



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

October 2019

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

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Sunday 8:30 & 11A.M.
Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is a month of beauty but also unpleasant realities. In Michigan, we are blessed to have a wondrous display of colors as the season changes, but harsh, cold weather is soon to follow. This time of change can lead us to reflect on the past, enjoy the present and consider the future.

During Martin Luther's time, there were aspects within the church that were beautiful, but there were also areas that needed drastic change. The Reformation was a result of reflecting on the beauty of what God did for us in Christ, but sadly some people had diminished God's Word below man's rules and traditions. The Reformation was a time of change for the future. Like the "death" of winter, the church needed to die, figuratively, in order to experience the "new life" of spring. Luther saw the importance of a change in the heart (repentance). After this death, God was able to bring forgiveness and life through grace in Jesus Christ.

Change can be good. Luther recognized the good change that comes from being open to God's Word. This October as the colors change, allow God to bring about a beautiful change in your life. Commit yourself to spending more time in God's Word. Even when the dead of winter arrives, God's Word can still bring joy and peace. It can bring life out of apparent death. If you have not signed up yet, I want to invite you again to attend one of our Sunday Bible studies or one of the other Bible study groups that meet monthly or during the week. Our lives are changed for the better when we focus on God and His Word.

We are not sure what the future holds, but with God's Word as our guide, we are beginning to make plans that will direct us in sharing God's Word with others. We are truly blessed to have various tools to share God's life-changing Word with others. These tools range from a growing Christian school to behind the scenes tools like Stephen Ministry, Dorcas Lutheran Women in Mission, Volunteering for the Saginaw Rescue Mission, the Christian Care Committee, and still more. This October, reflect on the wonderful blessings God has given our church family and seek God's guidance for what He wants us to do in the future to share the Word of Christ to all.

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Bruner
1 John 4:10-11



The October Messenger is sponsored in memory of Marion Walz's birthday, and all our loved ones who have gone before us, from Lloyd.

Spiritual News

Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 7PM

(Communion follows the 11AM schedule.)

Sundays at 8:30AM (Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Sundays 11AM (Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)

Bible Studies between services.

I Am a Church Member - meets in the Library

Connected - meets in the Parish Hall

Sunday School between services.

Other Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study – Sat., Oct. 5th
at 8AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study - Calling all women to join us in a 7-week Priscilla Shirer DVD study, *Armor of God*. To accommodate busy schedules there will be an evening session at 6 pm beginning Tuesday, October 8 and a morning session at 10 am beginning Wednesday, October 9. Please plan on attending and bring a friend or two. Each week we will watch a DVD and then have a brief discussion. We will meet in the Gathering Room. Questions call or text Denise Sherman, 989-286-7122.

Couples Night Bible Study! Led by Pastor Tim and Patti Oct. 13th from 6:30-8:30PM in the Gathering Place. Our next focus will be Ephesians 5. Submission? Headship? Sacrificial Love? How do these concepts fit into our marriages today? Join us to learn more. Please bring a wedding picture to share with the group.

Women of the Bible! Led by Patti Martinal the third Thursday of the month from 7-9PM in the Gathering Place. We will explore the amazing lives of these fascinating women and how we can relate their experiences to our own lives. Join me for this fun and interactive time of learning, fellowship, and reflection.

Music at St. Paul

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the Church

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the Band Room

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the Church

Brass

As needed for special services.

A timpani player is needed. Please call the church office if interested.

We are always looking for new members to share their musical talents. If interested, just show up to practice, or call the church office.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Oct. 6th - "Spirit of Power" - 2 Tim. 1:1-14

Oct. 13th - "I'm Grateful" - Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 20th - "Total Protection" - Psalm 121

Oct. 27th - "Trust in Jesus" - John 8:31

Coffee Hour

Please help us keep this time of Fellowship going! Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Room. Coffee, cream, sugar, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. Suggested ideas for "treats": cookies, donuts, any baked good, fruit, meat & cheese...really anything you would like. We usually expect between 20-30 people each Sunday!

Thank you for all your help in keeping this event going!
--Your Fellowship Team

Scripture Readings

October 6th

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4

2 Tim. 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

Oct. 13th

Ruth 1:1-19a

2 Tim. 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 20th

Gen. 32:22-30

2 Tim. 3:14-4:5

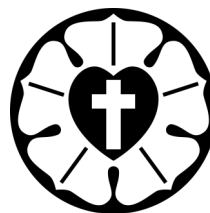
Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 27th

Rev. 14:6-7

Rom. 3:19-28

John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19



Reformation Day

October 31st

Happenings at St. Paul

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Jubilee Handbells - Tuesdays at 7AM in the church.

Storyhour Tuesday mornings from 9-11AM in the nursery. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and snacks. No need to register – just show up! Call Lori if questions 989-205-9873.

Quilting Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit!

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

Handbell Rehearsals

Mondays at 7PM. Everybody is welcome to join. New ringers are needed. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Dorcas Pallet Party

Sat., Oct. 5th at 10AM in the Parish Hall

The price will depend on the size you choose - ranging from \$20.00 and up. Everything you need to make your pallet is supplied at the party.

You must choose your design ahead of time in order for the materials to be here. Call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 to RSVP, choose your size and design, or with any questions. You can go to C and K Design Pallet Parties on Facebook for more info. Looking forward to a good time!

Harvest Potluck

Please join us for an afternoon of
FOOD, FAMILY, and FUN

Oct. 6th after the 11AM service in the Pavilion.

Please bring a dish to pass. Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauerkraut, and Sausage will be provided. There will be activities fun for both adults and children – including: hay rides, pumpkin bowling, corn hole, face painting, and more!

If that weren't inviting enough, we will also be having a dessert auction. All are welcome to bring a dessert to be auctioned.

We will conclude our event with a bonfire and music, provided by some of our church members. See you there!

Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 10th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We gather together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., Oct. 13th at 1:30PM in the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please come and be informed on the ministry activity of St. Paul Lutheran.

Scrapbooking Fun Day

Sat., Oct. 26th from 9AM-9PM in the Parish Hall.

Sponsored by the Board of Social Concerns.

Cost: \$35.00 – food, drinks, and prizes. This event is a fundraiser to support the Board of Social Concerns. The board offers support to members in need of monetary help, spiritual help, and guidance. It also helps them to minister to those in our community and surrounding areas. Please contact Melissa Wagner to RSVP and send your registration fee (checks payable to St. Paul) to the church office.

Youth Happenings

Impact/Ignite (Grades 6-12)

Scavenger Hunt

at Pastor & Patti Martinal's Home

Sun., Oct. 27th from 5-7PM

St. Paul Invites You To:

"HALL"-O-WEEN



Trick or Treat the school halls before the town hours begin!

When: October 31st

Time: 5-6pm

Where: St Paul Lutheran School

Who: 8th Grade and younger

This event has been a huge success – and with your help, it will be again!

You can decorate a door, hand out candy, or donate candy – the choice is yours!

It's simple, and fun to see all the children trick or treating through the halls.

To help, please call Tina Petzold at 871-2980 or the church office 871-4581 #3.

Candy donations can be brought to the box in the narthex or the church office.



St. Paul Lutheran School

October 2019

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

Welcome to the beautiful season of colored leaves and falling temperatures. God is so amazing in the way He creates beauty all around us, that gives us so much for which to be grateful! We are thankful that our school year has gotten off to a great start! Our 6th graders had a successful Outdoor Education trip to learn much more about the world that our Father has given us. We are blest with so many wonderful opportunities to share God's love with others this coming month!

This month the children are looking forward to celebrating the ability to help others through Empty Bowls, learning about state government for the 4th graders, the 3-5 graders will make some memories with Dads & Doughnuts and the community-wide event of "Hall"-o-ween. Lord, we ask that You be with all of us as we continue to walk in and share Your truth through all these activities.

Our school's offering and mission focus this year is to find ways to put "Feet to our Faith" following what we are told in Matthew 25:35-40; helping as many people in as many ways as possible. So, for the month of October, along with what is collected through our Chapel offerings, we'll be accepting packages of bottled water to help with **Project: Thirst.** All that we collect will be delivered to New Beginnings Ministries of Flint, in early November. Please bring any donations for this to the school office, by Oct. 31, and watch our "Wall of Water" as it grows in the Parish Hall throughout the month.



October Sports



Remember all games start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Girl's Volleyball

Oct. 1	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Oct. 3	with St. Paul United (Lapeer/Flint)
Oct. 9	at Christ the King, Sebewaing
Oct. 10	with St. Michael, Richville

Soccer

Oct. 5	St. Lorenz Tournament TBA
Oct. 9	at Christ the King, Sebewaing
Oct. 10	with St. Michael, Richville



School Musical Opportunities



Grades K-8

Oct. 27

Choice of Service

There are many events planned for the month; here are the dates to mark:



Throughout the month all classes (K-8) will be taking NWEA standardized tests.

Oct. 4	Spirit Day
Oct. 8	School Pictures
Oct. 11	Dads & Doughnuts (3-5) 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 17	4 th Grade Lansing Trip
Oct. 24	Empty Bowls 5-6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	½ day of classes with busses; dismissal at 11:15 a.m.
Oct. 27	First grade Bible presentation between services
Oct. 31	Reformation Day; "Hall"-o-ween 5-6 p.m.

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Meetings / Opportunities / Thanks

October Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Oct. 1st at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Youth Team

Tues., Oct. 1st at 6PM in the Youth Room

Council

Wed., Oct. 2nd at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Oct. 14th & 28th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., Oct. 8th at 6PM

Prayer Committee

Thurs., Oct. 10th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Voters' Meeting

Sun., Oct. 13th at 1:30PM in the Church

Dorcas

Tues., Oct. 15th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., Oct. 23rd at 7:30PM in the Library

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

Cleaning out the house? Childcare/Latchkey is in need of a few items such as, Duplo Legos, regular Legos, Matchbox cars and trucks, play kitchen items, etc. We appreciate all and any donations to our program. Any questions, please contact Christina at 871-4581 ext. 5.

Help is needed for our next Rescue Mission date on Oct. 12th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To **help prepare sack lunches**, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Oct. 11th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistances and encouragement. **St. Paul Student Aid Fund** has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

It's time to start stocking up on **square boxes of Kleenex** for the church pews before germ season begins! Boxes can be put in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.



Special Thanks

I am overflowing with gratitude for the outpouring of kindness shown to me when I was honored as Michigan District Teacher of the Year. Your caring words, thoughtful cards, generous gifts, and your presence meant so much to me. The choirs, brass, and organ music during the worship service were so meaningful to me, and I enjoyed being able to just sit and listen! So many people worked behind the scenes, decorating, cleaning, setting up, ordering flowers and food, practicing music, arranging speakers, keeping secrets, doing so much to make the day special. The heartfelt words of all who spoke at the reception will forever be a special remembrance for me. I am so thankful to serve God here with His people at St. Paul. **Thank you**, from the bottom of my heart. May the good work God does IN you show in the good work He does THROUGH you! -Teresa Walter

Thank you for all the birthday wishes, flowers, and gifts. -Marvin Rodemsky

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, calls, and get well wishes, especially Pastor Bruner for his calls. My St. Paul family is special to me. God bless you all. -Lela Higgins

Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!



Do you have the famous "drawer" with old and unwanted electronics and cell phones? Planet Green will remanufacture or recycle them and pay us for the value!

What to Recycle:

Inkjet Cartridges * Cell Phones
GPS Units * iPods/MP3 Players
Digital/Video Cameras * iPads/Tablets
eBook Readers * Calculators
Video Game Consoles/Handhelds
Video Games & Accessories

Drop Off:

In the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office.

Or print a free shipping label:

Go to: planetgreenrecycle.com/stpaul

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

October				
Acolytes	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein
8:30AM	Hoads	Ryan Keinath	Hoads	Ryan Keinath
11AM	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	Tyler Rude	Rodammers
Screen Tech				
7PM	Weston Reinig		Mason Lugg	Kailee Fackler
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	Carly Trinklein	
11AM	Paige & Dani Ayotte	Hunter Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent
8:30AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine

Ushers

8:30AM
 Captain – Glenn Brown
 Gale Brown
 Armand Carmona
 Fay Carmona
 Mike Kern
 Ron Schiefer
 Gary Wagner
 Bob Wager
 Bill Weber
 Duane Weber
 Katherine Weber
 Ed White

Ushers

11AM
 Captain – Tim Daenzer
 Assistant – Tim Brown
 Danielle Ayotte
 Matt Ayotte
 Paige Ayotte
 Abby Brown
 Corey Daenzer
 Larry Henderson
 Jason Ketels
 Arlyn Marks
 Rod Wilson

Ushers

7:00PM Service
 Captain – Jeffrey Yorke
 Chad Fackler
 Marc Keinath

Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte
 Armand & Faye Carmona
 Ed & Marcia Keinath
 Ted & Katrina Wager
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

Communion Set-Up

7PM - Shelli Lugg
 8:30AM -
 11AM - Bonnie Wittum



*“Volunteers aren’t paid,
 not because they are worthless,
 but because they are priceless.”*

Report of the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Prepared for the Frankenmuth Circuit of The Michigan District
By Pastoral Delegate Dan Burhop and Lay Delegate Steven Kern

“Joy:Fully Lutheran: Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks”

Sermons and Essays

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of the Synod preached on Neh. 8:1-12, Luke 15:11-32, as well as the convention's theme 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. President Harrison noted that “the path to joy always leads through repentance.” The people wept at the hearing of God's Word since they had failed to follow His Law, yet Nehemiah told them not to weep, “for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Hearing God's Word led them to repentance and thus salvation. Speaking of the prodigal son in Luke 15, Pastor Harrison reminded us that we are the prodigal; the prodigal members, pastors, congregations, districts, and synod. But like the father of the prodigal, our Father calls us back time and time again to the Word and to forgiveness.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr. gave the convention's opening Convention Essay titled—Joy:Fully Lutheran: Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks. “We are ‘Joy:Fully Lutheran’ because our teaching from the Bible brings the greatest possible comfort for penitent sinners, for hurting and broken people,” Mueller said. “Lutheran theology is biblical theology.” From that starting point, Mueller offered a “quick dash of Lutheran theology” for the convention delegates. He proclaimed the joy that results from God's work for all people in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. “Christ for us is why we are ‘Joy:Fully Lutheran.’”

Rev. Christopher S. Esget, Sixth Vice-President of Synod related the story of Mary and Martha to the delegates and recalled Jesus words to Martha. He then substituted us, the Synod, for Martha saying, “And Jesus, looking at a synod full of blame and bitterness, said, “Missouri, Missouri, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful.” The one thing needful is to receive from Jesus His righteousness, His love, His life. He has done everything already.

Rev. Robert Zagore gave the Sermon for the Midday service, stating, “False teaching steals the joy Christ wants us to have. To be Joy:Fully Lutheran we need to believe God's Word and follow it.

In Monday's Matins service we heard Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus, Fifth Vice-President of Synod speak on 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – Rejoice always. Our joy comes from Jesus. His incentive for enduring the cross was the joy set before Him (Heb. 12:2). The joy Jesus anticipated was to make many to be accounted righteous (Isaiah 53:11).

Monday's Essay was given by Dr. Thomas Egger from St. Louis Seminary. His theme was Joy:Fully Lutheran – Rejoice. A true and lasting joy has come into the world with the resurrection of our crucified Lord. To rejoice means that even along with the pain and tears of this life, along with the suffering and crosses, the “Yes!” that we have been given in Christ Jesus cannot, will not, be taken from us.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, the Executive Director, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, preached on John 3:25-30. The key to joy is when we become less, according to John the Baptist. In a world where self satisfaction or self glorification seems to be the norm, Jesus gift of grace empowers a life of joy.

The preacher at Tuesday's Matins service was Rev. Nabil S. Nour, the Third Vice-President of Synod. He preached on Luke 18:1-8 with the theme Joy:Fully Lutheran – Pray. Prayer is a gift from God. We are exhorted to pray at all times. Having handed all delegates a cup of M & M's, Rev. Nour used them as a reminder for prayer. We are to remember the Mother of prayer, the Scriptures. It is a blueprint for our minds, especially the Psalms. We remember the Messiah, Jesus, letting every prayer be mentioned in Jesus alone.

Tuesday's Essay was given by Rev. Josemon Hoem, Synodical Board of Directors member. He spoke on being Joy:Fully Lutheran through Prayer. When we “pray without ceasing,” we are pointed away from our sinful selves and our need for control. He points out that it is hard to be angry with someone you are praying for, therefore pray for your enemies. Be encouraged, your heavenly Father's ear is always open to hearing our prayers.

The Midday Service sermon was given by Rev. Prof. Laokouxiang (Kou) Seying, Assistant Professor, St. Louis Seminary. The culture pressures us to conform to the times of the day. We must pray to be biblically sound and confess the truth. The devil is never far away working to destroy the church, especially from within. Ephesians 6 tells us the devil is at work and also says to pray at all times in the Spirit.

Wednesday's Matins Service sermon was given by Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe Jr., Fourth Vice-President of Synod. He spoke on the theme Joy:Fully Lutheran – Give Thanks. No circumstance in life is an excuse for not being thankful. In both happy and sad circumstances we have reasons for joy. All that we are and have are gifts from God. We fail to give thanks as we should. Remember in bad times, God works all things for the good to those who love Him.

The morning's Convention Essay was given by Rev. Dr. Gottfried Martens, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin, Germany (SELK). Some 1,500 of his 1,700 member church are former Muslims who have come to faith in Christ. Rev. Martens asked the question, is it always appropriate to give thanks to God? He then pointed to the Pharisee in the temple who gave thanks to God for not being like the tax collector. We should not give thanks by comparing ourselves to others.

Rev. Peter Lange, President of the Kansas District gave the sermon for the afternoon service. He spoke on Hebrews 13:7-16. This service was a Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, for rostered and ordained servants who have passed in the last triennium. He asked who was it who spoke the Word of God to you as you grew up. They clung to that Word as sinful human beings relying on the forgiveness of their sins through Jesus. That same Jesus who is the same yesterday, today, and forever who offers forgiveness to us as well. We must give thanks for Jesus who sustained them as He sustains us.

Matins for Thursday morning service heard Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Second Vice-President of Synod, as the preacher. Jesus finds all His joy in service, not ceremony. Jesus seeks not His own honor and glory, but our righteousness, salvation, and eternal life. Most of Jesus ministry, He commands the people not to tell anyone about His miracles or who He is. Jesus joy is in doing the work of the One who sent Him, which took Him to the cross for our salvation. Jesus joy in service gives us the joy of being served by Him.

Report of the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (Continued)

Resolution Highlights

Floor Committee #1 – National Witness

- Res 1-01A That all members, pastors, and congregations are encouraged to incorporate the Synod's evangelism program *Everyone His Witness* into their evangelism emphasis. Adopted 91.1% in favor.
- Res. 1-06A That the ONM will produce resources to promote the biblical and crucial relationship between marriage, life, and family countering the cultural assaults against these. Adopted voice vote.
- Res. 1-07A Synod encourages church and school leaders to be aware of mandatory reporting laws of their states as they develop and adopt child protection policies. Adopted 98.6% in favor.

Floor Committee #2 – International Witness

- Res. 2-06 The Synod encourages short-term mission activities. Adopted 97.8% in favor.

Floor Committee #3 – Mercy

- Res. 3-04A That our seminaries, universities, and RSO's provide training and continuing education opportunities in clinical depression, mental illness, and other mental disorders as well as illness, health, and wellness.

Floor Committee #4 – Life Together

- Res. 4-03A That all LCMS districts, congregations, and schools make use of the *Making Disciples for Life* resources and tools to evangelize the lost, retain the faithful, strengthen congregations, plant new congregations and schools wherever possible especially in urban and multi-cultural communities, and engage in international mission in partnership with the Office of International Mission. Adopted 97.7% in favor.
- Res. 4-09 Declaring April 18, 2021, as "Here I Stand" Sunday, encouraging multi-congregational celebrations of Martin Luther standing before the Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms. A Synodwide thank offering will be collected toward the continued proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. Adopted by voice vote.
- Res. 4-10 Pastors and congregations are encouraged to study the freedom of Christians in the Gospel, the role of the priesthood of the baptized in the church, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and absolution using Luther's writings. This is a continuation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation including events from 1519 through 1522. Adopted by voice vote.
- Res. 4-11A Synod encourages the study of God's Word and Lutheran Confessions by all members of Synod with an eye to teaching and upholding our confession and practice regarding the administration of the Lord's Supper recognizing the Scriptural and practical necessity of adhering publicly to both a professed and functional closed communion practice. Adopted 78.9% in favor.

LEAP News Nugget

Admissions Coordinator Planning Moves Forward

In last month's *LEAP News Nugget*, promising plans were reported for implementation of a new Admissions Coordinator program potentially involving some of our area Lutheran schools, with goals and procedures being devoted to warmly, earnestly, and continuously inviting and welcoming new students and families into membership in the ministries of our Lutheran schools. The responsibilities of our paid, half-time Admissions Coordinator will continue to be developed and refined, largely based upon a similar position and program in Lutheran schools of Ohio. To date, a number of persons have applied to be considered for hire as our new Lutheran Schools Admissions Coordinator. Also to date, a number of our area Lutheran schools have each committed \$3000 toward their first year of participation in the program as it is further developed, implemented, and refined by school leaders in cooperation with our soon-to-be-hired Admissions Coordinator. We gratefully report that the Michigan District Lutheran Church Extension Fund has recently awarded a \$24,000 grant for three years of support for our Admissions Coordinator position and program. Watch for further news in coming months as we pray God's blessing upon this Lutheran School growth effort!

Area News

Justified Quartet Sun., Oct. 6th at 6PM at Mayville United Methodist Church. Freewill offering.

Taking Control of Aggressive Behavior Wed., Oct. 9th from 6:30-8PM at Rittmueller Middle School, Frankenmuth. Free. Will focus on Where it happens, How to identify, What to do. RSVP to wtrombly@cr counseling.org or call 989-652-0764.

Chicken BBQ Sun., Oct. 13th at Immanuel Lutheran School, Saginaw. Take-outs begin at 11:15AM, Dining Room begins at 11:30AM. Adults: \$10, Ages 6-12: \$5, Under 5: Free.

Trunk or Treat Sun., Oct. 27th from 3-5PM at Trinity St. James Lutheran Church, Munger. Free – Come rain or shine.



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 40-41 | READINGS 118-123

October 6-19

118. JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN—Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53

WEEK 40 | Oct 6-12

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives us the “Great Commission”. What is He commanding us to do?
- ◆ Think about good times, stressful times, sad times, and uncertain times. What does it mean that Jesus is “with us always”?

Prayer: Gracious Lord, hear my prayer. Give me opportunity to tell one person today about the hope that I have in You. Amen.

119. PENTECOST—Acts 2

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit caused the disciples to speak in other languages. What were they speaking about?
- ◆ After hearing all the disciples speak in other languages, and hearing Peter’s message to them, how did people respond? What did Peter tell them to do?

Prayer: Lord, continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit on those who trust in You. Give us opportunity to let others know Your works. Amen.

120. PETER AND JOHN HEAL A LAME MAN—Acts 3

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What was the lame man’s response to his healing? How did others respond?
- ◆ What did Peter call for the those who saw this healing to do in response? (Hint: See Acts 3:19-21)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your Word changes peoples’ lives forever. Let Your Word spread all around our community, that people might know the power of Your love. Amen.

121. GOD’S SERVANT, STEPHEN—Acts 6 & 7

WEEK 41 | Oct 13-16

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why do you think people got so mad at Stephen? How did Stephen respond?
- ◆ Acts 7:58 mentions witnesses of Stephen’s stoning laying down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. Who would Saul become?

Prayer: Lord, there are times when it is tough to stand up for what we believe. When that time comes for us to stand up for our faith in You, make us bold and courageous. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

122. PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN—Acts 8:26-40

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ When Philip told the Ethiopian about Jesus, what was his response?
- ◆ Do you know the date of your Baptism? If you have kids living with you, tell them about the day they were Baptized.

Prayer: Jesus, the power of Your Word changes our hearts, leading us to repentance and faith. Use us to boldly declare the power of Your love to others, that they too might experience forgiveness and life. Amen.

123. THE CONVERSION OF SAUL—Acts 9:1-31

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Saul was vicious to Christians (See Acts 8:1-3). Why do you think God would call a person like Saul to become a believer?
- ◆ Why were other disciples of Jesus initially afraid of Saul? What would you have done?

Prayer: Lord, all things are possible through You. Your mercy can change anyone’s heart. Work powerfully among my family and friends, so they may come to know You as Savior and Lord. Amen.



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 42-43 | READINGS 124-129

October 20-November 2

124. PETER AND CORNELIUS—Acts 10

WEEK 42 | Oct 20-26

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Early on, Jewish Christians had a difficult time including Gentile Christians in their ministry. Even Peter had this struggle. What was God teaching him in Acts 10?
- ◆ Think of a person you know who is totally opposite from you. How might you make them feel welcome in our congregation?

Prayer: Dear God, You taught us that everyone needs You. Race doesn't matter. We all need You. Give us a heart for others. Amen.

125. PETER IS FREED FROM PRISON—Acts 12:1-19

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why do you think King Herod and some of the Jews hated Christians so much?
- ◆ What are some things about Christianity that is unpopular with unbelievers today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, sometimes it's difficult to stand up for what we believe. Give us extra faith to boldly profess our faith in You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

126. PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY—Acts 13-14

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Describe a time you took a long journey. Why did you go? How did you prepare?
- ◆ When the Jews in Antioch and Iconium started to contradict Paul's teachings, what did he and the others do? What was the Gentile's response?

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to all the opportunities You give us to share Your love and forgiveness with others. When one way seems closed, open to us another route. Amen.

127. PAUL TELLS LYDIA ABOUT CHRIST—Acts 16:11-15

WEEK 43 | Oct 27-Nov 2

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ The fact you're here today, reading the Bible, means God opened up your heart to pay attention to what is being said. What does that mean to you?
- ◆ Notice how Paul didn't plan out every time they witnessed to others. It just happened. How might you prepare yourself to take advantage of the opportunities God gives you to tell others about Jesus?

Prayer: Lord, every day is new with the power of Your grace. Keep our eyes open for opportunities to share Christ with others. Amen.

128. PAUL SAILS TO ROME—Acts 27-28

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ How do you think the crew felt when Paul said, "everything is going to be OK?"
- ◆ In Acts 9:16, God tells Ananias, "For I will show [Paul] how much he must suffer for the sake of My name". Why do you think God allowed stonings, prison, and shipwrecks to happen to Paul? What might it teach us?

Prayer: Lord, even when bad things come against us, Your love endures forever. Through all situations, keep our eyes fixed on Your mercy. Amen.

129. JOHN'S VISION OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH—Revelation 21-22

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ John is given a glimpse of eternal life. What do we learn about the New Heaven and the New Earth?
- ◆ There is a lot going on in these, the last 2 chapters, of the Bible. What are the 2 or 3 things that stick out the most to you?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, eternal life is going to be great, more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior and giving me the sure and certain hope of eternal life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

BONUS READINGS

THE EPISTLES

ROMANS

Paul's Epistles

- ◆ Written to Christians in Rome, is the most systematic presentation of Christian teaching in the Bible. It's themes are judgment and righteousness, Jews and Gentiles, law and grace...or in a word, SALVATION. Paul shows that we are all sinners and can't earn our salvation. Only Jesus can and did.

1 CORINTHIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek city of Corinth, is about many seemingly unrelated issues—lawsuits, communion, spiritual gifts, women in the Church, matters of conscience, the resurrection. But the unifying theme is community, or how Christians are to RELATE to one another in all kinds of settings and situations.

2 CORINTHIANS

- ◆ It seems there were some leaders in Corinth who were questioning Paul's authority. Much of this letter is autobiographical, defending Paul's calling and right to apostolic authority.

GALATIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Roman province of Galatia, or modern day Turkey. It is the declaration of the Christian's independence from the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament. The theme is that salvation is by GRACE ALONE.

EPHESIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek city of Ephesus. This letter is about the CHURCH—what it is and how God wants to use it.

PHILIPPIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek city of Philippi, is about the JOY of our salvation.

COLOSSIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek city of Colossae, is about the magnificence of Christ and how we can glorify Him in our lives.

1 THESSALONIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek cities of Thessalonica, Macedonia, Achaia, Philippi, and Athens, is about RESTORING relations with the Thessalonian Christians after persecution separated Paul and his colleagues from the congregation.

2 THESSALONIANS

- ◆ Written to Christians in the Greek city of Thessalonica, to correct misunderstandings about Christ's return that had arisen after Paul and his co-workers left.

1 & 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS

- ◆ These are personal, instructional letters from Paul to his young understudies, who were elders or pastors. It tells pastors how to lead and how to relate to people of the congregation and vice-versa.

PHILEMON

- ◆ This is a short, personal letter from Paul to a wealthy Christian by the name of Philemon. Paul had somehow met Philemon's runaway slave and sent this letter back to Philemon, imploring him to receive back his former slave as a brother in Christ. This is a practical letter for employer-employee relationships today.



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THE EPISTLES

HEBREWS

General Epistles

- ◆ A letter in a class by itself, in that no one really knows who wrote it. Written to Jewish Christians, it is perhaps the most profound book of the New Testament. The letter presents a comparison between the Old Covenant of law and ceremony, and the New Covenant of GRACE in Christ.

JAMES

- ◆ A short, but powerful, letter about the importance of how you live out your faith. It is a kind of New Testament book of Proverbs. James 2 tells us that faith without works is DEAD. In other words, it doesn't exist. True faith in Jesus shows itself in the good we do.

1 & 2 PETER

- ◆ These letters, among other things, focuses on how the Christian is supposed to respond to ADVERSITY. Keywords are "sanctification", "suffering", and "obedience".

1, 2, & 3 JOHN

- ◆ Three little letters written by the Apostle John. The themes of all three letters are Christian LOVE, character, assurance of salvation, and truth.

JUDE

- ◆ A fiery little letter about serving God with PURITY and INTEGRITY.

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