



STILL NEEDED are kind people to bring their car and hand out candy. Sign-up in the narthex today.

Special Offering Today



The aftermath of recent Hurricane Helene in Asheville, NC.
The Southeast has been hammered by back-to-back storms.

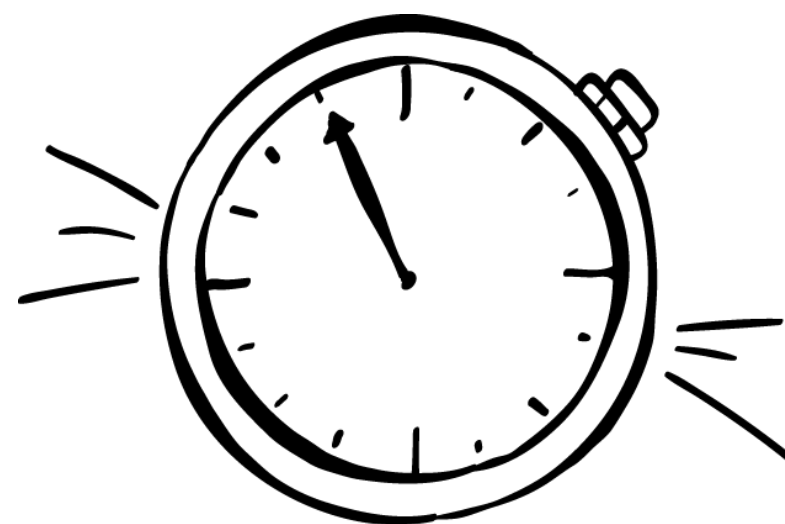
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The serving challenge

AVAILABILITY



“When Jesus came by, He looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. ‘Zacchaeus!’ He said. ‘Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.’”

Luke 19:5

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

Welcome to St. Paul!

We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, right here. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: "Hurry Sickness" is the name psychologists give our rushed, over-busy lives. We don't have time for one another. Jesus was a very busy man, yet He allowed Himself to be interrupted to care for people's needs. He came from heaven into the human race to be with, teach, heal, and ultimately save all people. Today we focus on the gift of being Available.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Faithful God, I give thanks for Your abundant blessings. I my worship today give me sincerity to admit my sin to You, and give me Your grace, as You never give up on me, but call me Your child once again. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Carl & Karen Saegert in celebration of their anniversary and in memory of their parents.

We Welcome Today Pastor Keith Herzing, our guest preacher, who will deliver today's sermon to us.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study This Week - We will wrap-up looking at the Bible book of Genesis and introduce Exodus. **This is a great time to jump in!** Try it out this Tuesday, Oct. 22nd @ 10AM. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM

Women are always invited to the women's group that meets in the church parsonage every Tuesday night. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman. We are just beginning a new discussion, "Meant for Good."

Boar's Head Festival at Concordia University – Each December since 1978 students, faculty, staff and community members come together to enact medieval Christmas traditions and the story of Christ's birth. The festival combines organ, choir, symphony, carol singing, costumed actors, medieval history and the story of Christ's birth into a moving spectacle, in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity on the campus of Concordia University, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In medieval England, Christians considered the wild boar to be a ferocious beast and a symbol for evil. They adapted the Roman feast custom of serving a boar's head on a platter to represent the triumph of the Christ child over evil. Pastor Paul was able to get a limited number of tickets to the performance on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 4:00pm. The campus is a 2 hour drive from Amherst and we will arrange transportation together from St. Paul. Tickets are \$22. each. See Pastor Paul soon if you'd like to go.

Gifts for New Neighbors ~ October's basket is a beautiful Fall-themed gift basket. Just fill out a form by the gift basket in the lobby, put it in the box, and you could be blessing your new neighbor this month. It's a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
10/20 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM Cemetery Walk 3 PM 10/22 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 10/23 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM 10/24 Guest Hospitality Team 1 PM 10/26 Family Fall Festival 11 AM	10/27 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 10/29 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM 10/31 Reformation Day

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Guest Preacher	Pastor Keith Herzing
Organist	Owen Reyda
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Ron Fisher (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
Acolyte	Steve Warnock
Greeters	Harold & Debbie Gibson (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Sound	Steve Warnock, Tina Muska (L)
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Clyde Strader (L)

Volunteers Needed Today, Sunday October 20th, The Amherst Historical Society is hosting a Cemetery Tour of the Cleveland Avenue's Cemetery Amherst founders. They will be using our parking lot. With their blessings, we at St. Paul is hosting refreshments and light snacks. This is the perfect opportunity for our Church and Preschool to become better known in the community. We also pass out information about our services, preschool and activities. You are invited to serve refreshments, set up and tear down. The time of this event is 2:30 to approximately 5:30 including prep time. Sign up in the narthex. Questions can be answered by contacting Judy Starbuck 440-320-7436. Thank you for helping us get our church more involved in our community.

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JESUS

SERVING

CHALLENGE

The Serving Challenge is 40-days dedicated to lead to more personal fulfillment than you ever thought possible. You are created by God to serve. You were made for more than just believing and existing until you die. **Serve like Jesus.**

THIS WEEK we will grow in learning to be **AVAILABLE**. In your Workbook you are on page 84. KEEP GOING EVERYDAY!



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“People are overwhelmed. There’s a lot of help that is going to be needed here.” —Reed Slattery, U.S. Programs National Director, World Vision

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You may also give directly through World Vision at this link:
[World Vision’s U.S. Disaster Relief Fund](#)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.
—2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

Prayer Requests this Week: *“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.” Psalm 148:18*

- Pray for victims of hurricanes Helene and Milton. Ask God to comfort those who grieve, grant safety, shelter to those without, and that rebuilding may happen with compassion and speed.
- Pray for Kuno and Christa Josupeit as Kuno is in hospice care are New Life Hospice.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Margaret Uhrík who is in the hospital with a wound infection. Pray that the antibiotics clear out the infection and that the PT puts the pep back in her step.
- Pray for Ruth Williams who is recovering from a fall and surgery to repair a broken hip. She is in Kingston for care and rehabilitation.
- Pray for Edna Klénz who is recovering from a fall. Pray for her fracture in her neck bones to mend, and that physical therapy is effective for getting her strength back.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering at Kingston in Vermilion.
- Pray for John Schick to continue his recovery at home.
- Pray for Will Rice as he adjusts to assisted living care.
- Pray for Ron Klein’s to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron Muska for relief of his back pain.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long, so that he restores his strength.
- Pray for Joanne Werner, Pastor’s mother, who was in the hospital last week for testing and weakness.
- Continued prayers for Aubrey, 12 yrs. old who has been going through treatment for cancer in her eye.
- Pray for Devin Jarvis, a young wife and mother who has a type of cancer that has been very hard to treat.
- Pray for Linda Little who has cancer.
- Pray for Kellie Conley, Darren Conley’s sister-in-law, as she is starting chemo for a new cancer diagnosis.
- Pray for Kevin, nephew of John Brabander, who has cancer.
- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for Floyd who has cancer in his back and started chemotherapy.
- Pray for Brian Harcula as he has cancer.
- Pray for Lorie, Cyndi Kemery’s cousin, who has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with cancer.
- Pray for Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for Randy who has bladder and prostate cancer and is starting chemotherapy.

- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bob Kemmerle, Megan Aufdenkampe, Nate & Will Hubbard, Debbie McGlothlin, Kim Nabakowski
- Pray with Hosanna Lutheran Church in Columbia Station as they give thanks to God for a new part-time Pastor who will be installed today. Pastor Phil McClelland will be pastor of both Hosanna and FaithWalk Lutheran Churches.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East and that the people of Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Gaza can receive food and care to survive. Pray that the tensions lessen and the conflicts do not spread.
- Pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia, that lives be spared, that there is a just and fast solution to the conflict without bringing other nations into the war.
- Pray for the United States that there is peace surrounding the coming election, that respect for one another replaces anger, that God’s Biblical truths replace confusion, and that we live in peace.

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