

# *The Chimes*

*October 2023*



## *Sunday Worship*

*9:00 am Sunday school for Children and Adults*

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

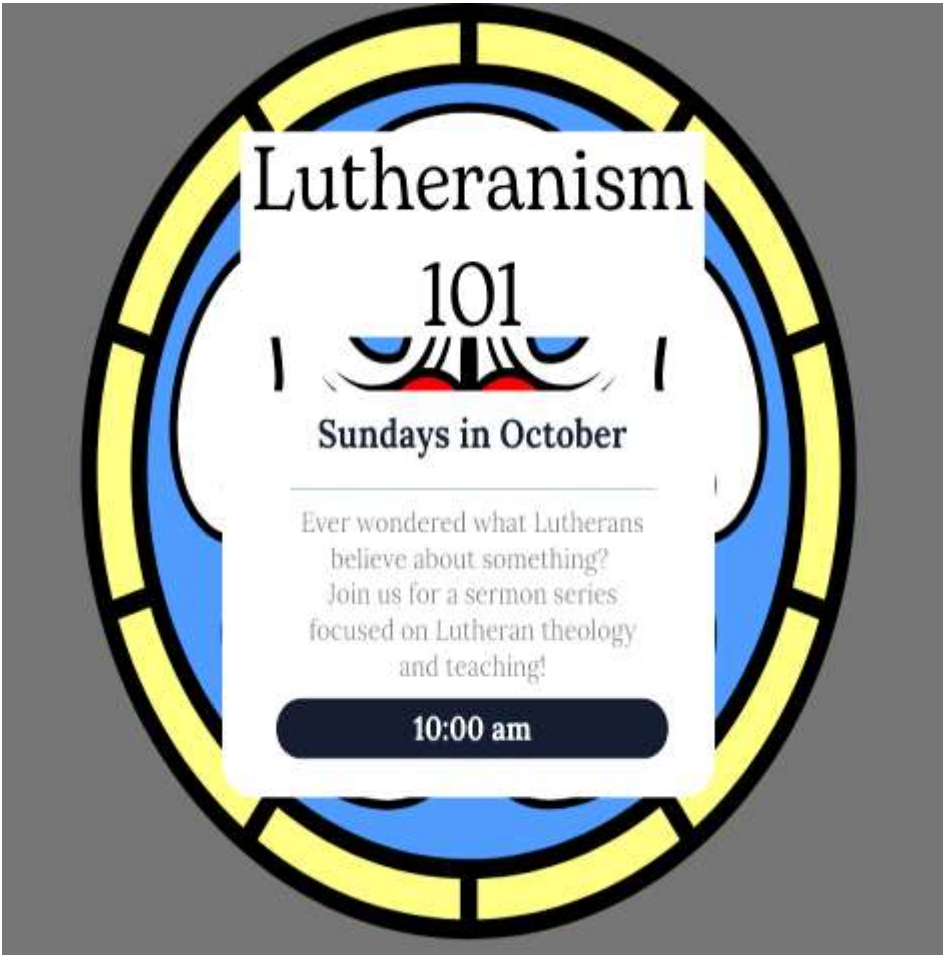
### *Live stream:*

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**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 Monday, October 30. Your articles are due in the office no later than Thursday, October 26.

# Pastor's Letter

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Dear siblings in Christ,

What do you remember from your confirmation classes? Maybe you still have parts of Luther's Small Catechism memorized. Maybe you've forgotten the catechism but still remember the friendships you made. Maybe you didn't grow up in a Lutheran church and don't have any idea what I'm talking about!

Lutherans have often put a lot of emphasis on confirmation. It's an important rite of passage for our young people as they're growing and an important time of learning and faith formation. It's good to treat confirmation as a big deal and to celebrate when our youth affirm their baptisms at the end of two years of classes. What a big accomplishment for them!

But sometimes, in our focus on rite, we don't emphasize enough that faith formation is something on-going, it's not something that you ever graduate from. And confirmation, which is focused particularly on Lutheran theology and teaching, shouldn't be the last or only place to learn about these things.

It can be tough as adults, though, as sometimes we feel like "I should have learned this when I was younger," or "everyone else understands this stuff except for me." Believe me, both of those statements are absolutely untrue! But when we don't share our questions or acknowledge the things we don't know or don't remember, it can feel like those are true statements.

We're going to be spending the month of October doing a sermon series on Lutheranism 101. Our sermons will focus on some of the most important parts of Lutheran theology, sharing these big topics in an accessible way *and* connecting these thoughts from the 1500s to our life today.

I'm excited for this chance to dig deeper into this with all of you and hope that you'll join us, whether in person or on our livestream. Here are the topics we'll be discussing:

October 1: Justification by Faith

October 8: Law and Gospel

October 15: Vocation

October 22: Theology of the Cross

October 29: Sacraments and the Church

Blessings and peace to you all,

*Laura M. Tancredi*

Pastor Laura

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## 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); Nan Dormans, Daniel Dry Sr., (father of Dan Dry); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Diane Duane (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); 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, Allie Puccio (friend of Judi DellaBadia); Johnathan Richards (friend of Pastor Tim); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Dorothy Schulz (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Mary Jo Scott (friend of Belle Miller); 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).



**Men's Group**  
**Wednesday, October 4**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Join us for Oktoberfest**

at the Henderson household  
Beers, Brats, Bonfire and Friends.  
RSVP: [carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Monday, October 16**  
**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
search sponsor code:  
StPaulArdmore.



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

## **Small-Group Parent Support & Coaching Starting Soon!**

If you're the parent of a child ages 3-10, who is looking for some parenting support, please consider joining us for a 6-week, small-group, program. This program, **Behavior With the B.R.A.I.N. In Mind** is for you if you want to:

- parent with more confidence and connection and fewer power struggles.
- really understand what's going on when it comes to big emotions & challenging behaviors
- understand & have compassion for why you react the way you do
- gain the skills to empathetically maintain boundaries and expectations
- help your child build new skills that they can use for their whole life

Let's be honest. Parenting can be tough. There are days where nothing feels like it's going "right." And you're overwhelmed, exhausted, and feel like you're failing. But, when you parent with the B.R.A.I.N. in mind, you unlock a deeper understanding of yourself and your child which allows for more confidence in yourself, more connection with your child, and more harmony in your home.

And the knowledge that you are...in fact...a great parent!

**What Will Learn? Scan here to find out more!**

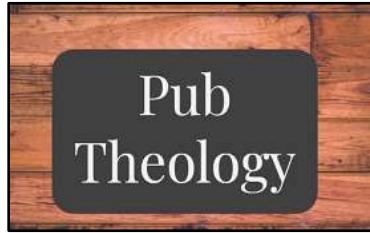


**Or connect with Kenya Kistler ([kenya@growingupfamilies.com](mailto:kenya@growingupfamilies.com))**

## October Birthdays

- 2 Colin Cox, Stephen Soung
- 4 Rolf Hoyer
- 6 Charlie Greenly
- 7 Bobbie King, Jack Trombello
- 8 Jack Berry, Randy Claney, Graci Gill, Ashley Hobart,  
Jessica Soung
- 9 Fred Schramm
- 10 Jane Marshall, Bob Penne
- 12 Anna McGuire
- 13 Bob Ertner
- 14 Bud Pendergrass
- 15 Laura Naydock
- 16 Jennifer Luistro, Ian McGuire
- 17 Kellyn Wilkes
- 18 Wesley Bozman, Torgny Gustafsson, Drew Horn
- 21 Michael Ashburn
- 22 Kitty Santilli
- 25 Christine Faust, Brian Heller
- 26 Judi Zucker
- 28 Jake Aleardi, Roger Bjorkquist, Nancy Marlin
- 29 Linda Burns
- 30 Kari Legreid
- 31 Ruth DeLomba, Gavin Spengler





**Monday, October 23**

Join us at Sam's Brick Oven Pizza  
On County Line Road

6:00 pm For those who want dinner  
7:00 pm Discussion begins



**Wine, Dine and Fellowship**

Scripture tells us to “eat, drink, and be merry,” and this October, our Stewardship committee is inviting you to do just that! We are announcing a new event: Wine, Dine, and Fellowship.

Come break bread, share great conversation, and enjoy fellowship together on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, October 28 or Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at various members' homes. The sign-up link is in Wednesday's email announcements.



## Adult Sunday School in October

*“The people who pretend that dying is rather like strolling into the next room always leave me unconvinced. Death, like birth, must be a tremendous event.” -J. B. Priestley*

“What do we do now?” That’s a question I’ve had to answer more than once, either sitting with a family who just lost a loved one, or on the phone with someone calling about the cemetery. “What do we do?” We know that death, like birth, happens to us all, but few of us put as much planning or thought into our dying as we do into welcoming new life.

In our culture, we often tend to sidestep conversations dealing with death or dying. It seems too surreal or morbid for some. But as people of faith, we need to have this exact conversation. We need not shy away from talking about death, because we know that death is but a part of our stories as resurrection people.

**Join us Sunday mornings in October** as we look at several aspects of end-of-life planning. You’ll come away from these sessions knowledgeable about how to help a relative or friend approaching death to make plans, and how to make your own plans to leave your loved ones.

**October 8:** What is Hospice Care?

Presenter: Melissa Gale

**October 15:** End-of-Life Decisions and Advanced Directives

Presenter:

**October 22:** Funeral and Burial Planning

Presenter: Rodger McKinney, supervisor Chadwick McKinney  
Funeral Home

**October 29:** Liturgical Planning for Your Funeral

Presenter: Pastor Laura Tancredi

**Sundays, 9:00-9:45 am in the Kugler Room**

## Green Team News

The Main Line Carbon Pollution Reduction Initiative (MLCPRI) is offering a series of 3 programs focused on energy conservation, efficiency, and clean energy. MLCPRI is a grassroots initiative created by a small group of environmentally active Lower Merion Township residents. They have developed three 1.5-hour educational programs based on science and carbon reduction best practices.

- **Wednesday 9/27 @ 7 p.m.**-- “Energy Conservation, Rethinking Outmoded Practices”
- **Wednesday 10/25 @ 7 p.m.**--“Energy Efficiency”
- **Wednesday 11/29 @ 7 p.m.** -- “Buying Renewable Energy for your Home” (we recommend participants bring a phone/tablet to be able to look at these resources online as they are discussed.)

Sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall  
See the link to RSVP in Wednesday’s email.

## Caring for Friends

Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) needs your help to provide home-cooked meals to the elderly homebound, people with disabilities and veterans. Containers are located in the narthex and shed. Please take a container, fill it with a balanced meal, and return it to the freezer in our shed.

Additionally, Caring for Friends is in need of volunteer visitors. Volunteers make weekly or bi-weekly home visits to deliver meals and spend time with the recipient. Once signed up, you'll be matched with a client close to your work or home. Interested volunteers can contact Neci

Devore with questions or to sign up at  
[neci.devore@caringforfriends.org](mailto:neci.devore@caringforfriends.org)



# Families with Young Children Halloween Party

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
4-6PM  
Fellowship Hall

Please come to the church dressed in costumes  
for a fun evening of food, activities,  
trick or treating, and a short movie!

Baked Ziti will be provided as a main course

Sides: Families w/ Last Name A-M

Desserts: Families w/ Last Name N-Z

RSVP to [carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)

by 10/16

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