

# St. Paul's News

October 2023

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## A HISTORIC AND CONTINUING REFORMATION

On Oct. 31, 1517, an outspoken university professor and Augustinian monk named Martin Luther posted a list of objections to the Roman Catholic system of beliefs and practices of his time. Chief among his grievances was the church's claim that Christians could buy their way out of punishment for sin and thus shorten their time in purgatory by purchasing a letter of "indulgence" from their local parish. In practice, much of the money went into the pockets of corrupt local princes.

Whether Luther nailed his "95 Theses" to the door of his hometown church, as legend has it, or simply mailed it to his archbishop, Luther's act represented a stunning challenge to papal authority and the Holy Roman Empire.

The split that followed, known as the Protestant Reformation, fostered the development of religious and political freedoms in Europe, but also set the stage for persecution and war. Catholic-Protestant hatred and persecution endured for centuries.

In our modern era, the Lutheran and Roman Catholic traditions have achieved at least a partial reconciliation. Many of the issues that Martin Luther highlighted have since been addressed by Roman Catholic leaders.

"True Christians," Luther wrote, "participate in all the blessings of Christ and the church, and this is granted to them by God even without indulgence letters." (Thesis 37) Such letters,

he wrote, "are nets with which one fishes for the wealth of people." (Thesis 66). In 1567, Pope Pius V abolished the sale of indulgences.

Other theological issues, however, were not so easily resolved.

Luther had objected to the Catholic teaching that one could attain salvation through his or her own efforts, arguing instead that salvation was a gift freely given, bestowed upon all those who have faith and accept God's grace. That doctrine, which was known as "justification by grace," was resisted until the Vatican II Council largely accepted it in the 1960s.

Roman Catholics have also accepted other arguments posed by Luther, including his belief that people should be able to worship and read the Bible in their own language and participate freely in the Eucharist, a privilege restricted to the clergy in Luther's time.

However, on other issues, such as the authority of the pope and his bishops, the role of women in the church and same-sex marriage, significant differences remain.

Let us pray that our dialogue with Roman Catholic church leaders will continue to bring us together into a closer relationship with them and that our relationships with leaders of all Christian denominations will grow to bear much fruit for the sake of the Gospel.

Peace, hope, love, and joy!

*Pastor Mike*

## STiC NEWS

Having brought home church altar flowers, I noticed that when the flowers were spent and ready to be strewn on our lawn, there was, of course the green foam which helps hold the stems securely, but underneath that was also a filmy cluster of very small white plastic bits. Without a thought, they went flying across the grass as I dumped the water. They were there for days. When bits like this get into our streams and water, there are no known 'nets' fine enough to catch the miniscule ones, and this is a mounting problem in all of our waters. This material is probably in most cut flower arrangements. So, I've changed my pattern, casting out the flowers, but straining the water as much as possible, then securing it all in a tied trash bag to prevent loose matter. Only an ounce of prevention, but faithful in little, faithful in much, and every drop counts!

### AUTUMN STROLL

The Schuylkill County Conservancy is hosting a table at the Autumn Stroll in Minersville on October 21, and we would like to offer a craft using small, pressed leaves. They must be able to fit inside a CD case. If anyone would like to press leaves (any color) for us, that would be wonderful! There will be a collection spot in the gathering room!

### THURSDAY WALKS

All walks begin at 10 a.m. Directions to trailhead parking are in the gathering room.

October 6 - Landingville  
October 12 - Auburn  
October 20 - Tumbling Run  
October 27 - Landingville

### WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

Preliminary results:

Total miles walked = approximately 32,000 miles. That distance gets us once around the Earth's equator (24,900 miles) back to Orwigsburg and then to Bethlehem.

There were approximately 88 walkers in all 3 churches. Final calculations are still being made.

Fall and winter restoration tips are also in the gathering room. There's a lot you can easily do to protect the members of your habitat family!

## SERVICE MINISTRY BAZAAR

Our Service Ministry will host its Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Reidler Hall. The event will feature lots of good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, many local vendors and craft dealers showing and selling their wares, a variety of homemade candies and pies for purchase, and an opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds from this event will benefit those in need in our community. Come, enjoy, and help us help those in need!

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. We are in need of some "green-thumbbed" volunteers to clean up the flower beds around the church.
2. The Men's Group continues to receive bids on the remaining cemetery projects. They will hold a soup sale on Nov.4th to fund the projects.

## LET'S WELCOME NEW LIFE IN THE SPRING!

Volunteers are needed to pull some weeds, cut back some bushes, flowers, and plants, and generally clean up in our church gardens as we prepare them for new life next spring.

Please contact Amy Dewald (call 801-589-9314 or email at [thedewalds@hotmail.com](mailto:thedewalds@hotmail.com)), if you would like to help.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

*"A book is a gift that can be opened again and again."*

Hello, everyone! "Happy Fall, Y'all!" as they say in the Outer Banks! Lucy, Herman, and I have recently returned from a relaxing "end of summer blast" in Corolla, NC! (We have mice cousins everywhere so it's easy to find them welcoming us with "open paws!") We spent time getting some sun by the pool, reading some books that we borrowed from the Library Corner, and enjoying some beautiful sunrises and sunsets at the beach. (Luckily, we went before the warnings of Idalia came with her loud, crashing waves, strong winds, and heavy rain!). Enjoyable visiting, sharing, and making new memories with our younger mice cousins, Bobby Joe, Cindy Lou, and Jimmy John, completed a great trip. The seafood was especially yummy, too, but it is nice to come home to welcome fall here at St. Paul's!

The Lovely Lutheran Library Ladies, as we mice call them, have decorated the Library Corner and nave in beautiful autumn colors. They also have a book exchange in the near future with Miss Kathy, the librarian from the Port Carbon Library. Extra books from her library and ours will be a free exchange which will benefit both libraries.

Also, the ladies tell us mice that we may be getting a new bookshelf so we can again encourage our St. Paul's family to consider giving a book as a gift, a memorial, or to honor a special person or child who is celebrating an important event. (Herman, Lucy, and I would like to thank Mr. James Lengel for his endearing and continuing support of the library. We appreciate his generosity and his love of books! You are very special to us church library mice who love to read like you do!)

Enjoy this lovely time of year and all the beauty of nature made for us by our Creator! God bless you, dear friends!

-----Melvin, Herman, and Lucy

## **WELCA**

On Sept. 12th eleven women gathered at the home of Cindy Ritschel for an afternoon of fellowship and sunshine.

Several topics were discussed, and decisions made as follows:

The December In-Gathering offering has been designated for Friendship Hose Co. of Orwigsburg.

A basket for the bazaar will be prepared. It will contain gift cards for local businesses. Anyone interested in donating a card (or money or check to St. Paul's WELCA to be used to purchase cards) can be placed in the labeled box beneath the WELCA bulletin board. Deadline to donate is Wednesday, October 4.

We will continue to collect dark-colored hats/scarves for the Seafarers International Christmas gift project which is sponsored by the Lutheran Outreach Ministries. If you are able to knit, crochet or shop for these items, a box to collect these will be in the narthex by mid-October. A brochure about this project is on the WELCA bulletin board.

A motion and vote to send \$100.00 from our treasury to Lutheran Disaster Relief - Maui was acted upon.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. Fire Chief Scott Rarick will be our guest speaker. All of St. Paul's women are welcome.

## **HARVEST HOME**

This year our "Harvest Home" offering will be held the weekend of October 14 & 15. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the church beginning on Sunday, October 1. A box will be placed in the narthex for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

## **RAINBOW FRIENDS**

Some of you have checked your monthly newsletter calendar and have seen a date for Rainbow Friends who meet at our church. So, here are some things that you might be interested in knowing about the group:

About 17 years ago Joyce Stripe was the librarian of the Orwigsburg Library. She had an idea of inviting a group of mentally challenged adults who were attending ACCESS Services day program in town to come to the library for Storytime, a craft, and maybe a snack. Sherry Bartush, assistant librarian then, and Gwen Wehr took Joyce's idea and made this activity happen with about 10 clients attending. They met once a month to enjoy being able to see the library, engage in fun activities, and be in an environment other than the Center on Liberty Street. (Even Mr. Bartush made a rainbow sign for them, too.)

Several years passed, then Joyce retired and Miz Sherry was no longer the assistant librarian, and we no longer had a place to meet. We then asked Pastor Scholtes and St. Paul's Church Council for permission to use the Gathering Room, and they agreed.

So, here we are today after COVID and Miz Sherry going on to do volunteer work at St. Luke's Geisinger, we finally started meeting again with Rainbow Friends. During this last year, Joyce O'Rourke, Cindy Ritschel, and Sarah Eger have come forward to give their time, talents, and treasures to help us keep Rainbow Friends as a wonderful outreach to now 21 lovely people, their ACCESS L.I.F.E. coordinator, Wendy Mullins, and six staff. They come almost every month to participate in singing, listening to stories, doing crafts, and enjoying a snack based on a seasonal theme or various other topics.

God has richly blessed us in being able to share Christian love and caring with these very special people in our community. (We often say that they have given us so much more than we

ever give them through their enthusiasm and joy!)

*Dear Heavenly Father, please continue to bless and take care of our dear Rainbow Friends!*

## **SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!**

If you have names and addresses of members who can no longer join us for worship (e.g., homebound, college students, military personnel, recently moved), please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) or contact any member of the Evangelism Committee. Cards of support and encouragement signed by church members can lift the spirits of those who cannot worship with us in person.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Please bring your pets to the Albright's Woods Pavilion on Sunday, October 1, at 4:00 p.m. for a pet blessing and celebration of St. Francis! This event is open to the community. All friendly, leashed, or "crated" animals are welcome to attend this fun, lively, outdoor event! (We suggest arriving 10 minutes early.)

Donations for Red Creek Wildlife Center and both of Schuylkill County's animal shelters will also be received during this event.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness!

## **"FALL" BACK ONE HOUR**

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5 this year. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you retire on Saturday, November 5.

Also, please consider checking and replacing the batteries in your home smoke detectors when you change your clocks. A fresh battery can save your life!

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

This year our congregation will host a community-wide Thanksgiving Eve service on Sunday, November 19, at 4 p.m. Our friends at St. John's United Church of Christ and Salem United Methodist Church will participate in this service. Additional details will follow in our November newsletter.

Let us gather together to give thanks to God for all the gifts and blessing given to us, our community, and our nation.

## ALL SAINTS

All Saints will be observed during our worship on Saturday November 4, and Sunday, November 5, 2022.

Below is a list of members and friends of our congregation who have passed on since our last All Saints services:

*Heather L. Frantz*  
*David C. Yuengling*  
*Angela J. Miller*  
*Deborah E. Moyer*  
*Robert L. Schuld*  
*William D. Tihansky*  
*Shirley Z. Dull*

If you know any other names which you believe should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Mike (570-366-2316) at your earliest convenience.

## ALTAR GUILD

Members of the Altar Guild, please plan to attend a meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. We will be reviewing the duties/ responsibilities of this committee. We will be distributing a refreshed set of guidelines.

## REMEMBRANCE TABLE

St. Paul's will again have a "Remembrance Table" honoring our loved ones who have passed away this year during our services on Saturday, Nov. 4 and Sunday, Nov. 5.

Our congregation is also encouraged to bring pictures of family and friends who previously have found their eternal home.

Please bring your pictures to the church gathering room by Friday, November 3. We will use the table and windowsills in the nave to give thanks to God as we honor ALL our saints.

## ADULT FORUM

On Sunday, October 1, Elinda and Mike Lado will share their reflections on their recent travels to Israel and Jordan.

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor at the church and will continue our discussion based on the book Prayer by Timothy Keller.

Please contact the church office or Barbara Lafko by e-mail (at [bjlafko@yahoo.com](mailto:bjlafko@yahoo.com)) or call her at 570-366-1208, if you would like to join this group.

## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS"

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our "God's Work. Our Hands." project for 2023. Servants to All – My Father's House of Pottsville, PA, received our donations with joy.

Our thanks to Executive Director, Jeanette Triano Sinn, for being with us on Sunday, September 10, as we asked God to bless our donations, those who will distribute them, and those who will ultimately, benefit from them.

Special thanks to Connie Teter and the Evangelism Committee for planning and organizing this special event.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was wonderful to see everyone for the start of a new Sunday School year!! Thank you to everyone who came to the first session, and I can't wait to see everyone in October!

Sunday School will continue every second Sunday of the month with the following schedule:

**Below is a list of Sunday School dates and times:**

September 10	January 14
October 8	February 11
November 12	March 10
December 10	April 14
	May 12

Teen class (ages 11-18) will meet at 9:15 a.m.

Youth class (ages 1-10) will meet during the 10:30 a.m. service

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### October 19-Family Meal

-Let me cook supper for you!! Sunday School families are invited to gather together for a meal on Thursday, October 19th to spend time together as a church family! The whole family is welcome to attend! We will meet in the Gathering Room of the church from 6 to 7 p.m.

*Please RSVP (using my contact information below) if you are able to attend, so I can plan for food.*

#### December 10- Children's Christmas Pageant

The whole church is invited to attend our "no rehearsal" Christmas Pageant on December 10th, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

More information to follow. Please mark your calendars!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School program!

Sarah Eger - 570-394-3522 (cell)  
swoodring86@hotmail.com

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

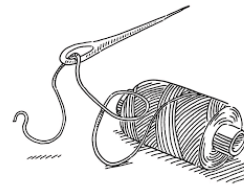
Our congregation, like many other churches and organizations in our area, provides volunteers during certain months of the year to help put together food boxes and distribute them to needy families through our local Food Panty.

Volunteers are needed to put together boxes of food on Friday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. at our community Food Pantry at St. John's United Church of Christ. Young people under 18 years old are invited to share in this work. Volunteers are also needed to help distribute these boxes on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Let's do our part to help those who are hungry in our community!

## CHILI & SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili & Soup Sale on Saturday, November 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. "on the square" in downtown Orwigsburg. Come for great chili, tasty soups, and homemade baked goods. Please mark your calendars!



## CRAFTERS' GUILD NEWS

The Crafters' Guild will have a table at our Annual Bazaar. We will have Fall and Christmas items, as well as our quilts, earrings, and many other handmade treasures. Our group has also donated a fall themed basket for the raffle featuring handmade items from our members. Stop by to see our creations and pick up some holiday gifts for your family and friends.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR 2024?

Due to inclement weather caused by Tropical Storm Ophelia, our church picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 24 at Albright's Wood's Pavilion was cancelled.

This might be a good time to begin thinking about next year's picnic.

Would it be better to change the scheduled date of our picnic?

Should we keep our church picnic at Albright's Wood's Pavilion, or should we consider another location?

Maybe picnics don't work for us right now? Perhaps we should consider another kind of shared meal?

Please give this some thought. Let Connie Teter, Pastor Mike, or someone from the Evangelism committee know what you are thinking.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

You may know St. Francis of Assisi only as the sweet saint who adorns birdbaths and whose statues can be found in gardens all over the world. But he was much more than that.

He was a rich and spoiled young man who was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy. He died in 1226 outside of Assisi next to the church of St. Mary of the Angels where he and his followers, lived lives of poverty and ministered to the lepers who lived nearby.

As St. Thomas More is "a man for all seasons," St. Francis of Assisi is a man for all ages, one who became so light and airy, so free of all possessiveness and selfishness that multitudes of men and women followed in his footsteps. Even animals listened to him. And when he died at twilight on October 4, 1226, the larks rose up to the roof of his cell and circled it with wing beat and song. —Murray Bodo, OFM

These are some words from the writings of St. Francis of Assisi:

Remember the words of our Lord, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." (Mt. 5: 44).

Lord, King of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for yourself. Of your own holy will you created all things spiritual and physical, made us in your own image and likeness, and gave us a place in paradise, through your only Son, in the Holy Spirit.

We are all poor sinners and unworthy even to mention your name, and so we beg our Lord Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, in whom you are well pleased, and the Holy Spirit, to give you thanks for everything.

I say to you, my friends: We must all be on our guard against pride and empty boasting and beware of worldly or natural wisdom. A worldly spirit loves to talk a lot but do nothing, striving for the exterior signs of holiness that people can see, with no desire for true piety and interior holiness of spirit.

Humility, patience, perfect simplicity, and true peace of heart are all its aim, but above everything else it desires the fear of God, the divine wisdom and the divine love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

When we see or hear people speaking or doing evil or blaspheming God, we must say and do good, praising God, who is blessed forever.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Auteri
- 2 Danielle Otstott, Michael Lado
- 4 Christopher Wimbrow, Morgan Miller
- 5 Mary Ann Cunningham
- 6 Chase Sincavage, Alyssa Sklar,  
Nolan Ingraham
- 7 Preston Sincavage, McKenzie Torola
- 8 Adam Williams
- 9 Kaitlin Brobst
- 10 Jaclyn Harris, Amanda Sincavage
- 13 Carol Mickalonis, Tyler Lotis
- 14 Jill Weidensaul, Carl Heintzelman
- 15 Beverly Hein, Madison Swick
- 16 Jeff Sterner, Tom Smith, Cheryl Witman
- 17 Tristan Foster, Kalina and Leilani Wade
- 19 Elisabeth Hannaway
- 20 Chuck Trubilla
- 21 Elizabeth Dewald
- 22 Mary Steinert
- 23 Emily Kaiser, Justin McClure, Bill Smoot
- 24 Jonathan Olmes
- 25 Beth Post, Claudia Fuller
- 26 Deb Moyer, Jeffrey Dillman
- 27 Christine Kaiser
- 28 Donna Correll, Kathie Frantz
- 29 Rick Rarick
- 30 Sophia Seigfried, Dutch Brensinger
- 31 Christine Marcusky, Joe Medica

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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Darin & Crystal Brensinger
- 4 Jeff & Cindy Ritschel
- 6 Charlene & Kyle Knauss
- 7 James & Cheryl Riotto
- 8 Ed & Terri Keyworth,
- 9 Mark & Becky Herb,  
Gerry & Stacey Goessel
- 10 Dale & Lil Dewald
- 11 Barry & Dana Jenkins
- 13 Eric & Diane Mengel
- 15 Mark & Sue Williams
- 17 Tina & Scott Butler
- 19 Scott & Melanie Rarick, Bob & Beth Krause
- 20 John & Paulette Sassaman
- 25 Elizabeth & Ryan Lamm

## OCTOBER FLOWER SPONSORS

### October 1

Altar: In honor of our 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Jeff  
& Cindy Ritschel

Chancel: In memory of my mother, Margaret  
Piacine by daughter, Danielle Richards

### October 8

Altar: In loving memory of Michael Lado, Sr.  
by Michael & Elinda Lado

Chancel: In memory of grandparents, William  
R. and Lottie Lengel, and their children,  
John, Guy, Arthur, and Amelia, by James  
Lengel and the Lengel Family

### October 15

Altar: In loving memory of Bubba's birthday by  
Tom & Gwen Wehr

Chancel: OPEN

### October 22

Altar: In honor of Elizabeth Dewald for her  
birthday by her parents, Lee & Amy

Chancel: OPEN

### October 29

Altar: In memory of Rachel Zehner by Sonny &  
Connie Teter

Chancel: OPEN

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## OCTOBER BULLETIN SPONSORS

October 1: In memory of All Pets who have  
passed over the Rainbow Bridge by Tina  
& Scott Butler

October 8: In honor of Jeffry & Amanda  
Ritschel's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

October 15: OPEN

October 22: In memory of Pearl Seigfreid by her  
daughter, Gail Wolfe

October 29: In honor of Joel and Cristi Ritschel's  
Anniversary

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*God is light*

*in Him there is no darkness*

*at all*

*1 John 1:5*



# OCTOBER 2023

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 29
<b>GREETER</b>	Kay Weidensaul	Krista Harding	Krista Harding	Krista Harding	Krista Harding
<b>USHER</b>	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike	Pastor Mike
<b>LECTOR</b>	Kay Weidensaul	Connie Teter	Connie Teter	Ruth Ann Withers	Amy Dewald
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Kay Weidensaul	Connie Teter	Connie Teter	Ruth Ann Withers	Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

<b>GREETER</b>	Greg Sklar	Bill Smoot	Greg Sklar	Evan Davis	Tina Butler
<b>USHER</b>	Jeff Ritschel	Joyce O'Rourke	Karen Shoener	Jerry Goessel	Joanne Emerich
<b>LECTOR</b>	Leslie Guldin	Becky Smoot	Sarah Eger	Elinda Lado	Jeff Ritschel
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Evan Davis	Bill Smoot	Jeff Ritschel	Greg Sklar	Sue Schenck
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Joanne Emerich Gwen Wehr	Barbara Lafko Amy Dewald	Barbara Lafko Amy Dewald	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Gwen Wehr Tom Wehr Glenda Bright	Rosalie Wingle Diane Brobst Marlene Eidam	Joyce O'Rourke Gloria Dierwechter Pat Davis	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner	Connie Teter Barb Sterner Glenda Bright

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## REBATES FROM BOYER'S FOOD MARKETS

St. Paul's will earn a rebate of 1% of your grocery shopping bill if you participate in Boyer's Rebate Program.

On the gathering room table under the bulletin board, you will find a mug of scannable keychain cards. Take one, shop at Boyer's Food Market, and present it to a cashier while your items are being scanned. That's it. Boyer's will rebate 1% of your total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes) and send us a check twice every year.

If you haven't done so already, pick up a scannable Boyer's Food Market keychain card today! Shop and donate to St. Paul's!

## EVANGELISM NEWS

The Evangelism Committee will participate in the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25 (with rain date Thursday, October 26) and our Trick-or-Treat Night on Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m (with rain date Tuesday, November 1).

Our Evangelism Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 a.m. to prepare for these events. New members are invited to attend!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m. at Albright's Woods Pavilion	2 Worship & Music 6:30 p.m.	3 Evangelism 6:30 p.m.	4 Bell Choir 6 p.m. Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	5	6 STiC Walk in Landingville 10:00 a.m.	7 Service Ministry Annual Bazaar 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
8 Worship with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum & Teen Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	9 WEIK 6:30 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	10 WELCA 1 p.m.	11 Bell Choir 6 p.m. Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	12 Men of St. Paul's 6:30 p.m.	13 STiC Walk in Auburn 10:00 a.m.	14 "HARVEST HOME" Worship 5:30 p.m.
15 "HARVEST HOME" Worship with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.	16	17 Service Ministry 6 p.m.	18 Bell Choir 6 p.m. Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	19	20 STiC Walk in Tumbling Run 10:00 a.m.	21 Worship 5:30 p.m.
22 Worship with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.	23	24	25 Bell Choir 6 p.m. Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	26	27 STiC Walk in Auburn 10:00 a.m.	28 Altar Guild 9 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m.
29 "REFORMATION SUNDAY" Worship with Holy Communion at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.	30 Rainbow Friends 1 p.m.	31 "Trick-or-Treat" in Orwigsburg 6 to 8 p.m.				

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“This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.”  
**Martin Luther**

**OCTOBER 2023**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT ALBRIGHT'S WOODS PAVILION**

**ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, AT 4 PM**

**SERVICE MINISTRY ANNUAL BAZAAR IN REIDLER HALL ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 7,  
FROM 9 AM – 2 PM**

**WATCH US ON YOUTUBE. VISIT US AT OUR WEBSITE. FIND US ON FACEBOOK.**