



*Sun, Oct 30  
1:30– 3:00pm*

Decorated (or non-decorated) car trunks are needed. Sign up in the welcome center or contact the church office to help.

FREE hot dogs ~ ACTIVITIES  
fire truck ~ StL Blues *Louie!*

Candy and small trinkets are needed. Place donations in the basket in the Welcome Center



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## FROM PASTOR DON'S DESK

Down through the centuries of church history, small groups have been an important part of God's work in and through His people. At strategic points (the monastic movement and the birth of the Methodist church for example), Christians have experienced revival and spiritual renewal through involvement in small groups.

Today, in our fragmented and frantic age, many have rediscovered the method of the carpenter from Nazareth and the dynamic of small groups. Here at St. Paul's our hope is to provide each one who wishes to be involved in a small group experience the opportunity to do so.

Jesus modeled the importance of small groups. Although He taught large groups, the heart of His approach was His involvement with his 12 disciples. These men were, in a sense, Jesus' small group and he expected them to use the same approach as they established churches throughout the known world. In the book of Acts, we read of the struggle of small groups who prayed, shared, studied and suffered together.

We are in the process of reestablishing small groups here at St. Paul's. Watch for announcements as they are formed. If you are interested in hosting, leading, or participating please contact Pastor Don or the church office with your interest.

Please pray for:

- Small groups as they are organized.
- The governance review team as they continue to meet to consider and recommend changes or updates to St. Paul's by-laws.
- Cultivate Kids – the Wednesday night program for kids. Pray that new families will begin to take advantage of this opportunity.
- The appointment of a Search Team and the selection of a candidate for "Pastor Next".
- A sub-group of the Transition Team is meeting to craft a mission and a vision statement for us to consider. Pray that God will give clear and concise statements to present to the congregation for consideration.

### THIS IS OUR CHURCH

Here we come close to God and to our fellow Christians in worship.

Here we learn the truths by which we may live a brave, happy and useful life in Christ Jesus.

Here we gain strength by which we become that which we have learned we ought to be.

Here we find comfort in our sorrows, courage in our struggle, joy in our victories.

Here we come into union with Christ, our King and our friend.



St. Paul's Prayer and Care Team, Tuesdays, 1:30pm  
Join Pastor Don and the Team in the Garden Room  
to prayer for the needs of St. Paul's and our members.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

### Cultivate Kids and Teens Update

Fall is officially here and with it has come the launch of Cultivate Kids on Wednesday nights and the return of Cultivate Teens on Sunday nights. Cultivate Kids began at the beginning of September and we have seen God bless us with kids, lots of volunteers, and an incredible group of kitchen volunteers that have provided awesome meals each Wednesday night. Kids have been learning how they can take their faith in Jesus to new heights in our first series called *Blast Off*. It has been a joy not only to see the enthusiasm from the kids who have been coming, but also within the volunteers as we attempt something new here at St. Paul's. Please continue to pray for God to bless our labors and to bring more kids each week. Pray for patience and wisdom as we care and love the kids God brings and seek to engage their parents in conversation over a meal.



In Cultivate Teens, our youth group for middle and high school students, we have begun our first series called *Faith in an Anxious World*. This series addresses how we can handle the anxiety and stress of life as a teenager and reminds us that God doesn't leave us in the midst of our anxiety, but is right there with us. Teens today face incredible stress and anxiety and the pandemic caused even more mental health issues for our young people. Understanding how our faith in

Jesus and reading how Jesus himself handled stressful situations provides us with the tools to better cope with the stresses we find ourselves in today. It's a great series and one that I believe is critical in order for our young people to begin to address the stresses and anxiety they carry each day. Part of what we are working on in this series is a contemplative prayer practice that comes from a 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish priest named Ignatius. The prayer is intended to be done each day at the end of the day and the version we are using is called the Daily Replay and includes these simple steps:

1. Become aware of God's presence (take a minute or two to silent reflect on God being with you)
2. Review your day with gratitude (what are some things you have to be thankful for today)
3. Pay attention to your emotions
4. Forgive and ask forgiveness
5. Look toward tomorrow

This simple prayer practice can easily be incorporated into other prayer practices you may have throughout your day and serves as a great way to refocus and reframe your mind on God and end your day ready for whatever God has for you tomorrow. I have certainly benefitted from it and know of numerous others that have mentioned how impactful it has been on their spiritual life.

Please continue to pray for our teenagers and for God to use them at their schools and within their friend groups.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

### Support our Missionaries - Christmas in October

Every year in October St Paul's provides an opportunity to our congregation to share in giving a special offering for our supported missionaries. The Mission Team then provides these funds as Christmas gifts. Please prayerfully consider supporting our missionaries in this way. The gifts are always greatly appreciated! You can simply include a donation in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. Just note that the gift is for "Christmas in October." Thank you for your generosity and care for our friends who are out on mission!



We welcome all women to join us  
Wednesday, October 12  
@ 11:30am

*Bring your sack lunch. Dessert is provided*

*Women's Fellowship*

small  groups  
coming this Fall

#### September Giving Update in Support of the Operating Fund

September Giving:	\$60,252	Giving Year-to-date:	\$472,115
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#### General Fund Expenses:

September 2022:	\$69,671	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$652,488
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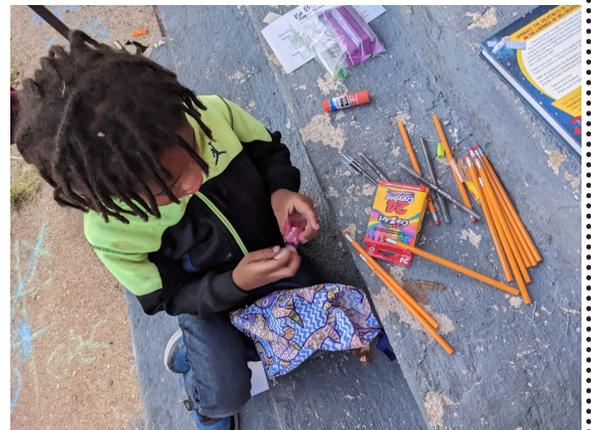
## Dutchtown Outreach Donations

-by Phyllis Bauer

A huge thank you to all who generously gave school supplies for the families and children in Dutch Town.

White Cross ladies made 56 pencil bags and your donations of pencils, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and glue filled all of the bags to the brim. The other supplies—paper, notebooks, folders and a few back packs will be given to the older children. The supplies were handed out as Ryan called on the families.

A comment from Ryan after delivering some of the items, "The boys were all thrilled to get to pick out their own style of bag and immediately wanted to dump out and explore everything that was inside. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and efforts to bless us and to impact the families we're serving in Dutchtown. "



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# Happy Birthday

10/1	Maggie Alstadt	10/13	Jack Caesar
10/2	Melvin Woods	10/13	Pat Walter
10/5	Walter Gummersheiemer	10/15	Dan Nickel
10/6	Betty Williams	10/18	Isabella del Cid
10/7	Jamie Stull	10/20	Jack Neier
10/8	Jim Glauert	10/21	Harold Dielmann
10/9	Bob Vass	10/22	Gloria Charwood
10/10	Kellie Walter	10/24	Dan Walter
10/12	Vicky Schjenken	10/27	Chuck Appel
10/13	Colleen Appel	10/27	John Graeler
10/13	Carly Caesar	10/28	Marcene Darby

# Happy October Anniversary

10/1	Kate & Daniel Alstadt	11
10/11	Tim & Jennifer Bensing	8
10/12	Richard & Carol Grater	59
10/12	James & Joan Knappenberger	31
10/15	Chuck & Colleen Appel	45
10/16	Robert & Donna Schalk	40
10/19	Robert & Sieglinde Schnellbacher	49
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Lois Percival</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>10/25</b>	<b>Al &amp; Fern Black</b>	<b>62</b>
10/26	Richard & Bobbi Scholl	37
10/27	Julie & Timothy Hohmann	10



**Loretta Eckert**, went home to Jesus on September 20, 2022, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray. Her funeral was September 24 at St. Paul's, with burial in the church cemetery, and was officiated by Pastor Don Price.



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**Sundays**

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Cultivate Teens	6:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Cultivate Kids	5:45 p.m.
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**Thursdays**

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

<b>10/2</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Missions Team // 7pm</b>
<b>10/6</b>	<b>White Cross // 9am</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Deacons // 5:30pm</b>
	<b>Elders // 7pm</b>
<b>10/12</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship // 11:30am</b>
<b>10/20</b>	<b>White Cross // 9am</b>
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Elders // 7pm</b>
<b>10/30</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat // 1:30-3pm</b>