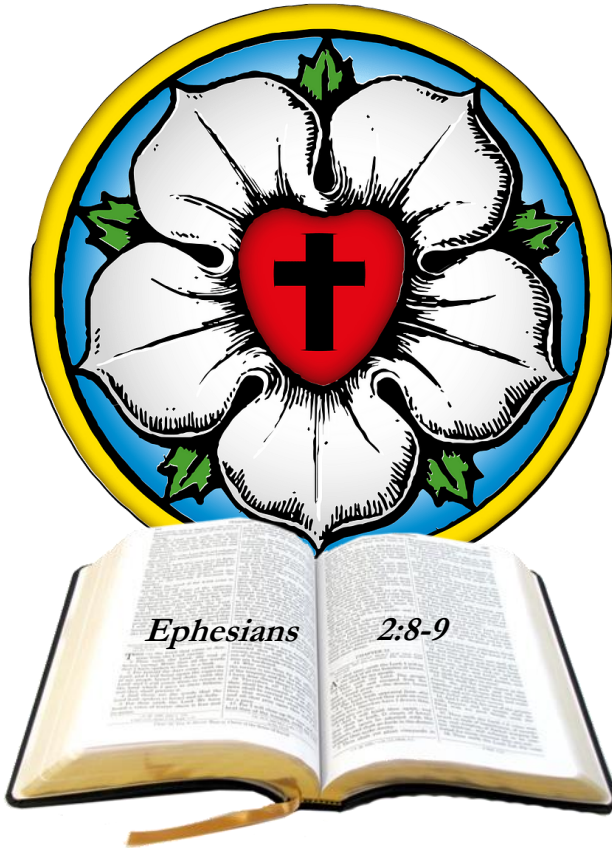


Reformation Sunday



"My conscience is captive to the word of God! To go against conscience is neither right nor safe. I therefore cannot, and I will not recant! Here I stand. I can do no other."

~ Martin Luther 1521 ~

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Reformation Day reminds us of the central article of the faith: the work of Christ alone appeases God’s wrath and redeems the sinner’s debt, here and eternally. To this truth, brought to light anew by the Wittenberg Reformation, Luther was called to testify before the emperor—and we teach it to each new generation. What a blessing to have our Youth participate in the service this morning! Thank God for His Word!

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

The Five Solas are foundational principles that came out of the Reformation : **Sola Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority (*1 Timothy 3: 14-17*). **Sola Fide** (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ (*Romans 3:21-28*). **Sola Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone (*Eph 2:4-9*). **Solus Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King (*John 14:1-7*). **Soli Deo Gloria:** (“to the glory of God alone”) The purpose of creation, salvation and everything is that God may be all in all (*1 Peter 4:7-13*).

Preservice Music: "Father I Adore You" by Ellie Laidig; "Go Now In Peace" by Olivia Cunningham; "This Is My Father's World" by Abby Wildauer; "Christ Be My Leader" (LSB 861) & "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB 770) by The Elective Youth Choir

Processional Hymn 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*
- C** **Amen.**

Day School Children's Choir "This Is Our God" *by Phil Wickham*

1. Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came, and He died, and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
2. Remember those giants we called death and grave?
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came, and He died, and He rose
Those giants are dead now

Refrain:

This is our God
This is who He is, He loves us
This is our God
This is what He does, He saves us
He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus

3. Remember that fear that took our breath away?
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word, every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail, and He never will

Refrain

4. Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus
Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus
5. Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him

Refrain

He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus

Oh, this is our God

(Songwriters: Patrick Barrett, Steven Furtick, Phil Wickham, Brandon Lake.)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C **let the humble hear and be glad.**

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

C **none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,]

C **and shall not be put to shame**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (Mark 10:47)

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 187

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up- on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Hymn 582 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Sermon Text

Romans 3:19-28

Sermon “The Work Righteousness the Saves Us”

1. Righteous works are necessary _____ .
2. For righteous works, the sinners’ case _____ .
3. Righteous works can only come from a _____
_____ (vv 24–26).

Hymn 392 “God Loves Me Dearly”

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Testimony of Avery Wildauer

Solo "Rescue" ***by Lilly Rogers***

You are not hidden
There's never been a moment
You were forgotten
You are not hopeless
Though you have been broken
Your innocence stolen

I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you

There is no distance
That cannot be covered
Over and over
You're not defenseless
I'll be your shelter
I'll be your armor

I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight
It's true, I will rescue you

I hear the whisper underneath your breath
I hear you whisper, you have nothing left

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night
It's true, I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight
It's true, I will rescue you
Oh, I will rescue you

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Benedicamus ~ Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto
you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you
peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn 578 "Thy Strong Word"

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The flowers that adorn the altar are given by Wayne & Robin Spicher in celebration and thanksgiving for their grandson Benjamin's birthday. All glory to our risen Savior for the blessing of life and salvation that He granted to Benjamin.

All are invited to join us for the Circuit Reformation Service this afternoon. The Worship Service begins at 3:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard as the guest preacher. Pastor Rohde - circuit visitor; Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer – Calvary, Plymouth; Pastor Bill Carney – Redeemer, Warsaw; and Pastor Wonnacott will also be participating in the service. Following the service, we will have light refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Bethany Room.

The Parish Fellowship Committee will meet tomorrow, October 30th at 10:30. Please plan to attend.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE! If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2023 are as follows: 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27 *If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

Meals on Wheels Door Offering: We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, **we will have a door offering today after the service.** Checks may be made payable to St Paul's Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox at (574) 248-0549.

LWML will be holding an ingather for the Ft. Wayne Seminary from November 1st – Thanksgiving Eve (November 22nd). We will be collecting non-perishable food, diapers, and hygiene products. A collection box will be located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance.

We Need You! Our Euchre Party will be Friday, November 10th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship, and please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and bring a friend!

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ Reformation Sunday ~October 29th, 2023

Congregational Potluck Breakfast	8:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Circuit Reformation Service – Reception to Follow	3:00 pm
No Bell or Adult Choir Practice.....	

MON:

Parish Fellowship Meeting.....	10:30 am
Revitalization Meeting.....	6:30 pm
5 th Grade/HS Band Concert @ the Public School.....	7:00 pm

TUES:

Picture Re-take Day	
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WED:

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
LifeLight	6:45-8:15 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
8 th Grade Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 pm
New Member 2.0 Class.....	7:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
PTL Day School/Preschool Family Game Night.....	7:00-9:00 pm

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAYNovember 5th, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Scrip Day	
Adult Basketball.....	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm

For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically, there is a QR Code link posted next to the offering box in the Narthex.

St. Paul’s will be collecting peanut butter (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during the month of November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering box in an envelope marked Peanut Butter.

Special Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, October 22 special Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain information about the motion to allow St. Paul's treasurer to borrow funds from St. Paul's endowment fund to cover any budgeted giving shortfalls. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself or an electronic copy, please contact Ken Eichinger.

Annual Clothing Drive for Hope Ministries - November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's and women's). We will have a table in the narthex with signs (Hope Ministries Clothing Drive) so please place your items on the table and on November 30th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God's people share with those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

Welcome bags will be going out on Monday, November 13. We will pack bags at the church at 5 pm with deliveries to follow. **We are asking for the following items to be donated: cheese and cracker packets, microwave popcorn, post it note pads, bottled water, individually wrapped life savers.** Your donations may be placed on the table by the TV in the Narthex. We also are looking for people to help pack and deliver bags. This is an interesting way to meet new neighbors and generally only takes about an hour! Lastly, we ask for your prayers for the group going out and also for our new neighbors. Thanks!

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is that time of the year once again! Those of you who get the *Lutheran Witness* need to contact the church secretary about your subscription. To continue getting your magazines, we will need cash or a check dropped off in the office, mailed to the church or placed in the secretary's mailbox for \$23.00. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". If you would like to receive the *Lutheran Witness* as a monthly subscription, please let Janet know and she will sign you up to start receiving the magazine in January 2022. *Please complete your payment by November 19th.*

YOUTH NEWS

Campfire Night - for Youth in Grades 4-8: Our Youth Board is sponsoring our annual Campfire Night on Saturday, November 4th from 5-7 pm at the Spicher Home (7993 First Road in Bremen). Come join us for food, fun, fellowship....and of course, a campfire. We encourage Youth to sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly.

From the Board of Christian Ed - WANTED: SMALL CATECHISMS

Christ in the hearts of Liberian children. Joe Boway founded the Liberian Children’s Ministry in 2004. This ministry is now supporting 6,000 students in 15 Lutheran schools in Liberia, Africa. Over 75% of the new students are from a non-church background. To help the children learn about Jesus and the Christian faith, Joe’s goal in 2023 is to collect used and new Small Catechisms to send to Liberia for each student to read in English. They can be used or new in any edition as long as it is in English. You can also purchase catechisms at ebay.com and from used book dealers, such as thriftbooks.com. For more information, you may contact Joe and Glendora Boway at 260-447-7639 or boway@aol.com.

We would like to support this mission. It is amazing the schools have grown so much in less than 20 years. The Lord has certainly blessed these schools and the leadership of Joe Boway. Next Sunday there will be a container in the back of the Narthex marked “Catechisms for Liberian Schools.” If you have extra catechisms at home or wish to purchase new or used copies, we will get them to Joe Boway for these children hungry for the Gospel! Thank you for blessing these children and this congregation with your support.

Servants for Today’s Worship October 29, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Richard Sickman

Acolyte: Abby Wildauer

Elder: Mike Gumz

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Special Participants: St. Paul’s Youth

Servants for Next Sunday’s Worship November 5, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Jessica Rogers

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you, students, for sharing your musical talents today!

It's always a busy week at St. Paul's School! We had Parent/Teacher Conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, and one of our teachers, Mark Wildauer, attended the INPEA Conference this week.

If you are looking for some free entertainment, attend **the Bremen High School and 5th Grade** (some of our students) **Band Concert on October 30th, BHS, 7:00pm.**

Other upcoming fall activities include a Family Game Night for students and their families on **November 3rd**, and the **Pilgrim Meal on November 14th**. Watch for more details.

We are also looking for volunteers in the school to assist with Reading, Math, Writing (K and 1st), driving in the morning for band, backup Chapel pianist on Weds (11:00 am), and additional cleaning assistance once a week. **We appreciate all the help our volunteers provide!** Please contact Mr. Nathan Miller or the school office if you are interested. Volunteers do have to have a background check (school provided).

We thank you for your continued prayers this school year.

Please remember to give to the SGO!

We will continue to use SGO scholarships to assist with tuition, so **please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.