

The Messenger

OCTOBER 2025

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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



FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
8/31	Worship Services	62	\$3,311.00
9/07 & 9/10	Worship Services	69 + 65 + 13 = 147	\$9,850.00
9/14 & 9/17	Worship Services	56 + 73 + 17 = 146	\$5,603.00
9/21 & 9/24	Worship Services	58 + 60 + 18 = 136	\$6,506.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 2025 issue of *The Messenger* is:
Monday, October 20
at 12:00 (noon)

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

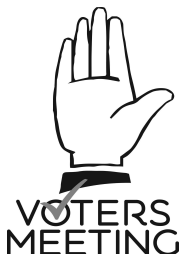
To ensure that I get all information correct, please only submit by email or in my mailbox. No phone calls please. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for August are - **Cora and Stella.** 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 winners for September will be announced in the November newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.



Our next Voter's Assembly is October 19 at 7:00 PM. Please join us if you are a voter or if you wish to become a voter.

Scripture Readings: October

7	OT: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 PS: Psalm 1 EP: Philemon 1-21 GO: Luke 14:25-35
14	OT: Ezekiel 34:11-24 PS: Psalm 119:169-176 EP: 1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17 GO: Luke 15:1-10
21	OT: Amos 8:4-7 PS: Psalm 113 EP: 1 Timothy 2:1-15 GO: Luke 16:1-15
28	OT: Amos 6:1-7 PS: Psalm 146 EP: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 GO: Luke 16:19-31

J.O.Y. TRIP ~ October 12

Everyone is invited to join the JOY Group on **Sunday, October 12**, to attend the Hymn Festival "I Am Baptized into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled" at **Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn**. There will be special speaker, brass ensemble, and a wonderful choir will present their songs too. **We will meet in our church at noon** immediately following late service, then travel to Bay City for lunch at Gramdpa Tony's restaurant, then on to Auburn for the Hymn Festival beginning at 3:00.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. Please sign the sheet posted on the board in the narthex for making reservation and transportation arrangements.

Take a look at a book...

I'm excited to start a new feature in our newsletter! When space allows, I'll be highlighting a book from the library's collection. To kick things off, I walked in and grabbed a random book from the shelf: **"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by Phillip Keller.**

While I haven't read it yet myself, it looks like a fascinating read. Here's a glimpse of what it offers:

In "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23," author Phillip Keller draws upon his personal experience as a shepherd to provide a unique and intimate perspective on this beloved biblical passage. He meticulously examines each verse, offering rich insights into the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep as a metaphor for the relationship between God and His people.

Keller explains the literal, day-to-day realities of shepherding, from providing nourishment and protection to guiding the flock through dangerous terrain. He then beautifully parallels these duties with the spiritual care and guidance that God offers. For instance, he describes how a shepherd leads his sheep to "green pastures" and "still waters," not just for physical sustenance, but for rest and restoration. This, Keller illustrates, is akin to how God provides for our spiritual needs and offers peace to our souls.

Through his shepherd's lens, Keller unpacks the deeper meanings behind phrases like "He restores my soul" and "Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." The rod, he explains, is a tool for protection against predators, while the staff is used for gentle guidance. This imagery vividly portrays God as both a powerful protector and a tender guide.

Ultimately, the book paints a powerful picture of God's loving, constant, and personal care. By grounding the psalm in the tangible realities of a shepherd's life, Keller makes the profound truths of God's provision and comfort accessible and deeply moving.

Doesn't that sound like a wonderful perspective? I hope you'll check it out from the library and let me know what you think!

TRUNK OR TREAT



**Saturday, October 25
12 pm - 1:30 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Parking Lot**

TRUNKS WANTED

Come out and support this community event! What to do:

- Decorate your trunk in a fun way - as a Bible story, a Bible verse, or with a Christian Message (please no witches, ghouls, etc.), sit at your vehicle during the event and distribute candy to the children. Plan on 100 children. Wrapped candy (no homemade goodies).
- Cannot attend but want to support the event? Drop off a bag of candy in the box in the Narthex to share with the children, or a monetary donation to be used toward the event.
- There will be a vote for the Silliest Decorations, the Kid's Choice, and the most Colorful Decorations.
- If you have any questions, feel free to ask Zane. 989-673-4214 or zane@stpaulcaro.org
- Sign up sheet for trunk, candy, and helpers is on the sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway.

Franconian Zone WIM Rally & Ingathering



Speaker:
Mid MI
Teen Challenge
Ingathering: Feminine
Hygiene Products

St. Lorenz WEC
October 18, 2025
8:30AM Registration
& Breakfast
Cost \$10
850 W. Genesee St.
Frankenmuth 48734
(989) 652-6141

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 21**. Our special guest will be **Kathy Sweeney from Sleep in Heavenly Peace**. Also, see the flyer to the left for information about the **Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 18** at St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth.

YOU ARE INVITED!

You and your families are cordially invited to participate in the upcoming events for this year's **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

There are two opportunities to participate:

1. **Saturday, October 25th** from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM for setting up the Fellowship Hall for the Packing Party. All you need to do is show up, and we will have a job for you!
2. **Sunday, October 26th** from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM for the 9th Annual St. Paul Lutheran Packing Party. We have jobs for everyone. Please consider this opportunity for Christian Fellowship and Service. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.
We look forward to serving with you!

Dave & Diana Mattlin, Project Leaders

Bible Writing Plan

October 2025

Victory Over Evil!

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| 1 - 1 John 4:4 | 17 - Psalm 34:4 |
| 2 - Romans 8:37 | 18 - Hebrews 2:14-15 |
| 3 - James 4:7 | 19 - Psalm 18:32 |
| 4 - Ephesians 6:10-11 | 20 - 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| 5 - 2 Timothy 1:7 | 21 - Psalm 118:6 |
| 6 - Psalm 23:4 | 22 - 2 Thessalonians 3:3 |
| 7 - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 | 23 - Psalm 56:3-4 |
| 8 - Revelation 12:11 | 24 - 1 John 5:4 |
| 9 - Luke 10:19 | 25 - Isaiah 54:17 |
| 10 - Isaiah 41:10 | 26 - Romans 16:20 |
| 11 - 1 Corinthians 15:57 | 27 - Psalm 34:7 |
| 12 - Psalm 27:1 | 28 - 1 John 3:8 |
| 13 - John 16:33 | 29 - Revelation 20:10 |
| 14 - Psalm 91:4 | 30 - John 8:12 |
| 15 - Colossians 2:15 | 31 - 1 Peter 1:13 |
| 16 - 2 Corinthians 2:14 | |

No, in all these things we are more than

conquerors

through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

October 1

Eleanor Kreuger
Kendra Walker

October 2

Alexandra Meyer

October 3

Mikayla Novelli
Karen Flintoft
Elizabeth Sniegowski

October 4

John Kubik

October 5

Connor Stefanovsky

October 6

Eric Peasley
John Scherzer
Marjorie Cockerill
Benjamin Baker

October 7

Ellie Fisch
Miles Campbell
Laureen LeFevre
Raylene Shoup

October 8

Brooklyn Isley
Brian Voss

October 10

John Cherniawski Jr.
Katrina Woichan

October 11

Linda Nowakowski
Carol Haag
Theron Eggert
Richard Gettel
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

October 28

Tim Sattelberg
Barbara Parsell

October 30

Aaron Andrews

October 31

Barbara Thayer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers: Mitzi LaValley Marsha MacKenzie Marci LaValley Robyn Blasius Brian Holmes Parsells	Flower Chair: Doris DeRocco	Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org	1 7:00 Worship Service	2	3	4
5 LWML Sunday - Both Services 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	6 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Youth Group	7 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	8 7:00 Worship Service	9 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study	10 2:00 FORGE 3:00 - 6:00 Tailgate Party	11
12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:00 JOY Group 12:15 Confirmation Class 12:15 Pop-Up Food Pantry	13 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	14 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Church Council	15 7:00 Worship Service	16	17	18
19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 <u>NO</u> Confirmation Class 7:00 Voters' Assembly	20 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Youth Group	21 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML	22 7:00 Worship Service	23 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study	24	25 12 - 1:30 Trunk-or-Treat
26 Reformation (Observed) 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class 1:00 - 3:00 OCC Packing Party	27 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	28 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	29 7:00 Worship Service	30	31 Reformation Day	