



St. Paul's

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I didn't always know the Star-Spangled Banner by heart. When I was little, I would mutter along with the crowd at the beginning of a ball game only belting out the few words I knew of it when they popped up: " Mmm mmm mmm RED GLARE, mmm mmm mmm IN AIR!" It's similar to what you do with newer songs on the radio that you like but don't quite know yet.

But I listened and learned the words. They were repeated and sang over the years until I finally could sing the whole thing confidently. And then, after I knew the words, I could begin to ponder what I and everyone else were singing together. After learning the words, I could reflect on what was being said and it brought a deeper appreciation and sense of camaraderie with those around me and even with those whom, even though we never met, I knew sang it before me.

On Sundays, we usually stick to one form of the Divine Service, often called the liturgy. Most of the time we use p.184 in the hymnal: Divine Service Setting Three (DS3). There are times when seasonally use Divine Service Setting One, but for most of the church year we use DS3. There is a great advantage to that. We will only touch on a couple of reasons here.

First, if you are regularly attending church, you probably don't even need the hymnal to guide you anymore. When you were young or new to the church, sure, you needed to follow along, read the page, and figure out what was going to come next. But over time you no longer need to mutter along and only belt out the few words you know - you end up learning it by heart! And the great thing is that when you know the service by heart, that means you have memorized a bunch of God's Word. Because that's what the service contains; us singing God's Word and promises back to Him! When we sing, "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good

will to men..." and include the confession of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, we are singing the angels song of Luke 2 and John the Baptist's confession of Jesus in John 1. You most likely have Psalm 51:10-12 memorized because we sing that right after the sermon: "Create in me a clean heart O God..." We could go on and on but space won't allow for that now.

When you first learn the words, you can then begin to consider what you're singing. You no longer have to read them from the page but can confess them boldly. You don't have to wonder or become distracted trying to figure out what might come next as it would be if things changed from week to week. We are singing the same portions of Scripture that our fathers sang and handed down to us in beautiful form.

That's the other brief thing to consider here - The joining of generations. The little boy who once learned bit by bit so many years ago, is now able with a full throat to lead his son and grandson in the very same things. A joining in one voice, by heart, to our one Lord. We repeat it and learn and grow through the years. Great-grandma and her great-granddaughter in unison is a wonderful thing. It's a handing down of beautiful treasures that all can share in unity.

Years ago, I used to call on a woman who suffered with Alzheimer's. I would have to remind her and ensure her that I was her pastor. She knew she had children but couldn't remember their names. She was unsure of where she was at and was often timid and frightened. But when I began our church service, she changed. I would sing Divine Service Setting 3 to her (which was p.15 in the old TLH). It was what she learned as a child and taught her

children to learn. And when I say she changed, I mean that she remembered. She became calm and even peaceful. I would sing my parts and she would respond from memory with her parts. The whole service. It was familiar. It was God's Word. It was her Lord Jesus coming to serve her wrapped up in all those promises that she sang of for so many years. She remembered it by heart and the Lord gave her comfort in that.

God be praised for the treasures passed down to us which join us together and deliver His gifts.

In Christ,

Pastor Suggitt



Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

Students going into or continuing with Confirmation classes, and their parents, will meet with Pastor on Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul. We will discuss the schedule for the year and the students will receive their materials. Class will begin September 20.

Train up your child in the way they should go!
Proverbs 22:



Sunday School Rally Day will be held **Sunday, September 13**, immediately after worship. Children are invited to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. Refreshments will be served, and the congregation is encouraged to join us in celebrating the start of a new year of Christian education at St. Paul.

Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, friends and neighbors – Let's make this the best year of Christian Education in the history of St. Paul. These children are the future of St. Paul. We need to give them a good Christian education, and we can't do that unless they're here. Let's work together to get these future church leaders where they need to be – in Sunday School as well as church.

Please be on the lookout for a Coffee Hour Treat sign-up sheet. These treats are for all who stay after service – adults and Sunday School children alike! You don't have to be a Sunday School teacher to furnish treats. We need 5 – 6 dozen snacks. If you have a favorite treat you'd like to prepare and share, just take it to the kitchen before service & the snacks will be set up for everybody after our worship service. Looking forward to some tasty treats. Thank you!

We are looking forward to another wonderful year as we grow in faith by learning & hearing God's Word, and spending time together as a church family.

OVERWHELMED?

It's something that can creep up on you. It causes anxiety. It can cause restless or sleepless nights. It creates tension and rifts between spouses. It might make you feel like a failure. You find yourself making excuses for unfinished or unaccomplished tasks which in turn leads to disappointment from others as well as yourself. You feel useless and ashamed! There always seems to be a deadline to make, and the feeling of time running out can lead to panic.

Then there's the spouse that says, "When are you going to . . .?". You feel like there's 'too much to do and so little time'. No one is immune to it. It happens to all of us. There are countless so-called remedies and strategies to deal with this problem. There's an abundance of books written to help you overcome this condition.

And how many sayings are there like – A stitch in time saves nine; Make a list every morning; Put it on your calendar; First, make your bed; Start with the easiest one first; Develop an action plan; Just Do It!; or my personal favorite – Do something even if it's wrong.

Some even seek profession help like seeing a 'shrink'. There have been songs written to help like the familiar – "Don't Worry, Be Happy".

So what's the best course of action to overcome this horrible feeling? Well, why not take a bit of advice from this sage Elder, elder? I 😊 have found that whenever I get this feeling and it becomes too much to bear – I just ask for God's help, and you know something – He always hears my cry for help and He always helps. So – "Don't worry, Be Happy". God will always help you.

Elder, elder – Joe Salcido



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Newsletter DEADLine

The deadline for articles for the October issue of St. Paul's "Epistle" is Sunday, September 20, 2026. Email them to Sandy at salcido.sandy8@gmail.com or place them in the newsletter mailbox at the top of the stairs.

Thanks for keeping the congregation informed about what's going at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR



Saturday, October 17
10:00 a.m.

Supervisor of Logistics: Ruth Kumaus

Advertising: Jan Stoeckle

Supervisor Lunch Preparation: Brandy Gunnsell

Supervisor Desserts & Drinks: Margaret Timmons

Supervisor Bake Sale: Brenda Kady

Supervisor Pie Station: Shirley Fritz & Tristan Deming

Supervisors Gift Baskets: Joyce Metzger & Ruth Kumaus

Supervisor Cookie Walk: Kristen Suggitt

Supervisor White Elephant: Tracy Schaper

Supervisors Canned Goods & Produce: Joe Salcido & Wanda Dubs

Supervisor Frozen Meals: Ruth Fluegge & Kolbie Holland

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

When the bazaar is over, there are a lot of tired workers. **WE REALLY NEED A CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE.** The bazaar begins at

10:00 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. If you have some free time and would be willing to help with this chore, please sign up on the JOBS SHEET that will be posted soon.

September is just around the corner. The bazaar is the very next month! Hundreds of people will gather at St. Paul on Saturday, October 17th to shop and eat. It takes many volunteers and workers to have a successful bazaar each year. What will you do to make it happen?

It's no secret that St. Paul has the best cooks and bakers in the Thumb. The bazaar is our opportunity to let that talent shine! We will need lots and lots of bakers for the

bazaar. There are multiple sign-up sheets that detail the items we need for the pie sale and for the cookie walk. Please sign up soon!

- Sugar for baked goods for the bazaar has been donated. We have white, brown and powdered sugar so if you're baking, help yourself! When it's gone, it's gone.
- The sign-up sheet for **desserts** to be served at the bazaar luncheon will be posted soon. Please consider furnishing one or more of your yummy desserts. Please sign up ASAP so we know we have enough desserts for the luncheon.
- What kind of goodies are you planning to make for the **Baked Goods table** at the bazaar? Baked breads, pastries, cookies, cakes, turnovers, tarts, monkey bread, cinnamon rolls, muffins, etc. are needed to make our bake sale successful. Baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, October 16th until 7:00 p.m., and then again before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you need specific containers for baked goods please let Brandy know ASAP.

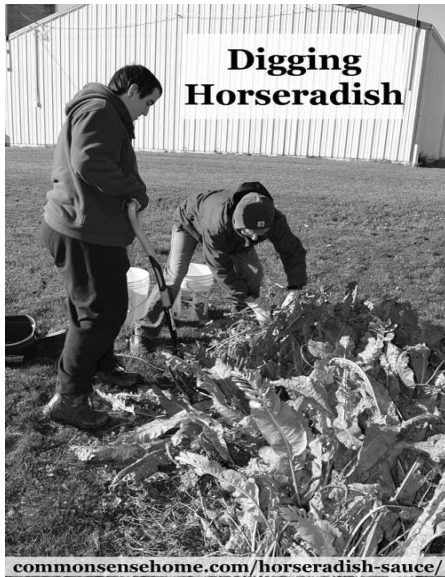
Pies for the Bake Sale should be baked in disposable pans, as you will not get them back. We have aluminum tins and plastic clamshells for your use. Please mark them so we know what kind they are and place them on racks in pie station area.

Pies for luncheon can be baked in real pans. Please put your name on them, label them with kind of pie, and mark the pies for LUNCHEON.

- **Cookies for Cookie Walk** should be brought in large containers (with your name on it) and labeled COOKIE WALK**.
- Good, clean, usable household and decorating items are needed for the **White Elephant Sale**. Please bring your item/items to the church basement and label "White Elephant Sale".
- Don't forget – **produce and canned goods** are great sellers at the Congregational Bazaar.
- If you are willing/able to help with **Luncheon prep**, please let Brandy know @ (989) 672-9495.

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Let's also not forget about the importance of spreading the word. Tell your friends, colleagues, and community groups about the bazaar, and invite them to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. With everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, this year's bazaar is sure to be a memorable event for all!



It's Bazaar Season again! That means time to do HORSERADISH!

Will you let her know you're willing to help dig?

Are you going to help peel and process?

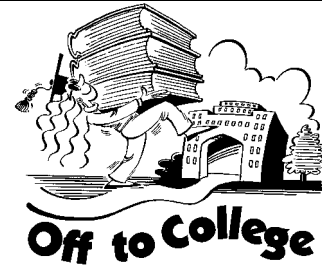


Digging will be done on September 30th at 4:00 p.m. We need some strong helpers to get it done. If you can help, please give Brandy a call @ (989) 672-9495.

Once again, many hands make light work.

Peeling & Processing will be done on Sunday, October 4th. Please bring a paring knife and a peeler & lend a hand. If the weather permits, we will set up tables outside for peeling.

Thank You in advance for your help!



Good luck to our college-bound members as you begin a new year of classes. Don't neglect your spiritual needs while you're away. Find a church on or near your campus! If you need assistance with this task, just give Pastor Suggitt a call @ (989) 551-3976.

LIFE QUOTES

I firmly believe that the sanctity of human life is the most important issue of our day and that by means of informing and educating the public, as well as by applying Christian love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, the pro-life position will prevail, and our nation will again uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life.

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Youth Catechism: 1:30 p.m.
Adult Catechesis: 3:00 p.m.



September 2 - Ethan Wissner

3 - Van Fritz

5 - Brenda Kady

7 - Brennan Wissner

8 - Bryce Sears

11 - Avah Kady

12 - Corbin Sparkes

16 - Jeffrey Dyer

17 - Dedra Sherman

18 - Sadie Swartzendruber

Layla Provost

19 - Karen Gaeth

Molly Sprague

21 - Kaitlyn Reinhardt

Kari Ricker

23 - Joshua Leinweber

Cayden Metzger

24 - Janet Truemner

Wendy Ewald

25 - Bailey Krzeszewski

26 - Macy Reinhardt

Raymond Fritz

28 - James Gilbert

30 - James Albrecht

Ava Dubs

Alexis Gilbert



Sept. 4 - Dan & Susan Dubs

5 - Ron & Laura Dubs

11 - Ron & Wendy Tabar

12 - Norbert & Liz Reehl

16 - Ken & Cathy Haley

19 - Craig & Tina Sears

20 - Jeramy & Melissa Deming

22 - Jeff & Deb Leinweber

25 - Brian & Susan Schember

27 - Richard & Elaine Renn

IN HIS SERVICE

SEPTEMBER ELDERS

September 6 - Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague

September 13 - Ron Tabar & Matt Reibling

September 20 - Robert Haag & Ken Haley

September 27 - Joe Salcido & Josh Sprague

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

September 6 - Lincoln Ewald

September 13 - Harold Haag

September 20 - Brettly Ewald

September 27 - Silver Sprague

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 6 - Brandy Gunsell

September 13 - Rob & Amy Haag and Family

September 20 - Matt & Michelle Reibling & Family

September 27 - Josh & Lisa Sprague and Family

SEPTEMBER TITHE COUNTERS

September 13 - Liz Reehl & Kim Krohn

September 27 - Jen Timmons & Brandy Gunsell

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS

Joyce Metzger 989-678-4330

Ruth Kumaus 734-730-0129

September

<i>un</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Council	2 6:30 PM Bible Study	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Service	7 6:00 PM Choir	8	9 6:30 PM Bible Study	10	11	12
13 8:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Rally Day Ladies Aid Mtg. 2:00 PM Catechism Mtg.	14 6:00 PM Choir	15	16 6:30 PM Bible Study	17	18	19
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