

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Usually, I don't send out a PastorBlast this week because the newsletter goes out. Don't worry, the newsletter is still coming out. It will just be early-to-mid next week instead.



But I'm happy to share with you that I am starting to get excited for the upcoming time of our **seasonal guests and members** returning. I've been getting emails lately with folks telling me they are returning soon. And I can tell in the calendar of ministries that we are starting to ramp up. Today is technically the first full day of Fall. Summer is over. And St. Paul is getting ready to go back to ministries. Of course, many continue throughout the whole year (like the Community Meal, Food Pantry, and Hope Seeds) and others have already started (like the Bell and Vocal Choirs and Early Childhood Learning Center school year and weekly chapel time) but others ministries and events are happening soon and I don't want you to miss them.

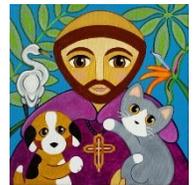
Sunday, Oct. 2 after worship, we'll have an informational **Town Hall Meeting** to discuss the Education Building Roof Project. Come and listen to the architect, contractor, and Sarasota Architecture Preservation representative share about the project and what we need to do to make it happen.



The ECLC has their **Trike-A-Thon** fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 9:30-10:30a. Attached is more information on donating to the school. For you tech savvy people, there is a VENMO link too. Even if you can't donate to the fundraiser, come out to watch and cheer on the kids biking around the circle drive.

**A new Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6p to decide what will be studied until Christmas.

And then on Saturday, Oct., 8, we'll have a **Pet Blessing**. October 4 is St. Francis of Assisi Day. He is the patron saint of pets, so on the 8<sup>th</sup> you are invited to bring your pets to the Memorial Garden area for a blessing. We will begin at 11am. Invite your friends' pets too. And this year we are sending a special invite to the school families. We hope to see you there.



On Sunday, October 9, we'll celebrate **First Communion** for Charlie Beetle, Ryan, Kellen, and Jordan Masse, and Liam and Avery Miller. After worship will be the congregational meeting to approve the Education Building Roof Project. And then during Fellowship time a celebration of the First Communion youth and another person of the congregation (I'll announce who that is in church this week).



On Sunday, Oct. 16, after Fellowship Time, we'll begin the **SURE** (Sarasota for Responsibility and Equity) house meetings. Come and learn about the SURE Justice Ministry and share stories about your dreams, what makes you angry or what wakes you up at 3am about Sarasota. 21 other congregations are having these same meetings and by what is shared we will come up with an issue to work on for the next year.



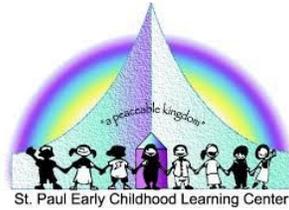
That's enough for this PastorBlast calendar-wise. When the newsletter comes out, you'll see all the activities coming up in October and November. St. Paul will be busy. Get ready for it. I know I am.

Take care and God bless,

9.23.22

-PrAshley





September 2, 2022

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, St. Paul ECLC will hold a **Trike-A-Thon** to raise funds for outdoor equipment. Some of the benefits to biking for preschool-age children include:

- Getting children outdoors and moving
- Developing strength, balance and overall fitness;
- Strengthening the heart, lungs, lower-body muscles, and bones;
- Developing the ability to navigate and develop road sense

We would be so pleased to include a donation from you/your business at this event (i.e., beverages for the children, supplies for the event) or have you/your business as one of our sponsors. A plaque donating your level of sponsorship will be adhered to our Peaceable Kingdom Tree in recognition of your contribution.

The Sponsorship levels are:

Level	Amount
Green Leaves	\$25 to \$49
Bronze "Branches"	\$50 to \$99
Silver "Trunk"	\$100 to \$149
Gold "Roots"	\$150 to \$249
Peace Sign	\$250 or more

We thank you for your time and generosity. Your tax-deductible donation will help make our 2022 Trike-A-Thon a huge success!

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Donation/Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you,

Lisa McLean, St. Paul Director      Olivia Partington-Farrow, St. Paul Assistant Director

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