



# *Spirit of St. Paul*

St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Lansing, MI

**OCTOBER 2022**

---

Dear Fellow Minsters in Christ,

It is hard to believe summer is over. The shorts and t-shirt go into storage as we bring out sweaters and jackets to enjoy the cool weather of Autumn, visit the orchard for those crisp apples, delicious donuts and cold cider and to purchase pumpkins. The pumpkins will then turn into Jack-O-Lanterns and scrumptious pumpkin pie.

Many people took time off during the summer and early fall and things are settling into our normal rhythm. Part of their normal rhythm is to start Sunday School where we have seen new children in attendance

Fall also begins with a request to complete commitment cards. They have been requested by October 9<sup>th</sup> so the leadership can build a budget to carry out serving the community within our means.

We dropped off the socks, underwear and sweatpants that Donley Elementary requested which you had so generously contributed for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. These will help to keep students dry and warm during the year. Principal Tracey Barton and staff were very appreciative we would do this to support her students and staff.

We showed a video during worship on 9/28 from Bev D. where she talked about her faith and how she recognizes everything she has comes from God and has a joyful life, even though she is home bound as she continues to recover from surgery from over 4 years ago. It is faith that allows Bev to have total dependence on God and a willingness to do his will. Bev is able to join Bible Studies and worship from home via ZOOM, place writings in the monthly newsletter while serving by sending out notifications to the faith community along with

## **Guiding Principles**

We are a people who:

- ☼ Listen for God's Call
- ☼ Believe and Trust in God's Call
- ☼ Answer God's Call
- ☼ Support each other in times of joy and sorrow
- ☼ Live out our faith in prayer and service
- ☼ Share food with the hungry
- ☼ Believe the gospel is for all, not just Christians.

serving as the Chair of the Green Team. Please continue to keep Bev in your prayers for continued healing.

As Bev shares her faith, we consider Luke 17:5-10 (NRSV):

*<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a<sup>[a]</sup> mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.*

*<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'*

The disciples were genuine in their demand for greater faith. They want to know how they can have enough faith for radical forgiveness. Instead of giving them an answer Jesus tells them about faith the size of a mustard seed. Faith is not only to God's will but includes complete humble obedience to God's will and doing whatever God calls us to do. Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit, but the amount of faith isn't as important as is the right kind of faith - faith in our all-powerful God. Martin Luther says in his Preface to Romans, "Faith is a work of God in us, which changes us . . . and makes us completely different people in heart, mind, senses, and all our powers." Luther says that we are to ask God to work such faith in us through prayer, a faith that does not stop to ask if good works are to be done but is busy and active, always doing good for our neighbor. Luther also says in a tract *On the Freedom of a Christian* where Luther says by faith

alone, God sets a person utterly, completely, free in Christ. We are lord of all, subject to none. Love binds us as an utterly dutiful servant to the neighbor, subject to everyone. The paradox of Christian freedom then plays out in faith and love.

Now we turn our attention to the future. It is with great sadness and joy we wish Norma and husband Linn happiness in their future and their condo in Florida during the winter. She made my life much easier at St. Paul and will be in our hearts moving forward. The potluck in her honor and her excellent service to St. Paul was well attended and the generous folks at St. Paul were able to give then a gift card for over \$1,100.00 dollars. The Human Resources Committee is now interviewing for the Office Manager position. This comes at a time when it is difficult to find people.

Thank you to Barb P and Chuck N and others for tending the garden so there were a lot of fresh vegetable for recipients of the food pantry and children were able to receive a pumpkin from the garden. The garden will now be rototilled, ready for next Spring.

I constantly should thank Mary for all she does for myself and the faith community. It is hard to imagine doing this without her. She has great love for each of the children.

We look forward in faith and humility as we continue to move forward as we carryout God's mission to our community.

Blessings to all,

Pr. Carl and Mary

---

**Council**

The next Council Meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

---

### **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

Did you know that "Pastor Appreciation Day" is always the second Sunday in October, and that all of October is celebrated as "Pastor Appreciation Month".

Pastor Appreciation Day started out as "Clergy Appreciation Day," the celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. This idea of showing appreciation can be traced all the way back to Paul's new testament letters. Paul mentions this idea in a number of different letters that he writes to the various churches. Paul says this in his first letter to Timothy,

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17 (English Standard Version).

Over the past few years Pastor Carl has been challenged to bring God's word to us. He has tried new skills, experimented with new technology, and in ways that have often been unseen, but have been critical to the wellbeing of our congregation.

This is a time to let Pastor Carl know that you see his efforts, that you appreciate the many ways he serves and continues to service SPLC.

---

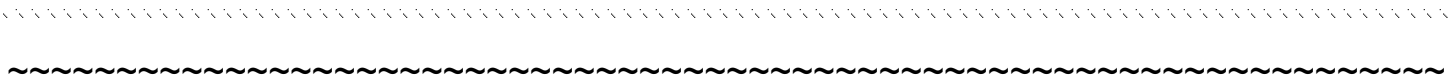
**Worship**

### **Weekly Bible Study** –

**TUESDAY** evening Bible Study began on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past we will discuss the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. You will find them under October Readings.

Please join us via ZOOM every Tuesday evening!



### OCTOBER READINGS

#### October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the LORD*

- Psalm 37:1-9

*Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)*

- 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ*

- Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

*Faith the size of a mustard seed*

#### October 9<sup>h</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed*

- Psalm 111

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*

- 2 Timothy 2:8-15

*If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ*

- Gospel - Luke 17:11-19

*One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God*

#### October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 32:22-31

*Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*

- Psalm 121

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*

- 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

*In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*

- Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

*The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

#### October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

*Jerusalem will be defeated*

- Psalm 84:1-7

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*

- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*The good fight of faith*

- Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

*A Pharisee and tax collector pray together*

**October 30<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

• **Isaiah 1:10-18**

*Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed*

• **Psalm 32:1-7**

*All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)*

• **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

*Faith and love amid persecution and adversity*

• **Gospel - Luke 19:1-10**

*Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus*

~~~~~

**Bar Theology** is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening at 6:30 pm EACH MONTH. Our next meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. As in the past we will meet at Red Cedar Spirits, beginning at 6:30 pm. We will meet in a private space.

If you are in need of a ride for any reason, please reach out to Pastor Carl as he will know who may be able to assist in that way.

At Bar Theology we enjoy checking in with each other, talking about our church events and worship services and other topics that are brought up. I would like us to continue to discuss how we can accomplish our mission of outreach to our community. So bring your thoughts and ideas.

Bar Theology is a way to reconnect in an informal setting. Enjoy some alcoholic or nonalcoholic drinks and time with friends. See you there. Bev Dirkin graciously sends out monthly reminders for this time together.

~~~~~

**Women's Bible Study** We meet the second Wednesday each month at 11:00 am. Our next meeting will be **October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Please plan to join us in October as we continue in the Jesus and Nature series:

**Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith** by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake

that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.

This month we are into **Session 2: "Soil,"** we will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

**Session 3: "Creatures,"** for *November 2022*.

Please contact ([officemanager@stpaul-el.org](mailto:officemanager@stpaul-el.org)) or call the church office at 351-8541, for more information and a copy of the Study.

---

**Next Worship Committee meeting ~**

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm

---

**Social Outreach & Ministry**

**Food Pantry Report for October 2022 Newsletter**



*St. Paul Pantry*

A total of 121 clients were served in August 2022, which meant 41 families were helped. So far since January 1, 2022, we have served 939 clients, which means 315 families have been helped. We could not have accomplished this without the support of our congregation and the dedicated volunteers who work at the Food Pantry.

Between August 26, 2022, and September 25, 2022, 583 pounds of food was donated for the Food Pantry from members of the congregation, as well as outside donors from the community. This brings the total donated so far this year to 4,345.15 pounds. We are very grateful for these donations as they provide additional food that we are not always able to obtain from the GLFB or the grocery shelves.

We would like to thank our dedicated garden volunteers for all of their hard work this summer, as well as individuals in the congregation who have donated from their own gardens. The clients have truly enjoyed the bounty from the gardens.

The cash donations that we receive for our Food Pantry, member donations of food and the Meijer's Simply Giving cards are truly a blessing for the Food Pantry at this time when the supply chains are limited, and the cost of food and personal need items

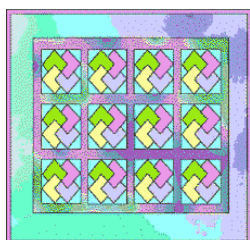
has risen. It allows us to purchase those items that are not currently available through the GLFB and keep providing the basic needs of our clients. We would like to thank everyone who donates in any way to the Food Pantry and want to let you know that all donations are greatly appreciated.

The Food Pantry is seeking volunteers who might be able to assist with the shopping for supplies at Meijer's. There are many staples that we have been unable to obtain from the Greater Lansing Food Bank in the past several months. We are able to obtain these supplies by using our Meijer's Simply Giving cards and have been shopping there weekly. We also receive generous food donations from several families in our congregation each month. The Meijer's cards can only be used for food items and not for personal needs, so we generally pick up those supplies at Sam's or the Dollar Tree with funding from the cash donations that we receive. If anyone would be interested in helping with the shopping on occasion, please contact Bev Johnson to obtain a list of needed items and a Simply Giving Gift card to use or talk with Bev or Tracy Collins regarding the personal needs obtained at the Dollar Tree.

The Food Pantry is still seeking volunteers who are able to work on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoon pantry distribution days. If you would like to help, please contact Bev Johnson or Tracy Collins.

The following is a list of items needed for the Food Pantry which are not generally available from the Greater Lansing Food Bank:

- |                                |                           |                         |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Dish Soap</b>               | <b>Toilet Paper</b>       | <b>Cake Mixes</b>       |
| <b>Laundry Soap</b>            | <b>Paper Towels</b>       | <b>Brownie Mixes</b>    |
| <b>Shampoo</b>                 | <b>Kleenex</b>            | <b>Canned Vegetable</b> |
| <b>Conditioner</b>             | <b>Deodorant</b>          | <b>Boxed Salt</b>       |
| <b>Disposable Razors</b>       | <b>Catsup</b>             | <b>Mustard</b>          |
| <b>Syrup</b>                   | <b>Spices</b>             | <b>Hot Cocoa Mixes</b>  |
| <b>Tea</b>                     | <b>Coffee</b>             | <b>Cereal</b>           |
| <b>Toothpaste/Toothbrushes</b> | <b>Tomato Sauce/Paste</b> | <b>Jell-O/Pudding</b>   |



### **CALLING ALL QUILTERS!**

Please consider joining us!

Invite your friends who may be interested in learning to quilt.

No machine sewing required!

Do you know how to thread a needle and tie a knot?

(If you do not, we will teach you!)

We plan to meet on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

starting at 5:30 PM. Come any time for an hour or two.

There is also lots of spirited conversation, lots of love and laughter  
so come join us anytime.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please reach out to one of us.

Questions?

Please contact [Sharon B.](#) or [Norma.](#)

---

**Stewardship**

### **Commitment Sunday and Congregational Meeting**

A gentle reminder that Commitment Sunday will be *October 9<sup>th</sup>*. Your pledge cards would be greatly appreciated so that work on the 2023 budget can begin.

The Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, *November 20<sup>th</sup>*. Please plan to attend.

For those of you that are on committees, you need to be thinking about your contribution for the annual report to the congregation. You can send them via email (this is the easiest form) to [officemanager@stpaul-el.org](mailto:officemanager@stpaul-el.org) or give them to the office manager directly. These would be appreciated by *October 25<sup>th</sup>*.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

---

**Green Team**

### **October 2022**

You may be aware of the impending name change of Abbot Woods Park in East Lansing to an Indigenous People's name meaning "many cottonwoods." This change is rooted in a growing awareness and interest concerning the fact that we are living on land previously occupied by, and stolen from, others, and reflects an effort to show respect for that. Our faith tells us that the land belongs to God. In the book of Genesis, the Lord gives us the earth to till and keep, i.e. to use and care for.

Many recent publications describe and promote the Indigenous peoples' attitude toward the earth, and ways of living that show reciprocity for the gifts received from the earth. "Reciprocity" is a term that crops up over and over... "giving back" by caring for the earth.

Climate change has reached overwhelming emergency levels. In the likelihood that we are unable to reverse it, we need to be finding ways to live with it. Reciprocity is one of



them. Following are a few articles and books (along with reviews to describe them) that we, as your Green Team, recommend:

**“Climate Change Is Here: how will we adapt?”** by Bethany Solleder. *In Christian Century*, September 22, 2021.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/climate-change-here>

**“Earth’s Self-Care”** by Katharine M. Preston, *in Christian Century*, September 22, 2022.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/features/earth-s-self-care>

**“The Land Mourns,”** by Andi Lloyd, *in Christian Century*, September 22, 2022.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/features/land-mourns>

**“Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest,”** by Suzanne Simard, published by Knopf, 2021. Her 20+ years of research as a forest ecologist shows how trees communicate with each other via mycorrhizal fungi on their root systems.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/a-scientists-career-in-communion-with-trees/2021/05/20/382b7838-ac1b-11eb-ab4c-986555a1c511\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/a-scientists-career-in-communion-with-trees/2021/05/20/382b7838-ac1b-11eb-ab4c-986555a1c511_story.html)

<https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/some-trees-are-mothers>

**“The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here,”** by Hope Jahren, published by Vintage Books, 2021.

<https://www.washingtonindependentreviewofbooks.com/index.php/bookreview/the-story-of-more>

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/hope-jahren/the-story-of-more/>

<https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/book-climate-change-s-neither-preachy-nor-hopeless>

---

## Upcoming Events

Islamic Society of Greater Lansing presents

### **Salaam Peace Festival**

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy cultural exhibits and halal food from local restaurants!

Proceeds will be used for Afghan refugee support programs.

Ethnic Foo & Swwets – Cultural Exhibits – Bazaar  
Henna Tatoos – Calligraphy – Face Paninting – Balloon Twisting  
920 South Harrison Rd., East Lansing, MI'

Registration is requested.

[Weekly Announcements \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com) scroll down to the Peace Festival flyer

---

### **Family Sunday FUNDAY!**

Sunday Fundays will be back and are starting in **October!** They will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and all ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Tracy C.

Here is a list of activities:

- **October 16<sup>th</sup>** - Potter Park Zoo 1 p.m.
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bowling at City Limits East Lansing 1 p.m.
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Roller Skating at Edru 1 p.m.
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Hawk Island Snow Tubing
- **March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Escape Room Challenges East Lansing 1p.m. (or available time)
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Ice Skating at Suburban Ice 3:30 (unless they update times to earlier)
- **May - TBD** - Lugnuts Game



---

### **MSU Friendship House**

Plans are in the process for hosting a potluck with the Friendship House in the month of November. Please plan to participate in welcoming them.

---

### **Help Wanted**

It is with great pleasure we announce the hiring of our new office manager, Maria Oliver.

Norma will be working with Maria to assist in making her feel more comfortable with the tasks at hand. If you are at the church, please stop in to introduce yourself.

Maria brings a great skillset to SPLC. We look forward to working with her!

We think you're going to like Maria!

---

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

07	Pat S	19	Rachel J
10	Grant B	21	Chuck N
13	Maryann L	25	Kristin H
14	Stacy T		Daniel N
19	Ethan C	27	Mary B
		30	Ardyth C



### Anniversaries

01 Vicki & Gary K

17 Bob & Kay S

28 Pr. Carl & Mary B



**Please note:** *If your birthday or anniversary is NOT listed and it should be, we may not have it on file. If you would like to have your day recognized in the future, please let the office know. We apologize for any errors that may have occurred, as it was not our intent.*

---

## Reflections

### Heroes and (S)heroes

by Bev Dirkin

Who are your heroes and (s)heroes? Every now and again I think about an individual who contributed to the texture of my life and remember them fondly. They might have been someone I dealt with on a regular basis or maybe someone who just gave me a lifeline when I was about to go over the cliff.

One of my favorite memories is about my friend, Dr. Elen Cutrim. Elen was a Professor at Western Michigan University, and I met her when I first joined my church in Portage. She came to the U.S.A. via marriage from a small town on the coast of Brazil.

Elen must have noticed how badly I needed someone to make me feel that I had a friend at the church. She took me under her wing, where there were already a bunch of people hanging around. She mentored me, teaching me how many different ways I could serve at the church. She asked me to work by her side, so we cooked, cleaned

up, delivered food to our shut-ins, taught Sunday School and shared a lot of things that needed to be done.

When my children were with their Father, she'd invite me home to Sunday dinner of some traditional Brazilian food. Around the huge table she set up in the living room were an eclectic group of people from different nationalities, students from college, as well as professors. Her large energetic family and several people from church joined the table celebration. It was hard to believe that Elen could do this weekly.

Elen was part of our church prayer group and invited me to join. We met at the homes of the members and lifted our prayers for our church, our members and the world. Elen loved to celebrate life and she threw amazing evening fiestas like those she remembered from her family celebrations in Brazil. She was one of the most alive and joyous people I have ever known.

Elen was planning her retirement from Western Michigan University and she and her family were building a retirement home right on the Brazilian coast. She found out that she had a very aggressive cancer. The prayer group was requested to pray for Elen and her family. We were asked to visit her, but only in small groups or individually. It was so painful to see her having to give up the Sunday dinners and fiestas. Now when I visited there was always someone else there, making us both a cup of tea. Even that little act of hospitality seemed heroic in the midst of her suffering.

Eventually Elen went to live in a local hospice facility. Another friend and I would visit often. We'd take a guitar and worship, pray and sing hymns for Elen and those members of her family and close friends who were around. When I asked Elen what she needed she would respond, "I want to go home to Jesus." Eventually she could no longer speak and would just point upward. It hurt to say goodbye and I remember the important things that Elen taught me and try my best to celebrate her memory.

Please do not forget those who are your heroes and (s)heroes. Lift them up in prayer and celebrate their memory or honor them while you still can.

---

**Thank YOU!**

**"God's work. Our hands."**

**and Rally Day**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

What a wonderful day! We had Great Attendance, Wonderful Food and Delightful Fellowship!



Your efforts to collect items for our local elementary school were a huge success!! Thank you! Because of all of you we donated:

- 24 new packages of unisex socks (or 207 pairs).
- 25 new unisex sweatpants.
- 18 new packages of underpants. 8 packages of boys (or 48 pair) and 10 packages of girls (or 101 pair).

Many hands, **“Our hands,”** made this a successful event! Thank You!

~~~~~

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the sweet “Farewell”. I will miss all of you so very much.

I was in awe of your generosity too! You surpassed Chuck’s goal of \$1,111.00! The Home Depot cards were a perfect idea! We are doing some renovations to our condo, so know I will think of you often. We are hoping the hurricane won’t add to our list!

My heart remains here with all of you, *Norma*

P.S. Don’t be surprized if you see me every now and then.

---

**Mark Your Calendars**

**St Paul Happenings for October 2022**

- 2 Pantry Offering  
Salaam Peace Festival
- 3 Worship Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 12 Gather Bible Study – 10:00 am
- 20 Council Meeting – 7:00 p
- 23 Bar Theology – 6:30 pm
- 25 Newsletter Deadline  
Annual Report Deadline



## He Leadeth Me

By Bill Dagle

Much ink has been used to answer the question, “How can I know God’s leading?” All of us, in one way or another, would like to know the answer. Somewhere along the way, I heard a Bible teacher say this about God’s leading: “To know His leading, there are three things—the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and the circumstances of life. God will use all of these to direct our paths into His will.” Because the Bible tells us to speak to one another (Eph. 5:10) and to encourage one another (Heb. 10:25), I’m thinking of a hymn that will do just that.

The song, He Leadeth Me, was written in 1861 at the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, or to be more precise, the house next door. John Henry Gilmore was the supply pastor and, following prayer meeting, was visiting Deacon Watson in the house next door. The members of the church had gathered there and were discussing the pastor’s message on the 23rd Psalm. As Pastor Gilmore listened, he started to write: and within a short time, had completed the hymn. Giving the hymn to his wife, the good pastor soon forgot about it. A few years later, while visiting a church in Rochester, New York, to his surprise, he found his song in a new hymnal the church was using. Apparently, Mrs. Gilmore had sent the words to a Baptist publication. William Bradbury, the Father of Gospel Music, had seen the words and added some music. Thus, a new hymn was born.

It’s been said that music prepares the heart for the message. This hymn does that. In its verses, we are reminded that God’s Word, His Spirit and the ups and downs of life. are used to lead His children—both in this life and even in the valley to the next (Psalm 23).

*He leadeth me—Oh blessed thought!  
Oh, words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, wher-e’er I be,  
Still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.*

*Sometimes ‘mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,  
By waters calm, o’er troubled sea,  
Still ‘tis His hand that leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur or repine;  
Content whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

*And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan, leadeth me.*

### **Chorus**

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me;  
By His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me*



[Fountain Veiw Singers / He Leadeth Me](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVgHneowNb8>

**Did you know?**



### **History of Tomato Pin Cushions**

Metal pins are an invaluable tool for today's seamstress, and they were no less so for sewers throughout history. With pins came a variety of ways to store them, including boxes, cases and cushions.

### **15th-Century Debut**

The first reference to the tomato pin cushion appears in the 15th century. Before this, as metal pins were rare and expensive, they were stored in a variety of protective cases made of bone, ivory or silver.

### **Tudor Era**

During the Tudor Era (1485-1603) it became common practice to use fancy, stuffed shapes to store needles and pins. The familiar tomato shape evolved due to the folklore surrounding the fruit, which symbolized prosperity and repelled evil spirits.

### **A Sign of Prosperity**

A custom evolved whereby ripe tomatoes were placed on a mantel to ensure future prosperity. As real tomatoes were not always available, people created fabric tomatoes

stuffed with sand or sawdust. Eventually, the stuffed, decorative tomatoes were used as pin cushions.

### **Victorian Era**

The stuffed tomato pin cushion was further popularized in the Victorian Era. As parlor rooms became more opulent, the lady of the house displayed collections of pin cushions in various shapes (fans, dolls, shoes, fruits and vegetables), taking pride in their number and variety. The tomato pin cushion became a familiar presence.

### **Present Day**

The most familiar pin cushion today is the red tomato. The strawberry tassel attached to the pin cushion is filled with emery and serves to clean and sharpen needles and pins.

---

### **Poinsettia**

While autumn has only just arrived, like everything else the garden center items are in high demand. To be proactive, our supplier has given us their prices early and are requesting we submit our order by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Below is an order form to reserve your blooms for this Christmas season. We appreciate you loaning them to us for this upcoming Advent Season.

**4.5" (single stem)**      \_\_\_\_\_      @      **\$5.50** \_\_\_\_\_

**6.5" (single stem)**      \_\_\_\_\_      @      **\$11.75** \_\_\_\_\_

**7.5" (double stem)**      \_\_\_\_\_      @      **\$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**8.5" (triple stem)**      \_\_\_\_\_      @      **\$6.50** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



| Sun                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                                                       | Tue                                                                                                                                                         | Wed                                                                                                                                                   | Thu                                                                               | Fri                                         | Sat                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 AM –IN PERSON<br/>Worship</p> <p><i>Salaam Peace<br/>Festival</i></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 PM - Worship<br/>Committee Meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study<br/>via Zoom</p>                                                                        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>2:00 pm – Service<br/>Recording</p> <p>5:00 PM Pantry Dist</p>                                          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>                                        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Worship<br/>Facebook &amp;<br/>You Tube</p>                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00 AM –IN PERSON<br/>Worship</p>                                         | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>                                               | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study<br/>via Zoom</p>                                                                       | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>10:00 am – Gather Bible<br/>Study</p> <p>2:00 pm – Service<br/>Recording</p> <p>5:30 pm - Quilting</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p>1:00-4:00 PM- Pantry<br/>Dist.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>Worship<br/>Facebook &amp;<br/>You Tube</p>                                                            |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 AM –IN PERSON<br/>Worship</p>                                        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>Alison House Board<br/>Meeting</p>         | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study<br/>via Zoom</p>                                                                       | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>2:00 pm – Service<br/>Recording</p> <p>5:00 PM Pantry Dist</p>                                         | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>Worship<br/>Facebook &amp;<br/>You Tube</p>                                                            |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00 AM –IN PERSON<br/>Worship</p> <p>6:30 pm – Bar Theology</p>          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>                                               | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study<br/>via Zoom</p> <p><b>Newsletter &amp;<br/>Annual Meeting<br/>Report Deadline</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>2:00 pm – Service<br/>Recording</p> <p>5:30 pm - Quilting</p>                                          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>1:00-4:00 PM- Pantry<br/>Dist.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>Worship<br/>Facebook &amp;<br/>You Tube</p>                                                            |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00 AM –IN PERSON<br/>Worship</p>                                        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Halloween</i></p>                       | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>November 1</b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study<br/>via Zoom</p>                                                               | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>2:00 pm – Service<br/>Recording</p> <p>5:00 PM Pantry Dist</p>                                          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>                                        | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Worship<br/>Facebook &amp;<br/>You Tube</p> <p><b>Daylight Saving<br/>Time Ends –<br/>Fall Back</b></p> |

# OCTOBER 2022



## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

3383 E. Lake Lansing Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517/351-8541  
[www.stpaul-el.org](http://www.stpaul-el.org)

**Our Purpose: Feeding God's people both inside and outside while listening to what the people need.**