



Reformation Sunday/Monday
October 27th & October 28th, 2024
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us..
...Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunday Worship/Communion
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - The Chosen (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (leb/lfh)
	10:45 AM	Sunday Worship/Communion
	6:00 PM	Youth Night – wear your costumes! NO New Member Class this week
Monday	7:00 PM	Monday Worship/Communion
Tuesday	3:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Bible Study – The Chosen (ueb)
Thursday	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open,
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely NO 1 st . Year Confirmation class (leb) NO 2 nd Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (dchr)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AM to Noon	office open
	8:45 AM	Bible Class studying Daniel (ueb)
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
Saturday	End of Daylight Savings time. Set clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight	

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above "ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK" calendar. Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com
 Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday & Friday, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn remote.

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than **TUESDAY at noon** to be include in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - **Nursery Care** is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

The names of our St. Paul family that are in need of prayers, are now listed on the back inside cover of the Bulletin. Please keep this handy during our Worship prayer time so these people can be lifted up in prayer in our hearts during that time. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at herrdreier@gmail.com or call the church office.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin - Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, now located on the back inside cover of the bulletin, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know of answered prayers.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED, please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGES - if you would be interested in giving Childrens' messages, please talk with Pastor Green.

CHURCH BULLETINS - please remember to take your bulletin home each week to read about what is going on at St. Paul and find something which you can be involved in or to bring to a friend.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we will begin episode 4, "Clean - part 1". The disciples are on their "two by two" missions and see the power of God as they carry out their mission to heal and preach. Join us any week for this powerful study.

GIFT CARDS continue to be sold before and/or after all worship services or you can stop in at the office during the week to purchase some cards. As you plan your Christmas shopping, remember our gift cards to use for your own shopping or for gifts. **If ordering gift cards for Christmas gifts, orders must be in no later than December 9th. They will be then available for pickup on Sunday, December 15th.** If you have any questions or need digital gift cards, please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays and Fridays: office is open 8:00am to 12:00noon and Carolyn working remotely from home noon to 4:00pm. If you need to reach Carolyn during the times she is working remotely, please leave a message on the church voicemail or send an email to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

WORSHIP ANEW is a weekly Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) worship service that is broadcast on WNYB every Sunday at 11:30am (local channel 26, Spectrum Channel 12 or DirectTV channel 377 (TCT)). You can also view the worship service on their phone app or website worshipanew.org, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

ST. PAUL CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP: A reminder that all floral displays should be removed as soon as possible. Any decorations remaining after November 3, 2024 will be discarded. Thank You!

OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH.

We are blessed with amazing pastors, Director of Family Ministry, Directors of Youth, Preschool teachers, Bible Study leaders, KREW/Highschool Bible class staff and teachers, Bell Choir director and Minister of Music here at St. Paul! Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

GIRLFRIEND HOSTED CHRISTMAS PARTY: Save the Date for Saturday, December 14 for a Holly Jolly Christmas! Please see the brick wall in The Gathering Place for more details and to sign up!

ARMED FORCES SUNDAY/MONDAY IS NOVEMBER 10 & 11

There is a list of our Active and Veteran members of the Military on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. To help keep our list current and complete, if you are an Active-duty member, Reservist or Veteran of the military, and you **DO NOT** see your name on the list, or your status has changed, please add/change it on the form that is hanging below the list. **Please make your updates by November 4th.** Thank you!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birthdates of our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

THE BOOK CLUB: We're getting ready for Christmas. The selection for November is The Christmas Bookstore by Jenny Colgan. Why don't you join us for our next get-together on November 14? We meet the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 am in the Conference Room right off The Gathering Place. Come and enjoy a light snack while we discuss the book. Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Meat Sticks are still available and will be sold on the honor system for \$2.00 each. They are located on the Information Desk. Please place your money in the wooden For Office Box. Thank you for your support for our youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES continue for any adult interested in becoming a Missouri Synod Lutheran and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our last scheduled class is November 3. These one-hour long classes meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the Conference room (right off The Gathering Place). If you miss a class and need to make it up, or have any questions, please speak to Pastor Green.

ROCKIN' PRAISE NIGHT with FIVE14 BAND! Join us for Great Praise music, refreshments, snacks and fellowship on Saturday, November 9 from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall! There is a sign up sheet on the Kiosk in The Gathering Place. A free will offering will be taken. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

ST. PAUL FAMILY CHRISTMAS & DECORATING will be on Sat. December 7.

THANK YOU to all the people of St. Paul for supporting the Women In Mission. A total of \$627.00 was received from the door offering. This will be used to fund both the national and state LWML mission grants. For further information please see our display in The Gathering Place. Your continued support and prayers is greatly appreciated. For ways you can become more active in this organization, please contact either Marge Stoelting or Bea Hapeman- St. Paul LWML reps. Thanks again.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE WOMEN OF ST. PAUL CRAFT SHOW, which will be held on Saturday, March 15. If you are interested in helping, there are signup sheets on the kiosk in the Gathering Place. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, November 4. If we do not get enough help, we will not be able to host a Craft Show in March.** Please contact Bonnie Ryan, 716-930-8900 if you have questions.

WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSING on Veronica Jo Kijowski as she was baptized on October 26, 2024. Veronica is the daughter of Sarah (Hedel) and Samuel Kijowski. Her godparents are Tiara Borzillire and Zachary Combs. We welcome Veronica in God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

+ SERVING our Lord week of October 27 & 28 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: October:

Linda Nye – 433-1323, Shirley Schuler – 731-987

Nancy Witkop – 731-4223

November: Kathy Keller, Marge Stoelting, Maryanne Novack,
Nancy Witkop

FLOWER COMMITTEE: October:

Elynn Broeker – 912-4345, Lynelle Dobmeier – 625-5633

November: Heather Kijowski – 912-8986

Georgia Kijoswki – 783-1906

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke
10:45 AM – John Chimino
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charlie Kinne

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Dave Deberny
10:45 AM – Maryann Magil
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charlie Kinne

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Lucia & Lyman Wilson
Kim & Bill Szelazkiewicz
10:45 AM -

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Ruth Stolzenburg
10:45 AM – Ken & Jan Hughes
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon & Janet Bukowski

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – Kayla Kitson
10:45 AM – Addelyn Rucci
Monday 7:00 PM – Dominic Melchiorre

WEEK OF 10/20/2024

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$9,776.00 ~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 10/20/24:

8:00am – 131 10:45am – 74 Monday – 56

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

The LCEF loan has been paid in Full! Thank you to all for your continued support and donations. Working together we accomplished this in 4.5 years!

Thank you for your support as we.....

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

LAY READERS NEEDED for both the First and Second Readings during the Sunday church services. For more information, please contact Dennis Gurnett.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER: Your help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary for services is appreciated! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

YOUTH: Marc and Storm hope to see you all at our upcoming Youth nights! Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two!
UPCOMING DATES: October 27 - Youth group 6pm-8pm grades 5th -12th
*Wear your creepiest costume! We will be watching the movie *Halloween Town!*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Get ready to send your love around the world! The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission is underway and will run through November 10. Operation Christmas Child sends boxes containing school supplies, health items and small toys, along with Bible Story booklets, to children in need around the world. It's easy to help! Take a Post-it note from the triangle kiosk in The Gathering Place and purchase the item(s). Return your gift by November 10 and place it in the basket below the Operation Christmas Child display. Please bring only new items and keep in mind the boxes are shoe box size. Large items will not fit. If you would like to pack a box or boxes on your own or with your family, there are boxes available in The Gathering Place along with ideas for packing. Please label the box with the appropriate label. We are also collecting money for shipping the boxes. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope labeled Operation Christmas Child in the wooden For Office box in the Gathering Place. Please also see the flyer in today's bulletin. If you have questions, feel free to call Barb Huber at 716 946-0752. Thank-you!

APPLAUSE IN CHURCH: Currently, the St. Paul worship experience favors exuberant involvement. We have, and are, constantly seeking an atmosphere of praise, joy, and excitement as opposed to the traditional stoic nature of the past. Hence, emotions involving, for example, such things as joy (laughter) and applause (praise/excitement) are normal, and appropriate in our worship services. However, lest anyone misinterpret applause for the choir, you've probably noticed the choir making an awkward departure from their singing presentation. This is to indicate that while applause is appreciated for their commitment and hard work, the congregational response is passed on to the cross by the choir turning and passing the praise on to Jesus. So far, the choir is attempting to get better at this (the choir has never presumed choreography as one of their fortes).

FAMILY MINISTRY TABLE - there are 2 new resources available there including a packet of cards for Family Devotions based on The Lord's Prayer and a booklet "Remembering my Someone Special: Jesus Gives me Hope" for children who have lost someone special in their lives.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS on Kaylee Ann Quigley and Andrew Matteo Matulich as they exchanged wedding vows at our altar on Saturday, October 26, 2024. We ask God to richly bless this newly married couple!

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Some items to consider donating are: personal care products, cleaning supplies, canned fruit and meats, condiments, quick meals/side dishes (such as hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice a roni), pancake mix, syrup, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and "fixins" for turkey dinner. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ("Ministry Meals") to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you enjoy cooking or baking for others? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone that would be interested in making a meal or dessert for a family at St. Paul that might be experiencing a serious injury, a death, sickness, caring for a loved one in Hospice, or a recent surgery. When the office receives word of a church family who is currently experiencing one of the above and would like to receive help with meals, our coordinator will then contact one or more of you who have signed up to schedule the making and delivering of meals. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and help us serve others at St. Paul. Thank you!

USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches' parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have "first dibs" on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.