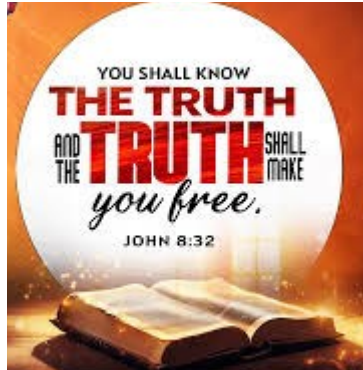




St. Paul's Epistle

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

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Friends in Christ,

On the last Sunday of October we celebrate Reformation Sunday. And to be honest, whether or not we each continue to enjoy the priceless blessing of Luther's Reformation—the wonderful doctrine of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone—depends upon whether or not we live up to the one condition that our Savior lays down in John chapter 8, verse 31: *"If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciples indeed."*

Christ's Church is to continue in God's Holy Word.

And who is the Church? Well, the Church is you and I who trust in Christ for salvation, believing that He died on the cross for our sins to bring us forgiveness, and rose from the dead victorious over sin, death, and the devil. So, you and I are to continue in God's Word if we are to remain His disciples, if we are to persevere in, and profess, the precious Gospel (the Good News!) of full and free salvation through Jesus Christ, the Son of God who took on flesh to redeem us.

But what has our record been in this respect? Are we familiar with our Bible at our home, or has it become a stranger to us in a way? Are we regular, intentional, and attentive in our use of the Word of God? And do we receive the Sacrament of the Altar frequently? How faithful have we been in our personal study of the Holy Scriptures?

Jesus says in John 8, verse 32, to those who believed in Him and held to His Word, *"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* But we must recognize that no one who calls himself or herself a Christian will remain *"free"* if they neglect *"the truth"* (John 8:32). We, ourselves, will not long remember God's Truth if we do not diligently continue in God's Holy Word, the Bible.

Therefore, this month, let us rededicate ourselves to an unswerving loyalty and an undying devotion to the precious, saving Gospel preserved for us in the pages of Holy Scripture. The Gospel which, by the grace of God, has truly set us free.

And reflecting on the words of the hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" that's first stanza was written by Martin Luther's co-worker in the Reformation, Philipp Melancthon, let our prayer always be:

"Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
for round us falls the eventide,
nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,
for us be ever veiled in night."

"In these last days of sore distress
grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
that pure we keep, till life is spent,
your holy Word and Sacrament."

"Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,
for we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
O prosper well your Word of grace
and spread its truth in ev'ry place."

In Christ our Savior,
Pastor Aaron Kretschmar

October 2025

Worship Opportunities

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

Holy Communion
October 5 and 19

Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

Sunday Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study
Sundays 9:30am
Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am

Weekday Bible Studies

Wednesday 10:30am
Wednesdays 6:00pm

Looking Ahead

FaithLinks dinners begin
October 1 at 5:15pm

LWML Fall Rally
Saturday, October 18

Blessing of the Quilts
Sunday October 19 at 8:15am

Voters Meeting
Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday
October 26

Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, October 29,
5:30-7pm

Reformation Day, October 26

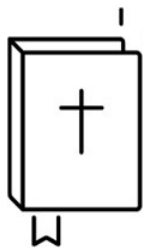
2025

Theme:

Renew our Hearts, O Lord.

Theme Verse: Psalm 51:10

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."



NOTES FROM Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil.

- Ephesians 6:10-11

September 14th, we had our first Children's Sunday where children from our Preschool and KTT sung songs throughout the service as well as children reading the Old Testament and Epistle Readings and collecting offering! It was great to see so many visiting families and children involved in our CrossLife worship. We look forward to having another Children's Sunday soon!

Now that it's October, it's hard to believe but it is time to begin practice for our Annual Children's Christmas Program! This year our Program will be True North 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 6:00pm and we will practice songs 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 29th, 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!

God's Blessings,
Skylar Smith, DCE



Children's Christmas Program

Practices are Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the gym! We will also practice songs Sunday mornings during Sunday School Opening! Talk to Skylar if you would like to be a part of our program this year!

ENDURING FAITH

October Sunday School Lessons

- 10/5 - A Telling Truth: Pentecost
- 10/12 - A Servant Speaks: Stephen
- 10/19 - The King's Table: Mephibosheth
- 10/26 - A Deacon Delivers: Phillip and an Ethiopian

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14TH



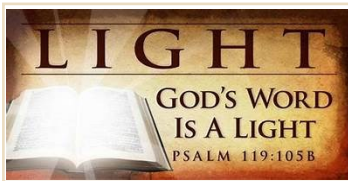
Bible Reading Challenge

October - Victory Over Evil

Join our 2025 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: 1 John 4:4 | Day 17: Psalm 34:4 |
| Day 2: Romans 8:37 | Day 18: Hebrews 2:14-15 |
| Day 3: James 4:7 | Day 19: Psalm 18:32 |
| Day 4: Ephesians 6:10-11 | Day 20: 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| Day 5: 2 Timothy 1:7 | Day 21: Psalm 118:6 |
| Day 6: Psalm 23:4 | Day 22: 2 Thessalonians 3:3 |
| Day 7: 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 | Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4 |
| Day 8: Revelation 12:11 | Day 24: 1 John 5:4 |
| Day 9: Luke 10:19 | Day 25: Isaiah 54:17 |
| Day 10: Isaiah 41:10 | Day 26: Romans 16:20 |
| Day 11: 1 Corinthians 15:57 | Day 27: Psalm 34:7 |
| Day 12: Psalm 27:1 | Day 28: 1 John 3:8 |
| Day 13: John 16:33 | Day 29: Revelation 20:10 |
| Day 14: Psalm 91:4 | Day 30: John 8:12 |
| Day 15: Colossians 2:15 | Day 31: 1 Peter 1:13 |
| Day 16: 2 Corinthians 2:14 | |

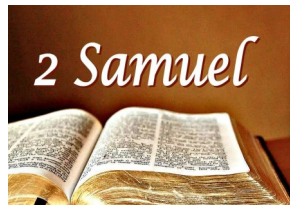
You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or to receive daily text reminders talk to Skylar to get signed up!



Here are several studies along with our 2024 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings we are reading 2 Samuel! We hope you can join us at 10:30am in Room 318! Talk to Skylar if you have any questions!



The Gospel of Matthew

Wednesday evenings in Room 317: Continuing with the Gospel of Matthew at 6pm.

Adult Bible Study Sunday Morning 9:30am in Room 317

Join us for an interesting and lively discussion.



Men's Bible Study Saturday, October 11 & 25 at 7:30am in the fellowship room.

Revelation Bible Study Saturday, October 11 at 11:00am In the fellowship room

WHY THE CHURCH LOBBY IS CALLED THE NARTHEX

When you come to church here at St. Paul's, you come through a small, narrow lobby. Many churches have this kind of entrance.

This lobby is called a "narthex". The word "narthex" comes from an ancient word meaning "fennel seed" and, more specifically, the hollow center tube of a fennel seed.

The idea behind such an entrance reminds us of our lowly state as humans coming to worship God, whose "house" is the church ("sanctuary"), which compared to the narthex is a huge room reminding us of the greatness of God.

The fennel seed's long narrow tube in its center reminds us that Jesus tells us to "Enter through the narrow gate [to heaven]. Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Jesus Himself is the narrow gate. We believe that Jesus has come to save the world by paying for our sins by dying on the cross and then rising on Easter because the Father accepted that sacrifice. Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6).

And that is why there are really only two doors going from the narthex into the church. True, there are other doors in and out of the church, but they are required for modern day safety purposes.

So every time you come to church, rejoice. God has called you to believe in Jesus, the narrow path to eternal life.



FM 98.5 WZDK

Hear St. Paul's Worship Service on the radio every Sunday at 10am
Also hear great hymns of the church Sunday Mornings

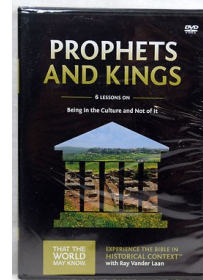
Talk to James Henderson for more information!



YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays at 6pm

Adult Confirmation Class Wednesdays at 8pm
In-person and by Zoom
Talk to Pastor for more information



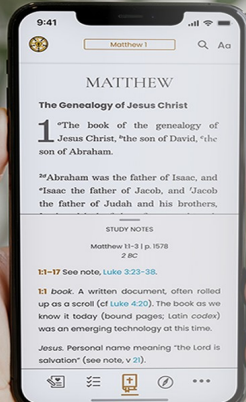
Adult Bible Study Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study – In the Fellowship hall at 9:45am

That The World May Know: Prophets and Kings

Whom shall I serve? In ancient times, the Hebrews faced that decision daily. The consequences of their choice are the stories that make up the Old Testament. In this second volume of "That the World May Know", explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings and learn from their story how to build your own devotion to and trust in God. Filmed on location in the Middle East, this film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

INTRODUCING

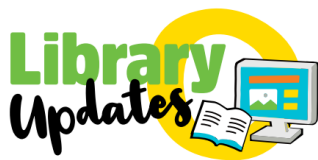
The Lutheran Study Bible App



Get started at \$9.99/year or \$2.99/month

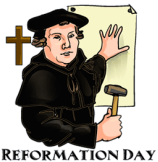
Available on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

Your Favorite Study Bible Now Fits in Your Pocket



After receiving over 300 books (mostly from the library of the family of Beth Hornish and from Pastor Reinhardt's library), the church library is overflowing with books to be loaned out.

There are 35 different categories of books (from "Bibles" to "Bible Study helps," from "Christian Living" to "Lutheranism," and from "Devotions" to "historical fiction based on people in the Bible." for example). You will soon receive in your church mail a copy of where these books are in the library. The categories will be posted in the library as well. Stop by and browse. Sign a book out. This is a lending library.



Reformation Sunday October 26



Wednesday, October 29
starting at 5:30pm
Candy and Trunk Hosts
Needed!



Fall Semi-Annual Voters Assembly Meeting

Sunday, October 26 9:30 am between services
in the Fellowship Room
- Coffee & Donuts provided -



**Annual Church
ELECTIONS**



**2026 Financial Plan Presented
for Approval**
Voters Packets Available

Blessing of Quilts

October 19 at 8:15am service

G.O.S.P.E.L. (Guys of St Paul's Eating Lunch)

We have our next scheduled lunch Wednesday,
October 15, 11am
Location TBD.



*Thank
you*

Thank you to Mike & Sue Bosco for cleaning out storage/trustee Room 307. It was a total mess and now it is organized and looks great!

Celebrating 30 Years of Preschool Ministry and Reaccreditation by the NLSA!

A reception to celebrate these amazing accomplishments will take place on Sunday, November 9th!

Outstanding Strengths of St. Paul's Preschool from our National Lutheran School Accreditation Validation Team!

1. St. Paul's is committed to their mission statement and views the preschool as a vital outreach ministry.
2. The Director understands the primary mission of the preschool, namely sharing Jesus with the children and families. She is the spiritual leader of the staff. The Director supports the families and staff through actively listening, daily encouragement and a willingness to solve issues while maintaining the integrity of the preschool and the safety of the children.
3. The preschool staff is dedicated to the mission and vision and are committed to serving, supporting and loving the children and families of the preschool.
4. The facilities and preschool classrooms are inviting and welcoming.
5. St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool is an environment with a family feel where children are loved and safe.
6. The DCE is integral in the spiritual development of the children. She supports the teachers by leading Jesus time and chapel. She provides support in the use of the One in Christ curriculum. The DCE is intentional in nurturing relationships with the children and parents.

October 2025

† denotes Holy Communion celebrated during Worship

Church Nursery 8:00am - Noon on Sundays

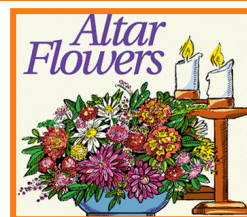
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Oct 1 Dee Livingston
Oct 1 Phillip Corlew
Oct 1 Rebecca Reichenbach
Oct 2 Reagan Maples
Oct 4 Henley Holway-Jones
Oct 5 Pete Alvis
Oct 6 Ron Seibert
Oct 6 Renee Burch
Oct 6 Lauren Miller
Oct 7 Joseph Baker
Oct 7 Bobbie Seibert
Oct 8 Grace Kretzschmar
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 22 Sam Hellebrand
Oct 22 Aurora Nelson
Oct 26 Graham Peebles
Oct 26 Tascha Mowen
Oct 27 Mike Huddleston
Oct 27 Mike McRae
Oct 27 Brad Winters
Oct 28 Glenda Ater
Oct 28 Lily Reichenbach
Oct 30 Debbie Kleri
Oct 30 Amanda Faulkner
Oct 30 Owen Blaske
Oct 31 Alysia Johnson
Oct 31 Mike McMinn
Oct 31 Lexi Michelfelder

*God's Blessings
on your
Special Day!*



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



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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Can you occasionally provide a ride to church?

Occasionally we get a call from someone needing a ride to church. Can you be the angel that picks them up? It's a small gesture that means so much. Please call the church office (256-353-8759) and we'll start a list of people who *may be available* to pick someone up on there way.



**Wednesday
October 29
5:30-7pm**

Host a trunk or donate
candy for this fun night

KTТ After school activities.

- **Decatur Youth Symphony (Tues & Fri)** offering percussion classes to interested parties 3rd grade & up
- **Stream (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts & Math (Fri)** directed by Morgan County Extension office
- **Girls Circle (Thurs)** for ages 7-10 led by Quest Recovery Center.



St. Paul's Legacy Endowment Fund

provides the opportunity to make commitments and plans that may not be possible through our annual budget. Examples of programs and projects to be supported include:

- SPLC Preschool;
- Community outreach and social ministries;
- Music and youth programs;
- Global ministries

Thrivent Charitable staff is available to work with you and your attorney, financial advisor and accountant to facilitate a charitable gift that benefits our endowment fund, fits your financial situation and provides you with maximum tax benefits. Phone: 800-365-4172 Email: thriventcharitable@thrivent.com. or online: thriventcharitable.com

Why Give?

All gifts, whatever the size, help grow the mission.

Community Witness – Help the Preschool – Simple!



Please take a minute and let the community know how you have been impacted by your worship and ministry here at St Paul's!

Google "St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool" and Write a 5-star review of what St Paul's means to you.

Two-fold Witness –

let others read about our great ministry serving God in this place AND

it will help the church and especially the Preschool get ordered higher on the Google search results.

If we don't rate 5 stars, please let Gary Nagy or any elder know!



KTТ Tutoring

Provided by Decatur City Schools Community tutoring, at KTT this is a mandatory daily activity for K-8th grade! We also have "Earn to Learn" rewards at the end of each quarter recognizing students good grades. They receive points for their grades that can be used to purchase books and other goodies from the "Earn to Learn" store. Donations are always accepted to fund the store and purchase quarterly gift cards for top scholars.



**Save your
pull tabs**



Don't miss an important call from St Paul's

The calls you receive are from
(855) 248-7295

**Please add this number to your Contacts
and label it "St Paul's Calls."**

**Please let the Church Office know if you would like to receive our
1Call announcements and are currently not
signed up.**



ChurchOffice@StPaulsDec.com



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

		October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Elders	8:15am	Johnson	Weiland	Whiteside	Campbell
Ushers	8:15am	Owen Blaske Jack Blaske Mike Johnson Jeff Pittman	John Campbell Michael Kimmett Mathew Kimmett Mike Ater	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Micky Whiteside Mike Widmar	Bob Seibert Rick Daniel Tim Nave Oliver Nave
Acolytes	8:15am	Ben	Oliver	Ben	Oliver
A/V Techs	8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant	Rick Maschke	Bob Sullivant
Readers	8:15am	Jeff Pittman	Gary Nagy	Pam Meadows	Mitchell Whiteside
Sanctuary Flowers		Don Olson	Linda Hyde	Open	Linda Hyde

Altar Guild for October: Val Blaske, Jennifer Kimmett

Counters for October: Rusty Nicholson and Don Olson

Elders	10:45am	Herfurth	Nagy	Herfurth	Nagy
Host families	10:45am	Burrell family	Herfurth family	Herfurth family	Morgan family
CL setup	8:30am Saturday	Rich Maschke	Mens Bible study	Rich Maschke	Mens Bible study
A/V Techs	10:45am	Morgan	Gilchrist	Ringers	Herfurth



St Paul's Quilters
meet in Room 317
each Wednesday at 10am.
Join us!

For more information contact Pete Alvis at 256.616.1774.



Come and Knit or crochet with us!
Work on your own project or special church projects. We have patterns and yarn galore!

Meet us in the Parlor every Thursday at 11am.
For more information contact MaryKay Hodges.



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.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!



2025 Year-to-Date Average Attendance
In-church attendees 126
Livestream sign-ins 29



Current Loan Balance: **\$190,755**
Endowment Fund Balance: **\$16,075**

Financial Plan Activity through August

YTD FirstFruits Giving: **\$ 292,895** **PLAN: \$320,000**

YTD Total Expenses: **- \$ 352,639** **PLAN: \$389,726**

Plan Activity **- \$ 59,744 more expenses than income**



Handbell Choir rehearsal
See you Wednesdays at
6pm in the choir loft



Choir rehearsal
See you Wednesdays at
7pm in the choir loft
New members welcome!
For more info contact
Mary Morgan



Stretch and Flex Classes

Pilates Fusion Classes

All classes are Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Stretch and Flex classes are at 8:30 in the gym and 11:00 in the YAC. This class combines many areas of fitness and is adaptable to many fitness levels. We work around a chair and finish sitting using small weights and resistance bands. **Pilates Fusion** meets in the gym at 9:30. This class combines cardio, resistance training and Pilates.

For more information please call Chonita at 256-303-0098.



Wednesday Night Dinners
5:15pm

\$4 per person; \$10 per family free will offering



St Paul's Lutheran Preschool 2025-2026

Exciting News from St Paul's Lutheran Preschool!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool of Decatur, Alabama has been reaccredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)! This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing Christ-centered, high-quality education for young learners.

This year is extra special as we also celebrate 30 wonderful years of ministry and learning at St. Paul's Preschool! We are deeply grateful for the families, staff, and community who have walked alongside us.

With God's continued blessings we look forward to 30+ more years of growth, service, and shaping bright futures in our community.



October is All About Fall and Nature

October is sponsored by the number 3, the color **orange**, and the triangle. This month the children will learn about Halloween, scarecrows, spiders and pumpkins. We will learn the letters Ff, Hh, Oo, Qq and Cc. Our Bible stories and study will be Gideon Wins the Battle, God Provides for Naomi and Ruth Hannah Prays for a Child and David, the Singing Shepherd.

Friday, October 10th is Fall Break.
EXTENDED CARE ONLY.

Wednesday October 15th the 3s and Pre-k 4 will go on a field trip. Watch Brightwheel for more information.



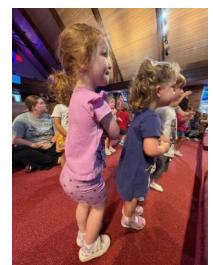
We will have a fall festival on Tuesday, October 21st. Watch Brightwheel for more information.



Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday October 29th, 5:30-7:00 pm in the church parking lot.



HALLOWEEN PARADE Our Halloween Parade will be Thursday, October 30th at 12:00 noon. We will trick or treat St. Paul's staff followed by costume parade in the gym. **Children may wear or bring their Halloween costume (no scary costumes please!)** Parents are welcome!



Preschool Mission Statement

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool with Extended Care provides a quality early childhood education program guided by Christian philosophy and doctrine and acts as a mission outreach of this congregation to the community.

Philosophy Statement The Preschool at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will help meet the spiritual and educational needs of our member families and serve as an outreach to families in our community. It will teach and make disciples of the children God has entrusted to us. We believe children are valuable gifts whom God has forgiven through death and resurrection of his Son. Children learn best when they are taught in a Christ-centered environment that includes interaction with others, play-based learning experiences, and a variety of educational methods.

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



Afterschool Care

Family Fun Day

Thank you St. Paul's for sponsoring the Family Fun Day. The children had an amazing time playing the minute-2-win-it games, making smores, and going on the hayrides.



Children's Day was another great event sponsored by St. Paul's. The children enjoyed ice cream and inflatables prior to the service. KTT children sang three songs. I believe we were all blessed by their ministry and the spoken Word.



Let everything that hath breath
praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6



KTT will be Closed on these dates...

October 9, 10 and 13

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For more info and pictures of activities, please visit
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Wednesday, October 29

5:30 - 7:00pm

Host a Trunk

Bring your Family

Food & Candy

Lots of FUN!!!

**LWML Fall Rally
October 18, 2025**



Matthew 5:16

St. Paul's LWML will be hosting the Mountain Lakes Zone Fall Rally Saturday October 18, 2025. All Women of St. Paul's are welcome to attend. Please join us and many other women from Northern Alabama as we "Let the SON shine through us" The cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch after the gathering. Gathering begins at 9am. Registration at 8:30am with little bites.

For registration forms or more information please contact Kathleen O'Brien @775-741-9281

**Return registration with payment
by October 10**