

The Messenger

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Reformation Sunday

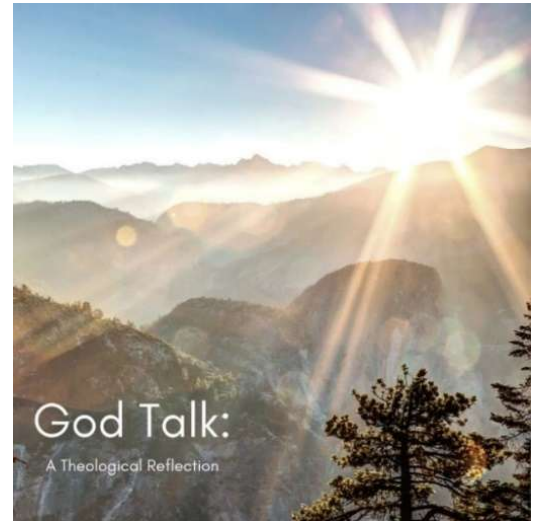
October 25, 2026 | 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

Worship begins at 10:00am

God Talk

*“Preach the gospel at all times;
use words when necessary.”*

This quote is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, and although he likely never said this exact phrase, the sentiment comes from a line in the Franciscan Rule which states, “let all the brothers preach by their deeds.” Francis was a real do-er, reminding us that faith is not just something we believe with our minds, but it is something we live out through our actions every day.



Over the next several weeks in worship, we will hear a number of parables directed at the temple leaders who were really good at *talking about* their faith, but sometimes had trouble *acting out* that faith in real world situations. We, too, can sometimes fall into the trap of thinking that a strong faith means we can articulate our beliefs just right, or that we can convince others of our position through the best argument.

But Jesus calls us into a faith that is **embodied** through our actions just as much as our words, if not more.

This fall, we will hear stories of “faith in action” from our members and partners during worship, and I invite all of you to reflect on how your own life of faith has moved you to action. Our congregation together continues to make a positive difference in our neighborhood, thanks to all of your contributions of time, food for the food shelf, financial resources, care and compassion for others, and so much more than I could ever list here. How does your faith move you?

~Pastor Juniper

Welcome Baby Oliver!

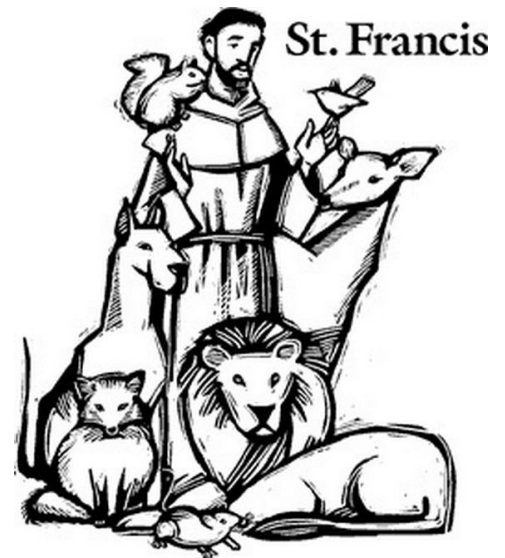
Congratulations to Adam and Emily Prahlow on



the birth of their son, Oliver Everett, born in the afternoon of Tuesday September 22, 2026. Baby Oliver was 7 pounds, 15 ounces. The family is doing well!

Blessing of the Animals!

October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi! We will have a special blessing of animals on Sunday, October 4. Please bring in a photo or memento that represents your pet as we give thanks for the love we receive, and the way our pets show us the beauty of God's wonderful creation.



Drag Bingo

St. Paul's is hosting a bingo fundraiser at Pop Walker's Point! Join us on Saturday, October 10th at 1pm for some silly fun that supports our ministry.



Funds raised from this event will go toward building improvements, including repair to the ceiling at the back of the sanctuary, and accessibility upgrades. Learn more at www.popwalkerspoint.com/bingo



OUTREACH NEWS

THANK YOU!
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September was a busy month at St. Paul's; full of many outreach activities and you all showed up for these ministries!

~ On God's work. Our hands. Sunday (September 13), we blessed and packed the fleece blankets, packaged meal bags for Kim's Table and then enjoyed a hot dog lunch including sharing the meal with neighbors on Wisconsin Avenue.



Pictured here is Pastor Juniper Linberry and Kevin O'Brien.

Pictured here bagging up the blankets are Nancy, Jeri, MaryEllen and Sue.



~ Kim's Table on September 16th welcomed over 60 (sixty!) neighbors. Our neighbors loved the fleece blankets & the meal bags. Thanks again to Galilee Lutheran and St. Paul's members and friends of St. Paul's who participated in making these lovely blankets.

Pictured: Matt, Emmanuel, Nancy, Jane, Alyssa, MaryEllen, Pr. Juniper





On Saturday, September 26th, **Team St. Paul's** participated in Outreach for Hope's annual Ride Run Walk at the Washington Park location. 12 participants registered to represent St. Paul's! Prior to the event, our team had raised about \$200. Outreach for Hope

is accepting donations to the Ride Run Walk through the end of October in order to meet their goal of \$175,000. Visit OFHRRW.org to make a donation, and make sure to designate St. Paul's Milwaukee as the team/congregation you want to support!

Kim's Table

Our last Kim's Table of 2026 will be on Wednesday, October 21st. Please join us if you can! Thanks to Outreach for Hope and a good deal on jackets at Costco earlier this year, we will once again be able to provide adult jackets and a few children's jackets to those in need before the cold weather sets in.

Thank you for all that you do to support St. Paul's outreach ministries!

RIC Corner

October 11th is
National Coming Out Day!

Coming out refers to the process of an individual revealing their identity to someone else. This is not a one-time occurrence, but an ongoing experience for anyone who identifies within the LGBTQ+ community. You might *come out* by correcting someone's assumptions about you, telling them your chosen pronouns, or by simply mentioning how you identify your sexuality.



**NATIONAL
COMING OUT
DAY**
October 11

The synod's annual Pride Worship service will be Thursday, October 8 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, 53215. Join us for a special worship service celebrating our beautiful diversity as God's children, with Pastor Juniper preaching!

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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

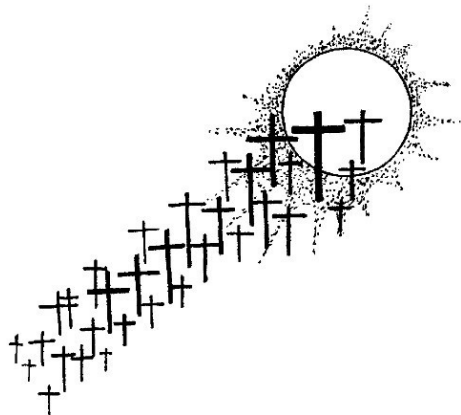


Outreach for Hope – Milwaukee

Team St. Paul's met at Washington Park in Milwaukee on the morning of September 26th for the Outreach for Hope's Annual Ride, Ride Walk fund raiser. OFH grants provide congregations throughout Milwaukee including St. Paul's with funds to support outreach ministries. At St. Paul's this includes Kim's Table and our food shelf. If you haven't already, please consider donating to this wonderful cause. Donations are still being accepted at **OFHRRW.org** make sure to look for Team/Congregations and select St. Paul's Milwaukee.

All Saints Sunday – Nov 1st

We will be lighting a candle in remembrance of those from our church family, who have passed away this year. At this same time, we will light a candle in remembrance of



our loved ones who have passed away. 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 located in the sanctuary.

October

2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1	2	3
4 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship w/Pet Blessing	5 	6	7 	8 9-11am Coffee Office Hours 6pm Pride Worship @ Ascension	9 	10 1pm Drag Bingo @ Pop in Walker's Point
11 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship Nat'l Coming Out Day!	12 	13 7pm Council	14	15 	16 World Food Day!	17
18 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	19	20 <i>*November* Messenger Deadline</i>	21 Kim's Table Noon (Last one of the year)	22	23 	24 
25 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 All Hallow's Eve

Join Pastor Juniper for casual conversation at a favorite local spot!



Coffee Office Hours

Stone Creek on Harwood Ave
October 8 and 29, 9-11am

Join Pastor Juniper on October 8th and/or 29th for open “office hours” at Stone Creek Coffee! Come with your burning theological questions, or just to catch up with the folks in our community.

PRIDE WORSHIP AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN

October 8th, address below, Pastor Juniper will be preaching.



The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to

CELEBRATING OUR
DIVERSITY AS GOD'S
CHILDREN

PRIDE WORSHIP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026, 6PM

Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



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Synod Mural Project

The Synod Mural project is **now complete** and the mural has been installed!

Please join us on Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 am for a brief time of dedication and celebration of the mural, located at The Table, 5305 W. Capitol Drive (the mural faces 53rd

Street). We will hear comments from the artist, Tia Richardson, Venice Williams, ministry leader of The Table, and Bishop Paul Erickson.

We are grateful for all who helped design and paint the mural, which reflects our commitment to working together to create a world of justice, love, and mercy. Thank you to the many individuals and congregations who gave generous donations that made this possible.



October Birthdays

1st John Eastberg
2nd Pr. Juniper
9th Bill Mueller
12th Darrell Smith

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



Get Out the Vote!

There is a national midterm election on **November 3, 2026**.

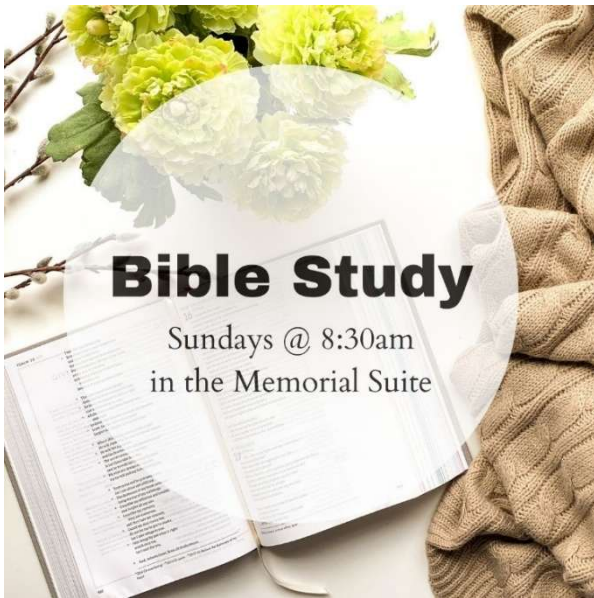
Did you know you can vote early, starting October 20?

Most municipalities offer in-person early voting at the city hall or other public buildings,

and you can also request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

Martin Luther wrote in his doctrine of Two Kingdoms that, as Christians, we are simultaneously citizens of the “spiritual kingdom,” ruled by God, and citizens of the “earthly kingdom,” governed by law and civil authority. We are both set free from the power of sin, and yet continue to live in an imperfect world. As citizens of this world, we are called to participate in civic life (including voting) as an expression of our faith in a loving and gracious God.

Use www.myvote.wi.gov to check your voter registration status, request an early absentee ballot, and see exactly what's on your ballot. *Do not use “votesafe”.org which is privately owned and does not provide the same information*



Bible Study

Join us each Sunday at 8:30am in the Memorial Suite for good conversation. This fall, we are taking a look at Joseph in the book of Genesis.

In Sympathy...

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Pauline (Polly) Eastberg, who passed away on September 25, 2026. Polly was a long-time member here at St. Paul's, along with her husband Jim, Polly was a pivotal member of the Senior Choir and volunteered for many committees through-out her lifetime. Polly was the daughter of our former pastor, E. Helmuth Stoltz, who served this congregation for 40 years. Please hold her son, Mark and her daughter, Tricia Monzel and Polly's family and friends as they grieve her loss.



Stewardship

You will soon be receiving a letter regarding giving for 2027, including a pledge card indicating your intent to give financially to the church. We will be hearing stories of “faith in action” during worship in the next coming weeks and we ask you to bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 15th as a sign of commitment to your involvement in the ministry of the church.



How we as individuals, and as a congregation, choose to spend our money, use our time, and share our talents and abilities are all expressions of faith. We invite you to take some time this month to consider what gifts God has entrusted to your care, and how the Spirit might be calling you to participate in God's work in this congregation. St. Paul's has been a beacon of Good News in this community for 185 years, and we will continue to serve our neighbors together.



October Anniversary
9th Mark and Arleen Voelz

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

October 4 – 25



October 4

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

October 11

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

October 18

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

October 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Did you know? October is ...

- ~ National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ~ National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ~ National Physical Therapy Awareness Month
- ~ National Downs Syndrome Awareness Month
- ~ National LGBTQ+ History Month
- ~ World Mental Health Day, October 10th

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: October, 2026

	October 4 Pentecost 19	October 11 Pentecost 20	October 18 Pentecost 21	October 25 Reformation
Assisting Minister	Bob Bromberek	Riley Brewer	Tim Kitzman	Jeri Jende
Usher Team	4	5	1	2
Altar Guild	--	5	1	2
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	4	5	1	2
Open	4	5	1	2
Close	4	5	1	2
Tech Team	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen

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