

St. Paul's Lutheran Family

October 2023  
NEWSLETTER

There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



### PASTOR'S REPORT

October

We have a new Bishop!

Our Parish profile has been sent and posted on the ELCA website!

We are moving forward on the Memorial Garden...hope to see it finished in October!

Your interim pastor has finished his first year with you...the countdown has begun!

You are involved in ecumenical activities!

We are doing some changes with worship...looking forward to your comments in a couple of months!

At convention, we worked with the theme, "Broken Yet Whole" and I think that fits for most spiritual confessions and parishes. In some ways, it fits St. Paul's as well. Right now, you are in a period of transition with the future looking a bit uncertain...but it will be OK.

Blessings

Mike+



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**Council Corner**  
**Louise Griffith,**  
**President**

## President's Report

October



This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

### **Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly**

The Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly was held on September 15-17, 2023 in Burlingame, California. Pastor Mike, Ken Beaton, and I attended the assembly as the representatives of St. Paul's. Traci Angel also attended as a volunteer because she was nominated as an At-Large Member of the Synod Council. Although we were rooting for Traci, she did not win, but the person who did will be a very good member of the Synod Council. Traci also had the opportunity to network with other members of churches around our area. I am hoping through some of her conversations we will have a better connection with them.

Our main goal at the assembly was to elect a new bishop. Reverend Jeff R. Johnson was elected on Sunday morning on the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. He is the first openly gay man to be elected bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod. He currently serves as Pastor of University Lutheran Chapel and as a member of the Spiritual Care Team at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. He was ordained in 1990. He has served as a San Francisco Conference Dean, served on the Synod Council and Synod Executive Committee and has been a champion for full participation of the LGBTQ community within the church. Colleagues might describe Pastor Johnson's leadership style as "flexible, honest, bold and collaborative." He draws his strength from the spiritual practice called Communion. My general impression of him is someone who encourages us to think outside the box and likes to work in team leadership. As he begins his six-year term, I ask that you keep him in your prayers. He has a big task ahead and will need all of the help he can get!

The other main event of the assembly was to right a wrong that happened to a Spanish speaking congregation Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina in December 2021. Although I do not have all of the details, I know the Pastor was abruptly removed from the congregation, and they were left alone to fend for themselves. After a traumatizing and stressful 2022 Synod Assembly where there were out cries of racism, suffering and injustice, Bishop Megan Rohrer resigned, and an interim bishop Claire Burkat was appointed by the Bishop of the ELCA. An investigation was launched by Bishop Burkat to review the facts, processes and dynamics that led up to the divisive 2022 Synod Assembly and also a few years preceding the delayed retirement of Bishop Mark Holmerud and the impact of the three-year pandemic.

At the assembly, the Synod Council offered a sincere public apology for the events and terrible hurt that was caused to the Pastor, his family, and the Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina community. The apology was spoken in English and Spanish. Thankfully, the apology was accepted. The church was received as a roster church into the Sierra Pacific Synod and the ELCA, and their Pastor has completed his candidacy and is now available for call.

Bishop Burkat started her service in June 2022 and will end her service on November 1, 2023 when the newly elected Bishop Johnson will take over. The assembly expressed its deep appreciation to Bishop Burkat for all of her hard work, wisdom, generosity, humor, and leadership during this troubled time in the Synod's history. I believe that because of her deep love of God and her gifts from the Holy Spirit, the Synod will begin to heal from the wounds that have been festering for so many years.

The theme of the assembly was “Broken yet Whole” with a reference to 2 Corinthians 13:11, which reads, “Finally, siblings, rejoice. Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, and be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” The logo depicts the word “Broken” shattered like a piece of a windshield after a severe accident. The word also has a cross stretched partially through it and the words “yet whole” just below.

I believe the theme of the assembly could also apply to our church and ourselves. As some of us have been able to return to worship in person or online, we look at some of the empty seats that were once filled with members who have not come back or have moved away or who have found their heavenly home. We continue to struggle with our finances and meet our obligations to our staff, maintenance of our building, and outreach to our neighbors and community around us. My friends, we are not alone in this struggle. The average worshiping attendance in the 181 congregations of our Synod is fifty-two (52). Several churches are going through or have gone through Holy Closure, and the members who were left are grieving as they try to find other worshiping communities. Some churches are sharing a pastor or have contemplated merging. One individual I spoke with said they are sharing their church building with another inter-faith community and another individual from another small church in the most southern part of our Synod in California said they can only afford to have a Pastor preach twice a month.

My dear church friends in Christ, listen to the words to a church in Corinth 2000 years ago who were also broken and shattered:

God says, “REJOICE!”

God says, “Strive for full restoration.”

God says, “Encourage one another.”

God says, “Be of one mind.”

God says, “Live in peace.”

God says, “I am the master artist, and I have an incredible, fantastic, amazing and extraordinary design in store for you.”

We are made whole in Christ!

### **Church Council meeting September 21, 2023**

The church council met with AJ Feuling, Superintendent of Carson City School District. A meeting with the Carson City planning director was planned for September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possible movement of the plot line, so that the school district could purchase two acres of our back property. This would be a much cheaper procedure than subdividing the lot. From there, the school district will hire an appraiser to assess the value and determine an asking price. It will take a couple of meetings and procedures of the school board to approve of the offer. When the offer is made, I will be calling for a special congregation meeting. The school district is planning to use the land to create an additional practice field for soccer and other outdoor sports. The field will be open to the high school and other community organizations through the high school parking lot. We asked the Superintendent if the field could be closed on Sunday mornings, and he agreed.

Council spent a lot of time considering the designated line items (liabilities) on the balance sheet. Many of the line items are no longer valid liabilities or have been used in the past to offset general budget expenses. Several motions were made to “clean” up the balance sheet and to be able to recognize our *true* liabilities. Our treasurer, Sharon Gesick, will make journal (accounting) entries based on the motions to correct the liabilities as there are presented. As one of the first priorities, council authorized two adult youth advisors and Sharon to open a separate checking account for the youth group. We will transfer the funds, as they are available, to this checking account for the youth group.

Council was delighted to approve the appointment of Charlotte LaCombe as the Church Historian. Charlotte approached me several weeks ago asking if she could volunteer to maintain and preserve our historical records. Thank you, Charlotte!

Due to council members' busy calendars, we moved our next Council meeting to October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Thank you to so many of you who continue to step forward to serve and support the church. God Bless You!

I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

*Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

God's Peace!

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SPLF President  
Louise Griffith  
and  
Reverend Jeff Johnson

## Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart

August 2022 to August 2023  
Principal Payments Excluded



### August 2023 Chart



Welcome

New Members

Pastor Mike and the entire congregation of  
 St. Paul's Lutheran Family  
 welcome our new members  
 Kelly and Justin Boggs,  
 and their children Corbin, Elliot, and Avery.

## 2023 Sierra Pacific Assembly

"Broken Yet Whole"

"Finally, siblings, rejoice. Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Our Synod Assembly theme, chosen by the assembly planning team last year when this synod was conflicted and in deep distress, was shared in light of a letter St. Paul wrote to the troubled people assembled at the church in Corinth almost 2000 years ago.

Didn't the Holy Spirit show up powerfully at our Assembly?

How could we have imagined when this theme was chosen, that St. Paul's blessing for the Corinthian church was to freely flow through all three days of our Assembly?

- + Did we not rejoice, especially as we worshipped, and joyfully danced at the banquet Saturday night?
- + Did we not witness the full restoration of a community of believers to the roster, after sharing our regrets and apologies for hurting them and their pastor?
- + Did we not sincerely encourage one another as we prayed and deliberated on the mission of God on our synod territory?
- + Did we not experience being of one mind after reflecting, listening, discussing, voting, and spiritually discerning which pastor would be raised up as our bishop?
- + And didn't the people of God from every conference of our synod eat, drink, worship, and live together in the peace of Christian community for three days?

This is my after-Assembly letter of gratitude to the people of the Sierra Pacific Synod, with hope in my heart, mind, and spirit for continuous, faithful, and courageous ministry following the future direction and journey on which the Spirit of our Living God leads you all, and all who will join you.

I will be taking my own leave soon, as Bishop-elect Pastor Jeff R. Johnson begins his six-year term as Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA.

For this reason I thank and bless all the people who worked to make this Assembly the life-giving, spirit-encouraging, peace-making, and reconciling gathering we experienced together.

With and in Christ,  
Claire S. Burkat, Interim Bishop  
Sierra Pacific Synod ELCA





## **Reverend Jeff Johnson Elected Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod**

Jeff R. Johnson of Berkeley, California was elected on September 17<sup>th</sup> to serve a six-year term as Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The Bishop-elect has served as Pastor of University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley, California and as a member of the Spiritual Care Team at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, since 2013.

Reverend Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in German from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, in 1984 and his Master of Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1988. Johnson was ordained in 1990.

Reverend Johnson's installation details have yet to be determined.

## **2023 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly**



Louise Griffith, Reverend Jeff Johnson,  
and  
Pastor Mike Patterson



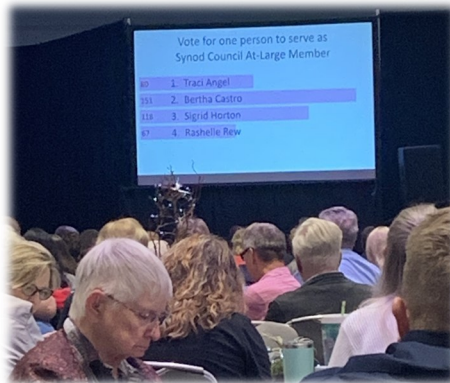
SPLF President Louise Griffith  
and  
Vice President Ken Beaton



SPLF Youth Leader  
Traci Angel  
(Foreground)

**35<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
of the  
Sierra Pacific  
Synod  
Burlingame, CA**

**September  
15 - 17, 2023**



Pastor Mike Patterson and  
Reverend Claire S. Burkat





# Servants Serving

## Altar Guild for October

Mary DeFelice and Hope Chowanski

## Readers

October 1<sup>st</sup> Louise Griffith  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Dorothea Phalen  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Jay Olshen  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Vera Logie  
October 29<sup>th</sup> Ken Beaton

## Greeters

October 1<sup>st</sup> Judy McPhail  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Deanna Fine  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Joan Schultz  
October 29<sup>th</sup> Vera Logie

## Livestreaming Team

Nick Cotsonis and Holly McPhail

## Musicians

Dave Lingensjo, Principle Musician  
Vicki Hamilton, Organist  
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

## Ministry Leaders' E-mail

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Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke  
[fakenails@aol.com](mailto:fakenails@aol.com)

Stewardship: Deanna Fine  
[deannajofine@gmail.com](mailto:deannajofine@gmail.com)

## Counters

October 1<sup>st</sup> Judy McPhail and Jay Olshen  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs and Mary DeFelice  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Jay Olshen  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Sharon Gesick and  
Jean Opperman  
October 29<sup>th</sup> Nikki Rohrs and Jeanne Russell

## Communion Assistants

October 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Chowanski  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Deanna Fine  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Jay Olshen  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Jean Opperman  
October 29<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail

## Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

## Youth Acolytes

Volunteers for all dates TBA

## Ushers

October 1<sup>st</sup> Judy McPhail and Kim Neiman  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Deanna Fine and Jean Opperman  
October 15<sup>th</sup> Judy McPhail and Jean Opperman  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Jay Olshen and Greg Griffith  
October 29<sup>th</sup> Jay Olshen and Greg Griffith

## Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton  
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald  
Readers: Judy McPhail  
Counters: Mary DeFelice  
Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail  
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel  
Card Ministry: Peg Bradtke



THANK YOU  
Volunteers



## THE HISTORY OF REFORMATION SUNDAY

Our story begins in the 16th century – 1517, to be exact. Bear with us here – what follows is a very simplified explanation of complex theological, political, and economic events that all coincided.

Across Europe, the Roman Catholic Church was engaged in one of the greatest fundraisers in all of history.

If a person – out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance – made a financial gift to help with the building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, then the church would furnish that person with a certificate acknowledging that gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife.

In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins and this cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in a place called Purgatory. The certificates offered by the church (called "Indulgences") promised to lessen this time of cleansing for oneself or others who have already died. There were some very nuanced explanations of this practice at the time. And there were other very crass explanations that basically amounted to people paying to be forgiven.

November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences, known as All Saints' Day on the church's calendar. The day before a German Monk named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 Reasons went viral.

Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do – including the buying of Indulgences or doing enough good work. **Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is.** We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy.

His teachings and writings got Martin Luther kicked out of the church. But he didn't go alone. Others agreed with him, and after his death those who agreed with Luther became known as Lutherans and also as Protestants. Every Protestant church traces their roots back to this moment in history.

### Why Does Reformation Sunday Matter?

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today?

#### 1. Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story – a chance to remember.

We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about the things that have shaped our families over the years. Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

#### 2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things.

Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: **God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.**

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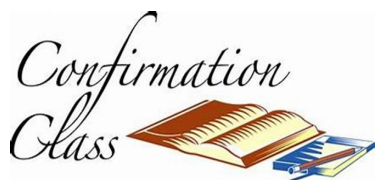
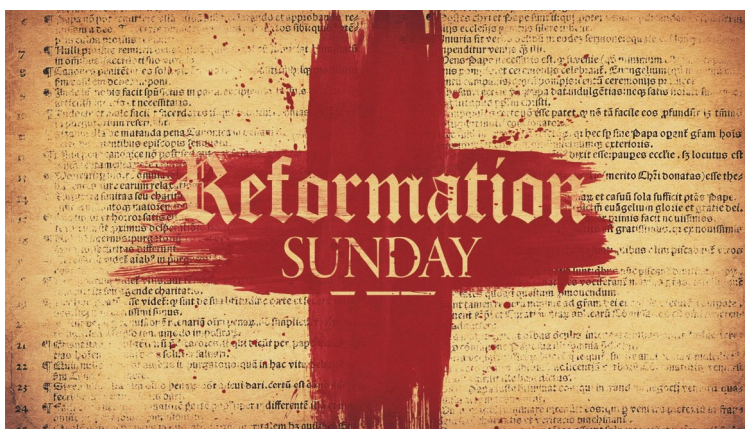
### 3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better.

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better. We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right-hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call “church.”

**HAPPY REFORMATION SUNDAY!**

**REMEMBER TO WEAR RED TO CHURCH!**



**Kids!**

Join us each Sunday during worship service for a children's moment.



New Members and Confirmation class is held in the Luther Room each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us!

For more information, please contact Pastor Mike.

Thanks!



# Announcements

## WELCA Bible Study

The WELCA Bible Study meets Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Please come and join us in a lively conversation.



See you there! ~ Vicki Hamilton



## Choir Notes

Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Carol Arneson at [carol\\_arneson@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_arneson@yahoo.com).

Many thanks to Connie Patterson, Pastor Mike's wife, for hosting a "Thank You" breakfast for St. Paul's wonderful volunteers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



**STITCHERS** will meet October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Friendship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please contact Sarah Jevne or Shirley Rickard.

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**A Prayer Chain Leader is Needed!**

If you can help, please call or email the church office.

Thanks!



## Ushers Needed!

The Usher Ministry is in desperate need of ushers for Sunday services.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please call Dave Harrell at 775 315-4661 or email him at [davidharrell93@yahoo.com](mailto:davidharrell93@yahoo.com).

**WELCA** invites you to the Annual Monster Potato Mash on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



The ladies will be serving baked potatoes with all the fixings.

Fundraising ideas, including the rummage sale, will be discussed at the dinner.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up and join us!



*Congratulations to Charlotte LaCombe for being elected St. Paul's Historian.*

*We know Charlotte will be a dedicated and vigilant keeper of St. Paul's story.*



## October Birthdays

- 4 Bev Steinert
- 7 Amber Wilson
- 12 Justin Stevens
- 13 Wayne Opperman
- 14 Zachary Higgins
- 14 Chelsea Johnson
- 15 Caleb Gesick
- 15 Steve Hendricks
- 17 Anita Enders
- 17 Barbara Halverson-Magee
- 18 Betty Razor
- 20 Carol Arneson
- 23 David VanKoningsveld
- 23 Tommy Townsend
- 25 Ashle Overlock
- 26 Kim Esenarro
- 26 Joseph Neiman
- 27 Nick Marsh
- 29 Dee Coughlin
- 29 Wendi Lunz
- 30 Tim Higgins



### October Anniversaries

- 3 Doug and Pat Thunder
- 6 Gayle and Kim Kennett



**Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube:



Copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulslutheranfamily7828>

The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.



### **FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS**

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.

## **Worship Life Meeting**

September 3, 2023

Chairwoman: Judy McPhail

Council Representative: Ruth Fitzgerald

Attendees: David Lingensjo, Traci Angel, Deanna Fine, Louise Griffith, Carol Arneson, Vicki Hamilton, and Pastor Mike.



The meeting began with reports from members.

Altar Guild report and discussion included the return to Covid restrictions and how we might provide both elements for those participating in communion. It was decided that we would return to individual cups and that Pastor and communion assistants would continue to wear gloves to distribute individual wafers.

Choir will begin on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in October. Carol Arneson will lead the choir; Vicki Hamilton will accompany them.

Pastor has requested a Praise Service on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have guitar and piano to accompany the singing. Louise will call past guitar players and see if we can gather a group for practice. Pastor is in the process of locating music for piano and guitar.

Judy McPhail will chair a new hymn choosing committee where all are welcome to participate in choosing the hymns for Sunday services, using the appropriate lessons and allowing for input from the congregation. The first meeting will be after the service on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be choosing the hymns for October through the first Sunday in November.

We will begin using Setting 4 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and continue until the end of the calendar year.

Currently, there is no calendar for ushers or youth altar servers to post in the newsletter or bulletin. If possible, it is requested that these be provided, so that the service of these key participants in worship can be recognized.

### **UPCOMING SERVICES:**

#### **Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

As stated above, we will begin using Setting 4 from the red hymnal on that day.

#### **All Saints' Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Daylight savings time ends on that day. Special plans for that Sunday were not discussed.

#### **Thanksgiving Eve**

Pastor will volunteer to host the ecumenical service usually held the night before Thanksgiving. If it is held at St. Paul's, it was requested that the choir sing.

#### **Advent**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> service will be the First Sunday of Advent.

December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Second Sunday of Advent. The service will be done by the children and Youth Group.

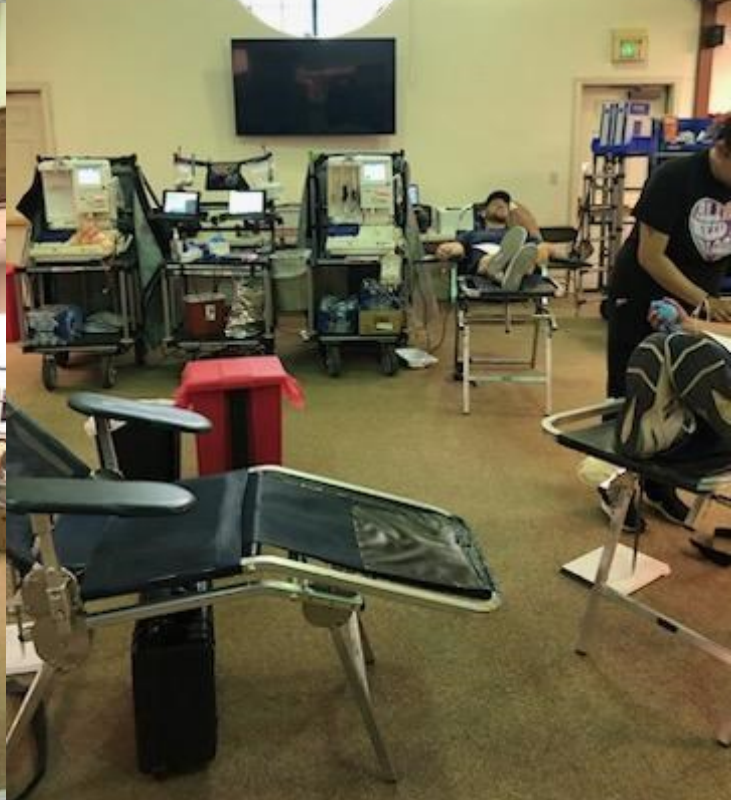
December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Third Sunday of Advent and will be a Lessons and Carols service. Vicki Hamilton will organize this service.

December 24<sup>th</sup> is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The final Advent service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Christmas**

There will be one Christmas service at 5:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Because of the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve on the same day, there will be only one service on Christmas Eve and no service on Christmas Day.

Many thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Vitalant Blood Drive hosted by St. Paul's on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. You are true *life savers*!





**Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 8 am to 4 pm**

**Carson City Community Center (Gym)**

**851 E William St, Carson City, NV 89701**

N Roop Street and E Williams Street  
East of Downtown Carson City



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# Youth NEWS AND EVENTS

All youth who are in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join the Youth Group!  
We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after service.

If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions, please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

If you take a peek in the Nursery, you will see the youth have been hard at work. They spent two days cleaning and painting. Thank you for the grace as this process took us a little longer than we had hoped! The youth are working on creating a welcoming area for all our younger members. They painted the walls a nice grey and will be bringing in more color with new items and pictures. We have kept our beloved Noah's Ark mural and theme. We really are just updating the space. The youth are on the lookout for some items to finish the room. We do need a TV that works, and we have created a Walmart wish list. If you are interested in donating or buying an item please let us know. The space is for all kids! All children are welcome to come in and play! The youth will be keeping a schedule to clean all our items/toys, which also includes a deep clean every other month. Our hope is that the kiddoes in our church family have a space they can call theirs and feel welcomed and loved by all of us! The BEST part of all of this is our church has some amazing kids! If you have any questions, please contact Traci at 775 721-5495. Thanks! ~ Traci Angel



Many hands make light work!





# Trunk-or-Treat

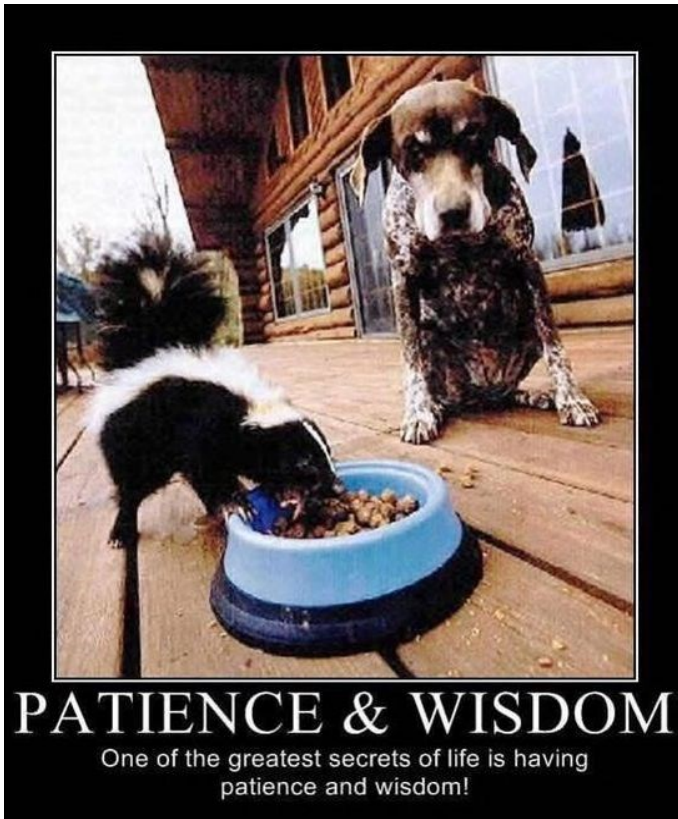
October just crept up on us! The Youth Group is hosting our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Trunk or Treat** on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This is a fun event where children can safely trick or treat from the trunks of our decorated vehicles in the church parking lot.

The youth need your **HELP!** We need trunks for the children to trick or treat out of, so please join the fun and sign-up to have your truck open for treating!

We will have prizes for the Top 3 decorated trunks! There will be crafts, snacks, games, and more for the kids to do the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup>!

Please contact Traci Angel at 775 721-5495 with any questions or to sign-up your trunk! **Thanks!**





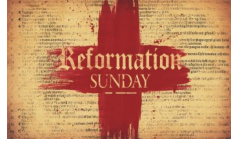
# Halloween Howls!





**Sundays**  
NA, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**REFORMATION SUNDAY**



Worship services are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**This Month's Worship Schedule:**  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup>

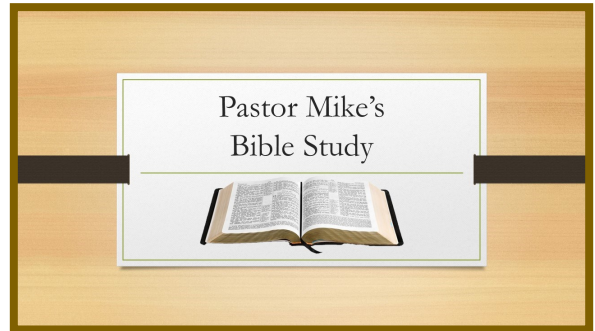
**Youth Group's Trunk or Treat, 2:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays**  
New Members Class and Conformation Class  
6:00 p.m. in the Luther Room

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
WELCA Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



**Pastor Mike's Bible Study**  
Please join Pastor Mike for Bible Study each Sunday after the worship service.



**Tuesdays, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Stitchers 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friendship Hall

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**REFORMATION DAY**



**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Nevada Day  
The church office is closed.



Our office assistant is in the church office **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to noon.**

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Halloween**



**Wednesdays**  
Choir practice 6:00 p.m.



**Thursdays**  
Strings 3:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Friendship Hall

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

