



Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 120 N. Easton Road Glenside, PA 19038

October 2026

Blessing of the pets will take place on Sunday, October 11, at 2:00 PM on the patio. Bring your fur babies or scaled sweeties for a short service and blessing.



We will welcome new members at the 8 and 10:30 AM services, October 18.



Join us for a BBQ on the patio to help celebrate the beginning of the church choirs' season on October 18. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert!



Mark your calendars: Reformation Sunday will be held on October 25. Don't forget to wear red!

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 8:00 or 10:30 AM.

Services will be live streamed to our direct link

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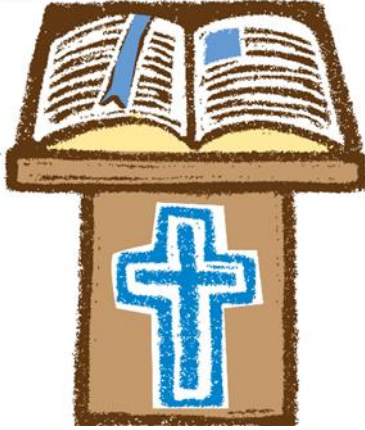
You can also visit our YouTube and Facebook page

[St. Paul's YouTube channel](#) and our [St. Paul's Facebook page](#).



Dankeschön to everyone who came out to support Oktoberfest, whether by volunteering, donating, or enjoying the festivities! Lutheran Disaster Response appreciates your support of this annual event. Keep an eye on

your Tidings and upcoming newsletter for the results of our fund-raising event.



Recently, in our Aging Gracefully class, we discussed the book *Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks. We were also privileged to hear her talk about the book and her life in an online interview that the class subscribed to.

In the book, Brooks writes about how she endured the loss of her husband, who suddenly collapsed in the middle of a street in Washington, D.C. Because of her own occupation as a writer and the many things she needed to do, she never really had time to process that big loss. Finally, she decided to go to a remote, sparsely populated island near her native Australia to relive the past and to be able to deal with her grief.

She experienced great healing through that time and also produced the book that talked about her journey through it.

One of the important things that she learned along the way is the shift from primarily looking at what she had lost with her husband's death to seeing what she had received from being with him and the feeling of gratitude she feels for the time she was given.

I found this change of perspective not only relevant when dealing with loss but also promising for every single day. Rather than focusing on what is lacking in our lives, it is much healthier and inspiring to reflect on the things and people in our lives that we have been blessed with. The question is whether we are able to slow down enough to find the time to consider others. If we do, then I am sure the feeling of what we lack will be replaced with a feeling of gratitude.

Unsurprisingly, this is true no matter where we find ourselves. I have witnessed it many times with people that have been given that shift in perspective.

I believe that this shift in perspective is something that comes through prayer, through attending a church service, through being in community with others. I am also convinced that we are unable to make that shift in perspective happen ourselves. I believe that God gives us these moments. God is the one who fills our hearts with gratitude. This shift can happen often when we least expect it but need it most.

Jesus often illustrates this mysterious shift in perspective with parables. Some of the parables are easier to digest than others. But they all try to lead us to question what we thought was true and learn how God looks at it differently. And if God looks at it differently then we should give that shift in perspective a chance as well.

Talking about gratitude, I am so grateful that our organ is finally back and playing again. While there is still some more fine-tuning to be done in the coming weeks, it is quite amazing to hear and feel the instrument again. While we had the electric keyboard connected to the sound system and heard something that sounded like an organ, we totally were deprived of the pipes that move the air around us and that fill the sanctuary from floor to ceiling.

I was simply surprised by the difference. I should have expected it but it really was an amazing experience when we first heard and felt the instrument again. I am so thankful for all the support in the congregation that allowed us to move forward with the Chancel Reimagined project.

Moreover, it was great to see how easy it was to accommodate the Heidelberg Brass Band for our Polka Mass service. Thank you, St. Paul's, from the bottom of my heart for your contributions to the Chancel Reimagined project.



In a way, autumn is a good teacher for us. The decreasing sunlight and cooler temperatures bring out the beautiful colors in the leaves. Those colors were already there all year long. But now they come out and remind us of the summer that is now past. And since it is also harvest time, the sweetness of the fruit and the food that will sustain us throughout winter come to mind. There is a shift in perspective here as well.

We can focus on what we have lost in terms of warmth and light. Or we can give thanks for the beauty and bounty

that is now before us. And, of course, we will have plenty of time to reflect on it in the upcoming winter season.

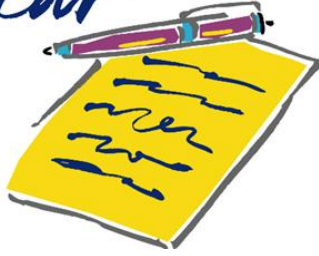
I am not sure what people do that live in parts of the world where there are not four seasons. I guess there is another reason to be thankful.

I pray for all of us to find and be given moments for reflection, prayer and a shift in perspective that will fill us with gratitude and love for another day.

With much love,

Pastor Henrik

From the Vicar



When I look back at my life, I can see that my journey of faith did not begin with a decision I made as an adult. In many ways, it began before I was old enough to understand what it meant to be called by God.

My faith journey began in India, in a Christian family where prayer, worship, Scripture, and ministry were simply part of everyday life. As I begin my internship at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, I find myself looking back with gratitude at the many people, places, and experiences through which God has been shaping me.

I was born in Khammam, India, in a mission hospital connected with the Church of South India. I grew up surrounded by the life of the church. My parents and grandparents were deeply involved in ministry, and I saw from an early age that ministry was not simply something we did on Sundays. It was a way of life. Our home was often a place of prayer, fellowship, and ministry. There were prayer meetings, Bible studies, visitors, conversations about the church, and people who came to our home seeking encouragement or support.

My family did not have everything, but they taught me something that has remained with me throughout my life: we put God first. I watched my parents make sacrifices for ministry, sometimes giving from what they themselves needed because they believed that serving God and serving people mattered. As a child, I did not always understand those sacrifices. As I have grown older, I have come to appreciate how much they taught me about faith.

When I was about ten years old, my parents dedicated me to ministry in a special ceremony. I remember wearing white pants and a white shirt, surrounded by family and relatives. At that age, I could not fully understand what such a dedication meant. But that moment became part of my story. Over the years, the sense that God was calling me toward ministry grew.

Music was also an important part of my faith journey. I began serving as a church musician when I was young. Through music, worship, preaching, teaching, youth ministry, children's ministry, and pastoral care, I gradually discovered different ways of serving God's people. Eventually, I pursued theological education and earned my Bachelor of Divinity from the Mennonite Brethren Centenary Bible College in Hyderabad, India.

My ministry journey in India also introduced me to people whose experiences were very different from my own. I had opportunities to serve churches, work with young people, preach and teach, and accompany people through different seasons of life. I served with Open Doors USA, working among persecuted Christian communities.

Those experiences changed the way I understood faith. I learned that faith is not simply something we talk about when life is easy. For many, faith is what gives us courage when life is difficult.

Eventually, God led me to the USA. Coming to America was a significant transition for me. I arrived with my own culture, language, traditions, theological background, and understanding of ministry. I entered a new environment where I had much to learn. I discovered that being in a new country meant learning to listen differently, to understand different perspectives, and to recognize that God's church is much larger than any one culture or tradition.

My ministry and theological education continued to develop here. I became part of the life of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, where I had the privilege of serving as a vicar. I have assisted with worship, pastoral care, visitation, discipleship, and preaching. These experiences helped me become more familiar with Lutheran worship and ministry and let me build relationships with people who welcomed me and trusted me with parts of their lives.

My journey also brought me into hospital chaplaincy. Serving as a chaplain at Jefferson Einstein Philadelphia Hospital has been one of the most formative experiences of my ministry. In the hospital, I have encountered people at some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives; people facing serious illness, trauma, grief, unexpected death, fear, uncertainty, and difficult questions about God and meaning. Hospital chaplaincy has taught me that ministry is not always about having the right words.

Sometimes ministry is simply being present. Sometimes a person does not need an explanation; they need someone willing to sit with them, listen to their story, pray with them, or simply remain present in a difficult moment. I have learned that God's presence can be experienced not only through what we say, but also through our willingness to simply be with someone in their pain.

Those lessons changed the way I understand pastoral ministry. They have reminded me that every person carries a story that we may know very little about. Behind every face in a hospital bed, every person sitting in a church pew, and every family we meet is a story of joy, loss, hope, struggle, faith, doubt, and longing. Ministry begins when we are willing to listen.

And now, God has brought me to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside. Beginning my internship at St. Paul's is another important chapter in this journey. I come here not believing that I have already learned everything I need to know about ministry but realizing that I still have much to learn. I hope to learn from the pastors, staff, leaders, children, young people, families, and every member of this congregation.

During this year, I hope to grow in preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care, children's and family ministry, congregational leadership, administration, and the many things that

happen behind the scenes to make a church community thrive. More importantly, I hope to learn what it means to walk alongside a congregation not simply as someone who serves the church, but as someone who becomes part of its life.

I also come to St. Paul's with the hope of sharing something of the journey God has given me. I bring with me memories of India, the faith of my family, the traditions that shaped me, the people I have served, the lessons I have learned in America, and the experiences that have formed me as a pastor and chaplain. I know that my story may be different from many stories in this congregation, but I also believe that our differences can become opportunities to learn from one another and to discover the many ways God is at work among us.

When I think about the little boy in India wearing white clothes at a ceremony and being dedicated to ministry, I could never have imagined the journey that would follow. I could not have imagined studying theology, serving churches, working with communities experiencing persecution, coming to America, learning a new culture, serving in a hospital, becoming part of Lutheran congregations, and eventually arriving at St. Paul's.

Yet, through all these changes, one thing has remained constant: God has been faithful. Sometimes I understood where He was leading me, and sometimes I haven't. There were moments when the path was clear and others when I had to take the next step without knowing where it would lead.

Looking back, however, I can see God's presence in places I did not recognize at the time. Perhaps that is one of the most important lessons my journey has taught me: God's calling is not always a straight line. Sometimes God leads us through unexpected places, introduces us to unexpected people, and uses unexpected experiences to prepare us for what's next.

As I begin at St. Paul's, I am grateful for the chance to learn, serve, listen, worship, and grow together. I pray that this will not simply be a year in which I learn about ministry, but a year in which I encounter God through the people and experiences He places in my path.



I look forward to the conversations, the worship services, the children's programs, the pastoral visits, the difficult moments, the joyful celebrations, and all the ordinary moments in between. I look forward to learning from you and, I hope, allowing you to learn a little from me as well.

My journey began in India, but it is not ending at St. Paul's. It continues here, among a new community of faith, with new people and new possibilities. And as I begin this next chapter, I carry with me the words that have guided me throughout my life: God is faithful, and wherever God calls us, God goes with us.

*Grateful for the opportunity to walk this journey together,
Vicar Evan*



DAMP, DOWN(STAIRS), BUT NEVER OUT: A SUCCESSFUL 2026 ST. PAUL'S OKTOBERFEST!

Despite a rare September nor'easter that



battered the region on September 26, St. Paul's presented the 17th annual Oktoberfest as a benefit (fitting!) for Lutheran Disaster Response.



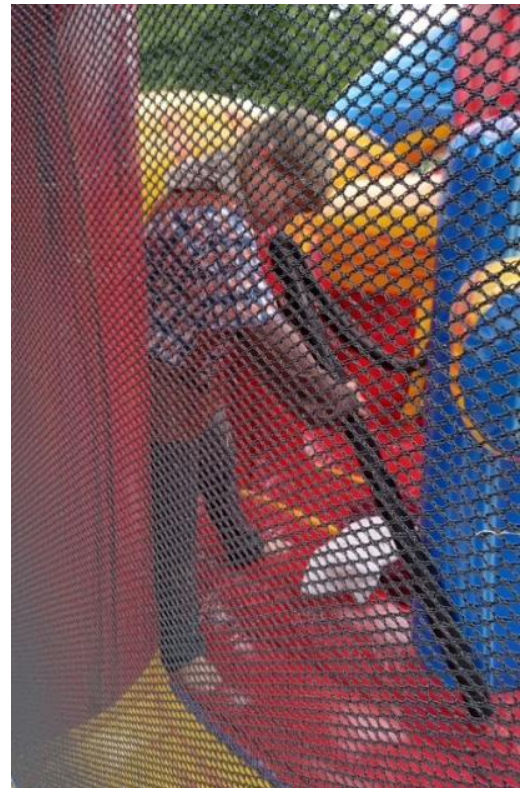
The heavy rain made the set-up a bit more challenging. We moved the vendors and food into the church, but we made it work!





The Happy Dutchmen, the GTV Almrausch Dancers, singer Tom Erat, and the Cassidy Dancers provided entertainment throughout the day under the big tent, the beer flowed, and the rain even let up enough for us to inflate the bouncy castle and obstacle course later in the day, much to the children's delight!

(Thanks to Adam and the Shop-Vac!)





A wonderful group of volunteers from Central High, Abington High, and Arcadia kept the kids safe on the bouncies and also kept the food line going downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for the final tally of our fund-raising efforts.

Dankeschön to everyone who helped make our 17th annual Oktoberfest a big success! We are so grateful to all who volunteered, attended, donated, and helped before, during, and after the event.

Your support made for a wonderful day of food, music, fun, and fellowship while helping raise funds for LDR. Thank you for being part of this St. Paul's tradition!



Marlen at the raffle ticket table.



Gabe and his popcorn stand.



Maddie and Claire at the pretzel stop.



Music Ministry at St. Paul's for the 2026-27 Season

The Chancel Choir has resumed its weekly practices on **Thursdays at 7:30 PM**

In addition to the weekly anthems for the Sunday mornings services, there will be special music offerings including a **Hymn Festival at 4 p.m. on November 15**, to kick off the yearlong celebration of St. Paul's 125th anniversary. the late fall of 2026 and spring of 2027. We also look forward to our annual Christmas Eve

presentation, as well as worship with the Men's Ensemble on February 7 and the Women's Ensemble on March 7, Palm Sunday on March 21, Maundy Thursday with the Living Last Supper on March 24, Easter Sunday on March 28, and our season-ending special music Sunday presentation of Marianne Forman's cantata *Trinity* on May 23. This is a loving caring community that welcomes anyone who wishes to make a joyful noise!

The Children's and Cherub Choirs resumed their weekly Thursday gatherings.

- **The Simple Suppers** begin at **5:00 PM**
 - This is for the singers AND their families.
 - To help offset the cost of the food being prepared we ask for a donation of **\$5.00 per meal**.
- **The Cherub Choir [age 4 through Grade 1]** gathers from **5:30 to 6:00 PM**.
- **The Children's Choir [Grade 2 through Grade 6]** practices from **6:00 to 6:45 PM**.

The Children's Choir offers special music for Sunday morning worship about once a month. They will sing on **Sunday, October 18**.

The Ringers of St. Paul's kicked off their season with a rehearsal on **September 30**. The ensemble will play on **Reformation Sunday on October 25**.

The St. Paul's Youth Singers will have their first practice on **Sunday, October 4**. The ensemble will play on **Reformation Sunday on October 25**.

The St. Paul's **Youth Singers [Grade 7 through Grade 12]** practice every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Those involved in the Music Ministry of St. Paul's are dedicated to sharing the gift of music that so beautifully enhances our many worship experiences. Their time and talents are greatly appreciated by so many!

If you feel the calling to be a part of this ministry, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of one of our ensembles.

I hope that I will see many of you very soon!!

Rae Ann Anderson - Director of Music

(215-913-0730)

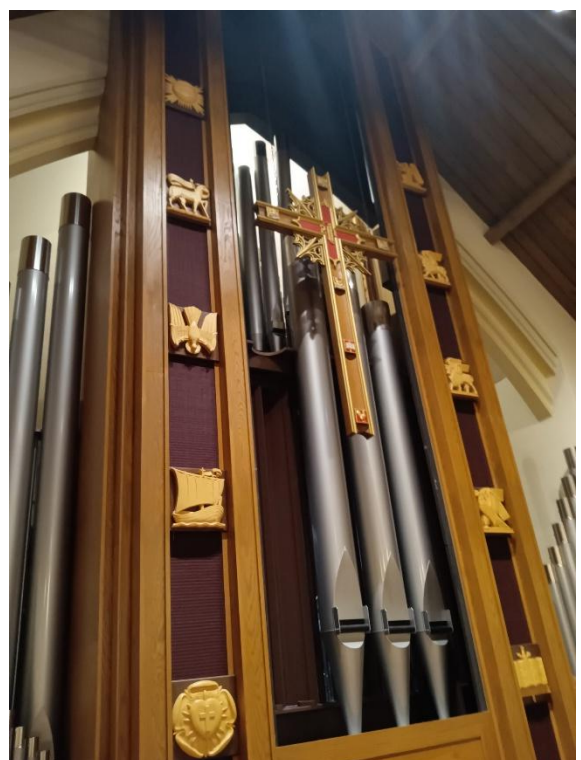
raanderson@stpaulsglenside.org

The pipes, the pipes are calling!

The organ is back! All the pipes are installed, Rae Ann is back at the console, and you can feel the vibrations!



Rae Ann Anderson and Ben Sonntag helped with the installation.





Join us for a BBQ on the patio to help celebrate the beginning of the church choirs' season on October 18. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert!

To welcome back The Chancel Choir at its first rehearsal on September 10 (and celebrate the return of the organ), Pam McDowell composed this poem:

Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah!
Rae can really “sock it to ya!”
She’ll no longer have reliance
On the aptly named appliance.

Now that the organ work is done,
Our Rae can start having some fun!
Music ideas that smoldered
Will now end up in our folders.

The new choir season has begun.
Let’s make music and have some fun!

Celebrating St. Paul's Anniversary!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, circa 1905

October greetings from your 125th Anniversary team!

The theme for our yearlong commemoration of St. Paul's founding in 1902 is "Together in Christ: Remembering, Embracing, Rejoicing -- Celebrating 125 Years of Ministry." Your planning team is chaired by Nancy Raabe and includes Rae Ann Anderson, Ashley Daniels, Jenn O'Rourke, Glenn Rall, Henrik Sonntag, and Paul Ziegler. We are eager to share with you some of what we've been working on.



We hope you like our new logo, designed by graphic artist Kathryn Brewer of St. Paul, Minnesota. You will be seeing it frequently in the coming months. (Note: Kathryn is also the daughter of Richard Hillert, composer of ELW Setting 3.)

We'll begin the celebration with a **Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 4 PM** featuring organist **Andrew Senn**, which also celebrates our newly refurbished instrument as part of our Chancel Reimagined project. A reception will follow the joyful singing. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience our anniversary theme brought to life through scripture, song, and sacred readings – and of course another chance to enjoy our

beautifully refurbished organ! Invite family and friends and plan to stay for a celebratory reception. *Questions? Talk to Rae Ann.*

The planning team is also working with local muralist and mosaic artist Jessica Liddell on an idea for a mosaic inside our building which will convey central aspects of our theme. Jessica attended our September 8 meeting, as did Joe Stevens, our lead architect for Project Welcome, who helped advise on possible location and mounting of the mosaic. The hope is that St. Paul members of all ages will be invited to place pieces of glass or ceramic so that, when the mosaic is completed and mounted, we can each remember how we participated in this larger expression of being community together. Jessica is currently developing ideas for what this might look like, which the planning team will consider at our next meeting. *Visions? Talk to Ashley.*

Possibilities for outreach projects connected to our theme, which Glenn is working on, include an oral history project in which members of all ages would respond to specific questions about their experiences at St. Paul's; serving dinners at Hope Lodge (the American Cancer Society residence); and the development of a free community meal here once or twice a year. *Ideas? Talk to Glenn or Jenn.*

For the concluding event on Sunday, November 14, 2027, Henrik has secured a commitment from Rev. Karl Krueger to preach. As former director of the Krauth Memorial Library at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Rev. Krueger may also be willing to use his gifts as librarian and church historian to help assemble a comprehensive history of St. Paul's. Paul Ziegler is in possession of extensive documents relating to our church history. *Thoughts on how to share? Talk to Paul.*

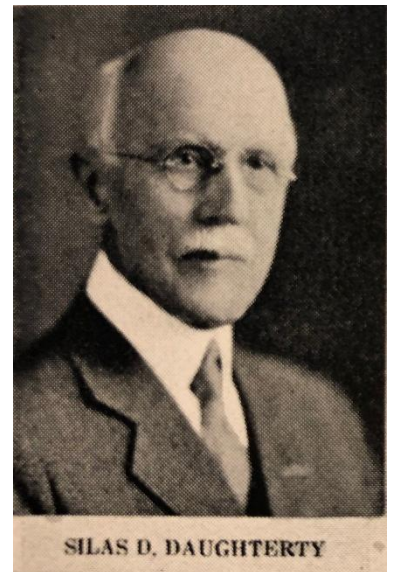
More ideas for us? Want to get involved? Talk to Henrik or Nancy.

"For great is God's steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Hallelujah!" (Psalm 117:2)

A Note on St. Paul's History

St. Paul's owes its start to the Rev. Silas D. Daugherty, the Missionary Superintendent of the Eastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod. He had great interest in starting new churches and saw the growing Glenside community as fertile ground for a new church.

In 1902, he made a survey of the Glenside area, and his report was favorably received by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. Interested local residents were contacted and St. Paul's was organized with 17 charter members and 15 associate members.



The first service for St. Paul's was held on November 9, 1902, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Wolff on Montier Road, Glenside.



Nearly 1 in 11 people worldwide—about 720 million—are hungry. In the U.S., more than 47 million people face food insecurity.

ELCA World Hunger works with congregations and partners in more than 60 countries to meet immediate needs and address the causes of hunger. Gifts to the World Hunger

Appeal support food assistance as well as access to clean water, education, health care, and ways to earn a living. Local partners help shape responses that fit their communities.

World Food Day is October 16. This year's theme, *"Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow,"* calls on communities to combine traditional knowledge with new ideas so everyone can access nutritious food.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal gives us all the opportunity to faithfully pursue a just world where all are fed.

Gifts to ELCA World Hunger can be made:

- *online*, at <https://www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate>
- *by mail*, with a check payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
- *by phone*, at 800-638-3522, Mon – Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM, CT
- *through this congregation*, with a check payable to St. Paul's (noting "ELCA World Hunger" on memo line) or at St. Paul's website's "Misc. Restricted" donate link.

Please also remember the food needs of our local community by continuing to generously stock St. Paul's food pantry. Be sure to regularly check the "Pantry Needs List" inserted in the service bulletin each week!

-- Good Works Team

A GREEN SEARCH ENGINE

ECOSIA is a green search engine used by over 20 million people, whose profits are used solely for climate action, with the majority going into tree-planting projects around the world.



When you search on ECOSIA, you won't see an automatic artificial intelligence (AI) summary. AI searches are available, but it's your choice. This saves an enormous amount of energy! This earth-friendly search engine produces "more clean energy than it takes to power all searches and AI queries on ECOSIA, leading to more renewable energy in the grid."

You can learn more about ECOSIA and download the free app by visiting the ECOSIA website. You will be taking action to love the earth during the Season of Creation we're celebrating right now. Thank you!

We encourage everyone to keep track of the legislation regarding a moratorium

on data centers (HB 2496) and the need for regulation by the PUC (HB 1834). Both bills passed the Pennsylvania House and are stuck in the Pennsylvania Senate. You can encourage your Pennsylvania senator to pass these bills by visiting the LAMPa website. It's easy, and every voice matters!

Please contact Janet Bischoff jbischoff61@yahoo.com for more information.

THE LOIS CIRCLE

*The Lois Circle extends an invitation
to senior women of St. Paul's to join us in
sisterhood, ministry, Bible study,
and refreshments.*

*We gather in the Great Room at 10 AM on
the second Tuesday of the month, September through June.*

Sisterhood : Sharing life's ups and downs, supporting one another, being sisters in Christ.

Ministry : Recent projects include Lutheran World Relief, Edge Hill Nursing Home, St. Francis Inn. On-going ministries include monthly Greeting Card Ministry to St. Paul's home-bound, St. Paul's Food Pantry, Sunday morning hospitality, and service to the congregation through various other volunteer opportunities (Greeters, Altar Guild, Church Council, Ushers, Prayer Ministry).

Bible Study : Using the monthly Bible study published in *Gather Magazine*, the national publication of Women of the ELCA, we explore how to better understand the Bible and put that understanding into practice in our personal and congregational lives. (Study materials will be provided for those not subscribed to *Gather*.)

Refreshments : Sharing coffee and tea, wonderful baked goods, fresh fruit and other "goodies" is an important part of the life of Lois Circle. Taking turns providing refreshments is a wonderful way to satisfy our taste buds; as well as sharing our gifts of hospitality.

If you would like more information about Lois Circle, or would like to join us some Tuesday morning, please reach out to Ronny Kosempel (215-379-1226 or ronnykos@comcast.net) , and we'll make sure to save you a seat.



The Lois Circle at their monthly Tuesday meeting and Bible study at Jasmine Asian Bistro in September. The next Tuesday meeting will be on October 13 at 10 AM in the Great Room.

ALL HAT... AND PLENTY OF INSPIRATION!



In a recent sermon, Pastor Henrik noted that when speaking English he is sometimes told that he sounds just like Arnold Schwarzenegger. (Though how an actor and erstwhile politician from Austria could be confused with a pastor and pickleball top seed from Saxony, we're not sure.)

At one church he served at before coming to St. Paul's, Pastor Henrik said, he was given the nickname "The Sermonator." He hastened to add that he would prefer that we here at St. Paul's refrain from using that moniker for him.

However, Pam McDowell, whose late husband Skip McDowell was our former St. Paul's pastor, had a hat with that very sobriquet emblazoned upon it. The hat was made by Pam and Skip's children for their father. Pam brought the hat in as a gift for Henrik, who gladly accepted. But, still, let's just enjoy this picture and Skip's memory, and never actually use this particular pastoral alias (much).

Looking to get rid of stuff or shop for more?
Here is your opportunity!
Donate good, clean, working items for

St. Peter's 2026 Fall Rummage Sale

We accept clothes, tools, household goods, small furniture, sporting goods, books and various media, etc. Also electrical/electronic items if they work.



Donate Sun. Oct.11 thru Wed. Oct.14 and then Shop.....

Thurs. Oct 15 'JUST JEWELRY' Sale 6-8 PM

Friday, Oct 16 6 - 9 PM

Saturday, Oct 17 10 AM - 2 PM

(Sat. \$5 a Bag and Half-Price sale)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church 654 N. Easton Rd.

All proceeds help us help others!

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Stewardship Message

Be sure to mark your calendars to save the date for **Sunday, November 22**, when we will celebrate **Consecration Sunday** as we close out the Church year and prepare to enter the Season of Advent. On

Consecration Sunday, we will celebrate Stewardship with guest preacher the Rev. Ric Elliott, the gathering of commitment cards, and a catered luncheon following the 10:30 AM service. Look for a letter in a few weeks with more details. -- *The Stewardship Team*

All Saints Sunday is November 1. Please submit any names of people that have died in the last year if you would like them mentioned in the service connected with the lighting of a candle. Please remember that you also have the opportunity to light a candle for a loved one that entered God's eternal kingdom prior to last year.



Mark your calendars: Reformation Sunday will be held on October 25. Remember to wear red!

OLD YORK ROAD GARDEN CLUB IS 90 YEARS OLD!

Interested in gardening, raising plants, and/or flower arranging? Come check us out! **We meet on the second Thursday of each month from September to June**, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Old York and Vista Roads, Jenkintown. Come around 11 AM to see our monthly flower show. Bring lunch. We provide salads, desserts, and beverages. Our program starts around noon, with interesting topics. The program is FREE! For more information, call Ronny Kosempel (215-379-1226).





Blessing of the Pets will take place on **Sunday, October 11** at 2:00 PM on the patio. Bring your fur babies for a short service and blessing.

Consecration Sunday is coming on Sunday, **November 22**, featuring the Rev. Ric Elliott as guest speaker and a celebration luncheon.

All Saints Sunday is November 1. Please submit all names to be remembered no later than Friday, **October 23**.

Altar flowers are available for all Sundays in November. One set is \$22.50; two sets are \$45. Contact the office to set up a sponsorship and share your dedication message.

Thank you to all who came out to support Oktoberfest! Pictures and results to follow in your upcoming newsletter and Tidings.

Good News from the Pews

Did we miss your special day? Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so that it can be included in future editions of the Messenger. Do you have a special celebration, joyous good news, engagement, marriage, birth, significant accomplishment to share? We want to celebrate with you in our “Good News from the Pews” section. Please share with us your “good news!”



October	Name	October	Name	Anniversary Couple	
1-Oct	Geoffrey Millls	15-Oct	Helen Miklautz	5-Oct	Peter & Sheila Kurilla
2-Oct	Kathleen Breuer	16-Oct	Allace Miklautz	6-Oct	Nancy & Matt Conard
2-Oct	Christopher Berglund	19-Oct	Mary Anne Allen	9-Oct	Peter & Hannah Mazzaccaro
2-Oct	Sue Edelman	19-Oct	Addison Pratt	11-Oct	Esther & Paul Rajashekar
3-Oct	Molly Donaldson	19-Oct	Isabella Pratt	14-Oct	Laura & Matt Mitchell
5-Oct	Henrik Sonntag	20-Oct	Karen Scott	17-Oct	Christopher and Betsy Berglund
6-Oct	Stewart Conard	24-Oct	Krista Spillane	18-Oct	Alexandra & Nicholas Davatzes
8-Oct	Leona Messick	25-Oct	Ryan Bothwell	31-Oct	Susan Pierce & Geoffrey Mills
12-Oct	Cathy Keim	26-Oct	Misty Wagner		
13-Oct	Ruth Boyd-Galewski	31-Oct	Mike Edelman		
15-Oct	Pam McDowell				

thank you



Dear members of St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. It surely brightened our day. We will be back to church soon.

Sincerely,

Fred and Hilma Helbig

Dear Pastor Sonntag,

I wanted to thank my St Paul's Family for the beautiful flowers. It was such a nice surprise. They really brightened my day, while I care for my mother as she recuperates. My mother is also enjoying the flowers.

Thank you again, Nancy McGinley



Dear St. Paul's,



Thank you for the altar flowers. It's nice to be remembered. It's been a year since I broke my foot. I'm still very limited. I hope to return to St. Paul's for the 8 AM service. I miss church! Thanks again for everything. I still tear up when I think of Henrik giving me communion in Rydal Park.

Sincerely,

Charlotte O'Donnell

thank you



To our St. Paul's family,

Thank you for the beautiful surprise of flowers. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

George & Pauline Petri

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent generous support of Women of the ELCA and its ministries. Your gift helps us remain committed to inspiring women to follow the call of Jesus and to provide avenues for women to grow in faith, love, and hope. There were so many women who were helped with your offerings!



Sincerely,

*Marie Lokensgard, WELCA Executive Board
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St. Paul's



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Private First-Class Carson Campbell

IN LOVING MEMORY

The family and loved ones of Mary Scarpello
The family and loved ones of Erika Zimmermann





Ingredients for this Easy Chicken Dinner

- Bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- Olive oil
- Fresh herbs – rosemary, thyme, sage
- Red wine vinegar
- Garlic
- Brussels sprouts
- Sweet potato
- Fuji apples (or other sweet baking apples)
- Bacon
- Salt and pepper

How to Make This Sheet Pan Chicken Recipe

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Place pour in 2 Tbsp olive oil, red wine vinegar, herbs and garlic into a gallon size resealable bag. Add chicken and season with salt and pepper then rub mixture over chicken.

Let rest while you prep remaining ingredients.

Add sweet potatoes, apples, Brussels sprouts, and shallots to a rimmed 18-by-13-inch baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 Tbsp olive oil, season with salt and pepper then toss to coat.

Spread into an even layer.

Top with chicken pieces and sprinkle bacon over veggie/apple mixture.

Roast in preheated oven until chicken has cooked through and veggies are tender, about 30 to 35 minutes, broil during last few minutes for more browned crispy chicken skin. Serve warm.

Chicken Pot Pie Soup

Ingredients

Biscuits:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 5 to 6 tablespoons 2% milk

Soup:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup cubed peeled potatoes
- 1 cup chopped sweet onion
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- [tap here](#)
- 1 cup frozen petite peas
- 1 cup frozen corn



Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix flour and salt; cut in shortening until crumbly. Gradually add milk, tossing with a fork until dough holds together when pressed. Shape into a disk, cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 425°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Using a floured 2-1/2-in. heart-shaped or round cutter, cut 18 shapes. Place 1 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8-11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.
3. For soup, heat butter in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the potatoes, onion, celery and carrots; cook and stir for 5-7 minutes or until onion is tender.
4. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until blended; gradually whisk in broth. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 8-10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in remaining ingredients; heat through. Serve with pie crust toppers.

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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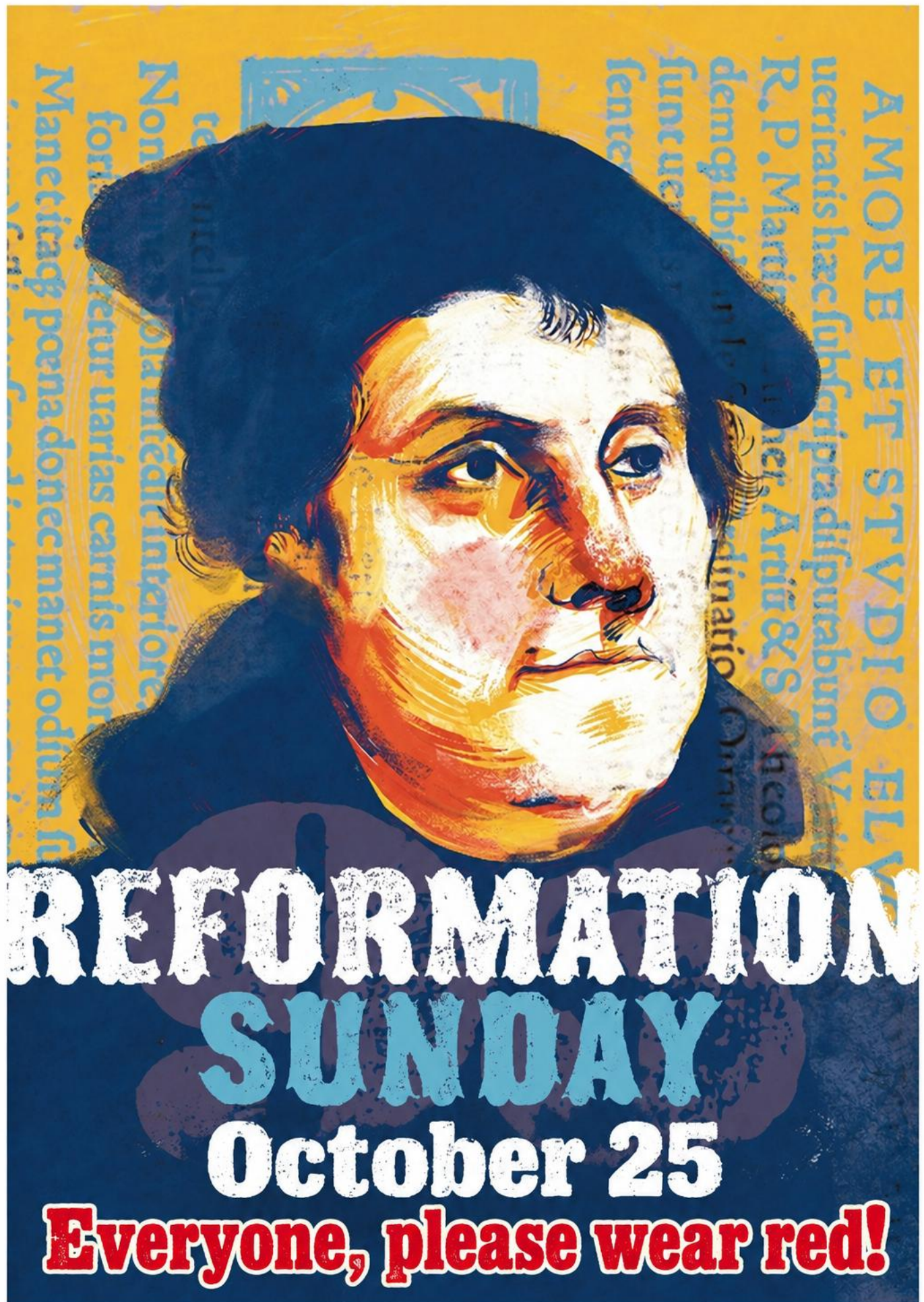
DO NOT _____

_____ , _____

_____ .

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV



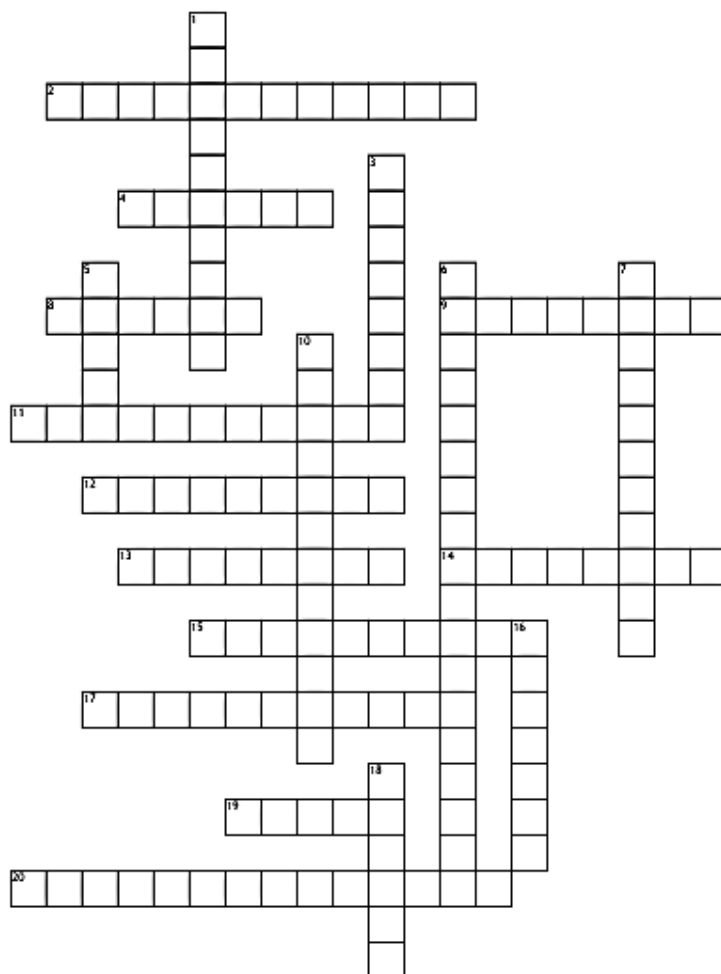
REFORMATION

SUNDAY

October 25

Everyone, please wear red!

The Reformation



Across

2. We believe in ____
4. This is a branch of the Catholic Church
8. Buying or selling of pardons (within the Catholic Church)
9. He was the ruler of the Florentine Republic
11. The _____ was held to determine how to respond to Martin Luther's teachings
12. This King of England had 7 wives
13. The ____ Church has the most people in that religion in the world

14. The act of picking favorites to be in charge of something
15. The place (town) where the protestant reformation started.
17. If you paid for _____, you could get out of punishment for some types of sins.
19. Martin Luther Believed in Salvation by _____
20. This addressed the issues of corrupt bishops, indulgences, and other financial abuses

Down

1. The _____ religion came out of Catholics

3. Martin Luther nailed this to the church
5. The most read book in the world
6. The Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella of Castile established this in 1478 to ensure that people were following the correct religious practices
7. Unscramble this word -- mtreinfaoro
10. Who wrote the 95 Theses?
16. Country where the Protestant Reformation happened
18. Where people go to learn about God

Word Bank

Church	Protestant	Martin Luther	Faith	Diet of Worms
Bible	Henry VIII	Wittenburg	Council of Trent	95 Theses
reformation	Pope Leo X	Jesuit	Germany	Indulgences
Simony	Spanish Inquisition	Catholic	The Holy Bible	Nepotism



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