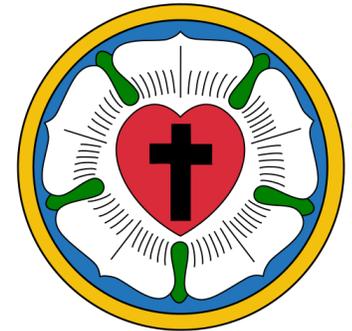


# The Monthly Herald 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is a community of people. It is a community connected to one another for common purposes: the education of children, fellowship and relationships with like-minded people, working together to accomplish some goals, like building our playground for our students and neighbors. It's great to be a part of a community.



Yet, the community of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is also a *spiritual* community. This community is the *very body of Christ*, that is, the *one Holy Christian Church*. The connection is much deeper than just working together for common earthly goals. It is a community of *believers, who are connected together by the very Spirit of the living God*. We gather to hear God's Word, to receive His holy supper, to grow in faith, to love and support one another in both good and bad times.

As you may know, one of our families is going through some "bad times." Noah Segura, one of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and a member of our church, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. So we show love to the family, support them, even shed some tears with the family. How else do we show support? We pray, we encourage them, we ask them how Noah is doing, and we provide support of some gift cards. That's what community, Christ's community, is all about.

Pastors and God's people have both the privilege and the burden to be there *for* people, *with* people, when they go through difficult days. It is a privilege because God has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is a distinct privilege of pastors to be there with spiritual support and encouragement from God's word and pastoral care. It's a burden because our hearts hurt too! Of course, it has been said, "A burden shared becomes half a burden; a joy shared becomes a double joy."

That's what the community of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is all about. Sharing and carrying burdens with and for one another! Sharing and celebrating the joys of life together!! Yes, "Sharing Life and Sharing Jesus," as the missional community T-shirts proclaim, that is what Jesus wants us to be doing. So let's do it, together!

One final word on carrying burdens. Sometimes people hesitate to call their pastors or the church office to let us know that they need help. Sometimes people are wondering when the pastor is going to come . . . but have not reached out to ask. So, if you are carrying a burden and want to make it half a burden, just ask. Pastor Josh and I are ready and willing to care.

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In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Bender*

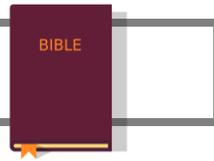


## OCTOBER



# Bible Studies

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## Men's Bible Breakfast

Men's Bible Breakfast meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month shortly before 7:00am. We talk a little football, we talk a little bit about life, and share with each other. We also share a good breakfast cooked by one of the guys. Then we study the Scriptures.

This fall we are going to study the **"I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.** Whenever missionaries translate the Bible into a new language to give to people who have never received God's Word, the Gospel of John is usually the first book to be translated. John's main goal is that we the reader will know who Jesus is, and what he has done for their salvation. Jesus is well-known through the seven I am statements that Jesus made, declaring himself to be Yahweh, which is the Old Testament name of the One True God. This study will take a look at these statements and see who Jesus wants us to know him as. The second half of the study will be looking at some other key events in the gospel account.

In *October we will gather on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>*. All men are welcome to come. The 79<sup>th</sup> street doors are open. Come and bring a friend!

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – Monumental Mountaintops (and a Special Guest)

During the month of October we will start off with a special guest:

### October 2: Pastor Brandon Koble – Classical High School

Pastor Koble will share the vision and goals of this high school, which is set to open Fall of 2023.

### October 9-23: Monumental Mountaintops – Pastor Bender

On the next two to three Sundays we will finish the topic of Monumental Mountaintops. Toward the end of the month (10/23 or 10/30), we will begin a study of selected psalms. *We meet at 9:15a.m.* on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great time to study God's Word, grow in faith, and be strengthened in Christ to face life and all that life brings our way.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class: How We Got the Bible

During the month of October we will aim to finish up the last three lessons on "How We Got the Bible." Lesson 3 is on "Silencing the Old Testament Critics." Lesson 4 discusses the question, "Did the Church Make Jesus Divine?" The final lesson (5) is entitled: "The High Price of an English Bible." Come and grow in believing the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God as given by the Holy Spirit. We meet Thursdays at 10:00am.

## From your Board of Elders

October is Pastor Appreciation Month...

Thank You Pastor Bender and Pastor Josh for all you do at St. Paul's in faithful service to God and His people!

Your leadership, preaching and care are a blessing to all of us!



# “Christian Life in a Non-Christian World”

A Fall Sermon Series - 2022

Just in case you haven't noticed, we are living in an ever-increasing non-Christian culture in these United States of America. There are cultural trends that challenge our faith. There are downright more aligned with Christian faith and values. Television shows, radio programming, and even public schools were significantly in sync with Christianity. Indeed, Andy Griffith went to church in the sitcom of his name sake and Ben Franklin Grade School (the public school Pastor Bender attended as a child) had a plaque with the Ten Commandments on the wall in the school lobby!

Well, things have changed. To quote Dorothy from the Wizard of OZ, “We aren't in Kansas anymore.” How do we respond to these issues in a distinctively Christian way? How do we “speak the Truth in love,” in a culture that no longer believes in absolute truth? How do we stand firm in the faith, fighting the good fight in the midst of cultural battles? These are things we will address in our fall sermon series here at St. Paul's. The following is a schedule of topics:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Text</u>
October 1 & 2	“All Lives Matter . . . Because God Gives Life”	Psalm 139 (free text)
October 8 & 9	“Christian Truth in a Non-Binary Culture”	Gen 1,2 Eph 5 (free texts)
October 15 & 16	“Christians Fight the Good Fight of Faith”	2 Tim. 3:14-4:5
October 22 & 23	“Childlike Faith in a Grown-up Culture”	Luke 8:9-17



## CELEBRATION OF NEW AND OLD OCTOBER 9, 2022 12:00PM



*You are invited to meet our new church & school families, celebrate with those who have milestone birthdays, and rejoice with our recently baptized!*

*Enjoy a free lunch and short program in the St. Paul's Gym.*

*Menu: Chili Bar, Nachos, Relish Tray, Pumpkin Bars, Apple Cider Punch, Coffee and Water. A chicken nugget meal for kids will be provided **for those who sign up in advance.***

*Sign up today at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the elevator room.*

*With Memorial funds received  
from the passing of Richard Hoelke,  
a new American flag  
has been placed in the front of church.*



## Fall



Look around the beauty  
God created for you and me...  
See the sun shining upon  
The colored leaves.

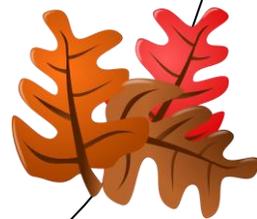
Many artists and photographers  
Make their own interpretation of  
what

It should be...

But there's no way.

**THIS IS GOD CREATION!**

By Elaine Lemke





## Ladies Groups



### Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at First Watch 5320 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly Ruby Tuesday) on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

### Quilter's Patch

Our little band of working hands is looking for a few more hands. NO SEWING experience needed. Have you admired the quilts in church every year? Do you like to create things? Do you like to help those in need? Do you have a few hours to spare a few times a month? Do you like fellowship with others? Then maybe your hands are just what we need. Come and visit us on a 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Monday in the fellowship hall. We are there 9am until 11:30am.

Quilting dates for October thru November are

October – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

Will need help the morning of October 1<sup>st</sup> to display quilts in the church

November – 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

December – Off for the holidays

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

LWML Weekend – October 1 & 2 – Quilts that will be going to foreign countries will be on display in the church.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTK\\_vX6NR9S0VJuxmk0PpA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTK_vX6NR9S0VJuxmk0PpA?view_as=subscriber)

Subscribe to our channel! Watch our worship services and devotions! We will have worship services on-line for about 6 months and special services (Christmas, Easter etc) for 1 year.



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulwa/> Access Facebook for church and school updates, video announcements, school chapels, and devotions!



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Visit our Website! [www.splcwa.org](http://www.splcwa.org)

Support our ministry through online giving! Stay up-to-date on our activities!

*Our weekend worship services are broadcast on TWO radio stations each Sunday at 8:00am. "JOY" 1340 AM and 98.7 FM*





# LERT Training



## LERT – Lutheran Early Response Training

When disaster strikes, there are great needs. When God’s people see great needs, they want to respond. Lutheran Early Response Training equips those with a heart to help with practical training to be to respond to disasters, as able, in good and healthy ways.

The South Wisconsin District (SWD) continues its effort to build its network of trained Lutheran Early Response Teams in the district. Our goal is to have at least one team in place per circuit, with larger congregations having their own teams in place. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church will host a training session on October 29, 2022, from 9am to 2pm.

To register for the trainings please go to **www.lert-lcms.org**. Volunteers will need to set up a profile and then will be able to register for the training session. Once trained, volunteers are able to deploy in disaster response **as they are able**. The cost is \$35 for materials and lunch. For more information, you may also check **www.swd.lcms.org**.

From the Board of Missional Community

Save these Dates!



**Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30pm Prayer Walk**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm** join us for the **dinner presentation From One -- Disciples Making Disciples!** We know that we are called to share our faith but don't know where to start and feel intimidated. Join us around the dinner table to learn practical, approachable ways to connect with others, build relationships, and share the Good News of Jesus. The cost is \$5/adult. Kids will enjoy dinner and games in the gym. Contact Heather Sanchez for early registration @ 608-228-6376 or heather.loomans@gmail.com.

**Join us October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am** for a **fun and impactful workshop** called **Rhythms** hosted by Heather Sanchez & Natalie Romano. The workshop also includes a craft. For more info or to sign up use this link! [www.tickettailor.com/events/bethelightinthisonewildlife/](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/bethelightinthisonewildlife/)

# Playground Update



We rejoice that work has begun on our playground project. During the last week of September and the first week or two of October, we should see the completion of the project. With delays in construction, dates for playground dedication and our big invite to the community is yet to be determined.

Be watching bulletins for further details.

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## A Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

Yes, my dear friends in Christ, we are still planning a trip to visit the land of Israel, to walk the way of sorrows to Golgotha, to see the temple mount where a great temple once stood, where Jesus drove out the money changers, where sacrifice was made year after year. We will get to see Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord, and Nazareth where Jesus grew up, and get to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught the crowds and once calmed the sea.

Well, this is the plan for the year of our Lord, 2023. The trip is tentatively set to take place leaving the week of June 19; we will be gone 13 days. Jo and I still hope that many of you would like to make the trip with us. *I am awaiting more details from Pastor Nabil Nour, our guide, who just recently returned from the Holy Land where he grew up as a child.* If you have other questions, please send me an email to me at [harold@splcwa.org](mailto:harold@splcwa.org) or give me a call at church, 414-541-6250.

May God grant us to make this journey and bless our hearts to see the actual places on God's earth where Holy History took place.





# Sharing God's Bounty



## Fearing God

As stewards, we are managers, caretakers, and trustees of all that God entrusts to us. Through grace, we respond to God's love and care. We live our lives and return our gifts out of gratitude and thanksgiving for who he is and what he does for us. However, if we do not include a fear of the Lord in our thinking as well as an acceptance of his grace and love, our understanding of God is incomplete. The fear of the Lord results from a recognition of our sinfulness and the separation from a just and holy God that sin causes. As our judge, God holds us accountable. He cannot and will not tolerate our sin. Because of original sin, we, by ourselves, are incapable of pleasing God. Out of his love, God sent his Son, who had no sin, to the Cross for our sins. *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding"* (Ephesians 1:7-8).

In 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, Paul refers to our need to fear the Lord. *"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men."* This passage does not refer to justification because, through faith in Christ, we are justified forever. What it does refer to is the question, "What have you done with your life through faith?" We are responsible for our actions. We will *"appear before the judgment seat of Christ"* to answer for what we did as his stewards. We can't avoid our accountability.

In Proverbs 9:10, we are told what is meant by *"fear of the Lord."* *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* As children of God, we revere him and submit to him. He is the exalted King. *"For I am a great King," says the Lord almighty, 'and my name is to be feared among the nations' "* (Malachi 1:14b). We are blessed because, not only do we stand in awe of our great King, but we also rejoice in him. *"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling"* (Psalm 2:11).

Through the fear of God, we see ourselves as we are ... small and sinful. Fear helps us see our need for God's mercy and grace. We submit to God because we understand our state of helplessness. The fear of the Lord is indeed the beginning of wisdom.

*Give your heart to Christ, and let him direct your giving. In order for you to be what you should as a church member, you must first define and confirm your stewardship obligations and commitments between yourself and the Christ who gave his all for you. Stewardship of time, talent and possessions is the very heart of Christian discipleship and our way of expressing our love in response to God's amazing grace.*



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart to all generations.  
Psalm 33:11



## Youth News



**Preparing for High School Soon?** We are blessed in the Milwaukee area to have three high schools committed to teaching truth: that our Lord Jesus died to save us from our sins. Each high school has a different approach to teaching this eternal truth. **In the fall of 2023, a fourth high school is opening, *Trinity Lutheran Classical High School, here in West Allis.*** Join us for Bible Study on October 2, 2023, as Pastor Brandon Koble talks with us about this new high school, what classical Lutheran education is, how Trinity Lutheran will help our district serve all families in the greater Milwaukee area, and to answer your questions to see if Trinity may be a good fit for your students.

### Senior High School Activities

**Summer Plans!** I know it is only October but it is time to start planning the Summer Servant Event! Parents and youth who wish to attend the Servant event are asked to come to the meeting following the 10:30 church service on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will vote on which service project we would like to do, and begin making plans to go.

**Lock In!** Put it in your calendars for on November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a lock in full of fun games, movies and snacks! It will be an all night activity! Contact Pastor Josh for more information.

## Open Gyms

Every third Sunday of the Month we will have the gym open to all of our Middle and High School Students!

Middle School Kids are from 5:00 – 6:00pm and High School Kids from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Pastor Josh has some fun activities planned for the kids, as well as some great devotions. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Josh.

