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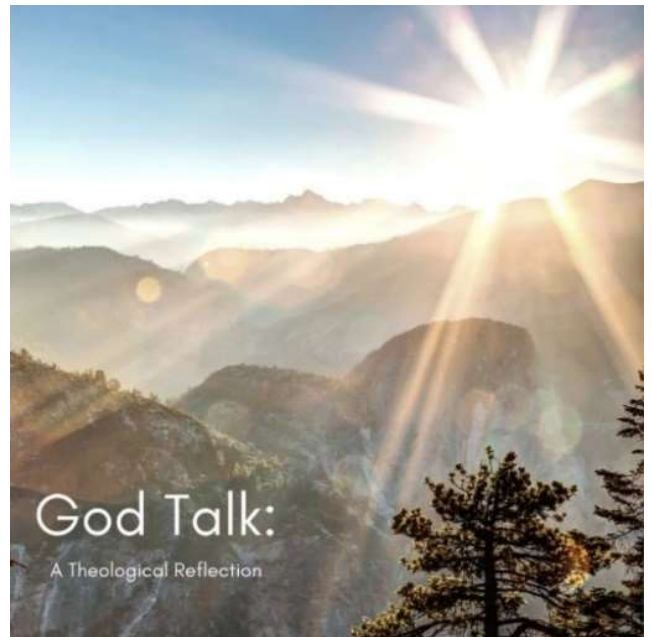
God's Work Our Hands Sunday

September 10, 2023 | 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

Worship begins at 10:00am

God Talk

September is filled with anticipation, as children and adults head back to school, ready to teach, learn, and grow. I remember how exciting it was as a child to go pick out new colored pencils, bright notebooks, and more glue sticks than I could possibly use. Preparing for learning is a ritual for many people in our country this time of year, as a new school year begins. As we head into fall here at church, we are in a similar time of preparation and excitement. Bible study will resume, choir is back in full swing, and in worship we are beginning a theme of “Growth in Grace.” In a way, this theme helps us go “back to school,” so to speak, as we think and pray together for opportunities to grow and learn and deepen our faith practices in meaningful ways.



Each Sunday, we will think about what it means to focus on growth, and how our roots run deep in God’s grace, fueling the fruit we bear. In John 15, Jesus tells his disciples that he is the vine and they are the branches, made to bear good fruit into the world. This fall, I hope we may all be reminded that this is true for us too as we head “back to school” and focus on growing in God’s grace.

-Pastor Delaney



The church council met via zoom on August 8. They reviewed the summer at St Paul's including the picnic with Adoration at Greenfield Park, the joint worship with Redeemer, and the July 23 congregational

meeting. St. Paul's received the final rent payment from the Karen Baptist congregation along with their thanks for sharing our space. The Karen congregation has purchased their own building. We wish them all the best. Several new items were discussed. One involved funding for the new boilers and other upcoming improvements. The congregation is encouraged to speak to council members about possible sources of funding, including grants. The council also encourages a strong presence at the ordination of Juniper Linberry at Cross Lutheran on September 16. We praise God for the Spirit working through them! As always, please approach President Mark Voelz or any council members with your questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Micheel, council secretary

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is October 29, 2023. Lena and Lucy Micheel 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. This month, we will get together for a Sacrament Retreat on Saturday, September 2, from 9-12 in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us as we learn more about baptism and communion and even bake our own communion bread!



Purple Door! And it's not ice cream!!

The entrance door on Wisconsin Avenue is now purple. Thanks to Marcia Mikich for choose the color and to Bob Bromberek for painting. The view of St. Paul's from Wisconsin Avenue is simply outstanding! Thank you!

God's Work, Our Hands

On September 10, the ELCA will celebrate the 10th anniversary of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! We will work together to serve our community at the end of worship here at St. Paul's. Join us, as we make blankets for our neighbors, write notes of appreciation, and clean up our neighborhood!



Invite a Friend to Church!



On October 15, you are encouraged to invite a friend to church. St. Paul's is a warm, welcoming congregation where people are accepted and celebrated just as they are. Why not encourage someone new to come check us out?

Juniper is Getting Ordained!

On Saturday, September 16, our friend and former vicar Juniper Linberry will be ordained at Cross Lutheran at 2pm! Mark your calendar, and wear a bow tie to show your support for our beloved Juniper, as they embark on this new adventure! Juniper has been called as associate pastor at Cross Lutheran (1821 N 16th St, Milwaukee, WI 53205)



Summer Outreach:

Blankets and Prayers

This summer, we've been collaborating with our friends at Galilee Lutheran to create fleece tie blankets for our neighbors

which we'll be sharing at Kim's Table on September 20, Noon to 12:30pm.



- ~ in July, 15 people made 9 blankets in St. Paul's basement.
- ~ more were finished during worship services thanks to Salem Polinske.
- ~ more were finished thanks to Lena and Lucy Micheel.
- ~ an updated count will be taken on September 3

Many thanks to everyone who helped with their scissors, hands and those who made monetary contributions to this project! Special thanks to Debby Van Engen and Nancy Day who shopped for the materials.

If you took a blanket kit to work on at home, please *Bring your blanket to church by September 10rd.*



Remember, we are sharing these blankets with our neighbors at Kim's Table on Wednesday, September 20, Noon to 12:30pm.

RIC CORNER

September is a time when many things in our world begin to ripen and become ready for harvest, meeting their full potential and bearing signs of life and vitality.

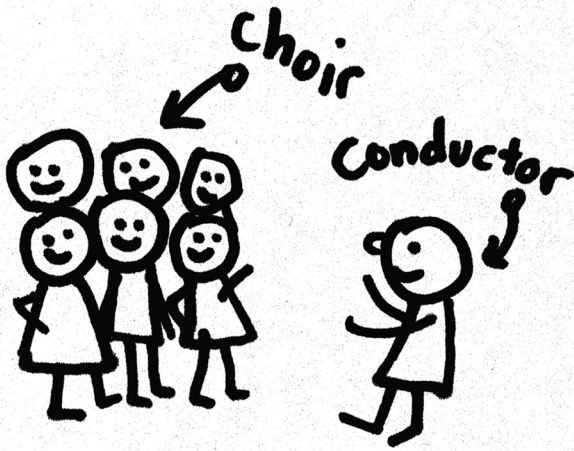


As we look at the natural world and see tomatoes turning bright red and pumpkins, squash, and brussels sprouts ripening, I hope we might think about how these signs can teach us something about loving and celebrating our LGBTQIA+ siblings. When someone is able to be who they have been created to be, living fully in the glory of their identity, it is a sign of life and vitality.

October is Stewardship Month!

This fall marks 182 years of faith at St. Paul's. As we look back on the past and celebrate all the ways God has inspired and grown our congregation, we also look ahead to our future. This October, we will focus on the future of St. Paul's and where God is leading us next through a month of stewardship. Consider how you might invest the gifts you have in the life of our congregation so that we may move forward into the future with faith and boldness!





Choir resumes at St. Paul's
The choir will perform on September 10 and on Reformation Sunday, October 29th. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Gray

Sorenson or Pastor Delaney. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- September 3 - rehearsal after worship
- September 10 - rehearsal before worship
- September 17 NO REHEARSAL
- September 24 NO REHEARSAL
- October 1 - rehearsal after worship
- October 8 - rehearsal after worship
- October 15 NO REHEARSAL
- October 22 - rehearsal after worship
- October 29 - rehearsal before worship

September Anniversaries

- 7th Marty & Eileen Harrison
- 9th Mark & Arleen Voelz
- 17th Becca & Juniper Linberry



Bible Study

Please join us on Sunday, September 17 in the Memorial Suite 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!



Song Lyrics ~

Hey, hey, hey

Ba-dee-ya, say, do you remember?

Ba-dee-ya, dancin' in September

Ba-dee-ya, never was a cloudy day.

- "September" Earth, Wind and Fire

Songwriters: Allee Willis / Maurice White / Al McKay



September Birthdays

1st Karen Bromberek

2nd Joanne Seeger

6th Earl Walter

16th Eileen Harrison

24th Marty Harrison

24th Breanne Monzel

30th Becca Linberry

September

2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1 	2 9a-12p Sacramental Retreat
3 10am Worship Linus Linberry Baptism	4 Labor Day 	5 	6	7 	8	9
10 GWOH God's Work Our Hands 10am Worship Choir after worship	11	12 7pm Council	13 	14	15	16 2pm Juniper Linberry Ordination at Cross Luth
17 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	18	19 	20 Kim's Table Noon	21 *October* Messenger Deadline	22  SUMMER SOLSTICE	23
24 8:30am Bible Study & Zoom 10am Worship	25 	26	27	28 	29	30 



NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry -U.W. Milwaukee

Lutheran Campus Ministry is located at The Corner House (3074 N. Maryland Avenue) across the street from the UWM student union. Students from all Milwaukee area campuses are welcome to be a part of a community of young adults who gather for Jesus-rooted soul work through the love of community, the peace of worship, the exploration of scripture, and the work of justice. Lutheran Campus Ministry celebrates people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, racial and cultural identities, and differing abilities, believing we are all created in the image of God and have sacred wisdom to bring to community and leadership.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is a ministry of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(ELCA\)](#). We have been a [Reconciling in Christ \(RIC\) ministry](#), providing a spiritual home for 2SLGBTQIA+ people, since 1989. We are also a participating member of the [LuMin Network](#) that supports Lutheran Campus Ministry sites within the ELCA.

Please visit their website for this and more information at <https://www.lcm-in-mke.org/home>

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

September 3 – 27

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114

September 24

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

*Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm*

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45



WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: September 2023

	September 3 Pentecost 14	September 10 Pentecost 15	September 17 Pentecost 16	September 24 Pentecost 17
Assisting Minister	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day
Usher Team	3	4	1	2
Altar Guild	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Ron Karbel	Judy and Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Matt Prahlow	MaryEllen Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund
Communion Type	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Mark Van Engen	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Counting Team	2	3	4	1
Tech Team	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen



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