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Reformation – Confirmation Sunday

Worship begins at 10:00am
Sunday October 31, 2021

God Talk

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.”

- John 1:5



When I was a kid, I was afraid of the dark. I had a night light in my bedroom that looked like a candle, and every night my parents would turn it on before tucking me in to bed. Without it, my whole room was dark and my imagination created all sorts of monsters that could appear at any moment to scare me, but with that one little light on the dresser, the whole room seemed safer and I was able to fall sleep. The darkness could not overcome my night light.

If you are familiar with Holden Evening Prayer, this verse from John’s gospel will probably resonate with you because it is part of that liturgy. The chapel at Valparaiso University, where I spent my undergraduate years, holds a candlelight service every Sunday evening following the Holden liturgy. Every Sunday evening, I worshipped with my friends in semi-darkness, holding candles and singing the familiar songs together. The act of saying those words while holding a candle in the dark chapel reminded me again that even a small light has power over an otherwise dark room.

I have seen a few slightly different translations of this verse, most commonly “the darkness did not overcome it,” but I really appreciate the present tense, “the darkness does

not overcome it.” Jesus, the light shining in our world, is not done with the business of overcoming darkness. Even when it seems like there is endless suffering and problems in the world, we remember that one little light shining in the darkness has great power. Jesus is at work in each one of us, shining the light of God’s love through familiar songs, the love between friends, the kindness of strangers. I pray that we can each see the light in our own lives, and that we can be the light for those around us.

~ Vicar Charlotte Linberry

October 31: A Big Day!

This year, when we celebrate Reformation Day on October 31, 2021, we will also be celebrating Sophie Polinske’s confirmation day! Sophie has been learning with Pastor Delaney and Vicar Charlotte, and she is ready to publicly affirm her faith. So, mark your calendars and be sure to join us in person or online on Sunday, October 31!

A graphic with a blurred background of a church interior. The text is centered and reads: CONFIRMATION DAY Sunday, October 31.

**CONFIRMATION
DAY**

Sunday, October 31

Building a Culture of Generosity

Dear St. Paul's:

I grew up in a family that demonstrated generosity. Whether through their regular giving to the church, or the consistency with which they responded to special needs in our community, my parents modeled what it meant to share our gifts with others. Now that I am an adult with finances of my own, as well as non-monetary blessings in my life, I am grateful for those early lessons in generosity.

That sort of giving also took root and bloomed in the life of my sister, who has followed our parents example, and become one of the most generous people I know. Although she has expenses of her own, my sister never hesitates to share what she has with the organizations that are meaningful to her, giving regularly to the St. Louis Diaper Bank, the Butterfly Haven organization which supports children in foster care, and the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Observing her generosity and the abundance of love and compassion from which her giving flows always inspires me.

This month, we will begin a new chapter in our generosity journey at St. Paul's, hearing from people in the church about how they have experienced abundance and generosity, and how they choose to respond. As we get ready for this season, I encourage you to consider the

foundational people in your life. How did they model generosity for you? What does it mean to live from a place of abundance?

I look forward to hearing your stories of abundance and sharing as we begin this generosity journey together.

In Gratitude, Pastor Delaney

Shared Worship at Adoration

Mark your calendars! At 9am on Sunday October 17, we will get together with our friends at Adoration Lutheran Church to celebrate Pastor Matt's Installation. It's going to be a great day!





Welcome, Vicar Charlotte!

Vicar Charlotte began their work with St. Paul's on Sunday, September 12. Vicar Charlotte is a full-time seminary intern, who will be with St. Paul's through fall 2022. Be sure to connect with Vicar Charlotte and get to know them in the coming weeks, as they settle in to

the rhythms of life among us.

Fall 2021 Bible Study

Join us on Sunday mornings from 8:15-9am via Zoom. This timeframe gives ample time for study and folks to get to church. Zoom links will be included in the weekly email. Not receiving the weekly emails, contact Dianne Polinske at 414.933.7825





**Blanket Drive
for
Kim's Table!**

September 19- October 17

Check Your Closets!

Earlier in summer, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church donated clothing and other items for Kim's Table. This donation included a dozen or so gently used blankets. These blankets will be distributed at Kim's Table on October 20th.

Do you have a gently used blanket that you no longer use and can donate?

We are collecting blankets, gently used or new, now through Sunday, October 17th.

Thank you!

Outreach Board:

Jane, Suzie, Mary Ellen, Pr. Delaney and Nancy

Birthdays in October

1st John Eastberg

4th Brad Carter

9th Bill Mueller

12th Darrell Smith

13th Suzie Moylan

14th Nancy Day

24th Mark Eastberg

27th Irene Wink

29th Pennylynn Zobel





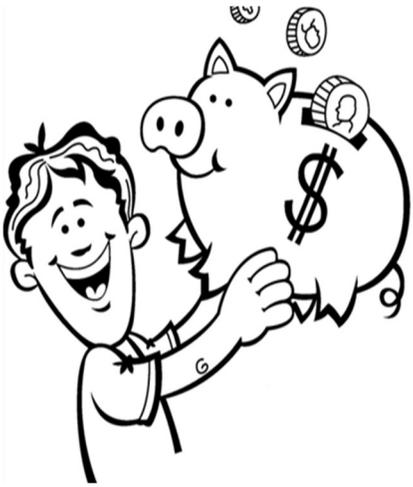
October Anniversaries

9th Mark and Arlene Voelz



OCTOBER 20, 2021
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Kim's Table



NOISY OFFERING is BACK!

Bring your loose change for special offering collections at the Worship Services every first Sunday of the month.

Repairers of the Breach - Milwaukee

Repairers of the Breach is Greater Milwaukee's only daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults open 6 days per week. We believe that offering life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring programs is key to self-reliability.

Repairers of the Breach is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our center is located at **1335 W. Vliet Street** in Milwaukee's central city and is open from **7AM to 3:45 PM, Monday through Saturday**.

Our daytime sanctuary is an empowering place where homeless and at-risk men and women can get the resources they need to get back on track. Whether it be food and clothing for the short-term, or education for the long-term, we are here to provide as many resources as we can, and we proudly partner with many other programs to ensure everyone gets the tools they need.

For more information including programs, take a moment to visit their website at <https://www.repairers.org/>

RIC Corner

Milwaukee's "Pridetoberfest" is happening October 8-9 at Summerfest grounds! Since 1996, Pridefest has kicked off the festival season in Milwaukee in June, but this year it will close the season. October is LGBTQ+ History Month, along with National Coming Out Day, which makes for a great reason to celebrate Pride in October!



National Coming Out Day is October 11. This is a day many individuals choose this day to “come out of the closet” and share their sexual or gender identity with family and friends. This day reminds us that it hasn’t always been easy to come out or be out in a heteronormative society, and for many people it is still a struggle to be their authentic self in the world. When the world seems full of fear and hatred of those who are different, we remember that God loves each and every one of us just as we are; we are wonderfully made.



Lake Park Lutheran Church
(on the East Side of
Milwaukee) will be hosting an
RIC worship service for the
Greater Milwaukee Synod at
10:30am on October 9,

celebrating our place in the church and in God's creation.
The theme is "Coming Out Beloved" and all are welcome!

Church Council

St. Paul's Church Council met on Zoom on Sept. 8th, 2021 to discuss preparations for worship this fall, ongoing ministries and outreach, and the arrival of Vicar Charlotte. Pastor Delaney shared updates with the Council regarding community outreach efforts, her preparations for welcoming Vicar Charlotte, and plans for fall bible study. Council also discussed the future of Kim's Table, celebrations for St. Paul's 180th anniversary, and updates from the livestream team regarding a grant to purchase new equipment. In addition, Council continued discussions started in August around the future of the congregation, and steps have been taken to look into the many different options available to St. Paul's. Council looks forward to presenting all of these ideas and updates to the congregation at a special meeting in the near future. In the meantime, if you have questions or ideas to share, we'd love to hear them!



October

2021

Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

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3 Bible Study 8:15-9am 10am Worship Live Stream	4	5 	6	7	8	9
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17 Join us at Adoration Lutheran 9am	18 	19	20 Kim's Table Noon <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	21	22	23
24 Bible Study 8:15-9am 10am Worship Live Stream	25	26	27	28 	29	30
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SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

October 3- 31, 2021

October 3

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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