

SAINT PAUL'S Epistle

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We are One Family in Christ. Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 9AM

A whole-congregation combined service to celebrate the unity we share as a family of faith.

Join us as our Sunday School children and our Confirmation Class help lead us in the true meaning of the Church: A diverse family that is joined as one in Christ.

A brunch will follow the service.
All are welcome! (Even drop-ins!)

Confirmation Sunday Reformation Sunday October 25, 2009

On Sunday, October 25, St. Paul's will celebrate both Reformation Sunday *and* the Affirmation of Baptism, or Confirmation, of ten of its youth. Affirming their Baptism this year are:

Kaitlin Anderson, Erica DeBlois, Roxanne DeBlois, Rachel DiNatalie, Katie Grottke, Josh Marzano, Amanda Piscitello, Jamie Piscitello, Gretchen Schultz and Jay Viola,

During the service, each of these young persons will share with the congregation what their faith means to them. We hope you will make a special effort to honor our confirmands with your presence. And please be sure to include them in your prayers.

A "Table of Saints" for All Saints' Sunday November 1

On Sunday, November 1, St. Paul's, along with most churches, is celebrating All Saints' Sunday. As has been our practice for the past number of years, we will speak the names of those members who have passed on over the past ten years.

New this year (actually something we did once several years ago) will be the opportunity to bring

photos of departed loved ones to be placed on a low table in front of the altar. Those who are able to do so may bring their photos of their loved ones forward to the altar rail before the start of worship where an usher will place them on the "Table of Saints."

"Fall Back" on Nov. 1!

Remember: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2AM. Turn your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed!

An Invitation to a Conversation Sunday, November 8, 2009 12:30 to 1:30PM

In the September *Epistle* we extended an invitation to a conversation concerning the recent decision by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to "commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships," and to "finding a way" to allow persons in such same-gendered relationships "to serve as rostered leaders of this church."

Already there are reactions both positive and negative to this decision in numerous congregations throughout the ELCA. A growing few have chosen to remove themselves from the ELCA in protest over what they consider an irreconcilably wrong decision—a caving into a political agenda set by those who want to overturn basic Christian values. Many others have celebrated this decision as one step along the way to bringing compassionate justice to the lives of those who have been marginalized and stigmatized, especially by the Church, for differences of orientation over which they have no control.

As was written in the September *Epistle*, the ground rules for this conversation will be mutual respect for the deep rooted feelings—the "bound consciences"—of the

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other. We are invited to listen to and not convert one another. In the spirit of mutual love and respect we hope to grow in our understanding of the complexity of this issue and in our ability to live together with all of our differences, united by “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

Passing of the Peace and Receiving Holy Communion during the Flu Season

Some have asked about the wisdom of passing the peace during worship or if they should have any concerns about receiving Communion during the flu season, especially in light of the growing concern over the n1h1 flu virus. Here are some tips gleaned from ELCA and the CDC sources:

It is not necessary to eliminate the passing of the peace, even during the flu season, as long as certain precautions are taken. If you are sick, it is best to stay home and not spread your illness to others. If you are anxious about giving or receiving any unwanted virus or other potential illness, don't make it a big deal, just politely wave or flash the peace sign to those about you. The passing of the peace is not mandatory.

During Communion, please know that the Pastor and Communion Assistants either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer immediately before distributing Communion. If you have a cold, you should avoid using the intinction (dipping) method to receive the bread and wine together. Studies have shown that our hands carry far more pathogens than

do our mouths. The use of the individual cups is the safest way to receive wine.

Everyday actions can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. (Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.) If you don't have a tissue when you feel a sneeze coming on, use the bend of your sleeve and not your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. We have placed several bottles of this in various places around the Church.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

And again, **Stay home if you are sick.** If you have missed a Sunday service and wish to hear the latest sermon, you can always download it from our website.



The church choir was putting on a car wash to raise money to pay their expenses for a special trip. They made a large sign, 'CAR WASH FOR CHOIR TRIP', and on the given Saturday business was very good. But by two o'clock the skies clouded and the rain poured and there were hardly any customers.

Finally, one of the girl washers had an idea. She printed a very large poster which said, 'WE WASH (then an arrow pointing skyward)...GOD RINSES'. Business boomed!

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- 1 Patty Bengtson
- 1 LeeAnne Creevy
- 1 Monica Hupfer
- 2 Michael Coyle
- 5 Lynne Matteson
- 7 Kathy Coyle
- 7 Susanne Farley
- 11 Danuta Turek
- 17 Penrose Wolf
- 20 Jody DiNatalie
- 21 Jack Leahy
- 23 Sara Preuss
- 23 Richard Bonds
- 23 Anthony Todaro Jr.
- 26 Holger Lundin
- 27 Crystal Brozynski
- 31 Helen Hube



HARVEST FAIR

Thank you to all who participated in either baking, crafts or volunteered their time. Our fair was a great success, raising over \$4,000 with which to refurbish our kitchen so that we can better pursue our mission to feed the hungry and create more opportunities for fellowship.



To all of our fellow Saints,

We have had another brainstorm. There can be no better way to share Christ's Love with others than to be of service to them when they need us the most. Therefore, St. Paul's has agreed to prepare and serve a complete *Thanksgiving Feast* – to those living at South Park Inn. We will be serving this for them on Thanksgiving Day. Let us show them they are not forgotten and do it with all the love we can muster by preparing it homemade.

We hope that the entire congregation will participate in this event to make it a huge success. Anything that you make can be delivered to the church Wednesday evening or Thanksgiving morning. There will be sign up sheets in the fellowship area.

Some of the food is being donated. Area markets have been solicited for turkeys and other food items. As the time draws closer we will share with you what foods are available for you to take home, prepare and return to St. Paul's. For the rest of it, we are hoping that we will all share in the expense.

Thank you in advance for helping all of us do the Lord's work. Remember the ELCA motto "God's work - Our hands."


These are some ideas on what is needed.



- ~ Bake a turkey, carve it and return it to St. Paul's
- ~ Make a secret family recipe for some kind of side dish like stuffing,
- ~Vegetables or cranberry sauce
- ~ Bake, roast or mashed potatoes
- ~ Gravy
- ~ Make sweet potatoes with or without marshmallow topping
- ~ Bake homemade breads
- ~ Bake a dessert, pies or Danish
- ~ Make Homemade Fudge or Candy
- ~ Create table decorations (fun for Sunday School Children)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 OCTOBER	5 Ed Gentino down stairs 6-8:30 PM	6 Outreach Team 7 PM OA 7:30PM	7 Bible Study 10:30 AM Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	8 Thurs. Group 10AM	9 AA 10 AM	10 Randal Wedding 2 PM AA 7:30PM
4 One Family In Christ Combined Worship Celebration: 9AM Brunch after service	12 Columbus Day Ed Gentino down stairs 6-8:30 PM	13 OA 7:30PM	14 Bible Study 10:30 AM Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	15 Epistle Deadline Men's Breakfast 7:30AM Thurs. Group 10AM Interment of Sally Edison, 12PM South Park Inn 4:15 Teaching Team 7 PM	16 AA 10 AM	17 Funeral for Irene Misner: 11AM AA 7:30PM
11 Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM	19 Ed Gentino down stairs 6-8:30 PM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Bishop's Convocation: Pastor Away </div>	20 OA 7:30PM	21 No Bible Study Confirmation 6 PM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	22 Thurs. Group 10AM	23 AA 10 AM	24 AA 7:30PM
18 Holy Comm. 8 AM Holy Comm. 10:30 AM	26	27 Parish Admin. 6:30PM Council 7:30PM OA 7:30PM	28 Bible Study 10:30 AM AA 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM	29 Thurs. Group 10AM	30 AA 10 AM	31 AA 7:30PM
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ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR October 2009

ACOLYTES:

Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094

- Oct 4 - Katie Grottko
- 11 - Kaitlin Anderson
- 18 - Jay Viola
- 25 - Gretchen Schultz

ALTAR GUILD:

Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 659-4094

- Oct 4 - Winnie Sawrun & Ann French
- 11 - Jennie Dotts & Betty Lamo
- 18 - Helen Peterson & Mary Susla
- 25 - Elaine Strecker & Linda Anderson

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- Oct 4 - Jim Newmark - 9:00
- 11 - Art Bruce - 8:00
- Bill Fischer - 10:30
- 18 - Jim Newmark - 8:00
- Jerry Vaillancourt - 10:30
- 25 - Mike Coyle - 8:00
- Mary Procyk - 10:30

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Sue Agne, Coordinator, 563-0776

- Oct 4 - Mary Procyk
- 11 - Jim Newmark
- 18 - Lillian Doerschler
- 25 - Walter Rupp

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 529-7588

- Oct 4 - Brunch
- 11 - Debbie & George Howe
- 18 - Pam Speno & Carol Farley
- 25 - Helen Peterson & Harriet Fritsch

FINANCE:

Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 257-4793

- Oct 4 - Mary Procyk
- 11 - Lillian Doerschler
- 18 - Helen Peterson
- 25 - Lois Woy

LECTORS:

Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 529-1939

- Oct 4 - Emily Lourigan
- 11 - George Howe
- 18 - Lillian Doerschler
- 25 - Carol Bruce

NURSERY:

Ann French, Coordinator, 529-3245

- Oct 4 -
- 11 - Julie & Matt Perry
- 18 - Margaret DeBlois
- 25 - Rachel & Pam DiNatalie

TAPING MINISTRY:

Coordinator,

Oct

USHERS:

Brian Beckwith, Coordinator, 8AM, 563-4066

Oct Suzanne McDonald

Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 10:30AM, 529-3079

- Oct 4 - Dave Bayek & MaryAnn Mead - 9 AM
- 11 - Curt Leonard & Bernice Noeker
- 18 - Curt Leonard & Russ Bengtson
- 25 - Curt Leonard & Russ Bengtson

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:00 and 10:30AM

SCS & Adult Ed. at 9:00AM

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REMINDER:

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