

Pastor Paul's October 2023 Perspectives:



Trees are turning, leaves are landing, days are darker, and Fall is forecasting that frosty days are fast approaching. Footballs are flying, fans are either forlorn or frenzied from ecstasy. Color is everywhere, change is upon us, come what may.

Students are back studying (we hope), teachers are back teaching, administrators are trying to administer, coaches are coaching, buses are busy busing. Parents are practicing being taxi drivers. Vacation destinations are vacated.

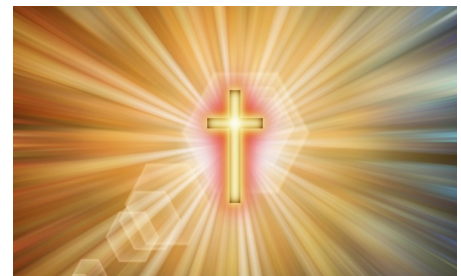
Churches are recovering from the summer slump. **Our Sunday School is beginning again, (with Mr. Steven Manske assuming teaching duties. I love having the Children Times, and I very much appreciate Steven's volunteering to take on this responsibility. Pray for our children and their teacher (s) – in our schools and churches.**

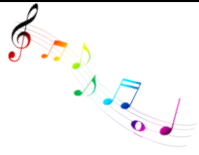
I haven't mentioned Halloween due to it being far less hallowed than it was intended to be. It's become not only spooky, but ghoulish, and ghastly - in most regards. Costumes and masks once worn to scare away devils and demons, are now worn to frighten children and adults. Evil spirits, demons, or devils are not anything that should be taken lightly or given place in our lives as Christians.

I'm drawn to a passage of Scripture in Philippians 4:8: *"Finally... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things"*.

I see it as my calling, to help people to think about things Holy, Eternal, Godly, Heavenly, and Spiritual – like that of having the mind of Christ. I am into the changing of hearts and minds to all that is positive; all that is right and good; and all that makes for the betterment of people, community, this world, and the world to come. Think about it!

Pastor Paul





Choir Practice

Choir practice will meet each week on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm.
Please contact Vicki Will, Choir Director, at 262-343-1326, if you would like to join and sing or you have any questions.



Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.

- Sunday, October 6th, 10:00 am Worship Hour, World Wide Communion Sunday.
Guest Speaker, Pastor Rae Ellen Preuss. The Choir is singing.
- Sunday, October 13th, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Children's Sunday School.
Guest Speaker TBD
Special Music by Lora Gensler.
- Sunday, October 20th, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Guest Speaker will be Amy Shopke.
The Church Choir will be singing.
- Monday, October 21st, 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting.
- Sunday, October 27th, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Children's Sunday School.
Guest Speaker TBD. Special Music by Jubilee.
- Sunday, November 3rd, 10:00 am Worship Hour, Ruth Frost will be in the pulpit. Choir is singing.
Just a reminder, we will have our Fall Business Meeting and a coffee hour following the church service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

*Remembering Rev. Paul Ray
(September 15th Sunday Service)*

*Thank you!
Ruth Frost wanted to say thank you to all who attended,
contributed, and participated in what turned into an
incredible day of remembrance and fellowship.*

*New address for Agneta Ray
2 Knolltop Road
Forestdale, MA 02644
Phone number 508-364-9570*



Lectionary Readings

- 10/6 Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- 10/13 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:115; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrew 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- 10/20 Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrew 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- 10/27 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrew 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



Prayers and Concerns



Victims of Terrorism	Oscar Jacobs
Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide	Elizabeth Joseph Audrey Koeper
God's Providence for Israel and the Middle East	Tom and Lynn Koeper
Our Nation's Leaders	Dan Medkalf
All military personnel and their families	Rev. Stu Merkel
Casa Bernabe Orphanage	Stephanie Mutz
Ashley Clark	Matthew Olson
Tom Eckert	Julie Pagan
Morton Zimmerman	Torin Philips
Lori Haley - hospice	Reid Shamus
Morgan Haley	Nancy
Daniel Hays	Viveca Persson, Agenta's sister
Agneta Ray and family for peace, comfort and a smooth transition.	Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister



COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS



Treasurer:

- Month of August: Deposits, \$6141.00. Withdrawals \$3243.00.

Worship:

- Special Music scheduled through first week of December.
KR Band will be here on November 10 when Rose will fill the pulpit.
Streaming has begun again for services

Fellowship:

- Next communion is Sunday, October 6th.
The annual fall meeting will be November 3 and there will be a coffee hour then.
There will be a potluck on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Missions:

- Operation Christmas Child has begun. Sue would like to make some short video presentations during church services and needs help with the IT support. She will get deadlines and information into the bulletin. She expects that the craft group will fill 120 boxes and the congregation 50. Packing will be at the Lutheran church November 2. Participants should be encouraged to donate shipping costs of \$10 for each box.
Love Inc meal will be served Nov 13. Rose is making chili for a main dish.

Building and Grounds:

We have 3 quotes for the steeple repairs and are expecting a 4th. It doesn't look like the second steeple can be removed. Grants may not be advisable for funding assistance because of the caveats they involve. It may be advisable to go with the least expensive quote even though the work will not be as complete just to it done before it gets any worse.
Yard work being maintained as usual.

New Business:

- Jim Fillicetti will arrange for church sponsorship of any church family children who want to attend association summer camp.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS OCTOBER, 21ST AT 6:30 PM.



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Church <i>World Wide Communion</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Guest Speaker, Pastor Rae</i> <i>Ellen Preuss.</i> <i>Choir singing.</i>	7	8	9	10 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	11	12
13 10:00 am Church <i>Guest Speaker TBD.</i> <i>Special Music by Lora Gensler.</i>	14	15	16	17 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	18	19
20 10:00 am Church <i>Guest Speaker, Amy Schopke</i> <i>Church Choir Singing.</i>	21 6:30 pm <i>Church Council Meeting</i>	22	23	24 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	25	26
27 10:00 am Church <i>Guest Speaker TBD. Special Music by Jubilee</i>	28	29	30	31 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>		