

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Growing up in northern Minnesota, we had a law that said school couldn't start before Labor Day. It was due to many students' summer jobs working on the lakes and resorts and general tourism through Labor Day weekend. So even though I've been out of the area for decades now and most places school starts in August, I will always consider Labor Day the end of summer. So now, I'm starting to look ahead for what is coming up in the next couple of months. Hopefully you read the body of the email so you know everything that is happening this weekend, but there is a lot more coming up too.

Our English and Spanish classes start on Monday for 10 weeks. They meet 6-7:30p. We could still use folks to help welcome people when they come in and help set up the food and drinks.

Our Early Childhood Learning Center chapel time starts this week on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10a. Thank you to Joann Jordan and Esther Smith for helping me with this ministry. If you ever need a kid-fix, you are welcome to attend chapel. It's a fun time.

On Thursday, we have the students from Florida Atlantic University on our property from 2:30-4:30p to help them visualize their projects of coming up with Master Plans for our long-term property project. Anyone is welcome to join us.

On Friday (18<sup>th</sup>), at Architecture Sarasota Pavilion at 5:30p, the students will give their presentations on their initial findings and ideas for our property. We are all welcome to attend. The address for Architecture Sarasota is 265 South Orange Ave.

On Saturday, the students will be on campus again at 11:30a to walk through the Education Building – with no preschoolers there 😊 It's another opportunity to engage with the college students if you would like to come by.

On Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, it's Joann Flanigan's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, so make sure you wish her a happy birthday when you see her.

So, that's this coming week, beyond our typical week of ministry. A few things I want to share for save the dates in October.

Arlington Park is starting a First Fridays market on the walking trail. There will be all kinds of vendors including St. Paul sharing about our ministries. You are welcome to come by and just hang out to engage with people who are attending it. It's from 9a-1p first Fridays of October, November, and December.

Most of us know that Ethel Hamilton turns 102 in October. She will be recognized at the County Commission building at their meeting on Wednesday, October 7. We are all welcome to attend. It will be in the morning. We will then celebrate her birthday on her birthday on Sunday, October 11 with a special coffee hour in her honor.

After Ethel's celebration, we'll begin another project. Currently, all of our choir music is in file cabinets in the balcony. We'd like to move it down to the Music Director's office. This will take many hands to help organize the music and get the file cabinets down the stairs. We'll begin on Sunday, Oct. 11 around 1p, then continue on Monday, Oct. 11 starting at 9:30a. There is no school on Oct. 12, so if you know of any students who need volunteer hours, we can definitely use them.

Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8:30-12noon is the Mid-Gulf Conference Gathering in Venice at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We will have a Martin Luther impersonator, worship, and fellowship time with other ELCA members in our area. Please let Irene Felicetti know by October 1 if you want to attend.

Sunday, October 18 after worship, we will put together the candy and information bags that we will give out at the Arlington Park Halloween Trail. Please bring in Halloween candy anytime now as there are upwards of 2000 people who attend this event each year. We need lots of candy. The event at the park is on Friday, October 23 from 4-7p. If you want to help with it, please let me know.

And then of course, the last Sunday of October is Reformation. It's the **wear red** day!

God bless you always ~ *PrAshley*

