



## Epistle of St. Paul

October 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

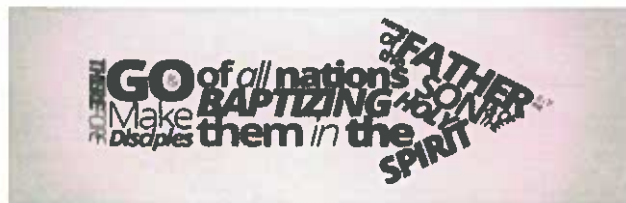
October is coming! We at St. Paul are preparing for many ministries...scurrying around like squirrels preparing for the food festivals during Zelenople's Fall Festival, our annual pork and sauerkraut dinner and a Reformation Celebration. On Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, we will host a showing of the movie LUTHER at 5:30 p.m. for our confirmation class. You are all invited to join us. You are welcome to bring your own snacks to enjoy while you gain insight into the protestant reformation which officially began when Martin Luther posted 95 Theses to be debated at Wittenberg.

Beginning Oct. 3 and continuing the **first and third Wed.** monthly, Pastor Ralph Kusserow has volunteered to teach a **Bible study at 7 PM.** I have not had time during my limited 20 hours a month to take on this wonderful ministry. My thanks to Pastor Kusserow, father of our bishop, for offering to be our study leader. During the month you will also be contacted by a member or a team from our church council or call committee. We would like to bring you up to date on what has happened during the past 9 months and to **ask for your opinion on our future ministries.** The questions are brief and all answers will remain **confidential.** We hope to visit you face to face but know sometimes a phone interview will suffice. As we move ahead, we want to be sure that you are being heard as we prepare for the future of St. Paul.

I want to thank our council and the call committee because you have been diligently and faithfully attending to the process of calling a new pastor to lead St. Paul. I have certainly enjoyed my time, now starting my fourth year, as the local interim. I have been available 20 hours a month and most Sundays during that time. Members who had completed the CAT survey during the summer of 2017 know that it is time to call a minister who can devote more time to St. Paul as spiritual leader and supporter/resource for all the ministries here. **God has a future for us.** I pray daily that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us into tomorrow. I know that **God will not abandon us** and will always be with us because that's the God we worship.

On the night before Jesus was betrayed, he told his disciples that he would "ask the Father, and he will give you another **ADVOCATE** to be with you forever. This the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive...**I will not leave you orphaned.**" [John 14.15-18] In Matthew's gospel, Jesus commissioned the faithful 11 disciples with the words, "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all peoples, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything that I have commanded you, **and remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.**" [Matt. 28.19-20]

We know what we must continue to do as the faithful disciples of Jesus!






Only new prayer requests will be in the weekly bulletins.

**CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS:** Baby Landon Pennell, Brad Bartley, Ann Boben, Landon Brewer, Carol Bulger, Nancy Bulger, Samantha Bulger, Nellie Chmara, Kim Christy, Rick Dickerson, Don, Emma [child suffering from viral meningitis], David English, Mark Fox, Bernie Fedorka, Barbara Frantz, Charlotte Glaspey, Brett Greenhill, Andrienne Haegg, Judy Hart, William Loveridge, Bobbie Marchlenski, June Marshall, Martin Matscherz, George Measel, Nolan Nachriener, Newborn Conrad, Don Nielsen, Terry Oakes, Verna Patscko, Sherry Pengidore family on death of her son, Lois Peeples, Mike Pollack, Jax Ramirez, Erin Roman, Bud Senn, Dawn Swidorsky, Louise Spithaler, John Wherry, Lilly Wolfe, and Ron Zinkham.

**Please keep the church updated on your prayer request. All updates and request may be emailed to [splcofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:splcofzelie@gmail.com) Also if you would like to be notified of any needed prayers, please email the church office, with your email address.**

**Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:**



- God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
- Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)
- He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)
- And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)



“How beautifully leaves grow old,” wrote 19th-century essayist John Burroughs. “How full of light and color are their last days.”

Society doesn’t think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults’ wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in him: “In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright” (Psalm 92:14-15, NRSV).

The aging leaves of autumn can prompt us to look for beauty in the seniors among us, to notice the light and color that still abound. From all the fruit they still produce – service, prayer, love – may we learn about living faithfully until our own last days.

–Heidi Mann



Join us for Worship

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Sunday School

*O taste and see that the LORD is GOOD!*

*Psalm 34:8*

Dear Members of St. Paul:

Summer is over and our fall activities have begun. Sunday school officially started on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the absence of Pastor Banyay on that day, the children took part in providing the church service for us. Good job as always kids.

The annual Fall Festival for Zelianople is being held on October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Willing Workers will again be serving their soup and sandwiches. Please be sure and stop in for some delicious soup and choice of sandwiches. We are also looking forward to the Willing Workers Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is always anxious for the arrival of this dinner every year so remember to put the date on your calendar to attend. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you.

We had a great turn out for our service on Sept. 16 as we invited Zion to join us that day. It was a beautiful service as well as a lovely breakfast afterwards where we had time to socialize with members of both churches. Everyone seems to have had a great time getting to know one another during this past summer at the various events that have been held.

Our second joint meeting with Pastor Peter Asplin from the synod along with council members from both our congregation as well as Zion Lutheran took place on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). It was a very informative meeting. We all had a lot of questions concerning whether this is the time to prepare the agreement to form a mutual congregational ministry and how finances will be handled when this happens. Pastor Asplin suggested to us that he feels any minister that is looking for a church home would feel better knowing we have an agreement in place to form this ministry. Pastor feels that we have already been preparing ourselves for this by getting to know each other over the summer and seeing that both congregations have a great deal of similarities that we never realized we had. We all seem to be in agreement on many of the questions that we had and how we would like to set this ministry up. Pastor brought along a couple of samples for us to review and look at. Our next meeting will be our council officers along with Zion's officers to start to prepare this agreement for approval by the congregations in January at our congregational meetings. I think both congregations realize that this is something that is needed especially

when calling a minister. It is obvious neither of us feel we can call a minister on our own and after careful thought, planning, preparing and praying both councils agree that our congregations will work together to make this happen successfully. We all agreed that we will be very open in all of our transactions and keep nothing hidden from each other. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to speak with any of us on council. We certainly want everyone to feel comfortable about our future plans with Zion Lutheran and our hope to find a minister to serve us.

*Linda*

*And he put all things under his feet and give him as head overall things to the church. Ephesians 1:22*

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## WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers have two activities coming up in October. First is the Fall Festival, October 13 and 14. We are looking for people to make soups, donate cookies or brownies, work in the kitchen and dining room, plus work in the parking lot. If you are able to help, please sign up in church or call the office and leave a message. Our second activity is the Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on October 25. We need help and donations of food. Please sign up in church or call the office.



### Fall Festival – October 13 & 14

Fall Festival menu will be the following soups (Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Wedding, Stuffed Pepper, Broccoli, Potato and French Onion). Sandwiches (Hot sausage, beef, hot dogs, and taco boats). Cup of soup is \$1.50 bowl \$3.00. Sandwiches are \$4.00, hot dogs \$1.50/\$2.00 with sauerkraut. Serving lunch/dinner on Saturday 11:00 to 7:00, Sunday 12:00 to 5:00.

**October 25** will be the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00. Dinner \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Take out will be available.

Marty Goetz

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It has been a slow start to our Sunday School year, with me being sick and Zion visiting, we have just begun our new curriculum. The students are going to be focusing on the life of Jesus this year. Our theme started off with the Instagram bulletin board. It poses the question, "Who are you following?". With social media at our fingertips, all of us are involved in following others and every detail of their lives. The Sunday School students will be focusing on following Jesus. Who will you be following?

God Bless,  
Elizabeth



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Sunday school class as we continue to study the I Am book. All our welcome to join us.

Pastor Ralph Kusserow will be leading us in a Bible Study on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting October 3 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please feel free to bring your favorite translation of the Bible to the study.

At English Lutheran a Bible study will be held at the home of Wally Schuring the second Monday of each month.

Sister Mildred will lead a Bible study the third Wednesday of each month in the library of English Lutheran. If you have any questions concerning this Bible study, call Sister Mildred at 412 736-3244.

***Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*** 2 Peter 3:18

## THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Sunday Social on the third Sunday, October 21. It will be breakfast casseroles, pastries and breads like we did with Zion last week. On Sunday Social days, the adult Sunday School class will have a stand-alone (meaning its not out of the current book we're working on), shortened class (20-30 minutes) for anyone wishing to stay after the social.



Choir has returned in providing us with beautiful music on a regular basis for our worship service. If you would like to be a part of the choir, they practice at 8:30 AM prior to our 9:00

worship service. New members are always welcomed. The choir will be in the very capable hands of Nancy Williamson while Bobi-Jean Alexander is under doctor's orders of vocal rest.

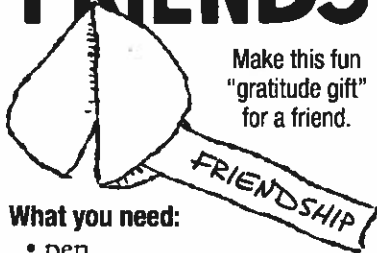
## MEMBER ASSISTANCE

Some of our members need someone to drive them to worship, other church events and appointments. Participants must be able to get themselves in and out of a vehicle without relying on the driver assisting them. If you would like to volunteer as a driver, please contact Pastor Bev or Colleen, our church secretary, at 724 452-8832 or email [splcofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:splcofzelie@gmail.com)

## DEPOT DAY

Our church is once again the drop off for Church World Service kits [school, hygiene and cleaning] as well as quilts and baby layettes. We started collecting boxes on Monday, September 24 and 29. The last day for drop off is Monday, October 1 from 9:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 6:00. The truck will be here Tuesday, October 2 at approximately 7:00 AM to pick up all of the boxes. We need as many able bodies people that come to help load the truck. Please call Phyllis at 724-452-5993 if you are able to help.

# Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

## What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

## What you do:

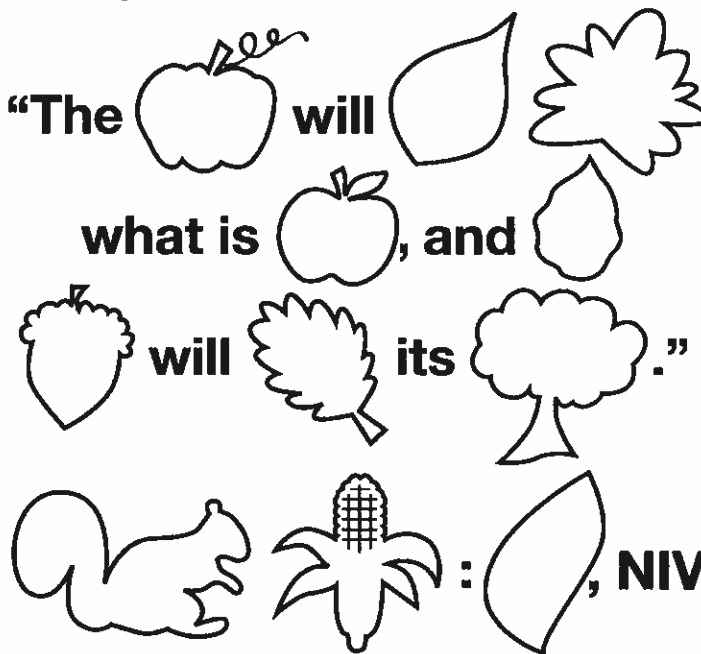
1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



# HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV






2018

OCTOBER



ASSISTING MINISTER: John Alexander  
 LECTOR: Christian Muffler  
 Ushers: Tim and Bev Brosentsch  
 Greeter: Eileen Saunders  
 Bell Ringer:  
 Office Hours: Mon, Wed. & Fri. 9:00-12:00, www.spkofcieie@gmail.com, 724-452-8832

SUN/NOV  
 10/1/2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07	01	02	03	04	05	06
8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	9:00 to 12:00; 4:00 to 6:00 Depot Day Drop Off	Depot Day Pick Up	7:00 to 8:00 Bible Study in Strobel Hall			
08	08	09	10	11	12	13
8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Confirmation 12:00 - 5:00 Fall Festival Continues	7:00 Council Meeting					11:00 to 7:00 Fall Festival Willing Workers Soup & Sandwich Dinner 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Third Sunday Fellowship	9:00 AM help pack for the Food Cupboard 6:30 PM help distribute food		7:00 to 8:00 Bible Study in Strobel Hall			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Third Sunday Fellowship	10:00 November newsletter info due in office.		Willing Workers 4:00 to 7:00 Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner 			
28	29	30	31			
8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Presentation of 2019 Budget 10:00 Sunday School 5:30 Confirmation will be showing the Luther Movie			Happy Halloween 