill bottles, you are helping care for those in need and helping the environment by keeping plastic out of the landfill. Please note that as of 03/01/2023 we are requesting only clean, capped bottles that have been prepared for shipment.

Thank you for your support of this program, and thank you for caring for people in need worldwide.



Joodi Archer

Director of Programs & Community Relations

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Matthew 25: Ministries | 11060 Kentwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

Thank you for your recent donation to our PERS program. With your generous donation, we can help a less fortunate person in our community stay safely in their home. We appreciate your generosity.

Respectfully,

Pro Action Yates
Office for the Aging

Sincere thanks for all the
Prayers & good thoughts!

I'm on the path of Recovery
and every day is truly a
Blessing!

Carol A. Enos

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF



NEWS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 EPISTLE IS DUE OCTOBER 18TH