

The Messenger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The October issue of
The Messenger is sponsored by
John & Joy Scherzer,
Linda Matuszak, Gary Zick,
& Suzanne Sattelberg.

FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
9/01 & 9/04	Worship Services	64 + 16 = 80	\$8,727.00
9/08	Worship Services	49 + 104 = 153	\$3,633.00
9/15 & 9/18	Worship Services	79 + 70 + 29 = 178	\$8,236.55
9/22 & 9/25	Worship Services	46 + 75 + 28 = 149	\$6,002.75
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 2024 issue of *The Messenger* is:
Monday, October 21
at 12:00 (noon)

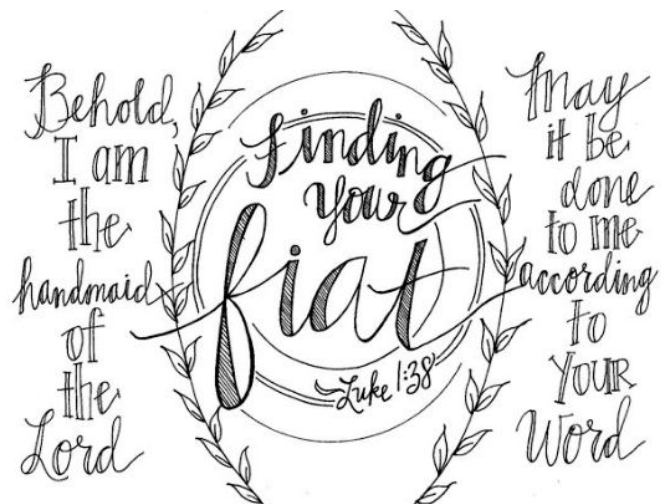
Articles may be emailed to
lynn@stpaulcaro.org
 or put in Secretary mailbox

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for August are - **Nolan and Penelope!** *Nolan and Penelope* - if you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winner for September will be announced in the first Sunday bulletin in October and in the November newsletter.

Scripture Readings

October 6	OT: Gen. 2:18-25 EP: Heb. 2:1-13 GO: Mark 10:2-16
October 13	OT: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 EP: Heb. 3:12-19 GO: Mark 10:17-22
October 20	OT: Eccl. 5:10-20 EP: Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16) GO: Mark 10:23-31
October 27	OT: Rev. 14:6-7 or Jer. 31:7-9 EP: Rom. 3:19-28 or Heb. 7:23-28 GO: John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19 or Mark 10:46-52



*Linda Matuszak
- no reason.
(Be sure to check
out the
October birthday
list though)*

**Happy 50th
birthday to
Gary Zick's
son, Eric!**

**Happy 60th
Birthday John &
Happy 94th
Birthday
Pauline Scherzer
(John's mother)**

Suzanne Sattelberg
- "Praise to God for
a good life as I
celebrate the 25th
anniversary of my
liver transplant on
Oct. 12th."

St. Paul handbell
Choir would like to
help you find your
niche within our
team. Reading
music is not
required.

Seasonal ringing is
an option,
Christmas, Easter,
or even when the
children aren't in
school activities.



You may leave a message or text our director,
Beth Kilborn, at 989-528-0164. Feel free to
speak to any of the bell ringers if you have any
questions, or just show up on a Monday evening.
Sometimes just observing can relieve the jitters,
and we are open to that.

We hold our practices on
Monday evenings at 6:30
Mentoring new ringers
will be the goal that
guides us.

We have
teaching skills
and we have
unending
patience!



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Operation Christmas Child

2024 In-Gathering Schedule

September 22 – September 29:

Something for School

Crayons, pencils and pencil sharpeners, markers, writing pads or paper, coloring and picture books, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, and colored pencils.

September 29 – October 6:

Something for personal hygiene

Washcloths, toothbrush, combs, hair barrettes, pony tail ties, and headbands.

Please note - Bar soap and toothpaste are no longer permitted

October 6 – 13:

Something for boys

Small trucks, balls, yo-yos, sunglasses, kazoos, harmonicas, ball caps, small flashlights (with extra batteries), small etch-a-sketch, slinky, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), stuffed animals, watches, T-shirts, socks, whistles, flip flops and marbles.

October 13 – 20:

Something for girls

Dolls, stuffed animals, toy jewelry, sunglasses, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes, small etch-a-sketch, slinky, toys that make noise (with extra batteries), T-shirts, socks, balls, watches, flip flops, play dough, glow sticks, and jacks.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snowglobes, glass containers, or aerosol cans. **PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES: NO TOOTHPASTE, CANDY, or BAR SOAP**

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's 8th annual packing party is scheduled for October 27, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your help and participation.

Thanks,
Dave & Diana

Dave & Diana have put some flyers on the table in the Narthex for kids of all ages to fill in with information about themselves that can be included in the shoeboxes. What a fun way for for kids around the world to get to know you.

LWML Sunday — Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

A special worship service is planned for **Sunday, October 13**, to celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this every LWML Sunday. Thank you! The Lutheran Women in Mission Statement reads — "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for over 80 years through the LWML!

This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mite. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

"Ready to Serve," Luke 1:38

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

READY TO
serve

••••• LUKE 1:38 •••••



HYMN FESTIVAL “GLAD HYMNS FOREVER: ALLELUIA!”

On Saturday, October 5 @ 3:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing, Michigan will be hosting a hymn festival entitled “Glad Hymns Forever.” This hymn festival will take place at the conclusion of the Thumb Circuit Convocation and will feature Rev. Stephen Starke as commentator. There will be a Mass Choir comprised of members from area congregations, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! We hope you will join us!

Michigan District Sunday

Laura Thomas, Director of Development for the Michigan District, will share a presentation regarding the work of the district and how we can work together in unity for the mission and ministry of the church. Please join us on Sunday, October 6, during the Bible Study Hour.



J.O.Y. TRIP ~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2024

joy

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **9:30 AM** on **Friday, October 18th**, and go to see the **Amigo Mobility International Center** in Bridgeport, and have a guided tour of their large plant. After our tour, we will have lunch at the **Country Pride Restaurant** in Bridgeport. After lunch, we will visit the **Bridgeport Historical Village**, including the Barn Museum, which houses a 1912 Ford Model T touring car, the Hannay House, McNally Chapel, the 1867 school house, town hall, and the lovely Donna Lamb memorial Gazebo. Also at the village is a replica of the original Bridgeport Fire Department which houses the “Old No. 1” fire truck. There is a \$2 charge each for our tour of this historical village. Hopefully we will enjoy some pretty fall colors on our trip.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the board in the narthex.

When Jesus Loves You

The story from Mark 10:17-31 begins with promise. Mark introduces the rich young ruler as a first-rate, pious seeker who has enough honesty to admit that he needs something more than he has been able to get. Although he is called “young” and “rich,” he is incomplete and he seeks to satisfy the hunger he cannot name. He comes to Jesus to ask what he is lacking, what he must do to be whole.

“Jesus, looking at him, loved him,” records Mark. We expect that Jesus will give him what he wants. It is our hope that Jesus loves him - and us - just as we are.

Jesus says to the young man that if he wants treasure in heaven he must liquidate his assets here on earth, give the proceeds to charity, and follow him. Is it loving to ask this young man to do the most difficult thing imaginable? “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” These words are not so warm and confirming as we think. Only Mark records the words, Jesus “loved him.” Matthew and Luke seem to have found them as awkward as we do.

The rich young ruler can’t believe it. He walks away sorrowful. He asks a simple question and gets an answer that threatens him to the core. He came looking for help, a little

something more, and Jesus asks for nothing less than conversion - a complete change of direction.

Jesus’ instruction also comes as a great surprise to the disciples. They know the rabbinic teaching that wealth, though it demands good stewardship, is a sign of God’s blessing and makes easier the virtuous life that God wants. Jesus simply says, “How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!” (Mark 10:24). The disciples and we are amazed, bewildered, and troubled by his words (as they often are in Mark).

Perhaps sensing their bewilderment and ours, Jesus offers a short explanation of his teaching on riches. “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God,” says Jesus (Mark 10:25). The eye of the needle is a city gate. Some say that a camel could pass through, but only with difficulty.

The disciples’ question, “Then who can be saved?” (Mark 10:26) is a burning, personal question; an anxious inquiry. Perhaps they want Jesus to see that this time he has gone too far. If Jesus really loves this rich man, and the disciples, and us, won’t he be less judgmental, more appreciative of where we are coming from, more accepting of who we are?

Jesus answers: “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible (Mark 10:27).” Mark introduces us to the big picture he is trying to paint in his Gospel. His is, from beginning to end, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He isn’t writing a first-century self-help book. He isn’t interested in the self-actualization of the rich man. The context of this story is the larger story of the good news of Jesus Christ. All of our claims to self-sufficiency and radical independence are put aside in the death of Jesus for the sin of the world.

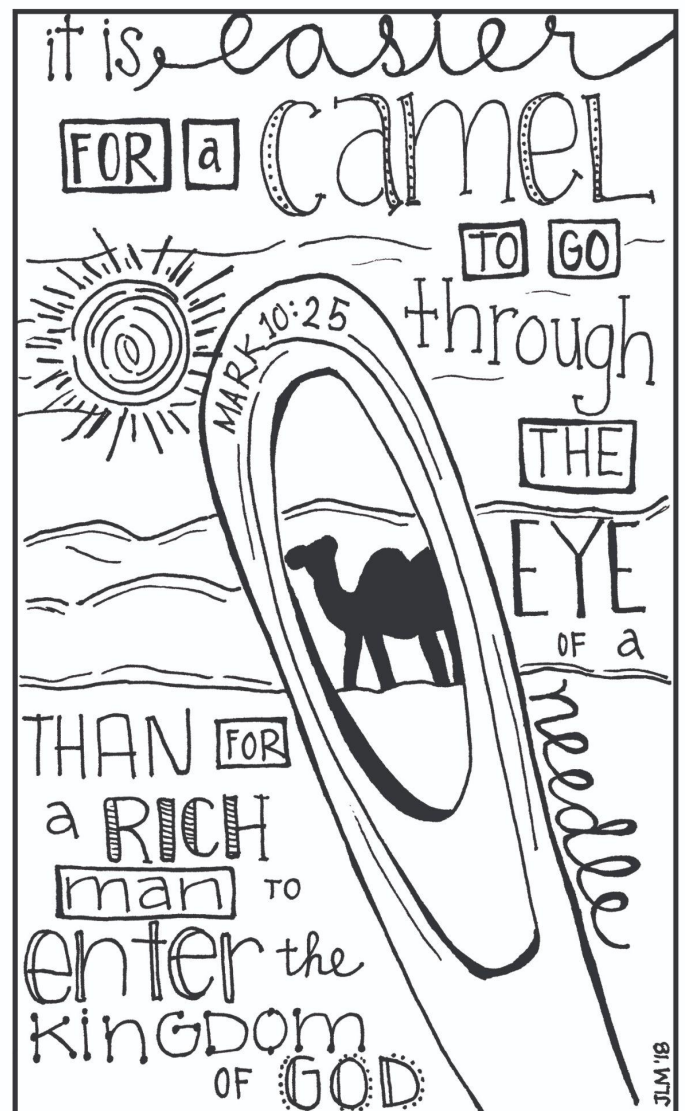
Jesus Christ loves the rich man, he loves the disciples, and he loves us. He is on the way to the cross for all of us. He will perform with his life what we cannot do for ourselves. For we all walk away at the demand of righteousness, at the call to covenant faithfulness.

The good news of liberation and salvation is, while we turn away, God turns toward us. God loves us as we are, but too much to leave us as we are. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God comes among us and does the impossible.

One of the most hopeful moments in our common life as God’s people is the Lord’s table. At this table rich young men and women, accomplished leaders and

Captains of industry, little children and those of humble means all arrive with nothing. We all come with empty hands to receive from the Lord what we do not have to give ourselves: the body and blood of Christ. Here we can be hopeful that God had done what is impossible for us. Here we are all the grateful humble recipients of what only God can give. Here we can be sure that Jesus, looking upon us, loves us.

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

From coming up with fresh sermon ideas every single week to being responsible for the administration and spiritual care of congregations, pastors dedicate significant energy and time to their calling. Here are some ways you can show your pastor—and his family—what it means to you.

Express Gratitude

Something as simple as a hand-written card can send a strong message. Include information about specific sermons or conversations that encouraged you or helped you. Don't be stingy with your words. Paying special attention to the pastor's wife and family will show them that you truly understand and value their contributions to your congregation. If you or anyone you know makes art or gifts by hand, these will be truly memorable tokens that come with a clear message, "We're glad you're here. Thank you."

Offer Quality Time with Loved Ones

Musical tickets, Christian concert tickets, hotel reservations and favorite restaurants are just a few options.

Help Grow the Community

Finally, invite friends to church events and programs, making sure to include a compliment of your pastor when you bring them. Pastors want to see the community grow. Let them know how you're willing to share your gifts and resources to help make that happen.

Holiday History

Clergy Appreciation Day is always the second Sunday in October, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.

(Excerpts taken from Missouri District LCMS webpage and Hallmark webpage.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

October 1

Eleanor Kreuger
Kendra Walker

October 2

Alexandra Meyer
Theron Eggert

October 3

Mikayla Novelli
Karen Flintoft
Elizabeth Sniegowski

October 4

John Kubik

October 5

Connor Stefanovsky

October 6

Benjamin Baker
Marjorie Cockerill
Eric Peasley
John Scherzer

October 7

Miles Campbell
Ellie Fisch
Laureen LeFevre
Raylene Shoup

October 8

Brooklyn Isley
Mary Ann Foley
Brian Voss

October 10

John Cherniawski Jr.
Katrina Woichan

October 11

Richard Gettel
Linda Nowakowski
Carol Haag
Scott Rickwalt

October 12

Dennis Langley
Maverick Decker

October 13

Lorraine Hergenreder
Ryan Robinson

October 14

Stella McCreedy
Piper Krzewinski

October 16

Tom Hernandez
Elle Johnson

October 17

Delphine Avery
Jessica Dye

October 18

Jonathan Littleton

October 22

Mary Curtis

October 23

Linda Matuszak

October 24

Stuart Will
Khaliyah Sprague

October 26

Tammy Cherniawski
Dee Marker
Kathryn Neuman
Wilma Emling

October 28

Tim Sattelberg
Barbara Parsell

October 30

Aaron Andrews


October 31

Barbara Thayer



Let's read through the entire Bible in one year!
Here is the plan for October. Three more months...

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 John 5; Mark 2:23-3:6; Matt 12:1-21; Luke 6:1-11	2 Mark 3:7-19; Luke 6:12-36; Matt 5-6:4	3 Matt 6:5-7:29; Luke 6:37-49	4 Matt 8:5-13; Luke 7; Matt 11	5 Luke 8:1-8, 19-21; Mark 3:20-4:20; Matt 12:22-13:9
6 Matt 13:10-52, 8:23-27; Luke 8:9-18, 22-25; Mark 4:21-41	7 Mark 5; Matt 8:28-34, 9:18-26; Luke 8:26-56	8 Matt 9:27-10:42, 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-13; Luke 9:1-6	9 Luke 9:7-17; Mark 6:14-56; Matt 14; John 6:1-21	10 John 6:22-71; Mark 7:1-23; Matt 15:1-20	11 Mark 7:24-8:21; Matt 15:21-16:12	12 Mark 8:22-9:13; Matt 16:13-17:13; Luke 9:18-36
13 Mark 9:14-50; Matt 17:14-18:35; Luke 9:37-50	14 John 7-8:20; Luke 9:51-62; Matt 8:18-22	15 John 8:21-59; Luke 10-11:13	16 Luke 11:14-12:34	17 Luke 12:35-13:21; John 9	18 John 10; Luke 13:22-14:24	19 Luke 14:25-17:10; John 11:1-37
20 John 11:38-57; Luke 17:11-18:8	21 Luke 18:9-30; Mark 10:1-31; Matt 19	22 Matt 20; Mark 10:32-52; Luke 18:31-19:27	23 Mark 14:3-9, 11:1-11; Matt 26:6-13, 21:1-11; John 12:1-36; Luke 19:28-44	24 John 12:37-50; Mark 11:12-33; Matt 21:12-27; Luke 19:45-20:8	25 Matt 21:28-22:33; Mark 12:1-27; Luke 20:9-40	26 Mark 12:28-44; Matt 22:34-23:39; Luke 20:41-21:4
27 Mark 13:1-31; Matt 24:1-35; Luke 21:5-33	28 Mark 13:32-37; Matt 24:36-25:46; Luke 21:34-38	29 Mark 14:1-2, 10-26; Matt 26:1-5, 14-30; Luke 22:1-30, John 13:1-30	30 John 13:31-15:17; Mark 14:27-31; Matt 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-38	31 John 15:18-17:26		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	Flower Chair: Doris DeRocco	1 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	2 7:00 Worship Service	3	Elders: Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Bob Eremia 810-691-1302 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Bill McQueen 598-0444 Bob Smith 325-1038 Garrett Tetil 670-6221 Brian Voss 286-1461 John Weidman 550-4764 Gary Zick 673-7449			
6 Michigan District Sunday Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Laura Thomas from MI District / SS 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	7 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	8 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	9 7:00 Worship Service	10				
13 LWML Sunday Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	14 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	15 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Altar Guild 7:00 Stephen Ministry	16 7:00 Worship Service	17	18 9:30 JOY Group	19		
20 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Family Sunday 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation 7:00 Voters' Assembly	21 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells Practice	22 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	23 7:00 Worship Service	24	25	26 12 - 1:30 Trunk-or-Treat		
27 Reformation Day (Observed) 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation	28 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Handbells	29 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	30 7:00 Worship Service	31 Reformation Day	Ushers: Brian Holmes LaValleys Marsha MacKenzie Robyn Blasius Parsells			