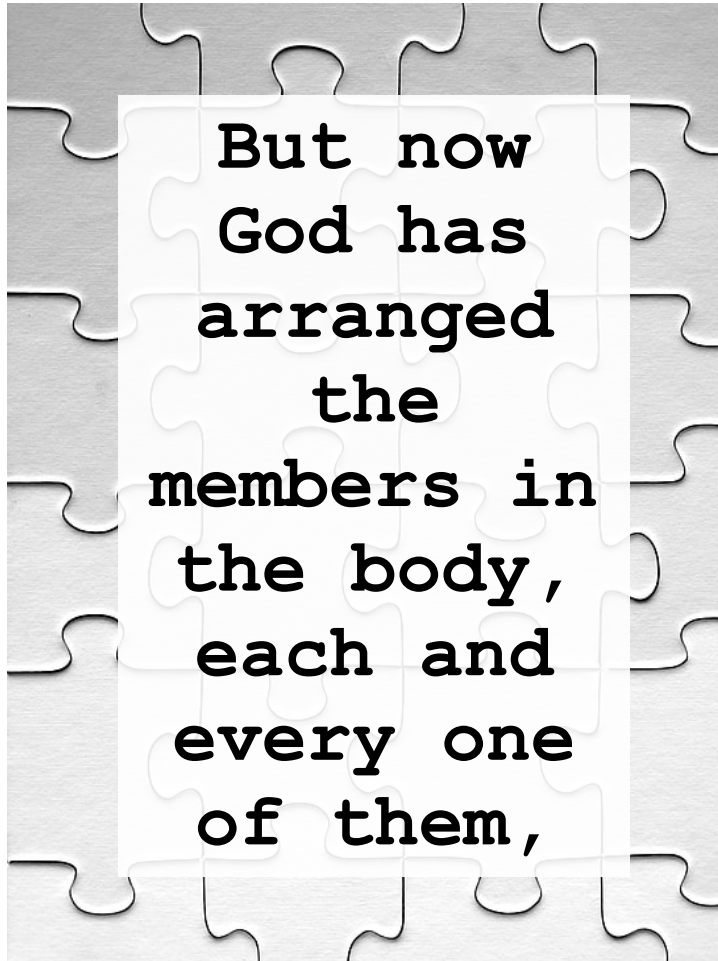


# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE FOUR PILLARS OF ST. PAUL'S: PARTICIPATE

*Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 18, 2020*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. For worshippers joining us in person, we are happy you are here. If you have any questions, just ask an usher or other volunteer.

We would love to see just what kind of impact our worship services are making. Please fill out our online Connect Card to let us know where you're worshipping from and how we might continue to serve you. You can find a link at [www.stpaulswr.org/watch](http://www.stpaulswr.org/watch). You can also contact us via email or phone ([churchoffice@stpaulswr.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulswr.org) or 715-421-3634) with any questions or prayer requests.

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**



Having looked at Praise and Prepare, which point us back to God and the blessings of his Word, we now turn our attention to the third pillar, Participate. With all that the Lord calls his church to do, it simply cannot be done by a handful or small group of people. As we'll hear in our readings, God gives each person a set of skills or knowledge or wisdom or gifts to be able to benefit his church. Being part of Christ's body, let us give ourselves in service to God and to each other!

The liturgical color\* for this Sunday is green, which emphasizes how the body of Christ grows stronger as each part does what God created it to do.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the questions on page 14.

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\* The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

# THE COMMON SERVICE

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*The common service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

*Take My Life and Let It Be | CW 469*

*Verse 1-Pastors; 2-All; 3-Men; 4-Women; 5-Pastors; 6-All*

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

Minister (M): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS - CW p.16

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,**

**We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

*Every time we sing  
these words, we join  
the Christmas  
angels (Luke 2:14)  
in praising God for  
who he is and what  
he has done.*

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. 🎵

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, all that we have comes from you: our bodies and minds, our strength and intelligence, our time and abilities, our energy and possessions. Guard us from the temptation to use these gifts only for our personal benefit and grant that we would use them all to your glory, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## *The Word*

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### FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 36:1-7*

*We participate by putting the skills God has given us to work to his glory.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

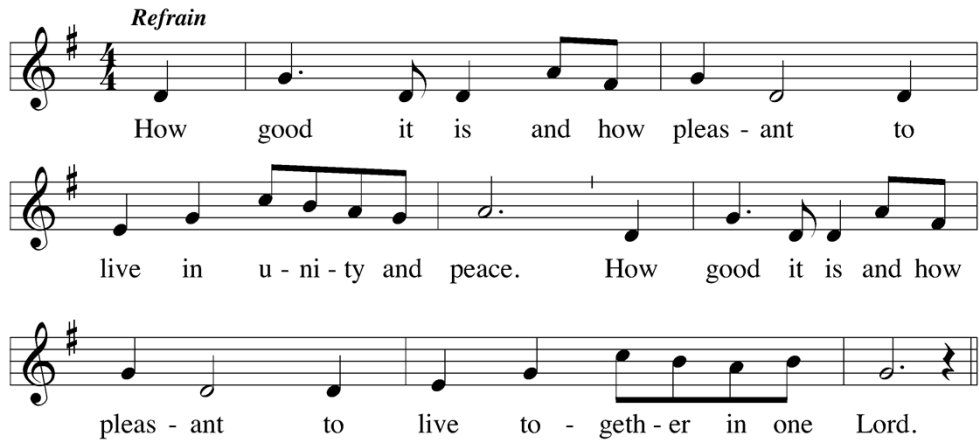
### HYMN

*In Unity and Peace | CWS 773*

*This hymn brings together thoughts from Psalm 133, 1 Corinthians 1, Ephesians 4, and Philippians 2, all of which speak to how Christians are called to live as one, even though they are given different gifts, abilities, and opinions. Lord, make us one!*

*Pastors will sing the verses; please join in the refrain.*

*Refrain*



How good it is and how pleas - ant to  
live in u - ni - ty and peace. How good it is and how  
pleas - ant to live to - geth - er in one Lord.

- 1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.  
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

*Refrain*

- 2 Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.  
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

*Refrain*

- 3 Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.  
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 12:12-20*

*We participate by being an active part of the body of Christ.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;

C: **rather, serve one another humbly in love. Alleluia.** (*Galatians 5:13 NIV*)

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 10:25-37*

*We participate by selflessly loving our neighbor.*

*After the Gospel, the announcement is made:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*For the time being, please keep children with you in the pews for the Children's Message.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O God of Mercy, God of Might | CW 499*

*Verse 1-Pastors; 2-All; 3-Men; 4-Women; 5-Pastors; 6-All*

## SERMON

**Make the Body Thrive!**

*Please stand.*

## RESPONSE

| CW p.20

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING

*St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Please remain seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.

**C: We praise you for your generous saving love.**

M: We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word and the water of Baptism. You have set us apart as people who belong to you.

**C: May we always receive your love and live to your glory.**

M: Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity. Help us to love you and others and to use things as you desire, instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish desires.

**C: May our hearts belong to you completely so that our lives can be devoted to things that really matter.**

M: Bless all who are suffering or in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it. Bless the government and the Church, and make us blessings to both.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally and, in all things, fill us with joyful generosity.

**C: We bring these gifts—offerings, acts of service, and prayers—to you. Grant that we may be just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own.**

M: We dare to ask all this, Father, not because we deserve to ask it but for the sake of your Son, who has taught us also to pray:

*Please stand.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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### PREFACE

| CW p. 21

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



**C: ♪ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. ♪**

*"I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed Supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which He gives me His body and blood to eat and to drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, shed for you."  
– Martin Luther*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**C: ♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
Amen. ♪**

*Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.*

*The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Please stand.*

### THANKSGIVING

M: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: Let us pray together.

C: **O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule in our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | CW 484*

*Verse 1-All; 2-Pastors; 3-All*

*This prayer is sometimes called the "Prayer of Saint Francis" or "The Peace Prayer." It's obvious to see why. Including this prayer following the Lord's Supper is fitting, since the Lord's body and blood empowers us to live a new and holy life, much like this prayer asks God to do.*

## TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

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1. God commanded Moses to build a sanctuary or dwelling for him called the tabernacle. He gave very specific and detailed instructions for its construction, including what type of wood to use and how many loops must be on each curtain. But God also gave skilled craftsmen, Bezalel and Oholiab, the abilities to follow his blueprint. Read more about these two men in Exodus 31:1-11 and Exodus 35:30-35. For what reasons might God have included these two men in his Word? For what reasons is it beneficial for us to read about them now as we focus on our Participate pillar?
2. What two ideas are central to Paul's illustration of the body in our second reading? (Hint: read 1 Corinthians 12:20.) In what ways do these two opposite concepts strengthen the body of Christ?
3. The Gospel reading highlights the motivation behind everything we do as Christians: love for God and love for neighbor. How is this especially highlighted in the work we do as a body of believers?
4. Finish this sentence: Participate is one of the main focuses of ministry at St. Paul's because...

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY** **The Augsburg Confession**

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.



## **TURN IN YOUR THE MINISTRY FAIR SHEET**

This Sunday we are looking at the third pillar of St. Paul's - Participate. If you haven't yet, we encourage you fill out the October Ministry Fair Form, which lists many ways you can participate in the Lord's work at St. Paul's. A form was placed in your mailslot, but you can also download it from our website (under the Serve tab at [www.stpaulswr.org](http://www.stpaulswr.org)) or pick one up at the Information Booth in the Welcome Center. Completed forms can be sent to the office or dropped in the basket in the Welcome Center

## **PARTICIPATE IN TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

*Oct. 31 | 5:00-7:00 PM*

**Be a Trunker** - Park your vehicle in our parking lot and distribute your treats to children in the west-side neighborhood. Decorating your vehicle or dressing in costume is optional, but it makes it more fun for the children. Sign up at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, or look for our online signup on our website under the Serve tab.

**Donate Candy** - If you can't volunteer, we would love your donations of candy to supplement what our "trunkers" bring. Place your treats in the container near the Ministry Table.

**Hang Posters** - If your workplace has an area where information on public events is shared, please hang one of our Trunk-or-Treat posters there. Posters can be found on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center.

## **PARTICIPATE AT NLHS**

Help at the soccer games and volleyball matches at Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS). Operate the clock, keep scorebooks, take admissions, or serve as a line judge. Contact NLHS at [NLHSoffice@nlhs.org](mailto:NLHSoffice@nlhs.org) or 715-359-3400.



## **PARTICIPATE IN THE THANKSGIVING MEAL**

*Nov. 26 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM*

Yes, Thanksgiving seems like a long way off. However, in less than six weeks we will need lots of volunteers as we take over the Community Thanksgiving Meal. Based on previous years' numbers, we believe we will serve between 400-500 to-go and delivery meals to the lonely and the needy. We are starting recruiting early, so you can fit it into your holiday plans. Help will be needed on Thanksgiving Day from late morning to early afternoon. Volunteers are needed to:

- **package the meals**
- **distribute the carry out meals**
- **deliver meals with your vehicle**
- **serve as clean-up crew**



To learn more or to volunteer, contact Nicole Sukow at 715-572-4629.

**Bake a dessert** - Each meal we serve will include a dessert. While you are preparing your favorite Thanksgiving treats, bake an extra for the meal. Pie, cookies, and bars that fit the Thanksgiving theme are especially welcome.

## **PARTICIPATE IN THE BAKE & CRAFT SALE**

**Make Pies on Tuesday** - The final day for making apple pies is this Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 3:00 PM. The work goes until 5:00 PM or until it is done. Sub sandwiches and chips will served to the workers when the task is finished. Everyone is welcome to stay afterwards for the monthly Willing Workers meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

**Donate Soup Ingredients** - If you cannot help with pie making, maybe you can donate ingredients for soup including, potatoes, onions, celery and carrots. You can bring these to the kitchen beginning October 26.

**Reserve a Pie** - The Willing Workers are only making a limited number of pies this year. Frozen take-and-bake apple pies (crumb top or double crust) are \$12 each. To reserve a pie, contact the church office.

**Make Something for the Sale** - If you enjoy making crafts, donate something to the annual Bake & Craft Sale on Nov. 7 & 8. If you bake, your cookies, muffins, breads, and other items are always welcome. Homemade jams and pickles are also a popular sale item.

## MORE ACTIVITIES RETURNING

**Women Walking in the Word** will resume meeting this Tuesday, Oct. 20. Class begins at 9:45 AM. The study will be “Rejoice in the Lord! Messages from Philipppians”. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Classes are held in the Resource Center. Contact Judy Anderson at 715-423-5922 for more details.

**Men’s Devotional Basketball** resumed last week. They meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM for some friendly competition, lots of fellowship, and a little bit of God’s Word. For more details, contact Wes Johnson at 715-213-4801.

## SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE SYNOD

Our congregation sets aside a percentage of our offerings for the work of our synod, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The WELS uses our gifts and those of other congregations to accomplish work we cannot do alone like training pastors & teachers and sending our missionaries. Through September, our congregation has given \$20,939.09 to these effort.

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week’s Attendance: 120

From July 1, 2020 to October 9, 2020

Actual ministry income: \$270,271

Actual cost of ministry: \$250,240

Mortgage balance: \$1,340,708



### QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION

- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
- † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)? If not, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.

# CALENDAR

October 18-25

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the Resource Center
	10:30 AM	Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	11:00 AM	Worship for at-risk individuals
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Resource Center
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	1:30 PM	Pie Making in the cafeteria
	6:30 PM	Willing Workers in the cafeteria
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:55 AM	Chapel Service
	5:30 PM	Handbells in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Four Pillars Bible Study in the cafeteria
	6:30 PM	People Close to God in the Resource Center
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	6:00 pm	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
<b>SATRUDAY</b>	5:00 PM	St. Paul's Youth in the SPYs Room
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the Resource Center
	10:30 AM	Worship

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 31 Trunk-or-Treat
- Nov. 7&8 Craft & Bake Sale
- Nov. 10 Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- Nov. 26 Community Thanksgiving Meal Served at St. Paul's





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