

The Chimes

September 2023



Sunday Worship

*10:00 am Worship service
(also livestreamed)*

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Sunday, September 10

10:00 am—Worship

11:00 am—Service projects

12:00 pm Rally Day picnic

Fall Schedule Beginning September 17

9:00 am Sunday School for Children
(Adult Sunday School begins September 24)

10:00 am Worship

Childcare provided for 5 years and younger

11:00 am Fellowship time

**Chimes publication
information**

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published for the inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of The Chimes will be published on Thursday, September 28. Your articles are due in the office no later than Monday, September 25.

Pastor's Letter



Dear siblings in Christ,

There is a quote, often attributed to Martin Luther, that says, “He who sings, prays twice.” No one can prove whether or not Luther is actually the source of this quote, but it would make sense. Luther loved singing and was a prolific hymn writer himself (both the words and the tunes). What we do know is an actual quote of Luther’s is this: “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

This coming Sunday, Labor Day Weekend, we’ll be having “Favorite Hymn Sunday.” It’s a chance for us to sing a little more than usual during the service, and of course the hymns have been chosen from your submitted favorites. One of my personal favorites didn’t make the cut, though, and I wanted to share some of it with you.

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” was written by Robert Lowry, who also wrote the better known “Shall We Gather at the River.” The entire hymn is wonderful, but I particularly like its second stanza:

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

Singing is something that, according to this hymn, we can’t help but do. The Hebrew Bible instructs us to “sing to the Lord,” at least fifteen times and the Book of Revelation tells us that heaven is continually filled with the songs of the saints. Why do we sing? We sing because that is what the people of God do in God’s presence. We can’t help it—the love of God finds an echo in our souls that can’t help but respond in kind.

And yet, a lot of us struggle to sing. As a child, I was told by someone (well-meaning, I think) that I wasn’t very good at singing. They were probably right, in a technical sense at least. But the effect of their words wasn’t that I tried to improve, it was simply that I stopped. For years I would sing quietly, trying to hide my voice lest it ruin what was a beautiful song. I’m still terrified if I’m ever expected to sing by myself, especially in front of people.

I don't think I'm alone in my anxieties around singing. Communal singing isn't something we do in many places other than church anymore, and it can feel odd and strange. But here's the thing: the Bible tells us, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Joyful. It doesn't say anything about perfect. Whether our voices are trained or untrained, strong or weak, in perfect harmony or a little off key, they are part of God's chorus.

So, if you're like me, and a little bit nervous, unsure if you want to sing out loud, much less in front of other people: maybe Favorite Hymn Sunday is a good time to give it a try. Our song isn't complete without everyone's voices. (And you may as well start now, because, according to Revelation, that's what you'll be doing for the rest of eternity, anyway!)

Yours in Christ,

Laura M. Tancredi

Pastor Laura

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Dottie Buchanan, Charlotte Conybear, Carl DellaBadia (brother-in-law of Judi DellaBadia); Mary Devereaux (niece of Boofie Younkin); Diane Duane (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Daniel Dry Sr., (father of Dan Dry); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Bill Egan (friend of Bob Burns); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Pat Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Sandy Foote (friend of Sandy Farina); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Rev. Arlene Greenwald (friend of Kris Peterson); Neil and Rosemary Jacob (friends of the Miller's); Jim Kamerdze (cousin of Bob Burns); Tom Keyser, Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Andy McGhee (friend of Bill Henderson); Lynda McNab, David Miller, Irma Payan, Kris Peterson, Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Allie Puccio (friend of Judi DellaBadia); Johnathan Richards (friend of Pastor Tim); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Scott Ruehr, Dorothy Schulz (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Bill Stoll (friend of Melissa Krissing); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Joel Wilkins (friend of Louise Pierce); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Bart (brother of Gail Feustel); Jenn Phelps, Betty (aunt of Liz Cassidy) and Colleen (friend of Mark Muller).

An invitation to join the Music Ministry at St. Paul's



Just like all ministries at St. Paul's, the music ministry relies on our returning members, but also needs new people to fill our ensembles, which play a vital part of our worship life. Here are our current groups:

Children's Choir [Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:25 pm]: the children's choir had a great year last year, with a lot of new singers, as well as some returning "veterans." The group consists of singers in first through fifth grades. [Kindergarten students can sing if you feel they are mature enough to participate]. Our Children's Choir is a great opportunity for your child to learn about worship through leading it, and no experience is necessary, just a little time and enthusiasm.

Youth Choir [Sunday Evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm]: this choir is for middle and high school age students. We meet on Sunday nights, usually about 2-3 Sundays a month. Again, no experience is necessary!

Handbell Choir [Sundays right after worship]: this group is looking for new members right now! We played very beautifully, even though we truly could use 2 or more new members. If you ever sang or played an instrument, you have all the skills you need to join this group in the fall, and we really need you!

Adult Choir [Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm]: the Adult choir sings at most services and holidays from September through June. We have gifted section leaders, and talented volunteers that are looking to help you integrate into this group. We sing the great music of the Lutheran tradition, and lead the liturgy. [and we're fun too]. Please join us and find out!

Instrumentalists: if you play an instrument, please tell me! I would love to use your gifts on a Sunday to enhance our services. The life of St. Paul's is its worship, and the heart of our worship is the sung Word. There is a place for you in the music ministry. Please join us.

Andy Heller

Social Ministry is updating their Ardmore Food Pantry Donation Challenges!

Join us to continue donating needed items in a new way this fall!

-- September: If the congregation brings in more than 200 cans of soup, we'll bring in water ice as a special treat for coffee hour the first Sunday in October!

-- Stay tuned for later fall challenges and additional prizes for surpassing the challenge posted!

Rally Day Sunday, September 10

On Rally Day, in addition to working with Rise Against Hunger again, we'll be packing up 5-meal packs and Breakfast Bags for Caring for Friends and **the following donations are needed - please drop outside the church office by the donation signs/box:**

- Juice boxes
- Shelf stable milk/chocolate milk
- Single oatmeal packets
- Cereal bars/ granola bars (high-protein bars are appreciated)
- Tea bags or instant coffee, instant hot cocoa packets
- Fruit cups (with plastic lids or all metal only)
- Fruit/vegetable squeeze pouches (such as Motts or GoGoSqueeze)
- Packs of peanut butter crackers / or another treat

**Weekly Garden Harvesting
Sundays following worship
All volunteers welcome!**

2024 Youth Gathering Info Session

Sunday, September 17

7:30 pm, via Zoom

Email Pastor Tim if you are interested.

tness@stpaulsardmore.org



FwYC Fall Picnic & Moon Bounce

Sunday, September 17

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Pizza & drinks will be provided.

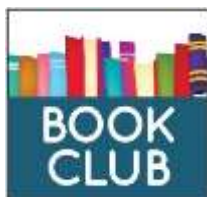
Sides: Families with last names N-Z

Desserts: Families with last names A-M

RSVP to carisa@stpaulsardmore.org by 9/11

September Birthdays

- 1 Annabelle McColgan, Peter Pavlenco
- 2 Claudia Muller, Lillian Soung
- 4 Merri Lee Newby
- 7 Polly Johnsen, Don Parman
- 8 Jack Kennedy
- 9 R. Elaine Hardenbergh, Eliza Joyce, Matthew Marino, Fred Zimmer
- 11 Kelsey Stanton
- 12 Nate Barron, David Simmons
- 13 Patrick Cassidy, Paul Denman, Max Muller
- 14 Jane Knappe, Beth Lieb, Betsy Williams
- 15 Damien D'Antonio, David Lynch, Jacob Scheidly
- 16 Nancy Groff
- 18 Marcus Gustafsson, Pat Miles, Peter Simmons
- 19 Allison Memmel
- 20 Brad Badovick
- 21 Luke Boston, Amy Lukasiewicz, Steve Schmidt
- 23 Lily Memmel
- 24 Mark Pierce
- 25 Carolyn Joseph, Kristen McGuire
- 26 Fiamma Bacik, Ellie Marshall
- 27 Rick Vanstone
- 29 Max Gutman, Kristen Simmons
- 30 Bill Henderson



Book Club Returns
Tuesday, September 19
7:00 pm
In person and online

We will be reading *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, by
Tish Harrison Warren.



August Women's Dinner:
Salad bar potluck!



Women's Dinner



When: Monday, Sept 25th at 5:30
Where: St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
What: Italian Dinner from Carlino's and Wine too!
Cost: \$15 per person

If you didn't make it to the Salad Bar Potluck, you missed a fun and yummy evening with 20+ wonderful women.

Next up, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall again this time for a catered dinner from Carlino's.

Thanks to Helene Roth who will be ordering dinner from Carlino's.

If you can RSVP to the church office or Beth McElvenney, that would be helpful to have a head count for ordering.

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