



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church  
 508 North Chicago Road  
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# The Glad Spirit

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

### October – November 2019



**SAVE THE DATE OF  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
 PLAN TO JOIN IN THE FUN  
 FROM 9 - 3 for St. Paul's  
 involvement with the  
**2019 Holiday Happenings.**



### **Attention All Women**

You are invited to a morning of joy and renewal. A time to get together and enjoy fun, fellowship and God's Word.

Plan on spending the morning and stay and enjoy a light lunch.

The only thing to bring is yourself and a guest.

Saturday October 26- 2019 From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coffee and....starts at 8:30am.

Please let Shirley or Debi know so we can plan food accordingly.



## Crismon Ornaments

Our Christmas Tree in in dire need of replenishing our Crismon Ornaments. We are asking all to share your talents to create new ornaments. The only thing you need to bring is you creativity and imagination. There are many different types of Crismon ornaments felt, wooden, canvas, beads, embroidered, just to name a few. We are calling all men, women and children to lend a hand. We will have some kits pre-made up if you would like to take it home to complete, or if you would like to design you own ornaments the materials will be available after church on Sundays. We have a book with many pictures and there are many ideas on Pinterest Do you know why some of the symbols are used? Pictures and explanations will be posted in weekly bulletins being in October.



## Save The Date



St. Paul congregation will hold its annual Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00 p.m. This is the service in which we gather together as God’s people to give Him thanks and praise for the multitude of blessings He has showered upon us personally and individually as well as a congregation.

This year, the Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, president of our Northern Illinois District will join us. President Buss will deliver the sermon for the service as well. As in previous years, we will have a congregation wide

Thanksgiving dinner to which everyone is welcome. Information will be forthcoming regarding dishes to bring. Set the date aside and plan on thanking and praising the Lord.



## Revelation II

On Sunday, September 15, we begin a new session of the Sunday morning Bible Class. Before taking a summer break, the class had been studying the New Testament book of Revelation. Eleven chapters were covered before the break. We will pick up with Revelation again, tackling the remaining chapters. Hence we’re calling this session Revelation II. Plan to come to the class as it meets at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall by the large screen monitor.



### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT ST. PAUL

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

We are in the process of planning for St. Paul’s involvement in Holiday Happenings 2019 in the Village. While plans are not final, this is what we’re hoping to have here at St. Paul’s on December 7.

As in prior years, we will have the Sunday School decorating cookies; Witvoet Wares by Judith (Wahl) Witvoet; Gene Allen’s Photography display and sale; Winter Floral (make your own live wreath), soup and sandwich lunch and a bake sale. We will also have the live nativity in our front yard and EVERYONE is encouraged to be a part of it!! Slide on a costume over your coat

and see how it feels to stand or sit in the manger - with live animals. Awesome!!

The trolley will be stopping in our parking lot and you can take a free ride around town.

The Wolcott School Chorus will perform at 1 pm. Take this opportunity to sing your favorite Christmas songs.

We're looking for assistance in a few areas: minimal setup on Friday, Dec. 6 at 4 pm, help on Friday to prepare the bake sale, plus sales on Saturday, help with the cookie decorating table, 1-hour shift in the kitchen for lunch, cleanup at 2 pm. Contact, Janet Sanders for more information.

This is a fun day and great opportunity to reach out to the community to introduce them to our church. It's also a chance for you to welcome those visitors who come in off the street – but you have to be here!! So, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7 and join us for lunch and all the activities and opportunities!!

To wrap up the weekend of activities, on Sunday, December 8 the St. Paul Singers will perform at the Historical Society Open House from 2-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. A witness to the community, a visit to our old church home, and an afternoon of fun. And, I forgot, refreshments. Lots of goodies!!

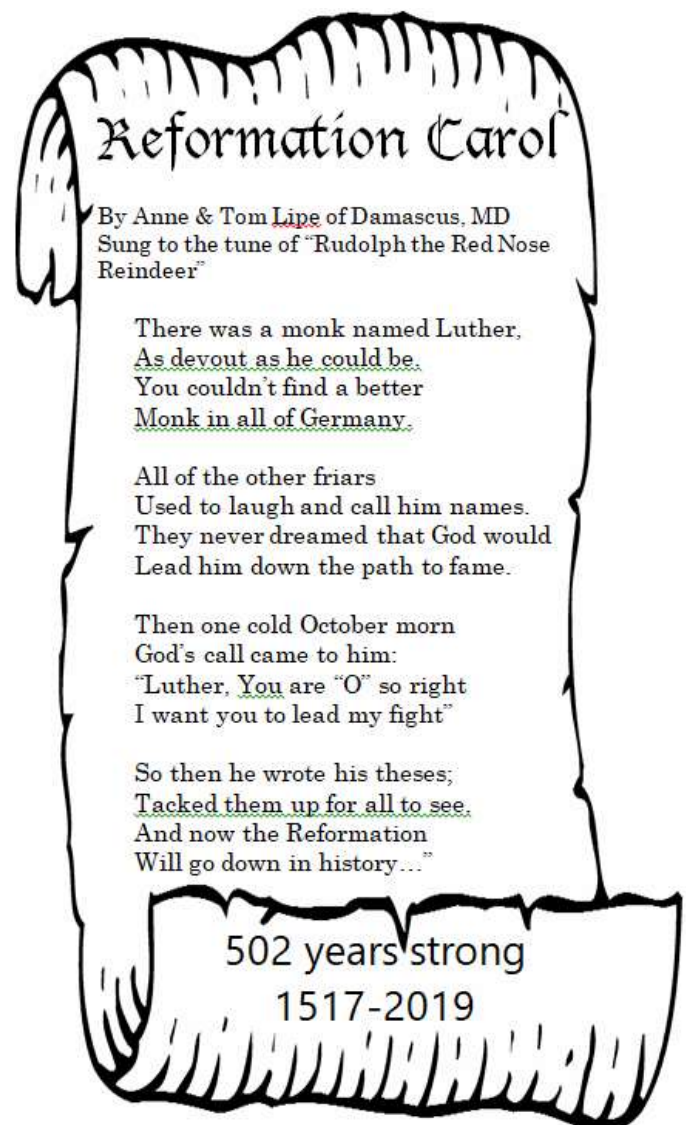


## Reformation Sunday October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday will be here before we know it, as well as the traditional Reformation luncheon and festivities. As in the past bratwursts, buns and beverages will be provided and we ask you to bring a side dish, in keeping with tradition a German side dish is best. Games and music will round out the luncheon. We encourage everyone to join in the fellowship, food and fun, and to share the faith with a friend.

Sharing a thought to ponder: In the past I have always thought of October 31 as the beginning of the Holiday season. It seems once Halloween came, Thanksgiving and Christmas were soon to follow. Several years ago I had the opportunity

to volunteer in the Sunday School Department and one of the things we did was a play on the Reformation. We also learned more about the man/monk Martin Luther. I admit prior to the play I did not really understand what the big to do about the reformation was all about (I was not raised Lutheran) By teaching the children I too was educated in the reason for the reformation, and the importance of celebrating the day. Now as I enter into the fall season Reformation Sunday begins the Holiday season. I am grateful for Martin Luther's determination and willingness to follow thru with God's plan. Reformation is a good time to remember and not take for granted that I can read my Bible in the comfort of my home and know that Jesus loves me and saved me by His grace.





# Youth news

Join us for a NEW style of Bible games and growing in Christ (formally Sunday School) Beginning Sun. Sept. 15th directly following church 11-11:30. Meet us in the cry room and be ready to have FUN!!



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“Take a card and bring the item next Sunday” to help restock the food pantry. 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! To help with distribution we could use grocery sized paper bags.

Coffee &... can always use snack items (see Norma Allen) or a donation in the little coffee pot at the front of the table.



We’d love to see you in worship. If for some reason you cannot make it, you may join in the service in our live streaming at 9:45 a.m. at <http://splcms.org/worship-services/live-broadcast>

You can join us in worship on your phone, tablet, or mobile device? Go to your App store and get the free "O Player Lite" app. Install the app. Click the Network button at the bottom of the page. Hit the button labeled "Play URL." Type in St. Paul's unique code: **http://73.74.44.102:5700** that should bring the service to you live.

Our recorded worship services are archived at <http://splcms.org/worship-services/recorded-service>



Kelly Gierucki and David Hanse were united in marriage on September 7 in a ceremony officiated by Pastor Wahl. We pray the richest. Of Christ’s blessings upon this couple”.



Tara Ann Schassburger was admitted to The Lord’s Table for the first time on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 in a First Communion worship Service. With this service, Tara began a new facet of her faith in Jesus Christ in which she will

continue commune on Christ's Body and Blood regularly and faithfully. We rejoice with Tara and her family at this important event. This also marked the first time St. Paul congregation observed a service of First Communion. Under the revised system of Confirmation Instruction, a student may begin communing between the second and third years of classes, after being thoroughly interviewed by the board of Elders.



Maureen J. Gierucki of our congregation entered eternity on June 20, 2019, at the age of 80 years. She is survived by her children Debi (Robert) Brandy, Phillip Gierucki, Jr., Jeri (Ken)

Lybe, and Barbi (Mitch) Cueller; her grandchildren, Tina Morse, Michelle (Brian) Orth, Tiffany (Joe) Kocjan, John (Stacey) Millsap, Dana (Kevin) Krieger, Kelly (fiancé David Haase) Gierucki, Jenny (Randy) Pulley, Terra (Jim) Dorsch, Stacy (Robb) Keith, Ryan Gierucki, Nikki (Tim) Kitakis, and Brittany (fiancé Mackenzie Kane) Gierucki; her great grandchildren, Alexis, Brianne, Austin, Madison, Taylor, Raya, Payton, Collin, Gavin, Chase, Jack, Brooke, Kaylee P., Kaylee K., Ryan, Marissa, Hope, Lucas, Ava, and Kayla; and one great grandchild, Genevieve. Pastor Wahl officiated at a service of Christian burial from St. Paul's altar on June 29. We grieve with her family and loved ones over their loss. We also rejoice with them in the blessed assurance of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ. "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

Irene F. Gall of our congregation entered eternal life on June 25, 2019 at the age of 93 years. She was a long-time member of St. Paul. At the time of her passing, she was the oldest member of our

congregation. She was the widow of Leo Gall, former police chief of Thornton. She is survived



by a son, Jerry (Margaret) Gall; a daughter, Susan (Gordon) Anderson; and a grandson, Steven Anderson. Pastor Wahl officiated at a service of Christian burial on June 29. We grieve with her

family and loved ones over their loss. We also rejoice with them in the blessed assurance of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ. "For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)



"I FORGOT HOW FAST THE MEN RUSH OUT FOR A SMOKE."

# St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church



## 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

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

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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** Mary Sella  
**Elder** Henry Sella  
Eric Schaussburger  
Brian Wiltjer  
Jerry Wiltjer

### Trustee

### Stewardship

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

**S. S. Super.** Dana Krieger

**Asnt. Super.**

**Adult Director**

**Youth Director**

## October

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Barbara Hoeksema    | 16 Nicholas Plecas   |
| 3 Sandi Ovalle        | 17 Coral Middleton   |
| 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   | 25 Erik Schassburger |
| 14 Payton Vandommelen | 29 Joyce Arsenault   |
| 15 David Hudson Jr.   | 31 Janice Reichert   |
| Ashley Orendorff      |                      |



## November

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kimberly Callahan  | 21 Nicholas Carr    |
| 5 Andrew Bahm        | 24 Debi Brandy      |
| 6 Sarah Pfeifer      | Judy Diekelman      |
| 8 Laura Schassburger | 27 Travis Middleton |
| 9 John Chiattello    | 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 Olson      |

## I'll pay you later

When the late preacher, W.E. Sangster, was a pastor in London, a man told him that he didn't give much to the work of God, but he intended to leave a lot of money for that purpose when he died.

Dr. Sangster said he wasn't impressed. It seemed to him that the man was saying, "God can have it when I can use it no more."

The man was missing the joy of seeing what his resources could do if he regularly gave to God's work while alive. He was cheating himself out of the blessings that come from giving. Not only that, but what assurance did the man have that there would be anything left in his estate when he died?

# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30pm Elders Meeting	2	3	4	5 8:00am Parish Hall
6 8:30am Bible Class 11:00am Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20 8:30am Bible Class 11:00am Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service	21	22	23	24	25	26 9:00am Sisters of the Heart
27 8:30am Bible Class 11:30am Reformation Pot- luck Luncheon 11:00am Sunday School 11:00am Voters Meeting 9:45am Worship Service	28	29	30	31		

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