

St. Paul's Epistle

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church glorifies God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, & telling!"

CELEBRATING
125
YEARS

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I once attended a graduation ceremony where the commencement speaker began his address saying, "If you're walking along a fence in the country and you come upon a turtle resting on top of a fence post, you know that it didn't get there on its own." The speaker then displayed on the overhead screen a picture of such a turtle sitting on top of a post that it obviously could not have climbed. Only someone much larger, and able, could have placed the turtle there.

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, as we prepare to celebrate our congregation's 125th Anniversary on Sunday, October 8th, we also recognized that we did not get here on our own. A great number of people, including many before our time, made this anniversary possible. And most of all, Almighty God planted this congregation here and caused it to grow.

Every day we live in a world filled with places and things that pre-date us. We drive past homes and buildings that were built before we were born. Change that we receive at the cash register sometimes consists of coins that were minted before we were conceived. And each week, gathering for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and other activities, we are part of a community of believers that began congregating only by God's grace and before our own lives were even a consideration in the minds of our ancestors.

Truly, it is humbling being a part of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur, Alabama, at the time of this great anniversary, because this occasion causes us to recognize that our eternal God's hand of favor brought this congregation into being, and by His grace St. Paul's moves forward into the future. We each must give thanks to our Lord for those, past and present, that He has used to create, shape, and sustain this body of believers. Most of all though, we praise the Father for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, that He would be the true Cornerstone of His Church, that the Holy Spirit then could work in people's hearts as the Gospel of our Savior was preached, taught, and shared, building us up together "into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

At St. Paul's, for 2023, our theme has been "Through the years the Lord is faithful!" Our verse for this year is Psalm 100:5, "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." St. Paul's Vestry selected this emphasis because, most of all, it is true! This fit for our anniversary year of course, but without a doubt we each have seen God's faithfulness in our own lives, in our families, and in this congregation.

So praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him for the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins to bring us forgiveness and rose from the dead that we might have new and unending life in Him. Praise God for His Holy Word, by which we grow in knowledge of God and love for Him. Praise the Lord for the gift of Baptism, through which sin is washed away and we are forever marked as God's children. Praise God for the true body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper, where we receive again the forgiveness of sins and a strengthening of our faith as our Savior comes to us in this incredible gift. Praise God for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where His means of grace makes an eternal difference in our lives.

In Christ Jesus our Savior,

Pastor Aaron Kretschmar

October 2023

8:15am Traditional Worship
In-Church & Facebook Live
9:30am Sunday School all ages
10:00am WZDK 98.5 FM Radio
10:45am CrossLife in the ARC

Holy Communion
Oct 1, 8, 15, 29

Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

Bible Study

Adult Bible Study
Book of Romans
Sundays 9:30am

Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am

Book of Matthew Bible Study
Wednesdays 10:30

Book of Exodus Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:15pm

Looking Ahead

Pastor Appreciation Month

LWML Sunday
October 1

125th Anniversary
10:45 Celebration & Lunch
October 8

Trunk or Treat
October 25

All Saints Sunday
November 5

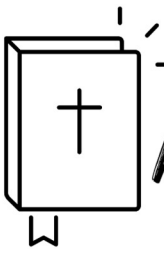
Voters Meeting
November 12

2023 Theme

"Through the years,
the Lord is faithful!"

*For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures
forever, and his faithfulness
to all generations.*

Psalm 100:5



Notes from Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3

Now that it's October, it's hard to believe but it is time to begin practice for our **Children's Christmas Program**! This year our Program will be **Stellar Christmas** which connects what we learned at VBS with the Christmas Story! All children and youth are welcome to join and be a part of the program; practices will be on Wednesdays in the gym at 6:15pm and on Sundays during Sunday School Opening in the gym at 9:30am. Let me know if you would like to be a part of the program or if you have any questions!

Also happening at the end of the month will be our annual **Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, October 25th, at 5:30pm! We have begun collecting candy, and there are forms out for anyone who would like to host a trunk! If you would like to host a trunk, please fill out a form or contact the Church Office!

Calling all **Middle and High School Youth**! We will be having an afternoon full of Fun Fall Activities. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 22nd, right after the second service! We are still planning what exactly we will be doing but lunch will be provided and there will be pumpkins and other fall activities involved! Let me know if you have any questions and if you can join us!

Thank you for your prayers for Sunday School Teachers! We have received all the teachers we need, which is a great blessing! If you are interested in teaching some in our Sunday School classes, please talk to me about being on our sub list of teachers!

God's Blessings,

Skylar Smith, DCE



Children's Christmas Program Practice begins Wednesday, October 4th, at 6:15pm in the gym! We will also practice Sunday Mornings during opening! Talk to Skylar if you would like to be a part of our program this year!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FALL EVENT

All Youth in 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us for an afternoon full of Fun Fall Activities on Sunday, October 22nd, after church! More information coming soon!



Enduring Faith

October Sunday School Lessons

- 10/1 - Unwilling Prophet: Jonah
- 10/8 - Enduring Exile: Israel Goes into Exile
- 10/15 - The Praying King: Hezekiah
- 10/22 - The Restoring King: King Josiah
- 10/29 - Waterworks: Water from the Rock

THE ANCHOR

St. Paul's Young Adults

Saturday, October 21st | 6:30pm

To receive information and reminders text "@yaanchor" to 81010

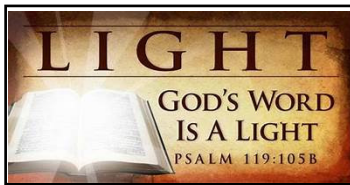
Bible Reading Challenge

October - Treasures in Christ

Join our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge! These daily readings look at verses that focus on a different theme every month. These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

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| Day 1: Colossians 2:1-7 | Day 17: Matthew 13:44 |
| Day 2: Colossians 2:3 | Day 18: Phil. 3:8-11 |
| Day 3: Colossians 1:27 | Day 19: Phil. 3:12-16 |
| Day 4: Ephesians 3:1-5 | Day 20: Phil. 3:17-4:1 |
| Day 5: Ephesians 3:7-10 | Day 21: Psalm 148 |
| Day 6: Ephesians 3:11-13 | Day 22: John 17:24 |
| Day 7: Ephesians 3:14-19 | Day 23: Revelation 21:4 |
| Day 8: Ephesians 3:20-21 | Day 24: Romans 8:39 |
| Day 9: Psalm 146 | Day 25: 1 Thes. 4:17 |
| Day 10: Ephesians 2:4-7 | Day 26: Psalm 149 |
| Day 11: Ephesians 2:8-10 | Day 27: Matt. 6:19-21 |
| Day 12: Ephesians 2:11-13 | Day 28: Rom. 3:22-27 |
| Day 13: Ephesians 2:14-17 | Day 29: 1 Cor. 1:30-31 |
| Day 14: Ephesians 2:18-22 | Day 30: 1 Cor. 13:12 |
| Day 15: Psalm 147 | Day 31: Psalm 145 |
| Day 16: Ephesians 1:15-23 | |

You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or text "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010 to get text message reminders.



Here are several studies along with our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:30-11:30 am in Room 316

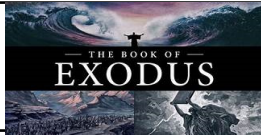
Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Skylar!

The Gospel of Matthew



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

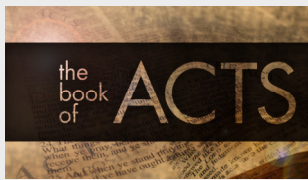
Wednesday nights beginning at 6:00 pm in Room 317. Please join us!



Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am Room 317

Join us for a interesting and lively discussions!



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

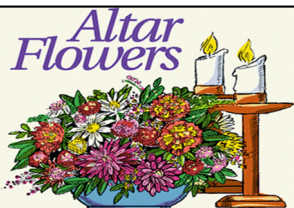
The Revolution of Faith

Join us Sunday mornings, at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Room, for a six-week study on the book of Acts as we consider the "revolution of faith" recorded within its pages. We will trace the growth of the early church from one man (Jesus), to twelve men (the disciples), to ultimately the ends of the earth, encompassing 2.4 billion believers today. Together we will also learn the part that we play in this revolution, and how God calls us to serve Christ and share His love and His Word in the world.



Adult Confirmation Class

Wednesdays at 8pm
In-person and by Zoom
Talk to Pastor for more info



The Flower Calendar for 2023 is up in the breezeway. Sign up early for your special day!

Save the Date!



St Paul's Lutheran Church
Celebrating 125 Years
Sunday, October 8, 2023



It's Here! It's Here!

St. Paul's is Celebrating its 125th Anniversary

October 8, 2023

ONE Worship at 10:45 in the Sanctuary!

Lunch Following!



Wednesday, October 25

starting at 5:30pm

Candy and Trunk Hosts Needed!



You're Invited to FAITHLINKS!

Wednesdays Dinner at 5:30pm
Classes start at 6pm

St Paul's Quilters meet in Room 317 each Wednesday at 10am. Join us! For more information contact Helga Daniel.



Meet us in Room 316 every Thursday at 11am. Bring a friend!



Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
in the choir loft.



Come join the choir
Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the choir loft.
New members welcome!
For more info contact Mary Morgan

October 2023

† denotes Holy Communion celebrated during Worship Church Nursery 8:00am - Noon on Sundays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
1 LWML Sunday 8:15am Trad Worship & FbLive† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship† 1:30pm Porch Visits by Elders 5:00pm HS Youth Night	2 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 10:00am LWML Meeting (mingle 9:30-10:00) 2:30pm KTT (M-F)	3 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 10:30am 125th Anniversary Mtg	4 10am Quilters/10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study / Handbells 7:00pm Choir	5 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	6	7
8 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am ONE Service for 125th Anniversary† 12:00pm Anniversary Lunch	9 Columbus Day Fall Break all Week 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) No Core Preschool or KTT this week	10 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:00pm Education meeting 7:00pm Vestry meeting	11 10am Quilters/10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study / Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir / 7:15pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	12 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	13	14 2:00pm KTT "Be U" event
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22 8:15am Trad Worship & FbLive† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship 12:00pm Youth Combined Event	23 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT (M-F)	24 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 6:30pm Elders meeting	25 10am Quilters/10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm Trunk or Treat - 7:00pm 6:00pm Bible Study / Handbells 7:00pm Choir / 7:15pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	26 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	27	28
29 Reformation Day 8:00am Nursery open 8:15am Traditional Worship & Facebook Live† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	30 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT (M-F)	31 8:30am 9:30 11 Exercise 9:30am Staff meeting 12:00pm PS trick or treat parade	1 10am Quilters/10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study / Handbells 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir / 7:15pm Praise Band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	2 8:30 9:30 11 Exercise 10:30am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	3	4



- Oct 1 Dee Livingston
- Oct 1 Phillip Corlew
- Oct 1 Rebecca Reichenbach
- Oct 2 Reagan Maples
- Oct 5 Pete Alvis
- Oct 6 Ron Seibert
- Oct 6 Renee Burch
- Oct 6 Lauren Miller
- Oct 7 Joseph Baker
- Oct 7 Bobbie Seibert
- Oct 7 Joey Baker
- Oct 8 Grace Kretschmar
- Oct 9 Terri Mahan
- Oct 9 Steve Smith Jr
- Oct 10 Richie Becerra
- Oct 10 Jacob McRae
- Oct 11 Jim Disher

- Oct 12 Ben Carlson
- Oct 13 Gloria Mitchell
- Oct 16 Dottie Hedgecock
- Oct 16 Georgia Hale
- Oct 17 Art Gaertner
- Oct 17 Kathleen O'Brien
- Oct 18 Cole Maples
- Oct 19 Toni Treadway
- Oct 22 Sam Hellebrand
- Oct 22 Aurora Jade Nelson
- Oct 26 Graham Peebles
- Oct 26 Tascha Mowen
- Oct 27 Mike McRae
- Oct 27 Brad Winters
- Oct 28 Glenda Ater
- Oct 30 Debbie Kleri
- Oct 30 Amanda Ballentine
- Oct 30 Owen Blaske
- Oct 31 Alysia Johnson
- Oct 31 Mike McMinn



- Oct 3 Gary & Judy Nagy
- Oct 9 James & Alison Gilchrist
- Oct 10 Paul & Nettie Goehler
- Oct 15 Darryl & Rebecca Mitchell
- Oct 21 Mark & Joy McMinn
- Oct 23 Patrick & Evelyn Helpingstine

The ladies of the LWML would like to thank the congregation for their continued support in our fund-raising ministries specifically our recent Brat dinner and gift basket raffle. The funds raised at these events help fund various church and community ministries.



LWML Mite Box Collection



Sunday, October 1 or anytime to the Church Office. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district & national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

	October 1	October 8 One Service 10:45	October 15	October 22	October 29 Reformation
Elders 8:15am	Bill Darwin	All Elders	Mickey Whiteside	Joseph Woodbury	Tim Nave
Ushers 8:15am	Rick Daniel Jack Blaske Tim Nave Oliver Nave	Mike Ater Bob Seibert Mike Johnson	Graham Peebles James Thrasher Michael Kimmett Mathew Kimmett	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Mickey Whiteside Mike Widmar	Rick Daniel Jack Blaske Tim Nave Oliver Nave
Acolytes 8:15am	Katelyn	Emma	Owen	Katelyn	Emma
A/V Techs 8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant Rich Maschke	Rick Maschke	Bob Sullivant	Bob Sullivant
Readers 8:15am	Jeff Pittman	Pastors	Nancy Neuendorf	Luke Frasher	Gary Nagy
Sanctuary Flowers	Don Olson	Linda Hyde	Open	Linda Hyde	Nancy Neuendorf
Altar Guild for October: Val Blaske and Jennifer Kimmett			Counters for October: Nancy Neuendorf and Don Olson		
Elders 10:45am	Gary Nagy	n/a	Ron Fritze	Roy Weiland	Tim Herfurth
Host families 10:45am	Morgan family	n/a	Ballentine family	Burrell family	Herfurth family
A/V Techs 10:45am	Rick & Carol Morgan	n/a	Tim Herfurth	Mike Ringers	Tim Herfurth



Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box or in the collection box under the Portico at the Sanctuary entrance.



2023 Year-to-Date Average Attendance
In-church attendees 126
Facebook sign-ins 14



Current Loan
Balance: **\$227,016**

Financial Plan Activity thru August 31, 2023

YTD FirstFruits Giving: \$ 309,140 **PLAN: \$300,000**
YTD Total Expenses: - \$ 305,642 **PLAN: \$327,368**
Plan Activity thru August \$ 3,498

THANKS TO ALL for faithful giving

in-person and online. Those giving by mail are GREATLY ENCOURAGED to give online.

Sending checks in the mail is the least safe way to donate.

Currently, 35% of our Givers give safely online; to join them,

- go to the [website](#),
- download the Mobile app,
- snap the QR code, or
- contact the Church Office for a paper authorization form.

Online Giving is greatly encouraged!



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Are YOU Receiving CALLS from St PAUL's?



You will now see calls from the number **(855) 248-7295**

Be sure to "create a new contact" with **(855) 248-7295**

and name it "St Paul's Calls" or something you will recognize!

--- EVERYONE ---

Customize your Communication Preferences by clicking on: <https://stpaulsdec.360members.com/communications/access-preferences> Follow the instructions to choose your preferences; If you have any questions, please email the Church Office!



The Elders will focus on calling all our members who haven't been at worship recently with the goals of:

- Letting members know that we care
- Finding out how they are doing
- Gathering prayer requests
- Letting the members know about the activities going on at St. Paul's
- Encouraging members in the life of the church (worship, Bible study, fellowship, service, caring for others)
- Reaching out to the shut-ins with a devotion & communion.

Since making contact with many of our members is difficult, Pastor and the Elders will be making "porch visits" to our inactive members sharing our goals with them. The Elders will be working with Pastor and the committee planning for the celebration of SPLC's 125th anniversary.

St Paul's Lutheran Preschool 2023-2024



October is Fire Prevention and Safety month!



October is sponsored by the number 3 and the color orange.

This month the children will study and discuss "Fire Safety," have a visit from Decatur Fire and Rescue, and enjoy some Fall Fun! **Our Bible stories and study will include Hannah and Samuel.**

Dates to Remember

- Fall Break October 9-13 (N Core Preschool - EC Only)
- St. Paul's Trunk or Treat, October 25 5:30-7pm
- Preschool and Extended Care Fall Festival, October 26
- Halloween Parade (Preschool), October 31

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool



Afterschool Care

Weekly Chapel Session

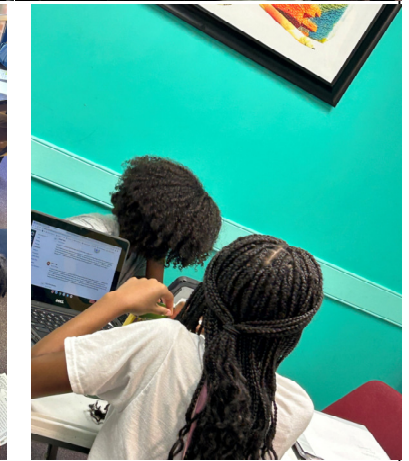
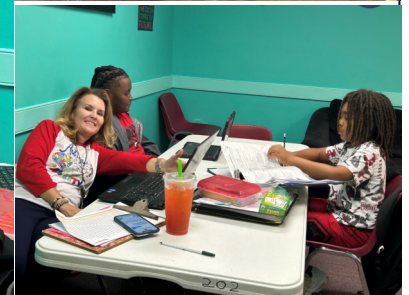
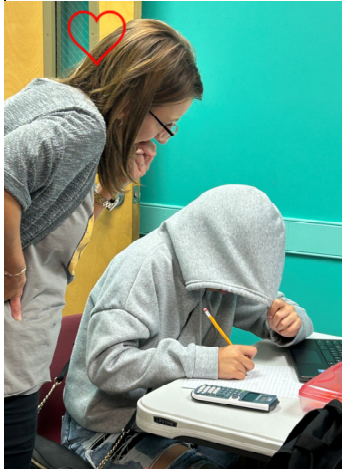


The children are always anxious to participate in chapel. Some of the roles they play are, ringing the bell, lighting the candles, carrying the cross, and running the AV system.

Some of the children chilling with a refreshing Icy from **Icy Does It**. It always saves the day!



A Mind is a terrible thing to waste



We Love our Tutors!



Cuteness Overload

Charlotte Bradley, Director, KTT Inc
(256) 666-8601

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit
<https://www.facebook.com/KidzTweenzTeenzInc/>

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October 8, 2023**

Confirmed in the Family!!

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:16-20

It's finally over. You've been in your robe for hours. You sat through a longer than usual church service. And now you're ready to take the robe off and get on with the rest of the day. But no! Now you must wait for the pictures to be taken. It's your Confirmation Day. And you have made your promises to God to be faithful and received your first communion. You are now a confirmed member of the family with the right to take communion.

The Great Commission calls us to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them about the Christian faith. St. Paul's has been following this command since 1899 when Emil Fernand Max Mittwede, Annie Louise Mary Seibert, Henry August Paul Eckert, the first confirmation class, were confirmed on July 30, 1899. There have been years when there were no confirmands being confirmed, but there has always been instruction for the children with catechism classes and Sunday School.

When I was mentoring confirmands, I would ask them what they were confirming. After some additional questions, they came to understand they were confirming their baptism. At their baptism, their parents promised to raise them in the faith. The congregation also promises to support their parents and to provide a place for that instruction. The catechism class is the set time for instruction to ensure that they understand the tenets of the Lutheran church. With confirmation, they are now an adult member of the congregation responsible for their own spiritual development. They don't do this alone. Their parents, family, and the congregation still support them to help them in their spiritual development. Their confirmation is not the end of their spiritual development but the beginning of a lifelong journey walking with God.

Confirmation classes have been waiting for pictures to be taken at least since 1908. The earliest confirmation pictures we have are from 1908 and 1919. We have no pictures from 1919 until 1961. However, we do have almost a complete collection of confirmation pictures from 1961 through 2023.

I have heard many times over the years that a congregation is a family. The Parish Registers, which begin in 1899, record the births, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and deaths of generations of our St. Paul's family. Our family history is written in these journals. And these confirmation pictures are our family pictures. Through them we can see parents, children, grandchildren and, in some cases, great-grandchildren of families that have been and/or are a part of the family at St. Paul's. For example, Pam Meadows' grandmother, Willie Johanna Rex, was confirmed on April 23, 1903. Her mother, Mary Jean Sittason, was confirmed on July 11, 1943. Ron Seibert's father, Ernest A. Seibert, was confirmed on April 13, 1924. There are other examples I can cite. In looking through the records, I have come to realize the extent of the family here at St. Paul's. Whether your family has been here since 1898 or recently joined the church, your family history becomes part of the St. Paul's family history.

As we approach our 125th Anniversary celebration, it would be nice to have a real Family Homecoming celebration. So, if you know someone who is no longer worshipping at St. Paul's, invite them to join us on October 8, 2023, so that we can celebrate with them the heritage we all share as family members of St. Paul's congregation.

Also, as part of the anniversary celebration, we would like to frame and display our family's confirmation photographs. If you would like to help in this effort, you may make a donation with a notation that the donation is for the Framing of the Confirmation Pictures.

Beth Hornish and Ron Fritze





— WE —
Appreciate You
 PASTOR



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

THANKS
be to
God
 for those who work in our congregations and schools!

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.



For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:30 - 7:00PM

Host a Trunk

Bring your Family

Food & Candy

Lots of FUN!!!



Fall Semi-Annual Voters Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am between services

in the Fellowship Room

- Coffee & Donuts provided -



Annual Church ELECTIONS



2024 Financial Plan Presented for Approval

Voters Packets Available Nov 5

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1700 Carridale St SW
Decatur AL 35601

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ONE St Paul's Celebration Worship

Sunday, October 8

10:45am

Sunday School at 9:30am

Nursery available

October is church workers appreciation month.

Thank you to all church workers who give
of themselves and volunteer.

