

St. Paul Lutheran

October 2023 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a perpetual need for reformation within the Church. No matter our church body, no matter the time we live, we must always be vigilant against errors entering the church. It doesn't take long for us to get too comfortable, too lax, or too careless for Satan to slip something in under our noses.

This October, we remember and celebrate again the Reformation of the Christian Church brought about by the teaching and life of Martin Luther. Luther never meant to reform the church. He never intended to do most of the things he's remembered for. Yet, he's known as the great reformer because he sought out the truth of God's Word. Luther studied scripture diligently, always seeking to be its student. Whether it was his time as a monk or as a professor, Luther was bound by the truth of God's Word.

It's to this truth that we also must be bound lest we listen to the lies of our world and the deception of Satan. Just as Jesus says, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," John 8:31-32. The reformation wasn't anything special as we so often characterize it. Luther wasn't a reformer because he was somehow special. Reformation happens when we abide in God's word.

Consider this month our many opportunities to abide in God's word. Our church partnership is hosting a joint Reformation service on October 29 which will feature some wonderful music. We also have our Trunk or Treat on October 22 where we can witness to the great freedom we have with some fun and candy. On Wednesdays, Immanuel hosts a joint bible study for all who are interested. We also have our own regular bible study on Sunday as we go through the book of Revelation.

This is what the church needs most of all, that we all abide in God's word continually. We all should be bound to reading, studying, and seeking the pure truth of Scripture. As Lutherans, we're so often characterized (negatively) for seeking out the pureness of teaching and doctrine. Yet, it's for this reason that we do. When we know and understand God's word, God's truth, we find the ultimate freedom! For the truth of the cross is our freedom in salvation. The truth of the resurrection is our freedom over death in eternal life! So shall we be formed and *reformed* by God's word that we may know the truth and find freedom in Christ!

Pastor Sorenson



Happy Birthday!



Jack Hurst— 10/5

Tom Krizan— 10/7

Altar Flowers



October 1— Jack and Marlene Hurst for Jack's 90th birthday

October 8— Williamson's for their 32nd anniversary.

October 15— LuAnne Rommel for Darrel's Birthday

October 22— (None)

October 29— Ray & Jill Hellmer for their wedding anniversary

St Paul Online:

Visit our website: www.stpaulmadison.org



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(services and sermons online)



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Serving in October

Altar Guild

Linda Williamson & Kim Sorenson

Tellers

October 1-8-

Kay Daubenspeck & Chris Krueger

October 15-

Julianne McGill

October 22-29-

Jill Hellmer & Bonnie Kaschinske

Ushers

October 1-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

October 8-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

October 15-

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

October 22-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

October 29-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15- Leadership Meeting

October 22- Trunk or Treat

October 29- Joint Reformation Service

October 31- Vets Connect

Trunk or Treat

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat! Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors to participate. Open to all ages.



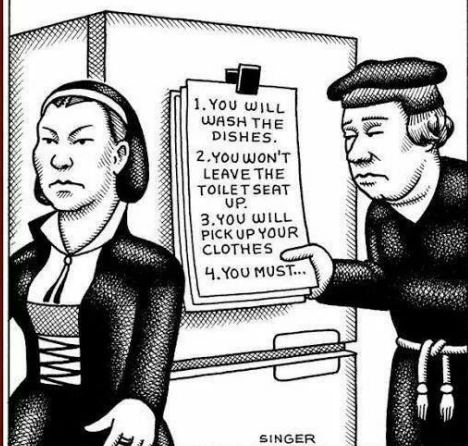
Sunday, October 22

11:30-1:30pm



If you are interested in offering your trunk for the event, a sign up sheet is available in the Narthex. Bring your own decorations if you desire. All candy will be provided by church.

LUTHER'S WIFE POSTS HER 95 THESES TO THE FRIDGE



Poinsettia Sign up!

Christmas already? It's that time again to sign up for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the narthex bulletin board.



Poinsettias come in **Red, White, Pink, or Jingle Bell**. **Flowers are \$17 a piece**. Checks may be made out to St Paul Lutheran Church with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, November 12**.

You may pick up your flowers following service on Christmas Day.

St Paul Financial Update

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

August 2023 Actual Income	\$11,296.62
August 2023 Actual Expenses	\$16,071.05
August 2023 Net	-\$4,774.43

DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (8/31/2023)	\$166,580.23
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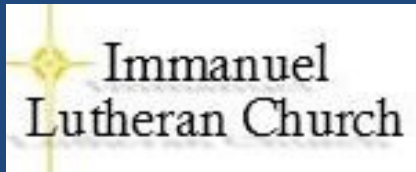
Take Note

Please send any items you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at office@stpaulmadison.org, or please call the office at 608-244-8077.

ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Thank you for your help!

LCMS Madison Church Partnership



Joint Bible Study

Immanuel has long held a Wednesday morning Bible study. In light of our budding partnership with St Paul, Monona, and Our Savior Deaf, we would like to invite members from our sister churches to join us.

We start at 9:00am with treats and chit-chat. The Bible study proper starts around 9:30am and goes for an hour. We typically work through a book of the Bible, with occasional detours to discuss the theological implications of current events or questions from the group. The group is currently working through the book of Job.

The group meets at Immanuel (1021 Spaight St, Madison, WI 53703) downstairs in the lakeview room. Enter the church from Immanuel's side door (look for a mailbox) head down the stairs and hang a right.

Joint Reformation Service

St Paul, Monona, Our Savior Deaf, and Immanuel Lutheran churches will be holding a joint Reformation service together **at Immanuel (1021 Spaight St, Madison WI 53703) on October 29th at 2:00pm**. In addition to these four partner churches, the Alleluia Ringers Handbell Choir from Concordia University Wisconsin will also be joining us for the service. We hope you will join us for a time of worship, praise, and celebration for the salvation which come to us by Christ alone.



There will also be a combined choir for the service. If you would like to sing, please email Mark Bloedow at musicdirectormeb@gmail.com for more information. Music and other resources will be provided. A rehearsal will be held prior to service at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 29. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates:

October 8 (1:30pm)- Partnership Council
(Monona)

October 29 (2pm)- Joint Reformation Service
(Immanuel)

November 12 (1:30pm)- Partnership Council
(Immanuel)

November 22 (6pm)- Thanksgiving Eve Service
(Monona)

Thanksgiving Service

Monona Lutheran is hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 22 at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ in worship.

Joint Advent

Our four churches are discussing plans for joint Advent services to be hosted at St. Paul. A meal would be served beforehand as we joined together in fellowship. Look for more details in the coming month!