



**MINISTRY IS
MORE THAN US**

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Worship during these times: All pews in the sanctuary are open for seating. Face coverings are optional -- up to the individual. Bibles and hymnals are in the racks for use as desired. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which may be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

Communion is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members may also schedule a communion appointment with one of our pastors if unable to attend in-person services.

DVDs: DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

This Week's Focus: *Rivalries are all around us: the Packers and the Bears, Democrats and Republicans, Country music fans and Hard Rock lovers. Rivalries even exist among God's people because of jealous hearts. God has many people with many different gifts all around the world, and we can become territorial instead of thankful when his kingdom is advancing. Today, Jesus reminds us his work is carried out elsewhere too. The Lord's Ministry is More than Us.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West | 539

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.
He loves us as his children through Our faith in his dear Son.**
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!**
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.**
- 5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

Please stand.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

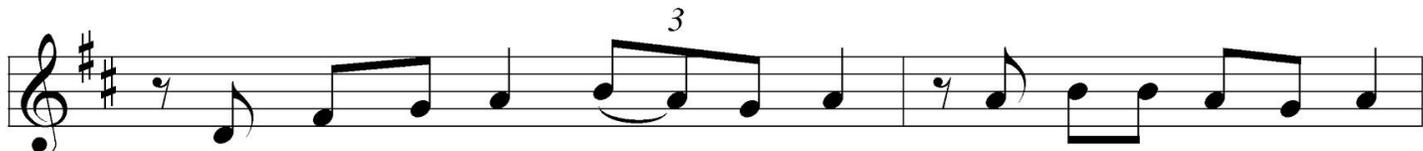
M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



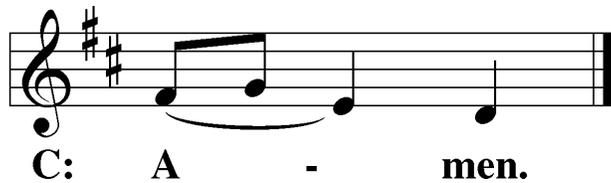
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust you, help us to live according to your design and to treasure both your word of command and your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of your life and the instruments of renewal in our world; through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:16,24-29

When Moses was burdened with ministry, the LORD put his Spirit on Israel's elders, who also prophesied the LORD's Word.

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:12-18a

Paul rejoiced that Christ was preached, even if it was a result of his chains or carried out by other people.

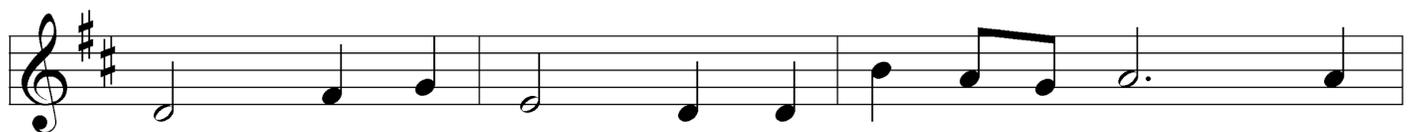
¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

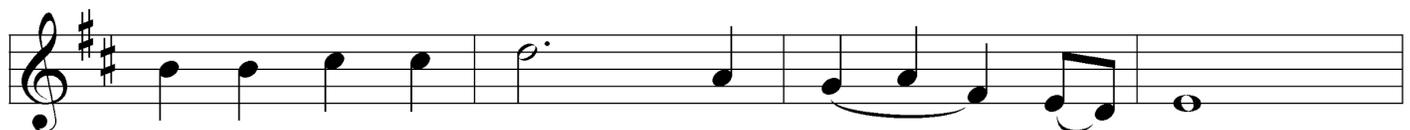
VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

*Don't hinder others carrying out ministry in Jesus' name;
but beware of the consequences of leading others into sin.*

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

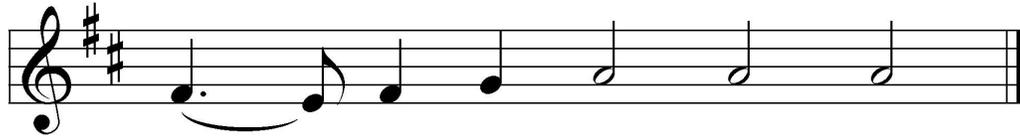
⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Have Come | 546 v. 1-3

- 1 Lord Jesus, you have come A teacher sent from heaven
And by both word and deed God's truth to us have given.
You wisely have ordained The holy ministry
That we, your flock, may know The truth that sets us free.
- 2 O blessed ministry Of reconciliation,
That shows the way to God And brings to us salvation!
Lord, by your gospel pure, You bless and keep your fold;
You call, enlighten, keep; You comfort and uphold.
- 3 Preserve this ministry While harvest days are keeping;
And since the fields are ripe And hands are few for reaping,
Send workers forth, O Lord, The sheaves to gather in
That not a soul be lost Which you have come to win.

SERMON

Mark 9:38-50

Jesus' Recipe to Save

Cup of Water - Cut of Flesh - Crammed with Salt

Please stand.

*Our offerings of thanks to the Lord will be
brought forward during the following song.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Have Come | 546 v. 4, 5

- 4 The servants you have called And to your Church are giving
Preserve in doctrine pure And holiness of living.
Your Spirit fill their hearts And charge their words with pow'r;
What they should boldly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!

**5 Bring those into your fold Who still to you are strangers;
Guard those who are within Against offense and dangers.
Press onward with your Word Till pastor and his fold
Through faith in you, O Christ, Your glory shall behold.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our

God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

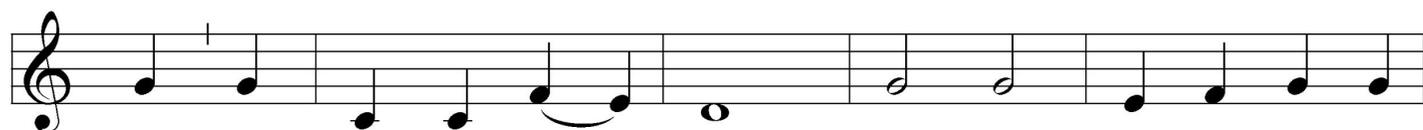


C: A - men.

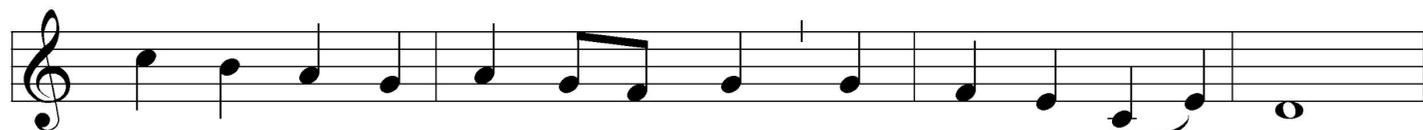
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



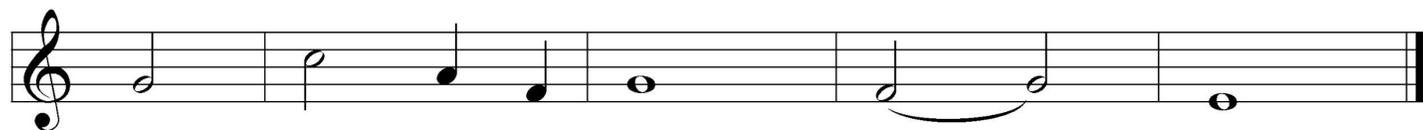
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | 313

- 1 **Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.**
- 2 **As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.**
- 3 **Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.**
- 4 **Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.**
- 6 **Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.**
- 7 **Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.**

Please stand.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give | 542

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.
- 2 They gladly go at your command
To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
And mighty is your arm to save.
- 3 When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.

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SERVING WITH HEARTS OF LOVE

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10:30 a.m.- Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald, Jeremy Lecker

Monday 6:00 p.m.-Dennis Sprenger, Brian Stauss, Kevin Hoppe

OFFERINGS: 10/17 & 10/18 - \$15,267 (WEEKLY OFFERING GOAL - \$16,300).

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS OF \$13,151 FOR GROWING FORWARD.

\$200 WAS GIVEN FOR FAITH TO THE FUTURE.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



In our prayers this week...

1. Courtney Johnson and Dylan Boys, married at St. Paul's on Saturday.
2. Hollyce Peck, in hospice care and eagerly awaiting her eternal rest.

Announcements

- 1. Office hours:** The office will be open from 7:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday.
- 2. Men's Early & Craftsmen's Bible Studies** will not meet in November. The next men's early study is December 17.
- 3. Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done [through this link](#), or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode. For more information on the staff and important dates, click here for the [Sunday School Handbook](#), which can also be picked up in the member room.
- 4. Fall Festival** is almost here. On Saturday, October 30, come on out with the kids and enjoy tractor rides, a petting zoo, a pumpkin carving contest (bring pumpkins already carved), carnival games with prizes, and a Trunk or Treat! Carmel Apple Nachos and Johnsonville Brats and Hotdogs will also be available (\$1 donation suggested). Wear your costumes! Festival from 3-5pm and Trunk or Treat 5pm-6pm. Carved pumpkin prize winner announced at 5pm. Invite your friends!
- 5. Trunks Needed** The Fall Festival on October 30 will feature a Trunk or Treat from 5-6pm. Kids in costumes can walk from trunk to trunk in our St. Paul's parking lot collecting treats as they go. We are in need of volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy and also would appreciate candy donations. Check your email for signing up and more information. Please contact Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966) with any questions!
- 6. Living Nativity:** Thank you to everyone that came to our breakfast last Sunday. We were truly blessed by your generosity. Also thank you to the folks that have signed up for various spots in the cast and crew areas. If you haven't already signed up, please take a look at the available spots to find one fit for you. Special needs are Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Announcing Angel and Star Carrier (high school or older). There will be one rehearsal for ALL cast members (except Roman Guards and Greeters) on Sunday, November 7th at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be available. If you have any questions about Living Nativity please contact Marilyn Eirich or Sue Vant Hul.
- 7. The History Committee** will meet on Monday November 1st at 4:30pm.
- 8. Christian Family Solutions:** Since last year, many more people have found themselves in need of counseling for struggles in life. Your pastors are ready to assist you with confidential guidance from God's Word. Yet some situations call for more specialized support. Christian Family Solutions (CFS) services include counseling for individuals, couples, families and substance abuse, as well as career counseling, premarital counseling, and online support groups. They have clinics in a variety of states across the country, but their ability to set up a secure video counseling session means members can still receive counseling in places where there is no clinic. St. Paul's has some funds designated to anonymously assist members with

costs associated with this specialized counseling. Please speak with one of our pastors, who can help you find answers to your questions.

9. **The PTF is hosting a Murder Mystery *Adult* Night Out** on November 6th! Please join us as an attendee to Polly Abdool's tubular album release party for her friend Debbie Gribson. Break out your spandex, padded shoulders, mullets, and poofy hair for this fun 80's night out. Look for an upcoming email with details on how to sign up whether you want to be an acting member of the murder mystery or just a viewer. This event will include hors d'oeuvre and drinks, and watch for an all-important list of willing babysitters so couples can have a night out! The party Totally starts at 7 pm. With questions please see Beth Heilman, Justin Langdon, or Amanda Grunewald.
10. **On Saturday, October 23**, Courtney Johnson and Dylan Boys are married at St. Paul's!
11. **The WELS Historical Institute** will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 pm. Rev. Seth Krueger will be the guest presenter and speak on the following topic: *Digging Up the Past from the 1918 Influenza--What Can We Learn from Christian Responses to Crisis?* By exploring the circumstances surrounding the 1918 influenza epidemic and how they affected Christians at that time, we will acquire a series of principles that can be applied to Christian lives in the pandemic environment of today. The presentation is available for anyone to watch via Zoom webinar on October 24 at 3 pm. Register in advance for this webinar at [this link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
12. **Urban Artique:** Please join us for our annual Urban Artique event on Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 at church. We have three different projects to pick from: wooden bench: \$85; porch board: \$50; Christmas cheese lid decoration: \$35. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We are excited to spend time with our church friends and use our God-given gifts of creativity! Registration will be coming soon and will be on Urban Artique's website. An email will be sent out with the registration link as soon as Urban Artique has it ready.
13. **"A great big thank you** to the St. Paul's members who helped us celebrate our 65th anniversary! God has truly blessed us with wonderful, Christian friends!" ~Eugene and Rachel Rabe