



# The Epistle

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When do you change the oil in your car? Every 3,000 miles? 5,000? What about waiting until the engine seizes and smoke starts to billow out from the under the hood? If that sounds irrational when it comes to a vehicle, why should it be any different for a church? It might be a surprise that for most of our sister churches, when it comes to their ministry, that's often the model they pursue. Just keep running it until you see the smoke, then let's call the mechanic and see what they can do.

I had the opportunity to have lunch with our Synod's Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM), Pastor Sherri Schafer, a few weeks ago and we talked about future ministry here at St. Paul. DEM's are church resource professionals especially trained in how to help churches discover and rediscover their gifts to open new opportunities through which they can share the Good News within their communities in order to help God's people in a particular place and time answer for themselves and their neighbors the question, "why church?" The problem, as I alluded to above, is if you wait to do that discovery until after the engine is seized up you're working from too far behind the eight ball. Sadly, across the whole of the ELCA, congregations lose the opportunity to engage in renewal until it's too late because they don't feel like that they need it ... because that's when you need it. The oil is changed when the car is running just fine.

So, we had lunch. And Pr. Sherri got excited. And I got excited. And then I told the council. And I think the council got excited too. So much so that they encouraged me to let you all know about this starting now even though this won't start until January. What comes next? Next our DEM Pr. Sherri will give us some more

information on the process in written form for a newsletter and then some more in a short video too. Then in January, she'll be here one Sunday when I'm away. After church that Sunday everyone – yes everyone if you've been here 35 years or two weeks – is invited to participate in church visioning session part one which she will facilitate. Then we'll go from there. I am excited for this. I believe this is the next turn God may be calling us to make. I think the engine is running good at St. Paul, and that's why we should keep it running as best we can for the Gospel work ahead. Stay tuned!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony



### From the Piece Makers

Fall decorations sale in Narthex!!

Look at and purchase the Fall items in the Narthex on Sundays before and after church. Money from the sale of these hand made items goes to Lutheran Word Relief. Shipping the quilts is a big expense. People who viewed the items last Sunday thought the hangings were very nice, and a couple were purchased on the spot. New items including decorated T-shirts for both Fall, Halloween, and for Christmas will be added to the sale. Multiple sizes and multiple colors will be available for toddler to 2X-large adult.

Piecemakers work on Fridays from 10-2 and welcome new members. Training is available. Not all tasks require the use of sewing machines and skills. All that is needed is a willingness to help others. Research has revealed that not only is food helpful in relief, but warm sleeping helps children to grow.

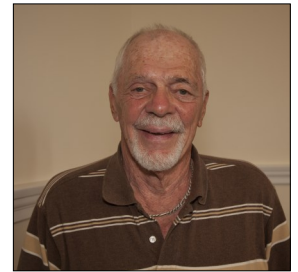


# WVU Choir Concert

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

CAC Clay Theater

The concert will include recognition for longtime St. Paul member and WVU community choir member  
Milan Roh



Several members of St. Paul will be in the ensemble  
Attendance is free

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

is the first Sunday of the month

Prayers for Healing  
Sunday



All who wish may come up to the rail after the service for prayers and anointing.

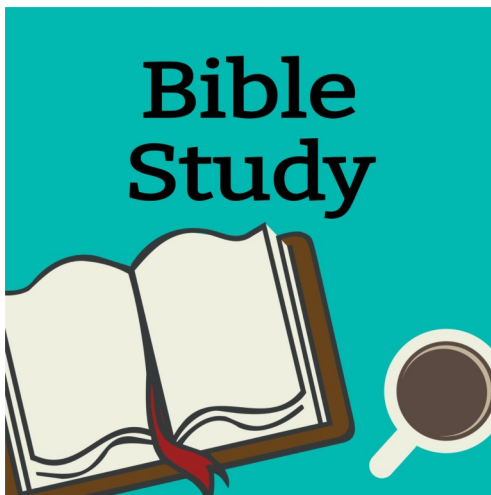
Sunday School classes for preschool through elementary are held every Sunday at 9 AM

Adult class is held in the lounge at 9 AM



November 5th

Bible Study class



every Tuesday at 10 AM

Christ in our Home devotional books for October-December are here. Please let the office know if you would like a copy to be mailed to you.





## Volunteers needed!

Wednesday,  
October 25<sup>th</sup>,

Noon – 1:30/1:45

We need 6-8 volunteers to help pack weekend food bags for school students at Scott's Run Settlement House (41 Ladybug Drive, Osage, WV 26543). Please contact Pastor Tony or Sheila Zinn (socialministry@stpaulmorgantown.org) if you can help!



## From the Football/ Basketball Parking Committee

The parking committee is looking for volunteers to help with parking for the basketball games this year. Each game requires someone to park cars for approximately 90 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Your job would be to place one sign outside, collect money, and instruct parkers to not park in the numbered parking spaces. All volunteers would be appreciated.



Remember this supports our food pantries.

If interested please call Larry Springer for additional information. 1.304.599-8118 or email at

[springerlws@comcast.net](mailto:springerlws@comcast.net).

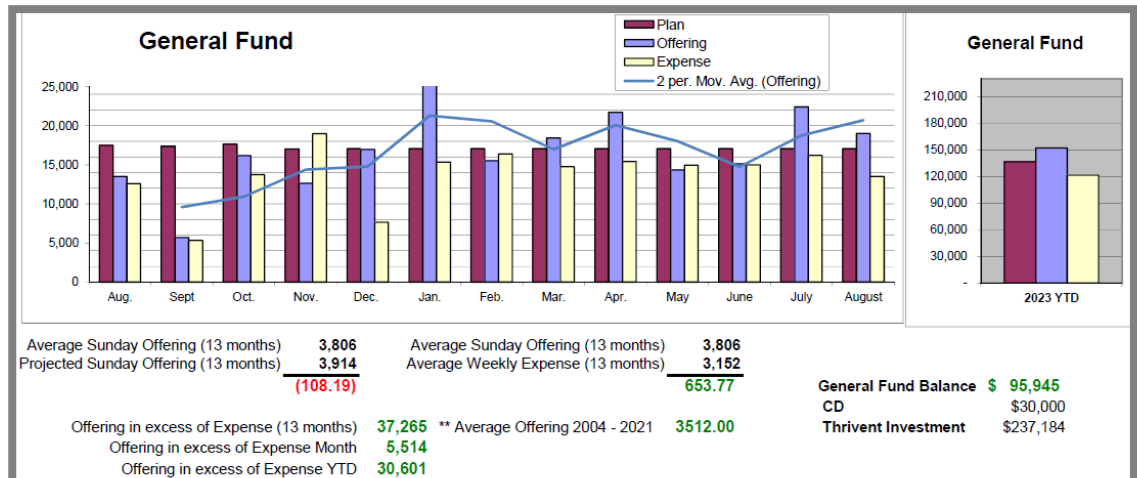
October 4<sup>th</sup>

Noon and 7 PM

Bring your pets for a blessing



## Treasurer's report for August 2023



## Walk to End Alzheimers

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mountaineer Mall

Check in at 1 PM

Walk at 2 PM

St. Paul Morgantown is forming a team for the annual Walk.

Sign up for the team or donate at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk). The team is listed as "St. Paul Lutheran Church"; make sure to include the period when you search for it. The link is posted on The Epistle Online Facebook group.

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING ON  
THE BUDGET**



following the worship service

Happy birthday to

Mary Ellen Smith, who turns 87  
on October 7<sup>th</sup>

Paul Smith, who turns 90  
on October 19<sup>th</sup>

and

Bill Sorenson, who turns 88  
on October 30<sup>th</sup>



OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS

and happy birthday to some of our  
youngest members:

Amelia Stacy, who turns 1  
on October 5<sup>th</sup>

Harrison Morgan, who turns 3  
on October 5<sup>th</sup>

and

Grant Barclay, who turns 2  
on October 12<sup>th</sup>

# Serving in



# OCTOBER

SERVING ST PAUL October 2023	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHER	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	S. Grimm	T. Riegel	Sandolfini	M. Suder J. Sandolfini	M. Boroff
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	M. Haas	S. Setley	L. Springer	E. Naumann	J. Bouquot M. Peters	Peters
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM	S. Setley	L. Naumann	W. Graham		C. Henry J. Seasholtz	Wertz
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 AM	M. Grimm	B. Parsons	L. Springer	E. Naumann	D. Stiles W. Graham	S. Setley
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday	M. Haas	M. Boroff	D. Custer	Sandolfini	M. Boroff L. Stevens	Peters



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM and 7:00 PM Blessing of the Pets</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Piecemakers</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM Piecemakers</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Piecemakers</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>3:30 PM Circle of Friends</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00 PM Pack bags at Scott's Run</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM Piecemakers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission @ Eat'n Park</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>				

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.

There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Names will be removed after they have been on the list for 90 days. Please contact the church office to reinstate a name.

**Reminder: Deadline for November newsletter is October 23<sup>rd</sup>!!!**



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