



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

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**“GOD DOESN’T
LOVE US BECAUSE OF
OUR WORTH,
WE ARE OF WORTH
BECAUSE GOD
LOVES US.”**

- Martin Luther



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27TH**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH
OCTOBER 14TH-COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 16TH-BOSSSES DAY
OCTOBER 27TH-REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 31ST-HALLOWEEN

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETER S	MONEY COUNTERS
10/6	8:30 Traditional	Marilyn Niksa	Marilyn Niksa Barb Spatz	Lynnette Ozanich	Maria Phillips	Jennifer Hinton Cheryl Winwood	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00 New Song	Danelle Eikens	Lois Wolfe Cathie Varnes	Dean Firing		Lois Wolfe Trish Jacobs	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genther T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genther	
10/13	8:30 New Song	Tom Herr	Tiffany Salay *TBD	Sherrill Crawford	Vicki Raber		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00 Traditional	Cheryl Harkema	Liz & Jeff Campbell	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
10/20	8:30 Traditional	Mike King	Anna Mae Migra *TBD	Meg Montag	Vicki Raber		Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		
	11:00 Celebration	*TBD	Linda Jungeberg *TBD	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genther M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
10/27	8:30 Celebration	Kara Krywyj	Liz Wittman *TBD	Liz Wittmann	Lois Antl		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears	Tania French	Adam & Jennifer Hinton

	11:00 Traditional	Bonnie Sears	Lynne Morella *TBD	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	Alice Chadbourn Nancy Thompson
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NOVEMBER LECTOR/SERVER SCHEDULE

		8:30	11:00
03-Nov	LECTOR	Mel Grunau	Dave Hall
	SERVERS	Jennifer Hinton	Dave Hall
		Ginny Anderson	Chris Hall
10-Nov	LECTOR	Diane Ferreri	Danelle Eikens
	SERVERS	Linda King	Lois Wolfe
17-Nov	LECTOR	Marilyn Niksa	Bonnie Sears
	SERVERS	Marilyn Niksa	Alice Chadbourne
		Liz Wittman	Judy Stintsman
24-Nov	LECTOR	Paul Heyse	Cheryl Harkema
	SERVERS	Charles Russo	Liz Campbell
		Gail Hansen	Jeff Campbell

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT LECTORS AND SERVERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED!

Since many people are involved in more than one activity it has become increasingly difficult to schedule lectors and servers without conflicting with other activities. Since choirs are back in business, if you are interested in being a lector or communion server, please contact the office and let us know which Sundays and services you are available to serve on a regular basis. (This includes those who have been serving already)

Also, please let us know if you can fill any of the open spots for October listed above as TBD.

Thank you for your assistance!

Sherrill & Dean



Be a Reformer

As Reformation Day (Oct. 31st) approaches, my thoughts turn to what might be called “the protestant principle.”

Ecclesia semper reformanda est.

“The Church must always be reformed.” Popularized by the Swiss Reformed theologian, Karl Barth, this phrase reminds us that the work of reformation in the Church is never finished. Martin Luther did a lot. But there’s more work to be done. There is no pure Church, perfected for all time.

People looking for the pure form, in anything, will always be disappointed. There is no pure form. It doesn’t matter if we’re talking about the church, the government, the law, or even sports. Perfection simply does not exist. (Every Cleveland Browns fan knows this already. Steelers fans are learning it this year especially.) Accepting this, is a mark of maturity.

And yet, we are not called simply to accept the status quo. We are called to participate in the ongoing reformation of the Church in our time.

Ecclesia semper reformanda est.

Where can you lend a hand in the ongoing reformation of St. Paul’s? Is it on the Worship Committee, the Education Committee, the Outreach Committee, or the Property Committee. Is it volunteering to teach Sunday School? Is it offering to serve on Church Council? Opportunities abound.

This Reformation season, be like Luther. Be a reformer.

Pastor Dan

FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

August 31, 2019

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 248,602.11	\$ 326,888.00	\$ (78,285.89)	\$ 264,648.09
Building Use	5,184.00	4,800.00	384.00	4,135.00
Interest	122.27	120.00	2.27	79.44
Other Income	3,744.65	4,800.00	(1,055.35)	5,860.35
Total Income	\$ 257,653.03	\$ 336,608.00	\$ (78,954.97)	\$ 274,722.88
	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	(Over)/Under Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Expenses				
Benevolence	24,860.14	33,680.00	8,819.86	26,464.82
Worship	7,672.24	10,275.00	2,602.76	6,921.21
Programs & Services	8,995.86	12,376.00	3,380.14	6,300.76
Property	39,875.72	74,732.00	34,856.28	62,197.34
Staff Salaries and Benefits	143,149.15	164,514.00	21,364.85	144,230.98
Contracted Services	19,936.00	22,000.00	2,064.00	19,803.36
Administration & Support	14,622.69	19,566.00	4,943.31	16,713.14
Total Expenses	259,111.80	337,143.00	78,031.20	282,631.61
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,458.77)	(\$535.00)	\$ (923.77)	(\$7,908.73)

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:

Income

The YTD period ending August 31, 2019, has an operating deficit of \$1,459, year-to-date August 31, 2018, was at a deficit of \$7,909. Congregational Contributions through August 2019 are just over \$16k less than contributions received through August 2018, a decrease of 6%. Building Use/Other Income is about \$1,000 less than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at August 31, 2019, is now more than \$17,000 less than at August 31, 2018. Congregational Contributions and Total Income are under budget by just under \$79,000.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling program, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses

Total expenses are under budget by just over \$78k as of August 31, 2019. Total expenses YTD are \$23k less than total expenses as of August 2018.

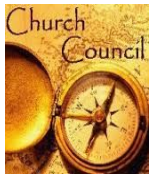
Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of August 31, 2019	As of August 31, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 111,928.48	\$ 93,691.86	\$ 18,236.62
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	627,234.42	607,372.42	19,862.00
Total Assets	\$ 3,780,711.90	\$ 3,742,613.28	\$ 38,098.62
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,722.10	\$ 3,309.87	\$ 6,412.23
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	7,528.00	(7,528.00)
Payroll Withholding	2,873.52	2,197.84	675.68
Accrued Expenses and Other	250.00	100.00	150.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	145,450.71	108,959.63	36,491.08
Total Liabilities	\$ 158,296.33	\$ 122,095.34	\$ 36,200.99
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (45,167.85)	\$ (20,875.48)	\$ (24,292.37)
Investments (Endowment)	626,034.42	599,844.42	26,190.00
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,622,415.57	\$ 3,620,517.94	\$ 1,897.63
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,780,711.90	\$ 3,742,613.28	\$ 38,098.62

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

COUNCIL CORNER



As in the past, the September Council Meeting is a rather lengthy meeting because of normal business plus the added task of discussing the initial draft of the Annual Budget for the upcoming year.

There were reports by the various standing committees updating progress on various items. The Education Committee update is one that I would like to share with you. The Education Committee reported that Valerie Kurek has agreed to cover at least some of the duties of the departed Youth Director. The Committee also reported that there may be a need to provide coverage for the Youth Sunday School program on Sunday morning. Over the next month, this matter may be in a state of flux in coverage; but, the goal is to provide a more permanent situation to this matter.

The Financial Report through the end of August was a matter of great discussion. For the first time, the Year-to-Date expenditures have exceeded the Year-to-Date revenues. Based on the outlook for the remainder of the year, it appears that this situation will continue to grow. Council is asking that the Congregation consider an increase in giving for the remainder of the year. Realizing that this may be a problem to some; but our hope is that there are some of us who can increase our giving.

With the above situation in mind, the Finance Committee presented a budget to Council which reduces expenditures from which those budgeted for 2019. The Committee has taken the position that the Budget for the Church should be like the one you use for your family (i.e. spend only what you can based on what you earn). Over the course of the next month, the various Committees will review their portion of the budget to ensure the needed items are addressed. Council will then finalize the budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, November 17.

The Office is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with an hour off for lunch from Noon to 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jack Flick, President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Jack Flick, Randy Genter, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Dan Skillman



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Christian Stewardship Has Many Definitions

- The believer's response to the creating redeeming and sanctifying love of God.
- A way of life which includes the way we manage our whole redeemed lives and our possessions.
- What I do after I say "I believe."
- Caring for all that our Lord has entrusted to us.
- The fruit of saving faith.
- The church in mission.
- The way we use our resources God has first given us as we are instructed to do.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



JOIN US! JOIN US! JOIN US!

Sunday School is off and running! We hope that you will join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. There are classes for 3's on up to High School students. It is a great way to spend time with old friends, make some new friends, meet some great teachers and learn lots of new things. It is not too late to join us. Hope to see you! If you have any questions, please see Susan, call, text, or email. We would love to have you!

CHILDRENS CHURCH - WE WANT YOU!

Children's Church has begun for the new school year! We hope that kids of all ages will join us on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at our 8:30 & 11:00 worship services. We will be hearing stories, having puppet plays, crafts, games, songs and having fun sharing time with friends, old & new. Confirmation and high schoolers are always welcome to join us as helpers for our little guys. Hope to see you!

THANK YOU ALICE-

Many thanks are being sent to Alice Chadbourne. Alice crochets the wonderful cross bookmarks that are given to our third graders with their Bibles. Many hours are spent creating these handmade treasures. Thank you, Alice, for sharing your time and talents with our kids each year. We appreciate all that you do for our Children's Ministry program.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

October 6 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

October 13 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children Sing in Worship
11:00 Children's Church

October 20 9:45-10:45 Sunday School

October 27 8:30 Children's Church
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
11:00 Children's Church

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulberea.org



WHEELS FOR THE WORLD



This year the Wheels for the World Team departed for the Middle East in mid September. As I write this, they are in-country and actively fitting and distributing wheelchairs on their 3rd day of about 10. Though I did not join the team this year, I have been in touch.

On their first day, after orientation, they welcomed the first few recipients who needed wheelchairs...parents bringing their elementary-aged son, three sisters bringing their severely disabled eldest brother, a mom bringing her

daughter, and others. One young adult daughter couldn't stop smiling, saying "you are making my mother so happy today," as they both watched the team adjust a chair for her sister. Custom-fitting eight people to their new chairs, watching as they take their new "ride" for a spin, joyfully sharing Joni Eareckson Tada's story as they explained that the "wheels" program has been made possible by a woman who also uses a wheelchair... hearing "Shukran! Shukran!" - "Thank you! Thank you!" and watching the team working harmoniously with local volunteers... is a very good start to the week ahead.

During the second day, one energetic young man of about 11, came with a wish in his heart for a chair that would allow him to be as active as possible, To begin with, "E" was given a youth chair in which he demonstrated good upper body and core strength, and even popped a few wheelies on the two back tires! But when "E" confessed to our host that he would really like a chair in which he could play tennis, the hosts' heart was touched with empathy and he discussed our limited supply of highly specialized "sports chairs" with the therapist and mechanic. They had looked through all the chairs that would fit the boy and had not seen a sports chair, but they went out to our inventory to look again, and there it was. . . a sports chair designed for our aspiring athlete, and it fit!

Look for more stories from this years trip in the November Highlights.



STAY TUNED-UPDATES WILL BE IN THE BULLETINS

ATTENTION ALL DOOR GREETERS, USHERS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF!

Please make plans to attend one of two Safety & Security Sessions here at St. Paul. These are specific to our building.

They will be Saturday, October 19th at 9am to 11am or Sunday October 20 at 7pm to 9pm.

Please respond to Randy Genter which one you will attend. (216-906-3789, 216-433-7485, or randy010@roadrunner.com.) Thank you.

In addition there will be one more chance to attend a Marc Fender class at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights on October 5th at 9am - 12:30pm. This will motivate you to attend one of the two at St. Paul.

Everyone's safety should be everyone's concern.

St. Paul Safety Ministry

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

Building a community of hope, through serving, witnessing and celebrating.

WHO WE SERVE

Hunger is the inability to identify where your next meal is coming from.

The Center's goal is to help families and individuals with the food resources necessary to feed themselves and their families in their homes for the next 9 – 12 nutritious meals. Since joining the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland in 1976, we have served people living on the near west side of Cleveland who continuously struggle to survive financially.

Our clients include:

- Senior Citizens and the Disabled on Fixed Incomes
- Recently Unemployed/Underemployed Families
- The Homeless
- Those Below the Poverty Level
- People Facing Unexpected Circumstances
- The Working Poor

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR BERA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Paper products
for home & personal use**

**In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month**



COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



**Tuesday October 8th at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost \$5.00**

**Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316**

MEMORIALS

Sue E. Ledel
Lois M. Stueber



Thank You!

Thank you for the many beautiful cards
and kind thoughts of love and well wishes sent to us!

All prayers are welcome!

With God's blessings and our love,
Pastor John and Mary Evans

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LOVE INC ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The annual coat drive for LOVE INC will begin **September 30th and run through October 25th**. All donations go to bless the homeless in our community. This year they will be collecting coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The greatest need is for children's and men's coats. All donations must be received by October 25th.

