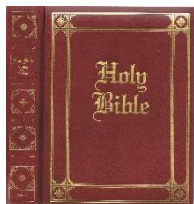


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Message from the Pastor



Fall

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

October is a beautiful month. We look forward to the maples, oaks, elms and other trees changing into the hues of red, yellow, orange and brown. On a bright, sunny day, the contrast of the fall colors with the blue sky is breath-taking. We are blessed to have lots of woods around Sauk County to enjoy God’s palette of colors as the leaves turn and fall.

But October is also a sad month. As the leaves fall, as frost nips the flowers and they fade away, they leave behind bare trees and plants whose glory is now behind them. And we know that the harsh cold of winter is lurking around the corner.

Fall reminds us of the fleeting nature of our lives too. We flourish for awhile, but then we fade away. We are as the Lord spoke earlier in Isaiah 40, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD falls on them” (vv. 6b,7a). We too wither and fall after time, because of sin, and “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

“But the word of our God stands forever.” What a comfort it is to know that, even when seasons change, when we grow older and feebler and eventually die, our Lord and his Word will endure. In his Word he promises us that his love for us will never change. The death of Jesus continues to atone for all our sin. Christ’s resurrection still means that death is swallowed up in victory. That stands forever.

As you go out to view fall colors this month, be reminded of our Lord’s enduring promises. How ever long we’ve got left in this world—80 years or 8 years or 8 months—we know that it’s not the end. We will be dormant in the ground for a while. But like the spring flowers that bloom again, our Lord will come and raise us up to eternal life. And there will be no fall, no fading, no withering away in heaven—just eternal life, bliss and happiness, because Jesus is making it our eternal home!

--Pastor Timothy Blauert

Worship Services & Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions themes

In October the daily devotions will continue our trek through the Bible. We will cover Exodus, the first half of Leviticus, and Psalms 11-18. God bless your reading!

Worship theme in October: Follow Christ

Oct. 6 (20th Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ in the Family.

Oct. 13 (21st Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ with Proper Priorities.

Oct. 20 (22nd Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ who Served and Gave His Life.

Oct. 27 (23rd Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ—See Him by Faith

HERE WE STAND

*A Worship Service Concert Combining
The Word of God and Song*

Charles Bonow, organist

REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday, Oct 27th, 3:00 PM

At: St. John's Lutheran Church, Baraboo

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Congregational Meeting: Sun., Oct. 6

Immediately after the 8:30 service on Oct. 6, we will have a congregational meeting. All confirmed members are welcome to attend. Two agenda items for you to be aware of:

--The council is recommending a bylaw change regarding the audit, that the audit be reported at the April congregation meeting instead of the July meeting.

--We will discuss the budget deficit that our congregation is now facing. We ask all members to pray about this and prayerfully consider increasing their offerings, mindful of all that our Lord has given to us.

Following the congregation meeting we will have fellowship hour.

The Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 13 between the services.

LADIES' AID NEWS

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. We invite all ladies of St. Paul's to join us for fellowship and service to the Lord!



NEW BIBLE STUDY!

"BIBLE BASICS"

Wednesdays, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Not just for members, but neighbors and friends! We'll go over the basic teachings of the Bible, a refresher course for members, and an opportunity for prospects to learn what the Bible teaches and God's love for them. The class will meet from October through January. Invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you!

ANOTHER NEW BIBLE STUDY!

"Lessons from Luther"

A 3-week class on October 20, 27 & November 3.

Times: 8:45-9:45 am, Oct. 20 & 27; after fellowship hour on Nov. 3.

If you haven't tried Bible Class before, this will be a great opportunity! Learn how God used Martin Luther as his instrument for restoring God's Word to the church. Just 3 weeks, so it won't feel like a long-term commitment! Try it out!



Game Night: Mon., Oct. 21, 6:30 pm
Bring a snack to pass, a beverage and a game and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring a friend too!



Fall Clean-up Day: Sat. October 12

Our annual fall clean-up will be Saturday the 12th, starting at 8 a.m. Come in the morning to help with washing walls and windows, raking leaves (if any have fallen), and other touch-up work that needs to be done. The more people help, the quicker it will get done!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is continuing with classes between worship most Sundays, except for the first Sunday when we meet after fellowship. Thank you to our teachers: Lynn Zimmerman has the older kids, and Lori Cook is teaching the preschool/kindergarten class.

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2024 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!

Altar Flowers



On the table in the fellowship hall, please sign up to bring altar flowers for a particular Sunday, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or just on your own. Please refer to the directions in the fellowship hall for caring for altar flowers.

CARDS



Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

LWMS Update

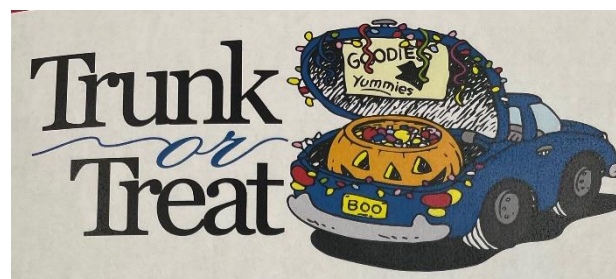


LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is requesting pill bottles which will be sent to Malawi. They must have labels removed and be washed. Please see the bulletin board for information on the size of bottles needed. Any questions, speak to Linda Ennis. We'll collect them until the Fall Rally.

We are also collecting LWMS offering before the rally. Thank you for your contributions.

The next LWMS Fall Rally is at St. John's, Hillpoint on Saturday, Oct. 19. Registration is at 9:30 am. Speaker: Aaron Wakeman on the Friends Network.

"TRUNK OR TREAT": October 31



This Halloween, St. Paul's is hosting a "Trunk or Treat." We'll have it in the church parking lot, setting up at 3:30 p.m. We're asking for volunteers to bring their cars or trucks to church (maybe 5 or 6 total), and get their trunks decorated ready before Trick-or-Treaters come by. We will be coming up with a theme for decorating ideas, and perhaps have some games.

Thrivent funds are being applied for to supply the treats. If you would like to help out, please contact Lori Cook (608)737-1054 or Pastor Blauert (507)279-8560.

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ST. PAUL'S "INFORMATION" PAGE

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Worship times: Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.
First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after
the service on the first Sunday of the month.

Adult Bible study: Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or
after the service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Church Council

President: Jim Dohner
Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman
Secretary: Paul Fuller
Treasurer: Mark Shimniok
Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman
Head usher: Roy Schneider

Ladies' Aid

President: Elaine Shimniok
Secretary: Lynn Zimmerman
Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok
Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm
LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

Church organist

Susan Grossenbacher

Church Custodian Vonnie Leifer (& Walt
Klaetsch)

**Please remember our shut-in members with
your prayers and visits**

Linda Faivre (at home)
Ellie Schultz

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the
hospital, or are having any other difficulties.
He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and
pray with you, as well as offer communion.
Contact information for him is in the left
column of this page.



Happy Anniversary to:

Rick & Lori Hehenberger – October 2, 1982
Dave & Lynn Zimmermann – October 9, 1976
Richard & Claudia Galston – October 10, 1981
Dalton & Regalle Rathman – October 12, 2019
Dan & Angela Filip – October 14, 2000
Brendon & Carrah Shimniok – Oct. 14, 2023



Happy Birthday to:

Dalton Rathman – October 4
Walter Klaetsch – October 8
Luke Rathman – October 8
Pastor Tim Blauert – October 10
Brenda Zeman – October 10
Morgan Rathman – October 11
Jim Dohner – October 16
Scott Klemm – October 16
Scarlett Klaetsch – October 17
Kody Weiland – October 18
Kyle Weiland – October 18
Archie Weber – October 20
Melanie Zimmerman – October 28
Claudia Galston – October 30
Michael Weiland – October 30