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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of [a]the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

There's one month left to choose for the coming elections in November. What guidelines do we need in choosing a candidate? Is it the political party? Is it the character mentioned on Television? Are the issues that involve the community, the nation, and the world?

Of course, it is ideal that the issues be the basis. Listen to the platform of government that the candidates talk about. What are the issues that they can address? What can they do about it?

Sadly, the commercials have so much mudslinging and character assassination. I do not recommend a candidate who tells so many lies about the opponent. I know the candidates are nice and refrain from playing the games of mudslinging.

Noticeable that sometimes a candidate would denounce the opposing party vigorously. But now, with bipartisanship, the rhetoric of lambasting the other party is toning down. Candidates are now beginning to talk about their ability to work with the party on the other party across the aisle.

Most ideal, of course, is that candidates would talk about the life of the people and how life is getting increasingly difficult. Expenses keep increasing. Though candidates promise no tax increase, it's not true. Look at your property tax. Nobody can reverse the relentless appraisal when somebody makes a home improvement.

The Godliness of the candidate is hardly talked about. What I hesitate to choose is the person who boasts of himself/herself and his/her abilities to accomplish things. Though they might be able to accomplish things, the natural tendency is to claim credit without due respect to God, the prime mover of all accomplishments.

Beware of the candidate whose tongue is replete with the words I, Me, and My. It is a sign of self-centeredness and sinfulness. Humans will be humans. God always has the final say. Humans need to depend on God. The blessings and grace of God must always be acknowledged. I wish to know how candidates are actively participating in church. If such a candidate participates in church and helps the mission of God, that is the person that I believe can help the world.

Choose today whom you shall serve, said Joshua of the Bible. As for me and my house, and hopefully my community and my nation, we shall serve the Lord in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Emelyn & Rev. Moody Colorado

Greetings to my St. Paul Church Family,

As I sit at my computer watching the cloudy, windy weather outside, I wanted to share a few uplifting passages with you.

From the book "God is in Control: A Treasury of God's Promises".

"Where there is faith, there is love.
Where there is love, there is peace.
Where there is peace, there is God.
Where there is God, there is no need."

I also wanted to share these encouraging Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV): "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Peter 1:3; His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Romans 15:13; Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

Most importantly to remember is "God is Everything You Need".

Enjoy the fall colors and stay safe, stay healthy, and love your neighbor!

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Blessings,

Cynthia Morse

Education News!

Rally Day (Sept. 13th) was a GREAT day!

Kids of ALL AGES joined in the Sunday School classes! Waffles were served to kick off the new Sunday School year! Thank you to our "Waffle Crew"… Marcia Bechthold, Roxanne Lewis and Terri Calhoon!

During Worship service, our Third Graders were presented with Bibles. Receiving them were Jacob Kaalberg and Eleanor Medina. Koltyn Long was unable to be there but has his now!

DATE to Remember! SUNDAY, October 25th, the Children's Choir will be singing during church!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OCTOBER 2026

The first day of Fall was September 23, so Fall is officially here. It's time for Harvest but the weather man has made it rather wet outside. I think dryer, sunny weather has been forecast for the second week this month. Rally Day was September 13, and Sunday School got off to a great start.

September was filled with lots of special events. We started off the month, September 9th with an "Evening with Cindy and Her Quilts." Cindy Hager Craigmile and friends filled our evening by sharing 30 Quilts and their history. The quilts were made by her mom, Norma Hager, one of Cindy's friends, and mostly by Cindy herself. Forty ladies from six different churches were amazed by the beautiful patterns and colors and how they came to be.

September 21 and 22, four of our ladies attended a Christian Women Retreat at Hickory Hills Park, Lakeview Lodge. It was entitled "My heart for God' and centered on God's Heart—-My Heart. It was great spending time learning and sharing our thoughts about how God's Heart and Our Heart come together and how that affects our everyday life. We also got to meet up with some old friends and make some new ones.

September 26, Charlene Heiar and Judy Anton attending our District United Women in Faith Meeting. They learned more about our United Methodist Camping.

This month I am sharing a poem by Helen M. Motti and is entitled "Miracles."

MIRACLES

Have you ever listened to a robin telling Spring's eternal story? While all Nature wakes from slumber bursting forth in timeless glory? Have you watched the stars a-twinkling?
Jewels, gleaming in the sky as they shine thru night's dark cover, and a patient moon hangs high. Have you seen the saffron orange, Golden yellow, and bright red, as the trees, all dressed for Autumn, flaunt their colors overhead? Have you heard the crunch of new snow underfoot, when all is still? Felt the crisp, cold air bring shivers, painting cheeks with Winter's chill?
Seasons pass by, oh so quickly as the months turn into years, and our old friends seem much dearer, sharing laughter, sharing tears. It's so good to find a quiet time somewhere on a busy day. A time to rest, for tranquil thoughts, a peaceful time to pray: reflecting on the wonders, daily challenges and strife, thanking God for all His blessings, and the Miracle of Life.

Our scripture of this month are found in Psalm 46:10.
"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Enjoy the beautiful Fall Season and be kind to one another.
Blessings to you and your loved ones.

Pat and Charlene

CINDY AND HER QUILTS

September 9th, Cindy Hager Craigmile and her friends shared an evening with our ladies and guests. It was a double treat because her mom, our friend, Norma Hager, and her other 2 daughters, Cheryl and Cathy, were able to attend. We enjoyed seeing and hearing the history of 30 quilts. Some belonged to her mom, Norma, and Cindy's friend, but most of them were made by Cindy. They ended the very special evening by taking some pictures.

We thought you would enjoy seeing one of them. Thank you, Cindy, your family, and your friends for a very special evening.

Pat and Charlene

October Pastor Appreciation Month

Attention, St. Paul Congregation:
October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a money tree at the back of the church October 4th, it will remain there until the end of the month.
There will be envelopes sitting by the money tree to place whatever monetary amount you wish to give, along with paper clips to secure the envelope to the tree.
Let's show our appreciation to our pastor.

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The Silent Auction Is Coming

The date is November 22.

Please have items here in the first week of November.

Now to decide – what to bring.

Finance Update

August 30	$1676.00
September 6	$3140.00
September 13	$4391.00
September 20	$3135.00

Needed each month is $15,500. Thank you for all the ways you give to the church.

Salad Supper

All the women of the church are invited to a Salad Supper on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. Delicious food will be followed by fun and fellowship. Bring a friend, and see you then.

Outreach ***Opportunity***

We are blessed to have a good amount of funds in our Summer Food account. Instead of waiting to use it until next summer, we will be offering ***Supper Sunday*** starting on October 18. Serving will be from 5-6, and the cost is $1.00. Please invite anyone in LPC that could benefit from this meal. Church people, please attend too, to make an evening of welcoming to all.

Library News

Sing along with 10 favorite Bible songs!

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 **Adult Sunday** **8:30 -9:30** **Sunday School** **8:45-9:45** **Worship @ 10:00**	**5** Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	6 Finance 10:00 a.m. Shawl 2:00 p.m. Trustees 5:30 p.m. AD Council 6:30 p.m.	7 Chimes 4:15 Education 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10
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