

THE LUTHERAN VISITOR

St. Paul Lutheran Church
721-12th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to celebrate and proclaim to all the saving grace of Jesus Christ through word and deed.



On October 31, 1517, All Hallow's Eve, Martin Luther amidst holiday bonfires and celebrations and people walking out in the darkened streets of Wittenburg, Luther put up his 95 Theses, or arguments, about the state of the church, the Holy Roman Empire and God's work in the world. Luther knew that his fellow professors would be both partying and going to church the next morning. He knew that as these professors and other people traveled through town, celebrating Halloween and All Saints' Day, they'd walk by the church bulletin board. On the Wittenberg church bulletin board were the words that announced not just the beginning of a political and church revolution, but God's daily revolution begun in Jesus Christ: "When our Lord Jesus Christ said repent, he willed the entire life be one of repentance" (from Luther's 95 Theses).

Repentance and forgiveness do not come through payment to the church. Nor do they come through good acts or even changing one's habits, although such change may come. Instead, Luther would later argue, forgiveness of sin comes about through God's own choosing--specifically the "man of God's own choosing," Jesus Christ (from Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress). Forgiveness comes as a free, sheer gift, given for you. God frees us from the power of sin and death. And when God makes us free, we are free, indeed (John 8).

Baptized into Christ, freed from the power of sin and death, we face each new day claimed and loved by God. But as Luther well knew, our old selves, the ones who don't trust, the Old Adam and Old Eve, are good swimmers. Each day we run the risk of being tempted to not trust, to believe that evil has the upper hand, to loose confidence in God who loves us no matter what. It is for that reason that the life of faith, the life of repentance (and forgiveness) is a daily one. Each day we remind ourselves and each other that God is in charge, and we (and the world and the devil) are not.

This is why I was tempted to invite you to wear costumes on that day and wear them to church. (I myself will be wearing a red pastor "costume"). If Halloween has religious origins, it is as a harvest festival and as a way to mock evil as we face the coming darkness of winter. Luther (and C.S. Lewis and others after them) said, "Mock the devil and he will flee from thee." We have no reason to fear. God is in charge. God in Christ Jesus loves you no matter what.

Happy Reformation Day (and Halloween).

Pastor Jennifer Obermueller

October 2010



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You are invited to
**A Blessing of the
Animals**



**Sunday, October 3, 2010
4:00 pm**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
721 12th Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

**Join your Southside neighbors
and bring your animals for a
special blessing.**

Join us, too, for Sunday morning
worship at 9:30 am.
www.stpaulhuntington.org
(304)525-9630
All are welcome.



Annual Stewardship Drive

Fall is here and the leaves are starting to turn their beautiful colors, which means it's time for our annual Stewardship Campaign. Later this month, you will receive by mail, a letter along with several forms that will give you the opportunity to serve your church through activities and financial support. Watch for it, and prayerfully get reader to consider your commitments.

**Special
MUSIC**

The Woman's Club of Huntington, Music-Art Department, invites you and your friends to the "Classical Sounds of Guitar and Violin" with Julio Alves of Marshall University Music Department his wife, Kristen, violinist, and the "Marshall University Guitar Ensemble". Please join us in the sanctuary at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 721-12th Avenue on Wednesday, October 13 at 10:45 am. The Woman's Club of Huntington appreciates the opportunity to present this program for you in our beautiful sanctuary. For additional information contact Carolyn Becker (304)522-0813.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER Please pray for Andrew Barham; LaDonna Hay Beckett; Mikah Beckett; Olivia Burge; Susan Clark; Mary DeCourcy; Emily Hussaker; Kris Maeland;

John Parsons; Joe Snavley; Patty Taylor; Brock Tucker; Ryan and her family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; military and civilians overseas; Church Council; and the congregations of our Synod.

Please notify the church office (304)525-9630 or stpchurch@frontier.com if a name needs to be added or removed.

**We Need You to Help
with Altar Guild!**



We need Altar Guild people for the month of December! We need veteran Altar Guild people *and* new people. If you are willing to help set up the sanctuary for worship on December 5, 9, or 26, please contact the church office at stpchurch@frontier.com or at (304)525-9630.



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| 1 | Ron Pease |
| 3 | Clarice Kumlien |
| 3 | Linda Mick |
| 5 | Tristan Miller |
| 5 | Josefine Landgrave |
| 6 | Skylar Price |
| 6 | Kathy Rea |
| 7 | Abigail Bell |
| 7 | Joel Gensler |
| 7 | Ernest Golder |
| 7 | Brandy Korstanje |
| 10 | Andrew Wellman |
| 12 | Jan Wilson |
| 14 | Sally Pettit |
| 15 | Lisa Kelley |
| 16 | Cameron May |
| 18 | Linda Adams |
| 24 | Nancy Stephens |
| 26 | Warren Dumke |
| 28 | Will Lindberg |
| 28 | Janet Grimes |
| 31 | Dolly Oshel |

Please let us know if your birthday is missing or inaccurate



To include your news items in your Church publications, please observe the following deadlines. Submission by email or disk is appreciated!

Bulletin	12:00 noon Wednesdays
Newsletter	The 20th of the month



Violin students of David Becker will be presented in recital Sunday, October 17 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Students are Rebecca Pettit, Ryan Vickers, and Micah Lewis. Members and guests are welcome. Reception following in the parlor.



Youth Service Projects

The youth will be doing the following monthly service projects:

October

Collecting dog and cat food, cleaning supplies, old newspapers or monetary donations for the Cabell-Wayne Animal Shelter

November

Samaritan Purse Shoe Box collections

December

Hat/Mittens/Scarves

Drop boxes for each project will be located in the narthex for your convenience. Children sermons will also touch on said projects.

Jeannie Riley, Youth Director



Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday will be celebrated October 10. Order forms for mums are in the narthex. You may also place your order along with your dedication by e-mail or phoning the office. Deadline for ordering is October 4.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Blessing of the Animals 4:00 pm	4 St. Paul Cridlin 12:30 pm	5 Quilters 9:00 am	6 Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	7 Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00 noon	8 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm	9 Wedding 3:00 pm
10 Harvest Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am	11 St. Paul Cridlin 12:30 pm	12 Quilters 9:00 am	13 Arts Concert 10:45 am Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	14 Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00 noon	15	16 Violin Rehearsal
17 Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Violin Recital 3:00 pm	18 Staff Meeting 9:00 am St. Paul Cridlin 12:30 pm	19 Quilters 9:00 am Worship/Music Meeting 7:30 pm	20 Confirmation 5:30 pm CCC 6:00 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm	21 Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00 noon	22	23
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31 Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am						

**OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS
SHARING THEIR TIME AND TALENT**



	October 3	October 10 Harvest Sunday	October 17	October 24	October 31 Reformation
Acolyte	Heath Wade	Kathleen Korstanje	Jacob Simpkins	Ethan Arneson	Zoe May Heath Wade
Sacristan	Jonathan Anderson-Cain	Trey Bell	Samuel Plate	Zakare Garnett	Jonathan Anderson-Cain
Assisting Minister	Sally McGill	Steve Golder	Norma Gensler	Mary Lou Fricke	Frances Case
Communion Deacon	Frances Case	Mary Lou Fricke	Steve Golder	Norma Gensler	Bill Korstanje
Torch Bearer					Trey Bell Samuel Plate
Nursery	Christine and Ryan Vickers	Sarah Bell and Andrea Lindberg	James and Jill May	James and Susie Wagner	Shannon Simpkins and Shannon Walker

Altar Guild—Norma Gensler and Paula Simpson

Ushers—Kathie Cunningham, Barbara Garnett, Kenny Kirby, and Brandy Korstanje

CRIDLIN FOOD AND



CLOTHING PANTRY

48 jars of peanut butter or \$35.76/case of 24
Cans can be donated in the box
outside the church parlor

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday Morning Worship.....9:30 am
Sunday School.....10:45am