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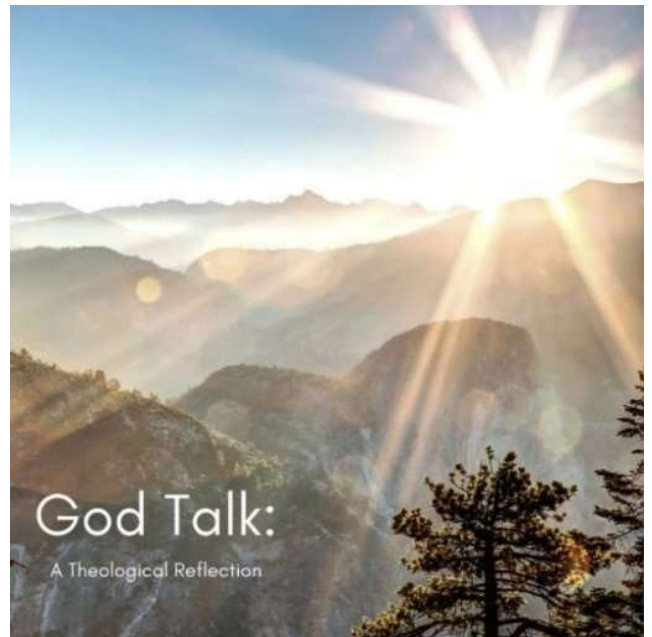
Reformation and Confirmation Sunday

October 29, 2023 | 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

Worship begins at 10:00am

God Talk

This month, we will be engaging in an intentional period of reflection on stewardship at St. Paul's. But what does stewardship mean, if not just money? We are good at noticing God's presence and expressing our gratitude, but how do we steward the gifts God gives? This fall, St. Paul's is exploring the theme of "growing in grace" each Sunday, as we read excerpts from *Seedfolks* and consider the ways we can tend the gifts of grace within ourselves and others, like a well-watered garden. I think stewardship has something to do with that idea; being a steward of God's gifts means noticing and recognizing those gifts within ourselves and the world around us so that we can say "thank you" and then care for God's gifts in ways that tend them and help them to flourish.



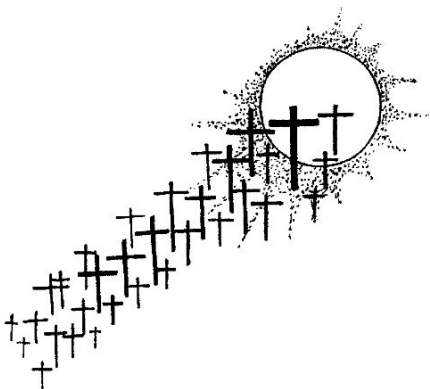
One of the ways I have experienced stewardship in my ministry over the past year has been through the process of shepherding Lucy and Lena Micheel through confirmation. Through weekly conversations and sporadic activities, I have been given the opportunity to notice God's gifts of creativity, wisdom, and insight within Lucy and Lena, as well as our theological tradition. Helping our confirmands develop their own theological critical thinking lenses has been an

experience of meaningful stewardship in my ministry. As they take the final steps toward celebrating confirmation this month, Lucy and Lena's experiences of Lutheran theology and their personal faith journeys are growing and flourishing.

As we embark on a month of stewardship, I hope you might take some time to notice how you are involved in the process of tending God's gifts within and around you. Stewardship is rooted in sharing and tending God's gracious gifts, and I can't wait to hear more about how we are doing that in our congregational community.

-Pastor Delaney

All Saint's Sunday is November 5th: Once again we will light a candle in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away this year. A table of remembrance will be in the common area. If you would like to bring a picture or something that reminds you of your loved one, please add it to the table of remembrance display.





The church council met on September 12, 2023 via Zoom. It was a short meeting with little new business. The boiler project was a main topic of discussion. As of this writing, the old boilers, furnace, and hot water heater have been removed. Gross Heating has begun installation of the new equipment. The thermostat for the education wing will now be in the Memorial Suite and will have Wi-Fi capability. We are eagerly awaiting news on our grant proposal which would provide funds for the boilers and the Storm

Guardens. Council meets again on October 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Micheel

Invite a Friend to Church!

On October 15, you are encouraged to invite a friend to church. St. Paul's is such a warm, friendly, open congregation. Why not encourage someone new to come check us out?



Confirmation

Please join us for worship on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 10am as we celebrate the with Lena and Lucy Micheel. They have been working hard all year, learning and talking with Pastor Delaney about God, scripture, church, and what it means to put our faith into action.



October Birthdays

1st John Eastberg
2nd Rev. Juniper Linberry
4th Brad Carter
9th Bill Mueller
12th Darrell Smith

13th Suzie Moylan
14th Nancy Day
24th Mark Eastberg
29th Penny Zobel



**If you would like to see your birthday or anniversary in the Messenger, please contact the office at 414.933.7825.*

Outreach Update

Thanks to all who participated in the projects for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.



What's next?

The last Kim's Table for 2023 will be on Wednesday, October 18th. As in previous years we hope to have new adult jackets from Outreach for Hope to share with our neighbors. Outreach funds will be used to purchase new warm, waterproof gloves and knitted hats to go with the jackets. If you would like to donate gloves, hats or contribute, please see any member of the Outreach team. Thank you!

- Nancy Day, Jane Prahlow, Suzie Moylan, Sarah Micheel, Pastor Delaney.

Also in October, we plan to celebrate the completion of the project at Our Safe Place. At the time of this publication, we are still working on the date and the details, so *please* check out the bulletin inserts for more information.



October Anniversary

9th Mark & Arleen Voelz

RIC CORNER

This year, the Human Rights Campaign (hrc.org) has declared a national state of emergency for LGBTQ+ people, following a season of sweeping anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in many states across the USA. Sometimes, we perceive church as a place “free of politics,” and while that may be true in terms of partisan politics, St. Paul’s has taken a stance as a safe, open, and affirming place for LGBTQ+ people. So, what are we to do in this time of emergency? Well, I’m glad you asked. Now, more than ever, it is time to be clear about who we are as a church. Let’s think theologically about why all people are welcome, and then make it clear. In our preaching, in our praying, in our language, in our worship practices, we have an opportunity to put our faith into action and meet fear with love.



Editor’s Note: Due to a clerical error, Mark & Arleen’s anniversary was mistakenly published in last month’s edition of the Messenger. Their anniversary is really October 9th.





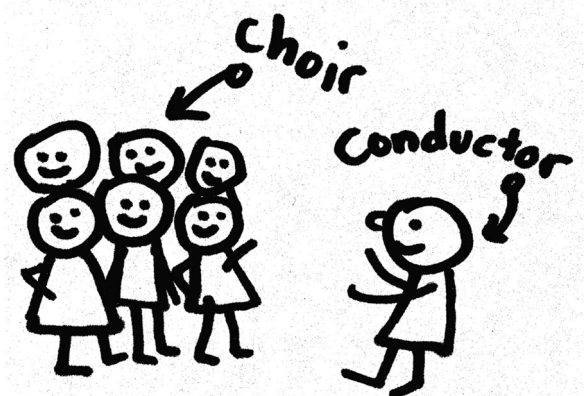
October is Stewardship Month!

This month, St. Paul's will engage in a season of stewardship, focusing on moving into the future with faith and creativity. We will consider investing more deeply in our building, so that the ministry of our expansive God may continue in this place. Please take a look at your household finances as we prepare for pledge Sunday on October 29, and consider how you might commit to the work of St. Paul's in 2024!

Join the Choir at St. Paul's

The choir will perform on Reformation/Confirmation Sunday, October 29th. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Gray Sorenson or Pastor Delaney. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Oct 1 - rehearsal after worship
- Oct 8 - rehearsal after worship
- Oct 15 NO REHEARSAL
- Oct 22 - rehearsal after worship
- Oct 29 - rehearsal before worship



Capital Campaign

As we continue to invest in our future as a congregation, a committed group of St. Paul's folks has been meeting to get a capital campaign rolling. Look for more information as we embark on a season of generosity and investment!

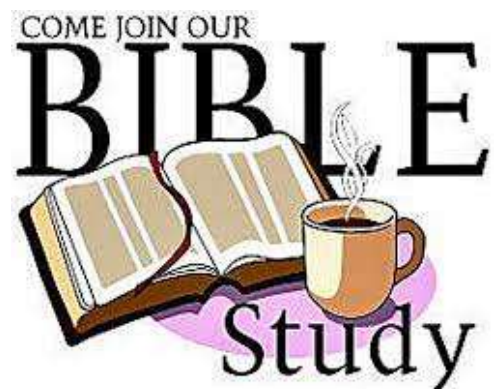


Continuing Education



Pastor Delaney will be out of town October 2 thru the 8th for continuing ed. If you need pastoral care, please contact the office at 414.933-7825.

Please join us in the Memorial Suite each Sunday for good conversation and bible study. There will also be a Zoom option if that is preferred. It all begins at 8:30am. All are welcome!



October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	2 Pr. Delaney	3	4 Continuing Ed	5 	6	7
8 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship 	9	10 4:30pm Confirmation 7pm Council	11 	12	13	14
15 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship Invite a Friend to Church!	16 	17 4:30pm Confirmation	18 Noon Kim's Table <i>*Final one of the year*</i>	19 	20 *November* Messenger Deadline	21
22 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	23	24 4:30pm Confirmation	25	26	27 	28
29 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship Reformation & Confirmation	30 	31 All Hallows Eve 4:30pm Confirmation	Nov 1 All Saints Day	2 	3	4



NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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

Penfield Children's Center - MKE

Penfield Children's Center helps children reach age-appropriate milestones, enter school ready to learn and overcome developmental challenges. Our professional and caring staff include speech pathologists, physical and occupational therapists, special education teachers, nurses and certified nursing assistants, social workers, and early education and child care professionals.

This month highlights the Behavior Clinic:

The Behavior Clinic at Penfield Children's Center provides treatment services to children 5 years of age and younger who have behavior and emotional challenges. A partnership between Penfield and Marquette University, the Behavior Clinic is the only program of its kind in Milwaukee offering family-centered, in-home treatment sessions that address issues very early in a child's development to help prevent serious mental health issues from developing in the future. For many young children under the age of six, behavior issues are overlooked or parents are told their children will "grow out of it." While some challenging behaviors are typical during the toddler and preschool years, others can indicate a more serious condition.

Above information is taken directly from their website.

Please visit their website for this and more information at

<https://penfieldchildren.org/donate/>

Kim's Table UPDATE:

What a wonderful day to spend with our neighbors!

Kim's Table in September (Sept. 20, 2023) handed out tie blankets, hygiene packets and lunch. Many thanks to our friends at Galilee in Pewaukee who helped tie blankets and came down to meet our neighbors. Thanks to Pastor Jennifer Arnold, Jill Plesh, Sally Ruf and Deb Kohler. Many thanks to Andy Liss and the men from Our Safe Place who help us out each month! Here are a few pictures:





Previous page: Tables with items are all set up.

Pic 2: Pastor Delaney assists a neighbor to choose an item to take home.

This page: Our neighbors choose tie blankets.

Below: Thank you to our volunteers from Galilee & St. Paul's.



SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

October 1 – 31

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

October 8

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

*Semicontinuous First
Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99

October 29 Reformation

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



WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: October 2023

	October 1 Pentecost 18	October 8 Pentecost 19	October 15 Pentecost 20	October 22 Pentecost 21	October 29 Reformation
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day
Usher Team	3	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Judy and Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Judy Gilbertson	Tim Kitzman	Mary Klug	Matt Prahlow	MaryEllen Voelz
Communion Type	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek
Close	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Counting Team	2	3	4	1	2
Tech Team	Mike Polinske	Brett Gluth	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske



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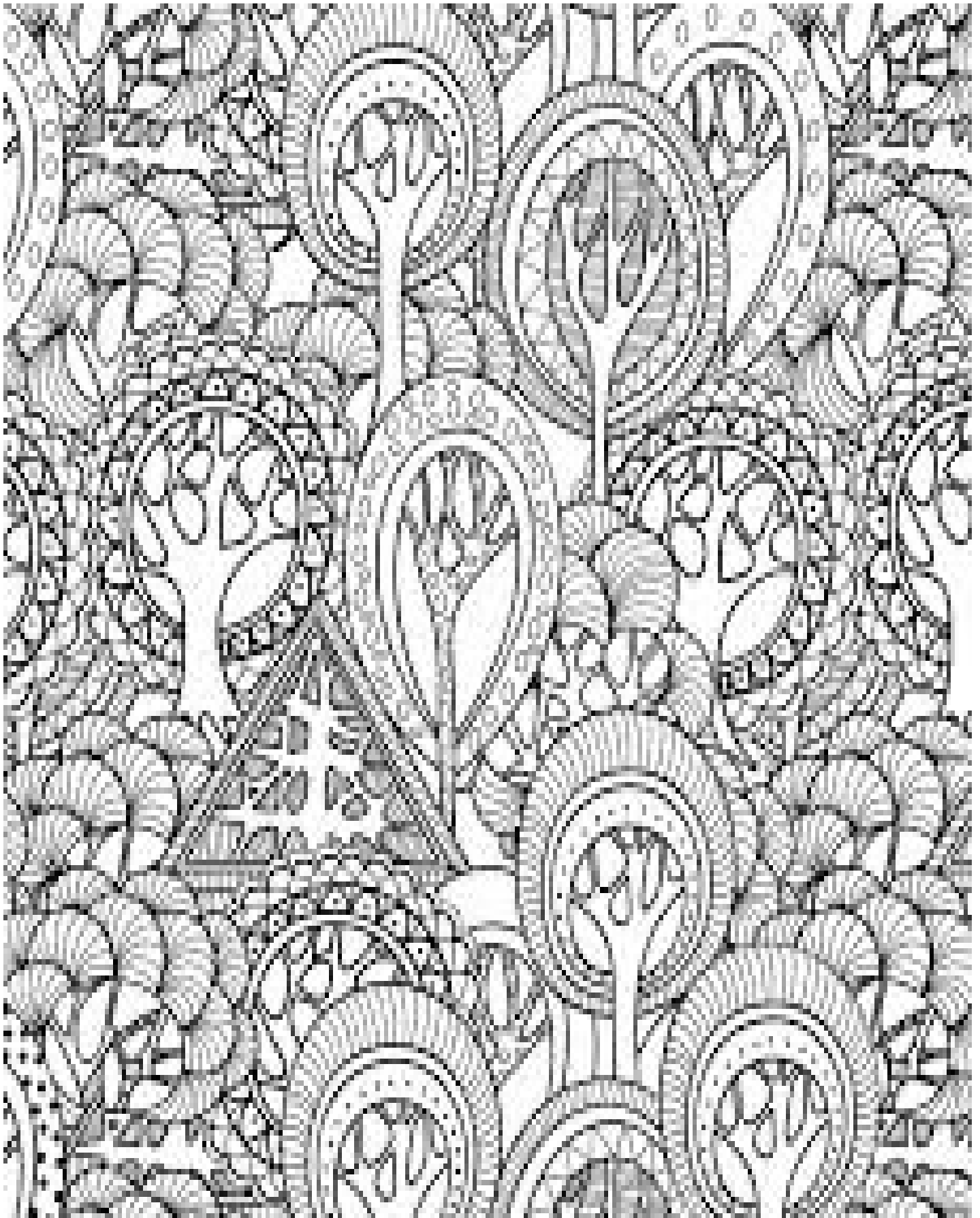


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