

All Are Welcome!

Woohoo, installation is complete. Thank you to all! There was a lot of work and planning that went into my installation and I am grateful for what a wonderful time of celebration it was.

Reformation was this past Sunday. We commemorate the day as one when God moved Martin Luther to see we have been freed through God's actions in Christ to live, love, and serve. We have been brought into relationship with God and one another through Christ. Hallelujah!

Of course, Martin wasn't the first to be moved by the Spirit. Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit (Mk.1:10) and moved to reveal a new understanding of God (Mk.1:14-15). God is not appeased by sacrifices but is motivated to action through love to serve. God sent Jesus to convey the very nature of God and God's desire for humanity. Specifically, to love and serve (Jn. 13:15).

At its core, to love and serve must encompass value and respect for life, God, and others. For me the first two are somewhat easy as compared to the third, "value and respect others." Others who take my parking spot, others who cut me off while driving, others whose dogs eat my chickens, others who challenge my children's values, others who take from me, despitely use me, who are different in behavior and culture, who may look different and act differently, even believe differently than I do.

It is difficult task, but Jesus NEVER provides us with an excuse not to love. It is never okay to justify our hate, distaste, or dislike of others.

It is never okay to justify our poor behavior because of others.

This week, I have been drawn to our church sign. It, like many other church signs, suggest "All are Welcome." This is my hope, even my vision, which I believe is from God. This week I dreamed of our church overflowing with people worshiping God. It was standing room only. The church doors are open wide, and all were being welcomed. All experiencing God's love, and you... you are loving through your eyes, your words, your reaching out and embracing those who are coming in... Some of the people are similar, but many are different (tattoos, hair styles, clothes, skin, gender and more). And the Kingdom of God was manifesting. A Kin-dom defined not by us but by God. It was diverse and it is splendid. All invited, all included, all welcomed, all held in God's love.

Spend a moment with your eyes closed... do you see the church filled to overflowing? Are you ready for it? God is going to move. God is going to Reform us through the Holy Spirit. You are God's people. You are different, you are wonderful, and you are loved.

God celebrates the diversity of creation (Gen.1), all of it (Psalm 24:1). Just look around. God's diversity will give you a chuckle... and isn't it spectacular.

And God loves...

Love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10)

-Pastor Norm

Thank You To:

1. Earl Small for taking such a great array of pictures at Pastor Norm's installation service/reception lunch.
2. Anita Gallow for laundering many bags of Kids Clothes Closet donations and for the sorting efforts of Tiffany Seidl!
3. Amy Agren for painting the alcove in the fireside room and for all who have helped make the area a cozy place to gather.
4. Jackie and Paul Schwinn, and Amy Agren for their decorating the church for the fall season.
5. Nancy and Jerod Vandehey, the youth, and all who helped make the annual apple cider youth fundraiser another success.
6. Glen Agren for supplying the basket in the office supplied with candy!
7. Diana Rahn for readying and decorating the Sunday School rooms to welcome the kids.
8. Everyone who has taken their turn at teaching the kids on Sunday morning.
9. Al Black and Katrina Hinesley for their tireless efforts in making the 1st annual Community BBQ/First Responders such a great success!
10. Glen Agren and K.C. Babcock for coordinating the two *Family Promise* sessions for St. Paul (Sept/Oct) and all the hands/volunteers that helped throughout the week.
11. Everyone who brought candy for *Trunk and Treat*, and all of those who came to hand out the candy and the *Smile, God Loves You* trac to the kids. (Thanks to Leann Beall for acquiring)
12. The Fellowship Committee - Al Black, Leann Beall, Tiffany Seidl, and Sharon Blankenship

Financial Secretary, Al Black, is stepping down from his position. Al has served faithfully since 2011 and done a conscientious job for St. Paul. Thank you, Al - we have appreciated your faithfulness!

Heather Snow has agreed to replace Al and will take over immediately, with Al training her in. Thank you Heather for stepping up and agreeing to take on this needed position!

Media Evangelism

We're STILL looking... Are you tech savvy and willing to share your talent with St. Paul? We need someone to manage and keep our Facebook page current.

We are in the process of changing over from centurylink to comcast with our phone and internet. Hopefully this will give us better coverage. Please make a note - our email address has changed to: **stpaulcr1@gmail.com** (use immediately)

Blood Drive Coming Mon. - November 18th Noon - 6 p.m.

Please consider giving this precious gift of life! this gift of life.

Don't Forget!

Turn your clocks back one hour before retiring Sat. night, Nov. 2nd.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday!

Monthly Financial Report

Figures are regarding the General Fund:



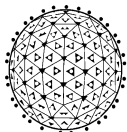

September: \$13,582.00

October : \$11,302.00

Approximately \$13,000 is needed each month to cover expenses.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2019</h1>						
					1 9:30 am Text Study	2 
3 (DST Ends) 9:15 a.m. S.S. & Adult Book Study 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Contemporary	4 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 p.m. Scouts Planning Meeting	5	6 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study/6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study/ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	7 7 a.m. Silent Prayer 8 a.m. TOPS 5 pm Brewed Theology (Wine Dog)	8 9:30 am Text Study	9
10 9:15 a.m. S.S. & Adult Book St/10:30 am Worship/11:45 am Christian Ed Mtg 6 pm Scouts/6:30 pm Men's Night	11 OFFICE CLOSED  Veterans Day	12	13 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study/6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study/ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	14 7 a.m. Silent Pr. 8 a.m. TOPS 5:30 pm Worship Committee 7 p.m. Council	15 9:30 am Text Study	16
17 9:15 a.m. S.S. and Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 6 p.m. Scouts	18 OFFICE CLOSED  Noon - 6 p.m.	19 6:30 pm Co-op Preschool Parent Mtg.	20 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study/6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study/ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	21 7 a.m. Silent Pr. 8 a.m. TOPS 5 pm Brewed Theology (Crosscut Taproom)	22 9:30 am Text Study	23
24 9:15 a.m. S.S & Adult Book Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. New Member Orient.	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service?	28 OFFICE CLOSED  Thanksgiving DAY	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

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29 10:30 a.m. Joint Service with Methodist Church (?) TBD	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	Jan 1 OFFICECLOSED  New Year's Day			

ANNIVERSARIES

November

- 8 Steve & Jeanette Foster
- 11 Tim & Katie Ogden
- 18 Karen & Mike Cloke
- 23 Monte & Cathy Hartshorn

December

- 23 David & Vicki Masten
- 26 Lowell & Jan Bamford - 55 years
- 28 Richard & Geri Skreen

BIRTHDAYS

November

- 1 Josie Foster Swim
- 3 Jason Koppert
- 4 Denise Foster
Kristin Fowler-Foulger
- 5 Pr. Bob Sinclair
Daniel Anderson
- 6 Brad Ness
- 8 Tina Smith
- 10 Bob Larsen
- 11 Seth Foster
- 12 Palma Jensen
- 13 Don McClay
- 15 Laura Berg
- 18 Jerod Vandehey
- 19 Anna Cunningham
- 21 Chris Masten
- 22 Lindsay Berg
Glee Ann Erdelbrock
- 23 Cody Sicklovan
Jasmine Ogden
- 24 Barb Lane
- 26 Danny Oswalt
Linda Easterling
- 27 Kristin Knutson
Elizabeth LeMonds
- 28 Teresa Bryan
- 29 Katrina Hinesley
- 30 Leann Beall

December

- 2 Bill Clayton
- 4 Shirley Johnson
- 6 Ed Berndt
- 7 Linda Solberg
Hannah Lyon
- 10 Emily Foster
Brigitte Bontoft
- 11 Nicki Highlander
- 12 Glen Agren
Janet Eiden
- 17 Amy Whitten
Linsey Sturgill
Sonny Smith
- 20 Kim Grizzle
- 21 Alyssa Gallow
- 23 Linda Diepenbrock
- 25 Judy Albright
- 28 Maggie Ashby
- 29 Granville Oswalt
Justin Sicklovan
- 30 Andy Kotera
Luke Rahn
Allen Black

Brewed Theology

Join Pastor Norm the **first** Thursday of each month from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at *Wine Dog Down* and/or the **third** Thursday of each month at *Crossroads Taproom* for fellowship and discussion.

Rev. Norm Arnold was installed as St. Paul's new pastor on Sun, October 20th. He had been our interim pastor since January and was officially voted in as full-time pastor at a special congregational meeting August 4th.

Rev. Melanie Wallschlaeger, representing the SWWA Synod in Tacoma, presided the service attended by close to 100 people. A potluck lunch reception was held in the fellowship hall after service.

God's richest blessing on Pr. Norm and his wife Denise as they relocate from Olympia and make their home in Castle Rock.

Imagine Project Update

We are talking about developing a logo to represent our church so the community can see and hear more about who we are. The 'Welcome/Visitor Card' is being updated with room for prayer requests which can be prayed upon during service and throughout the week. Also, we are looking at hospitality. How do we welcome others and make it deeper than just 'hello'? We may offer some training open to all to look at simple ways to welcome and get to know newcomers.

We are blessed to open our hearts and minds to *Imagine!*

Imagine Members:

Katrina Hinesley, Diana Rahn, Glen Agren, Neal Johnson, Jacki Whittaker, Janet Eiden, and Pr. Norm

Family Promise

We just finished our second week with *Family Promise* providing safe housing and meals for 14 family members. (Four families) Our guests were very thankful and respectful.

It takes many volunteers to make this program a success. Thanks to Glen Agren, David & Jacki Whittaker, Clarence & Roxanne Knutson, Cub/Boy Scout Troop 313, Castle Rock Methodist, Castle Rock First Baptist and Longview Presbyterian churches.

We can always use more volunteers!

Contact Glen Agren or K.C. Babcock if you would like to help when we host again in 2020!