

ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rebecca Circle, Grace & Giggles (Mom Group), Family Fun, Ekklesia

OCTOBER FAMILY FUN NIGHT Let us help you get ready for Spooky Season! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 4th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm for pizza, pumpkin painting, and mask making for the whole family.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet Thursday, October 9th at 10:00 am in the large conference room. Please bring suggestions for upcoming meetings.

EKKLESIA Please join us Saturday, October 25th at 7:00 pm for a night of prayer and worship. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER FAMILY NIGHT In recognition of All Saints please join us in the East yard for a bonfire hotdogs, yard games, and other fall activities on Saturday, November 1st from 5:30-7:30 pm.



Happy Hearts

Please join us for our monthly senior luncheon, Happy Hearts, on Thursday, October 9th at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation the Greigers about their new organizing business and a presentation from Pastor David about his recent trek on El Camino. Lunch will be a taco bar.

Join Us For Sunday School

Sunday School started on September 28th and will be offered during the time between the early and late services. There is something for all ages. Our kids will be looking at how Jesus is in every story in the Bible starting with Genesis. The youth will be continuing through the Catechism. For the adults we are looking at three different options.



Join Us As We Continue Our Study Of Ephesians

October 5th Ephesians pt. 3
The Real Enlightenment

October 12th Ephesians pt. 4
CPR: Christ's Perfecting Resurrection

October 19th Ephesians pt. 5
Christ and the Superseding Citizenship

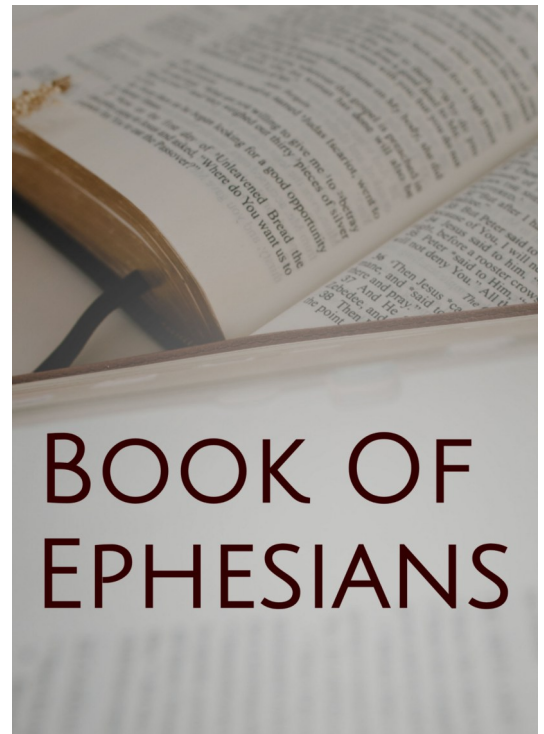
October 26th Reformation

November 2nd Ephesians pt. 6
Mystery of the Church

November 9th Ephesians pt. 7
Why do some people grow old but never grow up?

November 16th Ephesians pt. 8
Wax On Wax Off

November 23rd

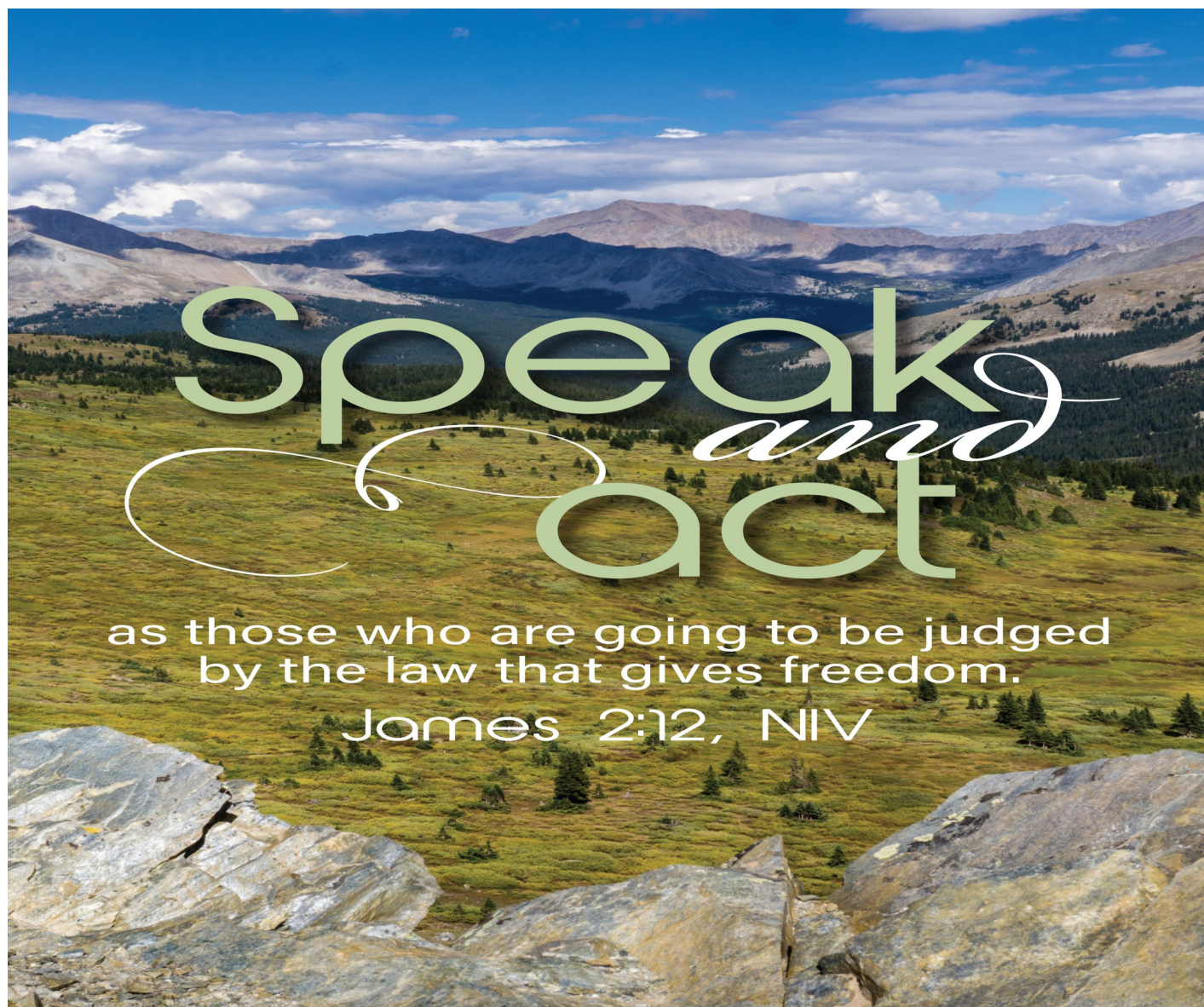


From Pastor David

National Strife

A few weeks ago, a young man decided to kill Charlie Kirk. We are still only guessing at the shooter's motives. But, it was clearly an act of hatred. The reaction to this murder has seen strong emotions from folks of all kinds of political and faith beliefs. It has been hard to watch. Kirk was terrific at debating anyone who would talk with him. He was great at defending faith in Jesus and his own political views. I share his advocacy for dialogue. I am working with some other pastors to visit our local colleges and replicate Kirk's debates.

Regardless of how you feel about him, we need to replicate his practice of using words over violence. It is ok to feel anger over his murder. But, we must follow the example of our Savior who allowed weaker men to torture Him even though He said "Do you think that I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" Matthew 26:53



Cont. from Pastor David

Sermon Study Group

We started a weekly meeting recently to talk through the upcoming sermon and answer any questions about the previous one. Anyone is welcome to join us Wednesday mornings at 10AM. We will be done by 11:30 at the latest. We will also start an online survey to get your feedback on the messages. Our goal is to foster continuous improvement in our preaching and get congregational input on the messages. We want your input and we need it.

Ministry Area Teams

We are looking for new MAT members and leaders for 2026. This is a great way to serve God and participate in the ministry of the church. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or ideas.



Mosaic Ministries Fall Banquet

Mosaic will hold it's Fall Banquet on Thursday, October 23rd at The Pinnacle. This is a free event although we are looking for table sponsors (tables of 10 seats are \$500 each). Please let us know if you can join us by emailing me at dnkaiser@mosaicministries.us



From Pastor Ben

God's Image Bearers

Our minds are funny things. Isn't it odd how we have the capacity to recall very specific, peculiar, or random details about events or people, yet our mind goes blank for something important or regular? How many times have you walked out of a room to accomplish a task just to forget what you were doing the moment you stood up?

One area that my brain is funny is that I have an absolutely terrible time remembering the names of bands and recording artists in connection with a song or album. People will mention some musician like I should recognize who they are, and I will be lost. But then, start humming their song and my brain will be just like a light switch got flipped. I bring this up because I know some group in the 80's used a picture of a prism reflecting light as an album cover. I think it might have been Pink Floyd, but I am not sure. I only know this album cover because I have friends who had this album cover as part of a graphic t-shirt.

The reality of light waves being refracted through the prism sticks in my mind every time I think about humanity. In Genesis 1:26-27 we have a foundational truth about humanity first appear. Humans are made in God's image. The Latin theological term is *imago dei*. In being God's image bearers, we are created to be the representatives of God in this world. Various religions around the time of the writing of Genesis believed that the king, emperor, or pharaoh was the representative—or maybe even incarnation of God. This is radically different than what we confess to be true. Every single person is made in the image of God, and is therefore worthy of honor and respect.

I think about the prism because if God is infinite, what would it look like of each human being is reflecting and refracting God's glory in this world. If He is infinite, then each person is then, by logical conclusion, going to have a unique way of showing God's glory in this world. The ethical implications of this are huge. Do we celebrate the quirks and history of every person, or do we choose to instead try to squash everyone into one singular mold? Do we only memorialize some, while forgetting or even cursing everyone else? In James 3: 9-10 we read "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be."

How different would the world be if we remembered the profound truth of the *imago dei*? We might not remember why we stood up from our chair, or the name of that one actor in that one movie, but let us never forget that every person bears the image of God, and is uniquely made in a way that reflects God in this world.

Gathering Space Update

Our Gathering Space is getting a fresh look with new paint, furniture, and setup—and it's still a work in progress and we want to keep everything coordinated! In the past, well—meaning furniture and décor have shown up at the church, but not everything fits the space or needs we have. To avoid this, please check with our Buildings & Facilities MAT leaders, Jim Brown (419-261-8018) or Don Marion (419-466-7049), before bringing any items. If you'd like to give elsewhere, Mosaic is gladly accepting donations of clothing, furniture, décor, and household items. Contact Hubi (419-893-0205 or hhsmith@stpaulslive.org) in the office for details. Thank you for helping us keep our spaces organized, welcoming, and beautiful!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday, October 5th, Titus part 5, Titus 2:1-10, snack provided by Dave and Mary

Saturday, October 11th The Youth Group is continuing to explore new places and enjoy different experiences by going to a small farm in rural Michigan for a hay rack ride. A great time to get away and to enjoy a new experience and time outside!

Sunday, October 12th, Titus part 6, Titus 2:11-15, Pizza

Sunday, October 19th, Titus part 7, Titus 3:1-10

Sunday, October 26th Burning Questions Part 1

Sunday, November 2nd Burning Questions Part 2

More Youth Group updates to come in the November Communicator!

Available Altar Flower Dates

There are still altar flower dates available in the month of October the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th are still available. The cost is \$20.



Meal Trains

What is this meal train, and how does it work?

A meal train is for those families at St. Paul's who have a need for help with meals.

The office is notified of a family in need and the office and Lay Ministry work to get all the information needed and set up the Meal Train and sends out the link.

Go to the link and look at the details for the family's information to see their address, preferences, or food allergies, and when they would like meals delivered.

Choose the day you would like to volunteer, enter your email and other information, meal details, and submit.

Prepare or purchase a meal, or casserole, sides, and dessert, then deliver it to the family on the day you signed up.



Donate Gently Loved Furniture and Household Items to Mosaic Ministries

Do you have gently used children's clothing, or toys your kids have outgrown? Mosaic has a lot of families in need with young children and is gladly accepting donations of clothing, furniture, and household items. As we go through our outdated wardrobes for winter and furniture during the fall to make way for new things please consider donating to Mosaic first, especially for furniture, household items, children's items, and clothing. Contact Hubi (419-893-0205 or hhsmith@stpaulslive.org) in the office for details and to get contact information about arranging pick-up for oversized items and furniture donations for Mosaic.



There's a Place for You!

New Mosaic Hygiene Ministry

Did you know a lot of people and families in Toledo cannot afford basic hygiene essentials like tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine products, diapers, wipes, toilet paper, etc..?

Mosaic is trying to solve this problem for families and people in need of basic hygiene items. If you are interested in helping with this ministry by donating hygiene items please contact Hubi (419-893-0205 or hhsmith@stpaulslive.org) for more details and contact information.

Donate Hygiene Items



OUR MISSION:

Providing local outreach opportunities for individuals by caring for the needs of others.

Outreach M.A.T. Co-Directors: Sue Schad (419-893-2330), Beth Heisey, Carol Doerfler & Linda Scott with the St. Paul's church family.

News from the Outreach M.A.T.

"Showing God's Love Through You"

Check out the slides, weekly bulletin, weekly email, our church's Facebook page, and the monthly *Communicator* for news on ministries that are happening at St. Paul's and how you can help!

You CAN make a difference!

Outreach MAT Ministry Assistance Extension Number

The voicemail extension for all Outreach Board ministry assistance is extension 220. Call the church number (419-893-0205) then dial 220. The Outreach MAT schedules food pantry appointments as well as providing monetary assistance with rent, utilities, and other needs.

Looking ahead:

- In October- Soles for Souls (shoe/boots collection)
- Coming in November – Angel Tree
- Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets (Sat, Nov. 22 nd)

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Soles for Souls (shoes for people)

We are collecting shoes and boots during the month of October to pass on to individuals who need good, sturdy footwear for the winter months. We would like the congregation to hunt through and cleanout your closets of men's, women's, and children's gently used or never worn shoes, tennis shoes, and even boots and donate them to St. Paul's.

How can you help?

Donations of all kinds of gently used or never worn shoes or boots can be donated to the SHOE BOX during the month of October.

Be looking in the Gathering Space for the big SHOE BOX. If you have questions, contact any of the Outreach MAT members for more information.



Prayer Corner

Many of you have noticed the special area in the back corner of the sanctuary where there are pull-out folding doors, chairs, and a small fountain. Our Prayer Corner is reserved for folks in need of prayer or who wish to have a quiet, private area for individual prayer before or after each worship service. There is also the Chapel downstairs down the hallway to the Youth Room on the right.



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Baby University Baby University ministers to families in Toledo's Old South End. They are collecting children's books especially board books. As a congregation, we can help them achieve their mission by providing them with books. There will be a collection container in the Gathering Space for books. Thank you for helping this important, but vulnerable part of our population.

Halos of Hope Many thanks to the ladies who are knitting and crocheting chemo caps for this ministry.



We have made over 3,600 caps since this ministry started! We are making a difference!

The ministry uses volunteers to knit caps for individuals under going cancer treatment. If you knit or crochet and would like to use your gift to help others, please contact Sue Schad for more information about this exciting opportunity to make a difference.

Ronald McDonald House pull tab ministry:

The Outreach MAT is asking you to save pull tabs from aluminum cans including soup and vegetable cans and pet food cans to support the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities. RMHC recycles the tabs to supplement the food budget that provides meals to families during their stay, at no cost to them. There is a container in the Gathering Space as well as in the Fellowship Hall.



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God’s Storehouse (St. Paul’s Food Pantry)

God’s Storehouse, our food pantry, is St. Paul Lutheran’s “hand up” for families in the area who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times.

God’s Storehouse October Shopping List:

Pop Tarts, small canned chicken, dill pickles, Spam, snacks like cheese and crackers, cookies, etc., canned pasta (like beefaroni), diced tomatoes, strawberry jelly, mandarin oranges, mustard, mayonnaise, any kind of Jiffy mix, crackers, relish, waxed beans, beets, green beans, peas, crushed or chunk pineapple, boxed mashed potatoes, Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper, chocolate or vanilla frosting, brownie mix

If you are shopping and think of it, buy two and donate one to God’s Storehouse. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of those brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”

(Mathew 25:40)



Local Fall Family Events in October

Autumn Market at the Wolcott house, Sat, 04 Oct, 2025 at 11:00 am,1035 River Rd, Maumee, OH 43537

Lil Scupper's Kids Club Thu, 16 Oct, 2025 at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (GMT-04:00) at the National Museum of the Great Lakes,1701 Front Street, Toledo, United States

Glow Skate at the Ribbon Sat, 18 Oct, 2025 at 07:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Glass City Riverwalk, Toledo, United States

Fall Color Cruise on The Sandpiper, Sat, 04 Oct, 2025 at 01:00 pm to 03:00 pm, 120 Water St, Toledo, OH 43604-1052, United States

Fall Bazaar 2025 Heritage Church Sat, 18 Oct, 2025 at 09:00 am to 03:00 pm, 3520 Strayer Rd, Maumee, OH 43537

MaQueen’s Apple Butter Festival 2025, Saturday, Oct. 4th & Sunday Oct. 5th,7605 Garden Road (Gunn Road & Garden Road), Holland, Ohio 43528

Local Pumpkin or Apple Picking

Pick a pumpkin at Fleitz Pumpkin Farm, Open every day until October 31st 10 am to 7 pm,7133 Seaman Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616, (419) 836-7613, FleitzPumpkinFarm@gmail.com



Pick apples at MacQueen's Orchards, 7605 Garden Road (Gunn Road & Garden Road), Holland, Ohio 43528



M.A.T. Spotlight



“O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 34:3

The Worship & Music Ministry objectives are the supervision, procurement, publicity, and implementation of everything pertaining to congregation worship to thank and glorify God in the mission He’s given us to fulfill.

Could This Be You?

Can you plan an instrument?

Would you like to:

Sing with the band?

Serve in the Sound Booth during the service/Provide Tech Support?

Be an usher/greeter?

Help with Worship or Communion setup?

Help with bagging of the offering?

Reading the lessons?

Distributing Communion?

Did you say **YES** to any of the above? Do you feel nudged by the Lord? If so, please complete & drop it off in the offering plate by the Sanctuary doors and the Worship MAT Leaders, Justin Olman, will reach out to you.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Memorials

Gary and Margery Hancock in memory of Wilbur Wagner

Scott and Suzanne Hirth in memory of Betty Heidebrink



The world
and its desires
pass away,
but whoever
does the
will of God
lives forever.

1 John 2:17 (NIV)

Thanks Received

Dear Christian brothers and sisters,

Thank you for all the support and prayers and transportation you gave to me during my recent illness. The power of prayer is beyond anyone's imagination. I greatly appreciate all of you.

~In His name,
Earl Rudolph

Patrice has taken advantage of every program she could, has graduated and started a new job! Thank you for making her new life possible!

~David Kaiser

Thank you for all the many cards, thoughts, and prayers on the passing of my husband Dale, it meant so much to our family.

~Karol Cook

Office Hours

- ◇ Mon—Wed: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
- ◇ Thurs—Fri: 8:00 am—12:00pm

As always we can be reached by email at Hubi (hhsmith@stpaulslive.org) & Sue smhardn@stpaulslive.org). If you have information for the "Messenger" or the "Communicator" please send it to officeinfo@stpaulslive.org.

David is trying to meet with each St. Paul's member. Please let him know if you wish to schedule coffee or lunch. If there is an emergency outside of our office hours, please call Pastor David at 419-270-2582.

Pastor Ben is also trying to meet with members of St. Paul's please let him know if you would like to meet. He has a Michigan number so if you get a message from a Michigan number it may be him 269-224-0936.

Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group has planned meetings

The Paul's Lutheran Church Men's Bible Study and Prayer Group.

Exploring God's word together allows our men's group to learn and grow with one another, to be challenged and encourage one another to live for something larger than ourselves.

We meet every first and third Saturday at 8:00 am.

Please bring your Bible. We will look forward to having you join us.



Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

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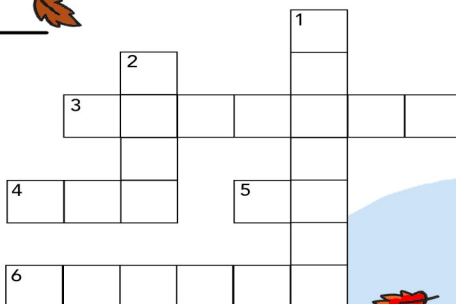
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

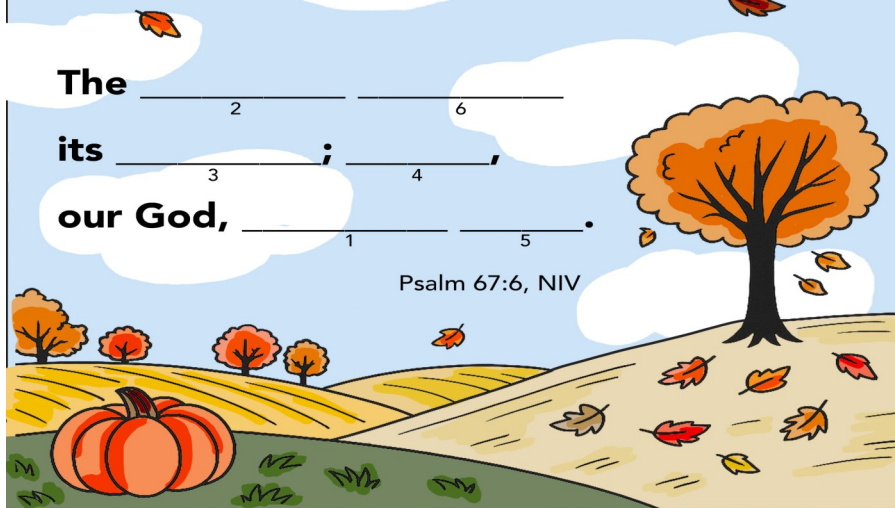
DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____
its _____;
our God, _____

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



Create some invisible art and then
reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



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Sunday Schedule:

8:30 am Traditional Service (drive-in &
in-Sanctuary)

10:30 am Modern Service (drive-in &
in-Sanctuary)

Everyone is welcome!

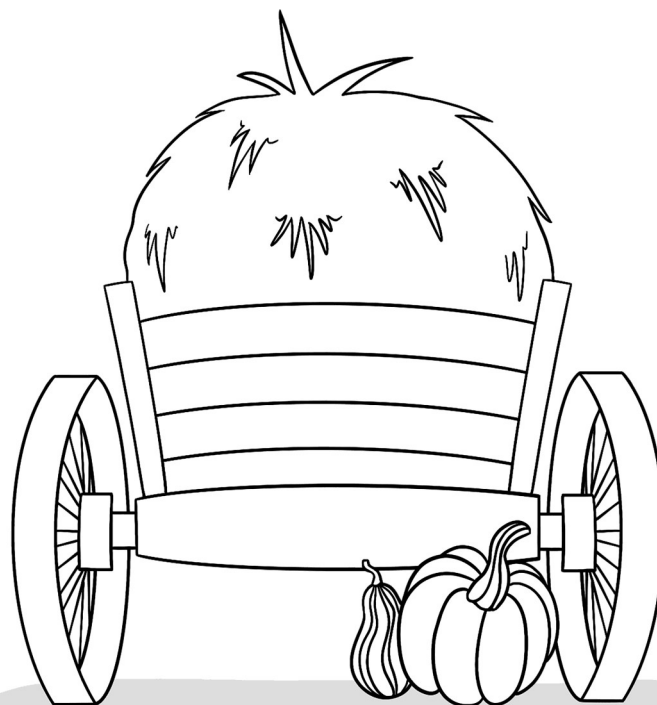
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COMMUNICATOR
DEADLINE

As a reminder, the deadline for the Communicator is the 15th of the month at 8:00 am. IF the 15th is on a weekend, the deadline is the following Monday at 8:00 am. Submissions for repeated printing must be earmarked with the specific publication dates.

Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. Thank you so much for meeting the deadline! **Email Hubi at officeinfo@stpaulslive.org** with submissions.



TIME FOR A HAYRIDE!

Your old glasses can give new life

Millions in developing nations lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions Club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and continues to lend their support.

If you have old eye glasses that you are no longer using, please bring them to the church, drop them off in the basket on the counter by the Outreach Board and we will recycle them through the Lion's Club. Questions? Contact Gary Langenderfer.

Give us a call

Please call the church office (419-893-0205) if you or a family member are (or are scheduled to be) hospitalized, have recently moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home, become a shut-in, desire home communion or would appreciate a home visit due to health problems.

Hospitals and care facilities no longer provide us with this information and it's important so that our pastor, prayer groups, and congregation are able to provide the necessary spiritual support when and where it is needed. Please help us minister to you and your loved ones.

Who We Are

We believe that God is willing and able to do more than we can ask, think or imagine. We believe that He has positioned us to fulfill our calling to reach out into Maumee, Toledo, and the nations with His love.

We are a Bible-based, caring church family that desires to grow in Christian faith. As a congregation, our most earnest desire, programming and efforts are focused toward reaching out to the world with the great news of salvation found in Jesus Christ. And we would like to reach out to you too.

If you do not have a church home, and if you are searching for a warm, welcoming place to learn, grow, and invest your time and talents, please consider worshipping with us.

Mission & Vision

ST. PAUL’S MISSION:
In response to Christ’s great commission to share the Gospel with the whole world, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is called to make disciples by connecting the unconnected to Jesus Christ and together growing in full devotion to Him.

ST. PAUL’S VISION:
Do L.I.F.E: Love. Inspire. Forgive. Encourage. L.I.F.E: The building blocks of authentic, Christ-centered community.

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