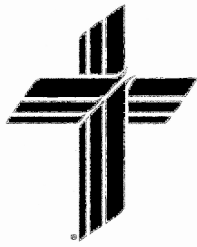


# God's Family



- 10:00 a.m.—Sunday  
Worship Service

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## Favorite Memories

I have a lot of favorite memories from the Oktoberfest of 2021. It wasn't how badly I played cornhole. I am still trying to erase that from my memory. It wasn't how badly I got beaten at the stein hold or that a small child almost beat me. It wasn't how terrible my feet felt in those fake Bavarian clogs...

Though those might be someone else's favorite memories... Happy to take one for the team.

No, my favorite memories are a bit different. And honestly, while I loved the polka music, the weather, the German outfits, the first bite of the wonderful sausage, the history tour, the organ show, the games, the pretzels, the country market, and so I could go on... the truth is some my favorite memories came after the fact.

I remember the joy of one participant who was overjoyed about how we came together as a church to pull off what was truly the unthinkable! I agreed. And I remember it today. We did it, St. Paul's. Wow!

I remember the vision of another, who noted how we truly reached the community. I agreed. It was truly an event for people from all over our community to enjoy and to get to know us as a part of them! I remember it very well. We did it, St. Paul's! Wow!

But I remember most of all, the best

mission and ministry tools I have being front and center and present in the lives of that community. You. I remember seeing the biggest smiles I have seen out of us St. Paulians.

Brothers and sisters... the mis-

sion and the work of the Church can seem like a high and lofty task. And so, it is. But never forget the power of the work being done in and through us when we love. I have talked to enough people in the area, and have seen enough demographics to know that people are searching for a sense of community, a sense of fellowship deeper than themselves. We have it. Centered in Christ we have a faith community to share. Never underestimate

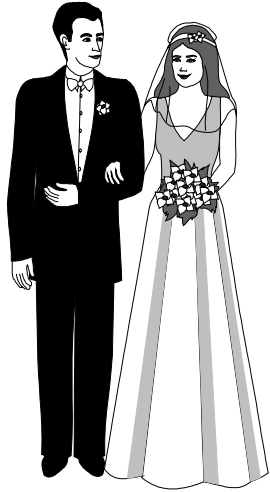


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## October Birthdays

10/2 – Ann Chervek  
 10/5 – Sandra Schmidt  
 10/14 – Annie Schneider  
 10/18 – Andrew Murphy  
 10/21 – Carol Ramey  
 10/25 – Mark Wehmeier  
 10/25 – Laverne Williams



## October Services

10/2—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.  
 10/9—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.  
 10/16—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.  
 10/23—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.  
 10/30—Sunday w/Communion—10:00 a.m.

## October Anniversaries

10/5 – Jim & Ann Chervek – 18 years  
 10/16 – Robert & Wanda Greiwe – 68 years  
 10/24 – Pastor Maxx & Janie Fisher – 2 years

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### FOR

Pastor Maxx Fisher

Office: 636-828-5616

or

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## September Food Pantry Donations

Members of the congregation reported donating 36 food items and \$65.00 in cash to the New Melle Food Pantry during the month of September.

In the future, if you donate, please report this to Sherry in the office, so your donations can be included in our tally.

## Food Pantry Thank You Note

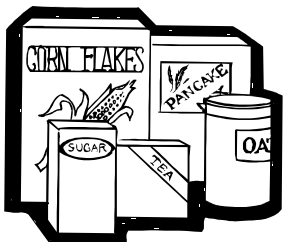
Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness for helping our pantry by allowing us to be a part of your Kidz Carnival. It was a very hot day. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the Carnival happen and help bring our community together.

Thanks Again,

Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. Vincent De Paul Society



## Meal-a-Month Needs for October

The **MEAL-A-MONTH ITEMS** for **October**: Bisquick, beef stew, syrup, sugar, men's deodorant, chicken helper, tuna helper, canned potatoes, BBQ sauce, mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, chili beans, fruit juice, and coffee.

Please bring items directly to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. If you donating money, please make checks payable to: St. Vincent De Paul Society. You may hand deliver your monetary (cash or check) donation or mail a check to Immaculate Heart of Mary, PO Box 100, New Melle, MO 63365. Please report your donation to Sherry Brandes in the office for Voters Assembly and Ladies Aid records. You only need to report number of items (or boxes or bags) and dollar amount. No names will be attached to the donations; just a monthly tally of the number of food items and dollars donated will be recorded.

## **Favorite Memories** *(cont'd from page 1)*

how much of an impact we make when we invite people into our lives, our fellowship, our fun, our celebrations!

But most importantly, remember how important it is to invite people to get to know you, so you can get to know them; so you can share your life, your joy, your smile with them. For you are the body of Christ, St. Paul's. You are the open welcome of Jesus; you are his loving smile.

I sure remember... Because I saw you do it. This year we will have hundreds of people from all walks of life converge onto our campus. The love, welcome, joy, and celebration you bring... the smiles you bring... Now that will be quite a memory...

Happy Oktoberfest,  
Pastor Maxx

## **Finishing Fire Starters**

**October 2nd & 9th**  
**9:00 a.m. (before church)**  
**Donuts and coffee provided**



If you have someone interested in learning more about our faith and faith community, please contact us in the office or Pastor Maxx, directly, to plan our upcoming Fire Starter events!

Remember, just because some of us aren't "new", doesn't mean we don't need to be reignited regularly by the Holy Spirit.

Join in the fun next time at Fire Starters!

## **High School Students (or Parents & Grandparents)**

*Interested in joining Youth Group  
at Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
Wentzville, Missouri  
or know someone who is?*

### **Here are some of the activities they have scheduled:**

October 9th—Service Project  
October 23rd—Small Groups Meet  
November 6th—Small Groups Meet  
November 13th—Mass Event  
December 4th—Small Groups Meet  
December 11th—Service Project

For more information, please contact  
Deaconess Janie Fisher at:

[jfisher@ilsw.org](mailto:jfisher@ilsw.org)

*(if you do not have email, contact St.  
Paul's Church office at 636-828-5616,  
and Sherry will help you connect with  
Janie.)*

## **Pastoral Hospital Visits**

Pastor Fisher will make every effort to visit those who are hospitalized. He will visit members of St. Paul's, as well as other family members and friends (with their permission, of course). To do this, he will need to be contacted in a very timely manner. He will need information concerning location, length of stay, and medical condition, so he can be best prepared to serve the person who is hospitalized. If he is unable to make a visit, he will still pray, so contact him! If you are unable to contact him, please notify the office to see if Sherry can be of any help in making contact.

### **A Note from our Oktoberfest Chairman:**

**NEXT OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

OKTOBERFEST is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022. We are looking forward to a fantastic event. If you have been involved in the past we look forward to teaming up with you again. If you haven't yet, please consider joining us in fellowship with our community and service to our mission.

Please contact Jeff Schneider for more information:  
email: [jschneider59@gmail.com](mailto:jschneider59@gmail.com) or call: (636) 448-1050

## Service of Silence & Prayer

### Friday Mornings

9:00-9:30 a.m.

### DATES

October 7, 14 & 21

November 4, 11, 18 & 25

December 2, 9 & 16

## Confession & Absolution

### Friday Mornings

9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

### ***Following the Service of Silence & Prayer***

Confession will take place either in Pastor's office or if able, in the sanctuary, provided the sanctuary is empty after the service. Plan to meet Pastor in his office to determine best location for privacy and confidentiality.

*(NOTE: On October 28, the church will be open from 9:00 to noon for private prayers, but there will NOT be an actual service, since Pastor will be out of town)*



## The "Bells of Joy" Handbell Choir is Coming to St. Paul's

On Sunday, October 9, the "Bells of Joy" handbell choir from Messiah Lutheran Church—Weldon Spring, will be performing their music during our worship service.

Be sure to be in church that day at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy their beautiful music!

## St. Paul's Voters' Meeting Minutes September 11, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Rick Pohlmann called the meeting to order.

**OPENING DEVOTION** – led by Pastor Fisher.

**MINUTES** – Accepted as presented.

**WELCOME OF GUEST/S** – No guests were present.

**REPORT OF PASTOR** – Continuing to meet with consultant.

**REPORT OF TREASURER** – Accepted as presented.

**BOARD OF ELDERS** – Some of the things being looked at are job titles, removal of benches to accommodate wheelchairs, fixing the threshold to make it easier for wheelchairs, and the budget for 2023. The Elders have stated that beer and wine may be served at any church sanctioned event.

**BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** – AC was repaired in the church. One of the bathrooms in the parsonage still needs to be repaired. This will also include new plumbing. Rick Pohlmann will be getting bids for this work. A new AC and heating unit was installed in the parsonage.

**NEW BUSINESS** – A motion was made, seconded, and voiced passed to pay for the AC and heating unit for the parsonage out of the Improvement Fund. A motion was made, seconded, and voiced passed to pay for the church AC repair from the General Fund. A motion was made, seconded, and voiced passed to pay for the parsonage bathroom renovation from the Memorial Fund. It was suggested that if anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the AC and heating unit installed in the parsonage, they use the **Improvement Fund Envelope** or any other envelope and mark as **Improvement Fund** and not that it is for the AC/Heating Unit in the parsonage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Finke

## Generations Sundays

Our monthly Generations worship services have begun. These services include more youth-friendly songs and hymns, a children's message, as well as an interactive Sunday School experience before the service. You may recall our post-Kidz Carnival Sunday worship, when we incorporated elements that engaged all generations in the Word.

On Sunday, September 25, we had our another Generations Sunday. In this service Deaconess Janie Fisher gave the Children's Message during the service. For more questions about the Sunday School experience, please contact Sandy Schmidt or Becky Murphy.



## Equip Meetings in October

Join in for a small group study and fellowship at Pastor's house, local restaurants, and other gathering points! We will be equipping one another for the mission of witnessing the gospel and making disciples, starting with us!

Our first devotional walk will be through the book titled *Joining Jesus on His Mission*.

This Study will help us understand the living and active Jesus's mission in our own backyards. We will answer the question, "How can we join Jesus on His Mission?" and unpack the scriptural foundations for relational mission.

Locations for future meetings will be discussed and announced at a later date.

**Meeting Schedule—6:00-7:00 p.m.**

October 5, 12 & 19

## Future Generations Sundays

**October 30—  
Guest Preacher,  
Seminarian Jacob Sipes  
&  
December 18**

**Sunday School Experience—9:00-9:45 a.m.**



## Invitation

**Men's Night with the  
Men from Messiah  
Monday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.**

**ALL MEN OF ST. PAUL'S:** You are cordially invited to attend this event. The purpose of the event is three-fold: To get to know each other, to share ideas for the future involvement of the men in our congregation, and to study the Word of God. Talk to Pastor Maxx, if you have questions or want to help with this event.

# Volunteering for St. Paul's Oktoberfest

Our Oktoberfest will not work without **VOLUNTEERS**, like YOU! We will need “all hands on deck” to make this event as successful as our Kidz Carnival.

While each job is not hard, many workers will be needed to:

- 1) Advertise event by sharing the flyer included in this newsletter (by hanging it in a place of business or giving it to a neighbor or friend— If you need more copies, just ask!)
- 2) Make 300 Pretzel Necklaces prior to the day of the Oktoberfest
- 3) Set up (tents, tables, chairs, and more) on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning before the event begins
- 4) Assist with parking throughout the day
- 5) Frying sausage in the fry shed
- 6) Working in the kitchen to prepare some of the food items
- 7) Filling the carryout containers
- 8) Wrapping the sausage sandwiches
- 9) Taking orders and collecting cash and electronic payments for food in the food stand
- 10) Setting up the Country Market and keeping it organized throughout the day
- 11) Collecting cash and electronic payments for items and raffle tickets in the Country Market
- 12) Collecting cash and electronic payments for individual desserts
- 13) Working at the Welcome Booth and History Booth
- 14) Supervising the kids corn pit
- 15) Emptying trash cans throughout the day
- 16) Cleaning up at the end of the day, and more!

To sign up or get more information and details, please put your name on the volunteer list in the narthex, talk to Jeff Schneider, Becky Murphy, or any other committee member, or contact our church office.

Also, you can support our Oktoberfest by bringing others to the event, playing the German games that will occur during the day, and spreading the word by sharing flyers and talking about the event in advance.



# Lutheran Church of Uganda Conference

Deaconess Janie and Pastor Maxx represented Immanuel and St. Paul's at the recent LCU conference held on September 21 and 22. There the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) and its partners came together for worship, fellowship, and learning.

Hearts and Hope for Uganda (HHU) is an official partner of the LCU, with whom we work to share our love and support for the Kingdom work the LCU is doing in Uganda.



If you are unfamiliar with our association with HHU and what they do, consider looking at their website:

<https://heartsandhope.org/>

We will look forward to having an informational meeting about HHU in the near future, as well as another Lenten fundraiser.

## St. Paul's Worship Team:

Interested in serving on our worship team?

We help in the following areas:

- Welcome Crew
- Altar Set Up and Cleaning
- Ushers
- Livestreaming

Our mission starts on Sunday when we receive the forgiveness of Grace won by Jesus!

Ask how you can serve the kingdom, by serving where Jesus says he will be every week!

The worship service is exactly that, a place where we are served by the Creator of the universe! Join in the service of God's people by signing up to help with worship today!

# Ladies Aid Fieldtrip

## Saturday, September 24

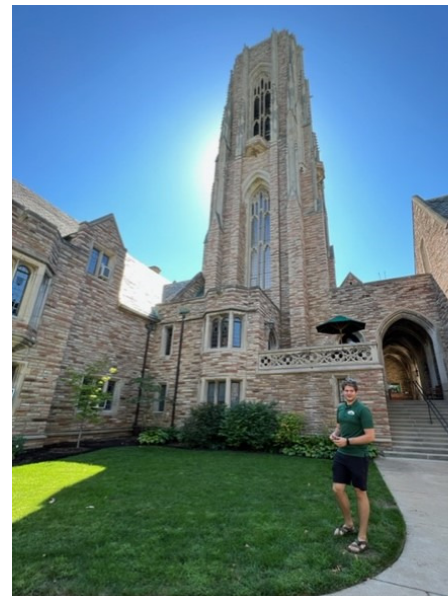
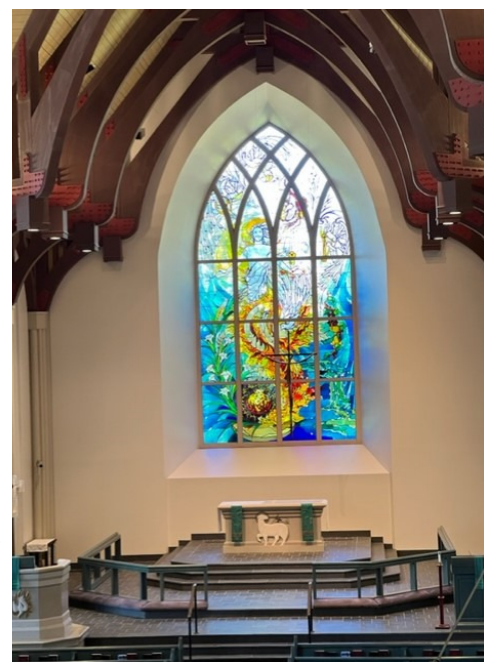


Accompanied by Pastor Maxx and Janie Fisher, four members of the Ladies Aid, Jackie Eslinger, Missy Motz, Becky Murphy, and Sherry Brandes, toured Concordia Seminary and the Concordia Historical Institute on the campus.

The tour of the campus was led by Seminarian Daniel Bueckman, who currently resides in the basement of the campus chapel.

He escorted the group throughout the inside of the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, all over the campus grounds, inside some of the classroom buildings, and even up into the Luther Tower, which was quite a challenge! Those who climbed the steep spiral stairway even received a button to prove they made it!

Daniel spoke at length about the stained glass and the baptismal font, the organ and the choir loft, the development of the campus through the years, the various buildings, and the outdoor gardens (including real banana trees WITH bananas), and study spaces available to the students.







One of the many bells & the steep spiral stairs



## Concordia Historical Institute Tour & A Big Surprise

When Daniel's portion of the tour ended, the group went into the Concordia Historical Institute for the second part of the day's tour.

There they were met by a second tour guide and had an AMAZING surprise. The tour guide was none other than Mark Bliese, a former fieldworker at St. Paul's back in the late 1980's.



When he heard St. Paul's people were coming, he volunteered to be the guide for the group. He pulled out several items, including communion ware and two photos, belonging to our church that are stored at the Institute, and Mark displayed them for his guests.

He also brought from his home a quilt that members of St. Paul's made for him and his wife when they were expecting a child (they eventually had a total of five children). Embroidered between each of the pairs of pink and blue lines is the name of individuals and families at St. Paul's, representing those who worked on the quilt. (See the next page for close-ups of some of the squares.)



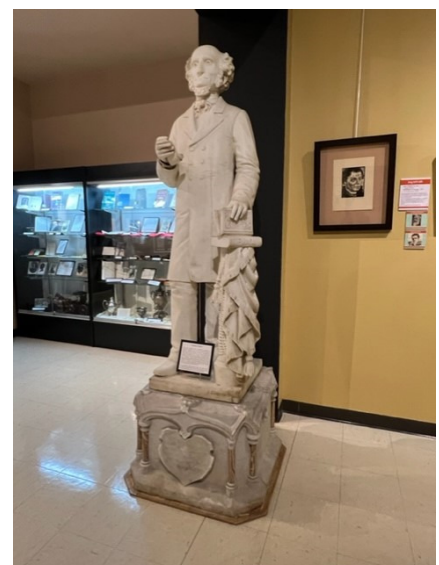
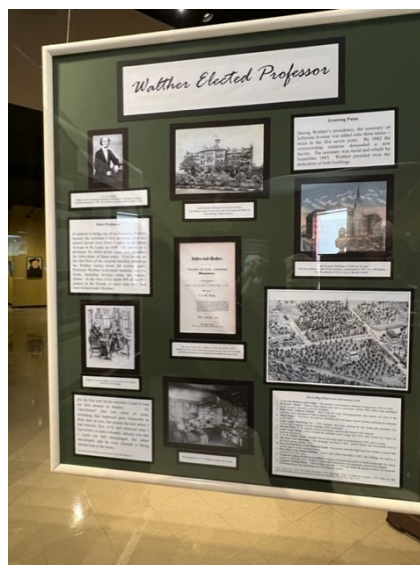
The ladies were pleasantly surprised to find so many names on the quilt that represented current members of St. Paul's Ladies Aid!

If you were a member here at St. Paul's when Mark Bliese was here in the late 1980's, you might better recognize him by the photo on the right. He is pictured with his wife Shelly and their daughter Elisabeth, from St. Paul's 1990 photo directory. (Sadly, those on the tour didn't recognize him immediately, either!)



Mark took the group through many parts of the Historical Institute, where he works. He showed them ancient books, their methods of cataloguing documents and other historical items, and the currently exhibited artwork and other items connected to both Martin Luther and C. F. W. Walther.

After the tour the group ate lunch together at Duffy's in Clayton. A wonderful time was had by all!



## St. Paul's Ladies Aid Meeting Night Out in New Melle Thursday, September 15



ABOVE: Carolyn Schwede, Jackie Eslinger, Sherry Brandes, Mary Bethel, Sandy Schmidt, Georgia Diederich, and Jane Nadler.

BELOW: Missy Motz, Sharon Demien, Barb Auping, Karen Finke, Marilyn Finke, and Diana Eschenbrenner. NOT PICTURED: Carol Oberaitis.



Instead of gathering in the church hall for their monthly business meeting, the Ladies Aid met at the Quarry Winery.

There they had dinner together, enjoyed the social atmosphere, and conducted the business necessary for the group.

Carolyn Schwede, co-president led the meeting with the help of her fellow co-president, Jackie Eslinger, and others, who spread the message when hearing became difficult.

There were plenty of smiles and much laughter, as the women attempted hear what was being said over very loud music.

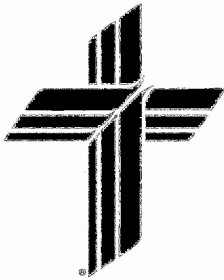
When the band took a short break, Missy Motz even managed to slip in a devotion everyone could actually hear.

Regardless of the sound, the meals were delicious, the fellowship was great, and a time to relax was quite welcome.

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"A new command I give  
you: Love one another."  
John 13:34



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**How Many Did You Name Correctly from our September Newsletter Picture Quiz?** (please refer to the larger picture in last month's newsletter to see the faces more clearly)

**Here are the answers:**

**Front Row** (left to right): Esther Welker, Esther Schemmer, Elsie Kohler, Amelie Demien, Elsie Schroeder, Jean Schiermeier, Ester Prigge, Josie Schiermeier. **Back Row** (left to right): Mary Wolf, Georgia Diederich, Loretta Urban, Sharon Snell, Virginia Auping, Carol Diederich, Wanda Greiwe, Jane Nadler, Esther Schwede, Jackie Eslinger, Marian Wildschuetz, Nancy Stevener, Elsie Schroeder.

## More Snippets of Ladies Aid History (from meeting minutes)

**October 1943** – “One of our soldier boys, namely Lt. Edgar Kamphoefner, has been overseas for sometime, and so our Society wishes to honor him accordingly, by placing a silver star on our Service Flag”. (When a serviceman was sent overseas, a silver star was placed over the blue star that had been placed on the Service Flag when he was inducted into Service).

**October 1952** – The question arose where would we serve our picnic supper, in the Parish Hall or in the Park as in former years? This of course has not definitely been decided, but it was mentioned that all food might have to be served indoors or behind screens on account of Polio and other sickness.

**October 1959** – A motion was made and seconded that the Ladies Aid pay the bill for the “Tea” which was served for the PTA meeting in September. A motion was made and seconded to pay the full amount of the Desk Bill as soon as all the desks are complete.

**October 1961** – After a discussion about a Sauerkraut Supper, a ballot vote was taken resulting in 9 votes for yes; 5 votes for no; and 3 blanks. The date was set for Nov. 19, 1961. It was voted to buy 3 hogs and 1 ½ bushels of apples for applesauce.

**October 1966** – Mrs. Demien to get apples for apple butter at Apple Dora's and pay what ever price needed \$1.85 – \$2.25 a bushel. Motion carried to charge 80 cents a qt. of apple butter with a jar, and 90 cents without a jar. Decided to peel apples Oct 18 and cook Wed the 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone to bring a covered dish for lunch both days.

(Right: The Ladies Aid making apple butter)

