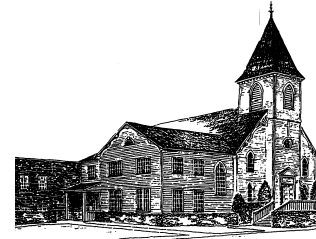


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JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION – HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.



*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

Inspired from Psalm 23, "He Leadeth Me" lyrics written by Joseph Gilmore, 1862  
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I've never been a big fan of the "WWJD" approach to discipleship. Asking ourselves "What would Jesus do" is not the worst question we could ask, but neither is it the best question.

I find myself once in a while thinking about my parents. "I wonder how Dad would've handled that," I thought one day. Dad and Mom are both gone. My connection with them is through the past, through my memories, what I learned about life from them while they were alive. "WWJD" works very well if Jesus were dead, if our only access to him were through the Bible, or through the past. But the last time I checked, we were still confessing him to be alive, risen, at the right hand of the Father. If that is so, then I think the best question to ask is "WIJLM", Where is Jesus leading me?



When we picture Jesus, we usually picture him in some way like the picture to the left. He's facing us, with arms open wide. But if we're following Jesus, wouldn't he be up in front of us? Wouldn't we see him from the back, like the picture below?

We live in tough times. Some days are downright difficult. Jesus is alive to lead us through each day. When you find yourself in a

tough spot, don't try to guess what Jesus might have done. Pray to Jesus that he will get in front of you to lead you along the right path.

***"They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them." Mark 10:32***

Pastor Tim Madsen



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# STUDY THE WORD

## Daily Lectionary - continued

Sa Psalm 121  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Mark 10:46-52

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Su Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

M Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:2-22  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

T Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:23-35  
James 5:7-12

W Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:36-42  
Luke 22:39-46

Th Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 9:1-16  
2 Timothy 3:1-9

F Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 9:17-26  
2 Timothy 3:10-15

Sa Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 14:1-6  
Luke 1:46-55

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Su Jeremiah 14:7-10,  
19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

M Psalm 84:8-12  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
1 Peter 4:12-19

T Psalm 84:8-12  
Daniel 5:1-12  
1 Peter 5:1-11

W Psalm 84:8-12  
Daniel 5:13-31  
Matthew 21:28-32

Th Psalm 32:1-7  
Proverbs 15:8-11,  
24-33  
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

F Psalm 32:1-7  
Job 22:21-23:17  
2 Peter 1:1-11

Sa Psalm 32:1-7  
Isaiah 1:1-9  
John 8:39-47

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Su Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,  
11-12  
Luke 19:1-10



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Let your light shine!*

**St. Paul's Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, November 6th**. We will be looking for people to help setup, cook, bake pies and work that night. Watch for the sign-up sheet. **Tickets will go on sale Oct. 3rd**. You can sign up to help at the same time!

**A benefit for "Friends of Night People"** will be held on **October 2nd at Erie Community College – North Campus**. The fundraiser is entitled "Party for the People". The cost is \$20 each. Tickets are available in our church office. There will be door prizes, live bands and a Chinese auction. Activities are from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Viva La Casa** clothing and "Back to School" drive. Arlene Bossert delivered **thirteen backpacks filled with school supplies!**

**This month we are collecting clothing for City Mission**. If you didn't have time to clean those drawers and closets last month, God has given us another opportunity! **City Mission needs clean adult and children's clothing**. With winter coming, this is a good time to check your outerwear. Clothing can be placed in the "Upper Room" (across the hallway near the Friendship room).

**Our Angel Tree Project with School 74 is underway**. North Park member Marie Paleremo is our contact with School 74. For our new members, this is a huge project for St. Paul's. **Last year we were able to present gifts to every child through the fourth grade. You will be asked to take a child's name and buy an outfit and a toy for him or her; wrap them and return them to church by Dec. 12th**. Watch for more information. In the meantime, please save boxes in which reams of paper are shipped. The boxes can be put in the Youth Room anytime.



Visit & recommend to friends St. Paul's Website  
[www.stpaulswilliamsville.org](http://www.stpaulswilliamsville.org)



## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS “NOTHING BUT JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM CRUCIFIED...”

The Corinthian Christians were a fractious bunch, divided, personality driven, and thinking they knew better than everyone else what being a Christian was all about. They put St. Paul to the test.

Join us on Wednesday evenings, beginning in October, as Worship on Wednesdays takes a careful look at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians to learn what St. Paul meant when he told them: “I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2) **Wednesdays at 7:30pm. All are welcome.**

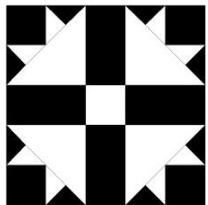
### North Park Lutheran's Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tickets are available from St.  
Paul's Church Office or from North  
Park Lutheran by calling 836-2785



The dinner event will include a “Basket Auction.” If you would like to donate a basket to be auctioned off as a fundraiser for North Park please contact Pastor Wendy for more information.



### Ladies' Aid Quilters Tuesdays at 9:00am, Social Hall

New members are welcome. Just bring a lunch. Coffee & dessert is provided. We will train inexperienced quilters...

Plan ahead! Ladies' Aid will again sponsor a “Mitten Tree” during the Christmas season. Hats, scarves, mittens and gloves will be collected for the Salvation Army. When you see a sale— stock up!

29 As cold weather approaches, give thanks for the Rev. Michael Merkel, former president of the Nehemiah Housing Corporation, who contributed to "Creating Affordable Housing, A Guide for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships," a resource for ELCA members and congregations.

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### 31 Reformation Day

We bless you, O God, for sending your Spirit into the hearts of the people of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. Even as challenges continue, including discord, we ask that your grace will continue to abound.

## STUDY THE WORD Daily Lectionary

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F	Psalm 111 Numbers 4:34-5:4		

19 Praise God for the Rev. John Lunn, who serves with the Palliative Care Unit at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, and is actively involved in health ministries in India and Liberia.

20 Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, New Port Richey, Fla., and its co-pastors, Sally Cook and Jerry Nordsiek. This result of a five-congregation consolidation in 2008, is growing into its life as a new congregation with a new mission.

21 Praise God for the work of the Rev. Randall and Gail Mundt. Randall is currently serving as the interim pastor at the International Christian Church based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

22 Pray for Martha Stortz as she assumes the duties of giving voice to Augsburg College's commitment to education for vocation, moving to Minneapolis from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, Calif.

23 Pray for Pastor Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie. Andrew serves as regional representative for East Africa, working with churches in Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. Barbara is the Global Mission representative in Madagascar, accompanying the Malagasy Lutheran Church in its vast array of ministries, including its companion relationships with ELCA synods and groups.

#### 24 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

We praise you, God of the islands, for the warm welcome and hospitality experienced by visitors to the Indian Ocean island nations of Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives, and Madagascar.

#### 25 Disarmament Week

Remember in prayer the Rev. Peter and Michele Johnson and their family. Peter recently became pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, called to serve the neediest and most vulnerable people in Cairo.

26 Pray for V. Scott Koerwer, who recently became president of Newberry College, Newberry, S.C.

27 Give thanks for Carol and the Rev. James Sack, serving with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. James teaches pastoral care and counseling at the Japan Lutheran Theological College and Seminary, Tokyo, and Carol has a pastoral harp ministry in which she reaches out to those facing death.

#### 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles

Lift up in prayer Phil and June Nelson, who serve with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Central African Republic. June also serves as a nurse at Ngaoundere Protestant Hospital.



# St. Paul's Financial Ledger

FROM THE AUGUST 2010  
TREASURER'S REPORT

**Current Fund expenditures through August: \$146,900**  
**Current Fund receipts through August: \$127,900**

**2010 Current Fund expenditures through August are \$2,000 higher than 2009 expenditures during the same period.**

**Current Fund deficit through August: \$19,000**

**Synod Mission gifts through August were \$12,400. This sum is \$1,200 behind the funds necessary to meet the annual pledged giving taken from our members 2010 pledge cards and \$1,700 behind Synod giving during the same period in 2009.**



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#### ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent has changed the manner in which they distribute charitable funds. In the past, charitable dollars were distributed through the congregation. Now, Thrivent members are required to vote as to where their dollars go.

Eligible members should receive a letter from Thrivent asking them to designate their choice of where their dollars go. **You can choose St. Paul's for your dollars by using #504733620.**

**For where two or three come together in my name,  
there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20 NIV**

**Welcome  
New Member**

Welcome into the fellowship of St. Paul's  
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## FOLLOWING JESUS OUR STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS FOR 2010

We call ourselves followers of Jesus and as his followers, his disciples, we watch and learn from Jesus. We know he gave his all to accomplish our salvation, and we know that he invites us to pick up our cross and follow him. We use the word “stewards” to describe our relationship to the things we possess. Our time, our talent, our treasure. Jesus has taught us that they all belong to God, who allows us to use them for the living of our lives.

Beginning on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and finishing on October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will consider the theme of “Following Jesus”. We follow Jesus in faith (Oct 3), in service (Oct 10), in justice (Oct 17), and in humility (Oct 24). On October 24, you will be invited to bring forward a pledge of support for the work God has called St. Paul’s to do

over the coming year. We hope all of you will participate and keep on following Jesus where he leads. Watch for more information on Sundays and in the mail.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

**A special “thank you” to the Williamsville Fire Department** for volunteering their truck and driver(s); Erin Jankowski for handing out Sno Cones; Keith Langlotz for getting the bounce house, Sno Cone Machine, and serving Popcorn; Lee Cluckey and Tracy Galuski for their talent in balloon making; and all the parents for a great Rally Day.

The Sunday school would also like to say thank you to the Galamarini and Johnson families for donating their CD players/boom boxes to the Sunday School. Also, “thank you” to Marley Forbach for donating a children’s Bible to our Sunday school.

### 10 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Lord God, in the midst of economic, political and social challenges we pray that you will give strength and wisdom to the people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

**11** Pray for the Rev. Dirk and Sarah Stadtlander, serving in Linguere, Senegal. Dirk pastors a Pulaar-speaking congregation of the Lutheran Church of Senegal and is an advisor to the church’s evangelism ministry among the Fulani people. Dirk and Sarah also provide support for the ministries of Lutheran Development Services of Senegal.

**12** Pray for the new ministry under development called The Bridge in New Town, Mo., as the members develop a self-sustaining ministry in a planned community through their import and coffee shop space.

### 13 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

Give thanks for Ida Hakkarinen, meteorologist, and other members of the ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology, who strive to understand and ameliorate the causes of natural disasters around the world.

**14** Thank God for Pastor Kevin Ruffcorn and members of Desert Streams Lutheran Church, Surprise, Ariz., 85 percent of whom will participate in an eight-week “Unbinding the Gospel” study. May it transform their lives.

**15** Hold up in prayer the work of Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg as Steve continues to reactivate medical dispensaries in North Maasailand in Tanzania, and as Bethany works with Maasai women to create and market beadwork internationally.

### 16 World Food Day

Pray for ELCA grassroots hunger leaders and activists, and give thanks for conscientious donors as they seek to end hunger in the United States and around the world.

### 17 21st Sunday After Pentecost

God of the nations, we give you thanks for the Christian communities in India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Give them strength to be witnesses to your love and peace. We lift up to you the companion relationships among the South Andhra Lutheran Church of India and the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.

### 18 Luke, Evangelist

Give thanks for ELCA members who serve as board members and staff in the networks of hundreds of Lutheran health facilities -- hospitals, nursing homes and other care centers.



**October  
2010**

**1 International Day of Older Persons**

Lift up in prayer the members of Shekinah Chapel, a mission congregation of the ELCA in Riverdale, Ill., which embodies a fusion of the passion of African American culture. including respect for elders, and Lutheran theology.

**2** Pray for Mark Ramseth, president of Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, and for the other seminary presidents, who will meet in Chicago in early October.

**3 19th Sunday After Pentecost**

God, we lift up the people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, that they may find peace and security.

**4 World Habitat Day**

Give thanks for the ministry of Gary and Ruth Larson, who live with their four children in Bangladesh. Gary is a lecturer at the College of Christian Theology, Bangladesh.

**5** Please pray for Good Samaritan Lutheran Church and mission developer William Siong as he begins work to establish a new congregation among the Hmong community on the East Side of St. Paul, Minn.

**6** Thank God for Table of Grace Lutheran Church, Bethel, Alaska, which has been growing since its start in 2008. The Rev. Jana Deiss notes that members are eager to invite others to be part of their fellowship.

**7** Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association of early childhood centers and schools, as its board meets October 7-9 in Chicago.

**8** Ask for God's blessing on the Rev. Paul Stone and Church of the Damascus Road. The congregation, within the walls of the Fort Dodge and Rockwell City prisons, is consistently a mission support leader in the Western Iowa Synod.

**9** Give thanks for Richard Sarker, regional representative for development and health care for the Asia Pacific Region of Global Mission, who works in the South Asian countries of India, Indonesia, Nepal and Bangladesh.



**Pancake breakfast served with sausages and a drink has officially started and will continue every fourth Sunday immediately following 9:00 am Worship.**

The proceeds from Sunday September 26th went to St. Paul's Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program to help with membership dues and a book for all moms to enjoy. A special thank you to Tony Rizzo, Marty Nowak, Lee Cluckey, and Keith Langlotz for their assistance in putting this together. MOPS is held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. It is a special time when moms get together with other moms while their children stay downstairs in our MOPPETS program having fun with our wonderful volunteers - Sharon Hehr, Nancy Noble and Arlene Bossert. If you would like to help out in our MOPPETS program, we would welcome you with open arms. There is NO need to be available every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, but any time you have available would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Shawndra Langlotz or Tracy Galuski.

**Habitat Buffalo's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, Oct. 16 from 6-10pm. 7pm dinner at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Rest. Tickets are \$40 for dinner and a cash bar and will not be available at the door. Keynote speaker is Robert Gioia, President of the John R. Oishei Foundation. Questions about the celebration will be answered by Toni Canazzi (626-5922).

**2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE**

See Pastor Wendy for your book. Profit from the sale of books supports St. Paul's Youth projects.

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"Thanks to Pat McCarty and Joann McGowan for their recent donations to our Church Library."

"Thanks to Julianna Fiddler-Woite for her donation to our Church Library of an autographed copy of a book she co-authored, "Western New York and the Gilded Age".