



The Messenger

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 1, 2023

Bible Study Opportunities

Early Bible Study—Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Don Wiley is teaching this class through the month of October on “Missions in the New Testament”. Meet in the Nerger Room.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Youth, ages 2 through high school, meet in the Nerger room before heading off to your classes.

Adult Bible Study—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

“Managing God’s Gifts: Christian Stewardship”
Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God’s children taking care of what He is giving, and using it for what He wants us to do. Meet in the Nerger Room after church as the Adult Bible Study takes up how God describes the entirety of our lives as His stewards.

Adult Instruction—Lutheranism 101

Starting October 8th, Pastor Hoem will be leading an Adult Instruction class. If you, or someone you know, wants to learn more about or review what it means to be Lutheran, join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Founders Room. Everyone is welcome!

Women’s Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

This week we will study Sarah and what it means to be patient when it feels like God is not answering our prayers. Join us Monday evening as Pastor and Kristin continue looking at “Women of the Bible”.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Cage in the Nerger Room for this study of the Epistle to the Hebrews depicting the superiority of Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study-7:00 a.m.

Join us every Thursday as we continue a new Bible study for men. Start your day in God’s Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet in the Founders Room—donuts provided!

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, October 1, 9:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, October 4, 8:45 a.m.

Matins

Our Giving For September 24

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| Budget Envelopes | \$12,914.32 |
| Missions/Lutheran Heritage | \$34.73 |
| Plate Offerings | \$201.00 |
| School Income | \$5,458.52 |
| Total Income | \$18,608.57 |
| Gathering In Christ | \$109.29 |
| Total of All Donations | \$18,717.86 |

Attendance for Last Week

Sunday, September 24 ~ 9:30 a.m. 240

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, October 1 ~

Altar Guild: *Cindy Irie and Rose Davis*

Elder: *Ben Schlie*

Ushers: *David Evans, Dan Ernst, Ethan Ernst, John Mader, Davis Dean, Tyler Germann, Adrianna Germann, Austin Germann*

Sunday, October 8 ~

Altar Guild : *Sue Keck and Michelle Kuehnert*

Elder: *Sam Lind*

Ushers: *Craig Linnemeier, Tony Lardyell, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk, Mike Hawk, Chris Hawk*

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by Heidi Swiss, in memory of Carl Linnemeier.

The Chancel flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Kramer family, in memory of Arnold and Neoma Kramer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OKTOBERFEST—Youth Group Fundraiser

Join us Sunday, October 15th, from 12-3 p.m. in the school gym for great German food and libations. This fundraiser is for our Youth Group so they can attend Higher Things next Summer 2024. Please visit the table in the church office after the service for all the info and to reserve your ticket (free will donations appreciated). Commemorative beer glass is \$10. The Youth are very excited to host this event for all of you, so come and enjoy, and thank you for supporting our Youth!

Altar Guild Meeting

Please join us for our next Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, October 7th. Meet in the Founders Room from 9-11 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

October Golden Heirs Events

On October 20th tour the Ft. Wayne Community School AMP Lab from 11-12 p.m. Lunch will be around 12:15 p.m. at Electric Works. **RSVP by October 9th** to Carole at radcar1969@comcast.net or 483-0560. Meet at church and park at the district office at 10:15 a.m. for the carpool. **Be prompt** as our arrival time is critical for the proper conduct of the tour, and please consider being a driver.

A photo ID is required for entrance.

Additionally, on October 23rd at 10 a.m. at the Welcome Center, Holy Cross has invited Golden Heirs to join them for a continuation of the *Formation on the LCMS* by Dr. MacKenzie.

NELSON'S CHICKEN SALE

Dear church members...it is that time of year again! The 8th graders are selling **NELSON'S CHICKEN!** Please consider buying Nelson's Chicken to support our 8th grade students and their class trip to Washington, D.C. The pre-sale price is \$9 per chicken half and \$4 for Pit-tatoes. You can buy a ticket for either one or both in the school office or from any 8th grader starting October 2. The cost day-of will be \$10 and \$5. You can pick up your pre-sale chicken from 10am-3pm on Friday, Oct. 20. Or, purchase the day-of until we sell out. Thank you for supporting our Washington, D.C. trip!

Please Order Altar/Chancel Flowers

Flowers are available for ordering on October 23rd, and 29th. Call Lynn Wehrenberg at 260-755-8532.

Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Robinson leads the class on the book of Psalms. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Indiana District Office (1145 Barr Street).

Gathering In Christ Event

On October 27th, our congregation will celebrate a special event which represents an important step in our Gathering In Christ campaign. Those in positions of leadership at St. Paul's have been invited to be the first to make commitments toward the renovation of Heritage Hall. We are asking for your prayers as we undertake this step of our campaign for the future of our church. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to be among those who make initial commitments with our leaders and attend this event, we invite you to email stpaulsgic2023@gmail.com or call Barb Doerffler at 260-403-1325 by Saturday, October 14th in order that we may take your reservation. The Initial Commitments Event will be held in the Katherine Luther Dining Hall on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, with fellowship at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief program at 6:45p.m.

St. Paul's Supper Club

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Come when you can.

Upcoming locations:

October 4—Cracker Barrel

(1609 W. Washington Center Rd.)

October 11—Olive Garden (315 W. Coliseum Blvd.)

Please call the church office (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations.

Ladies Aid Wyneken House Tour

Thursday, October 12th at 1:00 p.m. Carpool from church. Dessert served in Historic Homestead.

Reservation deadline is October 9th, call Donna Goodwin at 260-210-3124.

IN District LWML North Zone Fall Rally

Saturday, October 14th at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

October 1—Pentecost 18

Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of "selfish ambition or conceit," but in service to "the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

October 2023

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

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8:30am - Bible Study
9:30am - Divine Service
10:45am - SCRIP Sales
10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School

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4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Nerger Rm
6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's

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8:45am - School Chapel
9-10am - SCRIP Sales
2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm
7:30pm - Choir Practice

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7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library
9am - Bible Study IN District Office

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9:30am - Ladies Aid Board Meeting

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9-11am—Altar Guild Meeting, Founders Room

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8:30am - Bible Study
9:30am - Divine Service
10:45am - SCRIP Sales
10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School

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4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Nerger Rm
6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's

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11

8:45am - School Chapel
9-10am - SCRIP Sales
2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm

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7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library
9am - Bible Study IN District Office
5:30pm - Elders
7pm - Church Council

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GIC Inspire Sunday
8:30am - Bible Study
9:30am - Divine Service
10:45am - SCRIP Sales
10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School
12-3pm Oktoberfest Youth Fundraiser in gym

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4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Nerger Rm
6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's

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St. Luke, Evangelist
8:45am - School Chapel
9-10am - SCRIP Sales
2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm

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7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library
9am - Bible Study IN District Office
6pm— BOEE Meeting

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No School—Nelson's Chicken Sales & Trunk or Treat

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8:30am - Bible Study
9:30am - Divine Service
10:45am - SCRIP Sales
10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School

23

St. James of Jerusalem Brother of Jesus & Martyr
4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Nerger Rm
6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's

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8:45am - School Chapel
9-10am - SCRIP Sales
2pm - Bible Study in Nerger Rm

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7am - Men's Bible Study—Church Library
9am - Bible Study IN District Office

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6pm—Gathering In Christ—Initial Commitments Event

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St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles

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8:30am - Bible Study
9:30am - Divine Service
10:45am - SCRIP Sales
10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School

30

4pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Nerger Rm
6:30pm—Women's Bible Study at the Hoem's

31 Reformation Day

PRAY

without ceasing

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

St. Paul's Students & Their Families:

- † Nyaira, Trine'd, Gunnar, Maria
- † For the Sunday School teachers and students as they begin their classes.

For Those Who Mourn:

- † For the family of Kimberly Johnson, sister of Karen Jackson, who has been given the gift of eternal life.

Gathering In Christ:

- † We ask that the "Gathering In Christ" campaign may serve God's will for St. Paul's.

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

- † Rosemary Baker
- † Farrell Boudinier
- † Carolyn Falkenstern
- † Steve Hackman
- † Pam Johnson
- † Kelly Kochensparger
- † Andy Leininger
- † Carolyn Moore
- † Betty Wheaton
- † Ron Williams

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

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| † Diane Archer | † John Mader |
| † Susan Balsamo-Furniss | † Rev. Warren & Joan Messmann |
| † Harris Beck | † Florence Mitchell |
| † James Beebe | † Mary Mundt |
| † Amy Hamer | † Larry & Louela Murphy |
| † Dennis Harmeyer | † Barbara Nelson |
| † Lonni Helmchen | † Stephen Pollock |
| † Antonio Hoem | † Ron Rastl |
| † Thomas Hoem | † Andrew Scholes |
| † John Huitt | † Janice Schmidt |
| † Roy Huitt | † Wanda Schweyer |
| † Ruth Huitt | † Fred Scott |
| † Diana Hunter | † Gretchen Seilaff |
| † Juanita Jefferson | † Rev. Ralph Seilaff |
| † Karen Johnson | † Sam Suarez |
| † Mark Knoblauch | † Mary Vandre |
| † Jodi Kreiger | † Sharon Williams |
| † Dan Kruse | |
| † Jan Leffel | |
| † Linda Leimer | |
| † Sandy Macon | |

Our Homebound Members:

- † Neva Aldridge
- † Joan Badders
- † Marilyn Berning
- † Myra Carrier
- † Mary Ann Cordes
- † Phoebe Fett
- † Rodney Hall
- † Leah Maier
- † Beverly Maxfield
- † Lois Meyer
- † Ernestine Morrison
- † Esther Pinnow
- † Leona Puff
- † Carolyn Reincke
- † Judith Rekeweg
- † Walter Schroeder
- † Dorothy Taylor
- † Eileen Weber
- † Mary Weick

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- † Abigail Dunno
- † KiVuan Edwards
- † Cierra Germann
- † Brian Hamer
- † Zachary Harmeyer
- † Jarrell Harris
- † Jasmine Jackson
- † Austin Kerr
- † Courtney Linnemeier
- † Sharia Macon
- † Jamara Moore
- † Brandon Screeton
- † John Sheaffer Jr.
- † Ryan Sheaffer
- † Brandon Skalicky

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310