



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church  
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# The Glad Spirit

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

### October – November 2017



### A Celebration Honoring the Life of Martin Luther and 500 Years of Faithfulness

#### A picture is worth a thousand words

**Oct. 1** **Faith focus** on Baptisms: Martin Luther's, ours & the Small Catechism explanation  
**Fun:** Bring in baby or Baptism pictures by 9/24 for the Who's who contest.  
**Food:** Baptism cake, coffee, juice  
**Find:** All your families Baptisms with names & dates will be listed around the PH  
**Family:** Growing in Jesus 500 Yr. of Faith for Families devotional for each family

**Oct. 8** **Faith Focus:** Education in our Faith and our Occupations and Gods Plan for us.  
**Fun:** Bring in School pictures, grade, HS or College, Wear Your School Colors  
**Food:** Alumni Weekend: Pot Luck Snack Foods, Nachos, dips, chips, etc.  
**Find:** Confirmations names & dates will be around the parish Hall  
**Foto Op:** Martin makes an appearance, photo ops  
**Family:** Mighty fortress Prayer card for each family

**Oct. 15** **Faith Focus:** Celebrate Marriages Martin & Katie  
**Fun:** Bring in Wedding pictures yours, families or friends  
**Food:** Wedding Cake and coffee, juice  
**Find:** Wedding names and dates will be around the parish hall

**Foto op:** Martin and Katie Join us for more Pictures

**Family:** ????

**Oct. 22 Faith Focus:** on Family: Martin, Katie & family and Friends

**Fun:** Bring in Family pictures Old ones & or new ones

**Food:** Pancake breakfast, coffee and juice

**Family:** ?????

**Oct. 29 Faith Focus:** Celebrating the 500 Years of Faithfulness!!

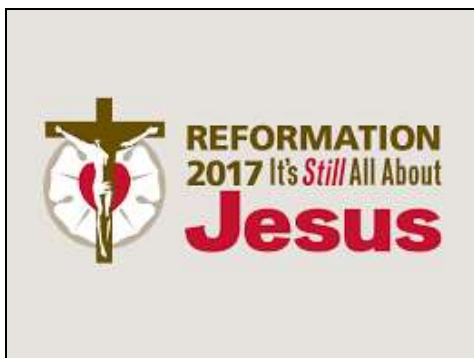
**Fun:** Games and music

**Food:** Reformation Luncheon, Sausages and pot luck German food

**Foto Ops:** Our St. Paul Family, maybe with Martin & Katie will join us.

**Family:** Luther Rose Magnet.

**Tell everyone that you know  
About the 500 Year Celebration.  
Invite friends, family, strangers to  
Celebrate this October with us.**



## A Man Called Martin



Two years ago, the Lutheran Laymen's League undertook an ambitious project of producing an in depth look at the Lutheran Reformation through the efforts of Martin Luther in celebration of the Reformation's 500th anniversary. This project culminated in the production of a three part video series entitled "A Man Called Martin."

Its three parts are spread out over three years on the life of Martin Luther and the significance of The Reformation, During the previous two years,



at St. Paul, we have shown the first two parts. This year we are showing the third part focusing on the movement of The Reformation through the centuries to the present time. The third part is subdivided into five segments, which we will be showing through October, beginning Sunday, October 1st at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday School, Bible Class time in the church fellowship hall on the big screen monitor.

As Lutherans, we have a rich heritage not only biblically and theologically, but also culturally. Many of the things Luther advocated not only benefit us in the church today, but also in our lives in today's world. It is indeed beneficial for all of us to learn more of what our Lutheran heritage has accomplished. Come and learn about our great heritage as Lutherans



## St. Paul's First Annual Car Show



Our congregation undertook an ambitious project in hosting the first annual Car Show on Sunday, August 6. The purpose of the car show was to provide an opportunity for the community to come and experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation and its people. We had a total of 12 owners of classic automobiles come to display their cars. This is not a bad turnout for the first time we have ever had a car show. More importantly, however we had a total of 102 people come to view the cars and enjoy the event.

A great deal of planning and work went into conducting a car show. Many people participated. We especially want to thank Rich and Janice Reichert and Connie and John Jeka for an enormous amount of effort. These folks are not only enthusiastic car show buffs but also hard workers with strong dedication. A number of other folks were actively involved in a number of ways. We thank everyone for making our First Annual Car Show a success.



**Youth Confirmation Instruction** - We are in the process of planning and organizing a new class of Confirmation Instruction for youth born in the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008, If you have a youth in this age bracket in your family or know of a youth who might be interested in becoming a part of the congregation through the rite of Youth Confirmation. Kindly contact Pastor Wahl, so that they may be included in the planning process.

## It's Still All About Jesus!

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is turning out that at St. Paul, we are not just celebrating Reformation Day this year. Rather we seem to be celebrating Reformation month this October. Normally we take just one day to remember that Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 nailed his 95 theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Though that event seemed rather insignificant; it turned out that that event had many ramifications that changed the course of world history. We still today feel the impact of Luther's hammer and nails.

This year marks 500 years from the time Luther nailed his 95 theses. He only wanted to make simple suggestions to better the work and ministry of the church of his day. Little did he realize what he was doing would set off a multitude of other events culminating in millions of people today calling themselves "Lutherans."

At St. Paul we have a number of things planned to celebrate 500 years. Each Sunday in October an activity is planned and we will focus on a different aspect of the Reformation. Yes, there will be much talk about Luther and others who played an important role in the Reformation. We will be doing things to emphasize our history and heritage as Lutherans. Within all of this will be a clear message that our real treasure is not Martin Luther and other characters and events



in the Reformation. Rather our real cause for celebration and joy is JESUS!

It's Still All About Jesus! That's the theme chosen by our church body, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to celebrate the Reformation's 500th. That theme directs it to what it's all about. While the Reformation accomplished the task of clarifying the Gospel and enabled the church to proclaim it loud and clear; the Reformation will never save any of our sin-sick souls from eternal destruction in the pit of hell. Martin Luther and all the others in Reformation history needed salvation, just as you and I do. They needed Jesus. We need Jesus.

It's Still All About Jesus! The Father in heaven sent Jesus into this world to accomplish what we could not do. By His birth, life, obedience, suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension Christ paid the price of salvation for each of us. What can we do? Nothing! Absolutely Nothing! Jesus did it all. Our salvation is full and complete.

Martin Luther made the message clear for the people of his day. Hopefully and prayerfully, the message is clear to us today. It's Still All About Jesus!

In Christ our Lord,  
Pastor Wahl



Sunday School has begun and we are glad to see everyone back! Please note our new time 9-9:40. We start right at 9 in the church before heading up to classrooms. Bring a friend and come join us in growing in faith.

There are many activities in October to celebrate the reformation. The end of the month will also kickoff the annual food drive for the holidays.

If you haven't received a calendar for Youth Events please see Mrs. Gribbin, Mrs. Krieger, Mrs. Dejonowski, Mrs. Hudson, or Mrs. Allen. We have fun events and service projects set for

each month. Stay tuned for Christmas Program, Sun. Dec 17th after church starting at noon, details in the next newsletter!!

Many Blessings,  
Sunday School Team



Sunday School and Social Ministry are joining forces again this year to stock the food shelves and assist with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. "Take a card and bring the item next Sunday" cards are located on the pantry door in the southwest corner of the parish hall. Food baskets are always getting delivered so please keep taking the cards. A meal only lasts for a few hours then you are hungry again. That is why the pantry is always running low. Gift cards and cash donations are welcome and are used to purchase perishable items, i.e. a \$15 gift card from Aldi's can buy milk, eggs, bread and ground beef. Those who are in need are always very grateful. This is done on your behalf and in the name of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ!



## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS 2017 AT ST. PAUL

Although at this writing it is still in the 80's, we are beginning to plan for Holiday Happenings 2017 at St. Paul's.

In the past we have had vendors, cookie decorating, lunch, fabulous bake sale, Wolcott School Singers, Comfort Dogs and a live nativity with live animals. We hope to repeat many of these this year. Plus, the trolley will be in and out of our parking lot picking up and dropping off passengers.

The date to mark on your calendars is Saturday, December 2 from 10-3. Kathy Dejanowski will be seeking assistance from anyone who is able to help. Please respond to her and encourage her in this effort. Any new ideas are always welcome.

Holiday Happenings brings many people from the community inside our church building. It would be good to have members on hand to welcome them. Thank you in advance for your support!!



**Transfer of Membership** - Mr. Tim VanDommelen of our congregation has been transferred at his request to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kankakee, IL. We wish the greatest of The Lord's blessings on him in his new church home.

**Removed from membership** - Mr. Don Esler, Jr. has been removed from membership in our congregation.



**"It's tough living out the fruit of the Spirit when my flesh just wants to be a couch potato."**



**+ Loretta Manns +**

Mrs. Loretta R. W. Manns of our congregation entered eternity on Wednesday, September 6. At age 93, Loretta was the oldest member of St. Paul. Loretta was also a life-long member since her baptism in 1923. Through the years, she was quite active in various activities of the congregation.

She is survived by her daughters Shirley McNally and Cindy Bogel and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bernard, and four brothers and four sisters.

We extend deepest sympathy to her family members and rejoice with them in the resurrection promises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Wahl presided at a graveside service on September 30.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
September - May

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours  
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline  
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit  
personal testimonials about what God  
has done for you. Or original art that is  
inspirational or humorous to the artist.

## CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

**Chairman** Bill Sommer  
**Vice Chairman** David Bloom  
**Recording Sec.** Tracy Middleton  
**Financial Sec.** Robert Brandy  
**Treasurer** Chris Carr  
**Elder** Ed Hoeksema  
Steven Michels  
Henry Sella  
Jack Swan  
Brian Wiltjer  
Jerry Wiltjer  
**Trustee** Dean Bloom  
Earl Bloom  
Jerry Smith

### Stewardship

**Evangelism** Debi Brandy  
**Social Ministry** Norma Allen  
Sandy Budde

**S. S. Super.** Kathy Dejonowski

**Asnt. Super.** Dana Krieger

**Adult Director**

**Youth Director**

## October

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Barbara Hoeksema    | 15 David Hudson Jr.  |
| 3 Sandi Ovalle        | Ashley Orendorff     |
| Ruth Roberts          | 16 Nicholas Plecas   |
| Connor Sheridan       | 18 Dolly Tatgenhorst |
| Judy Wilmington       | 19 Jayden Wisely     |
| 7 Kaylee Krieger      | 21 Austin Kukulski   |
| 8 Chris Altmann       | Daniel Zander        |
| 10 Phillip Rick       | 22 Barry Diekelman   |
| 12 Judy Bloom         | 25 Donald Pearson    |
| 13 Madelaine Zander   | Erik Schassburger    |
| 14 Payton Vandommelen | 29 Joyce Arsenault   |
|                       | 31 Janice Reichert   |



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

## November

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kimberly McCrary   | 19 Don Esler Jr.    |
| 5 Andrew Bahm        | 21 Nicholas Carr    |
| 6 Sarah Pfeifer      | 24 Debi Brandy      |
| 8 Laura Schassburger | Judy Diekelman      |
| 9 John Chiattello    | 27 Travis Middleton |
| Irene Gall           | Dustin Tatgenhorst  |
| Robbie Jarden        | Danielle Zander     |
| 10 Kathie Bodza      | Sean Zander         |
| Anthony Conway       | 28 Brenda Jarden    |
| Nicole Reichert      | Hope Krieger        |
| 11 Jeffrey Michels   | Bert Wilmington     |
| 14 Alexis McGrath    | 29 Samantha Kolosh  |
| 16 Matthew Farris    | 30 Ellen Krencjarz  |
| 18 Cayden Parker     | Jennifer Sella      |

When I say: "A person becomes righteous in the sight of God by faith," I mean to say: "He becomes righteous gratuitously, by grace, by God's making righteousness a gift to him." Nothing is demanded of the person; he is told: "Stretch out your hand, and you have it." Just that is what faith is—reaching out the hand.

—C. F. W. Walther

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