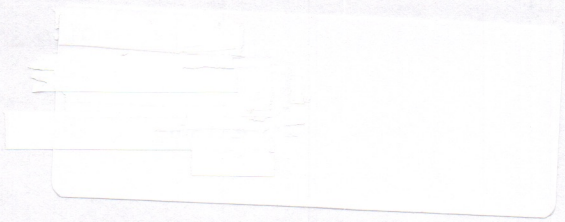




St. Paul Lutheran Church

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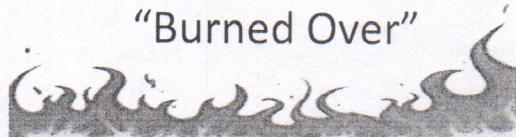
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 *Notes from the Pastor's Desk...*

**"Burned Over"**



As many of you know, Pastor Lisa and I spent a week at the famous Luther retreat center of Holden Village. Holden is very remote, can only be reached by boat and must create its own power, water supply and treatment, and everything needed must be hauled up over 2,000 feet from the lakeshore. Holden also was almost destroyed by forest fires in 2015 that burned so hot that they destroyed the old growth trees that surround the area.

Fire is essential to the well being of the forests. Several species only propagate from fires. Occasional fires are healthy for forests because they burn off underbrush and rejuvenate the plant system without destroying the older trees. But if fire doesn't come often enough, when it does come it often burns so hot that it destroys even the old growth trees.



It seems sad to look at the trunks and stumps of trees that were several hundred years old and several feet in diameter. But even when devastating fire comes to a forest, new growth and a new cycle of life will come. I remember touring Yellowstone National Park a decade after the fires of 1988. Lush grasses and other plants grew like a prairie where only trees had only been before. I went back a decade later and new trees now dotted the landscape, but they were not so thick that I could still see wide vistas that used to be blocked by thick woods. Now today, the trees are maturing and once again you don't see much from the roads that are now lined with tall timber.

The color for Reformation Sunday is red. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit first came as tongues of fire at the birth of the church. The Reformation became a fire that renewed the church by propagating and reseeding many new strands and growths of Christianity. The church always needs fire

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**Sunday Services**

**9:00 a.m.**

St. John Lutheran Church  
Elizabeth, IL

**9:00 a.m.**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Elizabeth, IL

**10:30 a.m.**

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




to continue to grow, to reseed and burn off what is not green and hinders new growth.

“Burn out” in our lives is often seen as only negative. But personal burn out shows not only that we might be working too hard, but that we might not be working or doing what is best adapted for us and what needs to be done. “Burn out” can be a sign that change and new directions or adaptations are needed because the old way isn’t green and growing anymore.

Reformation makes the church healthy. The Holy Spirit sometimes may burn over an area just to get things going again. The Holy Spirit may leave the landscape so that we don’t recognize it anymore. But the harder the fire, the more the new growth. The hotter the Spirit burns, the more we need to change our focus from what is burned out, to what is growing anew. The forest will never totally die; it will always reseed. The gospel grows fastest from the tiniest of seed, just as Jesus promised.

*May you feel the new growth of the Spirit’s fire,  
Pastor Bruce*

### Sunday Services

Date	St. John 9:00 a.m.	Trinity 9:00 a.m.	St. Paul – 10:30 a.m.
October 6			
October 13			
October 20			
October 27			



### Parish Ministries Meetings

#### Church Council

Monday, October 14 .....7:00 p.m..... Trinity  
 Sunday, October 20.....11:30 a.m. .... St. Paul  
 Tuesday, October 15.....7:30 p.m.....St. John

#### Mutual Ministry

Tuesday, December 3 .....7:30 p.m.....St. John

#### Women’s Group Ministry

Monday, October 14 .....2:00 p.m..... Trinity



## Parish Calendar of Events

<u>Event/Mtg.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u> <i>(in case of?)</i>
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Tue., Oct. 1	10:30 a.m.	St. John	Pastor Bruce
Community of Christians Meeting	Wed., Oct. 2	1:30 p.m.	St. Paul, Elizabeth	Pastor Bruce
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Wed., Oct. 2	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pastor Bruce
Quilting	Thu., Oct. 3	9:00 a.m. - ?	St. John	Eileen Hughes
Mission/Harvest Worship Festival*	Sun., Oct. 6	9:00 a.m.	St. John	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Elizabeth Nursing Home Worship	Sun., Oct. 6	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nursing Home	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Hanover Community Meal	Sun., Oct. 6	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	VFW, Hanover	Lois Baker
Directory Meeting	Mon., Oct. 7	1:00 p.m.	Trinity	Chris Beyer
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Tue., Oct. 8	10:30 a.m.	St. John	Pastor Bruce
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Wed., Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pastor Bruce
Parish Women's Group Meeting*	Mon., Oct. 14	2:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pastor Lisa
Trinity Council Meeting	Mon., Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pattie Krippendorf
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Tue., Oct. 15	10:30 a.m.	St. John	Pastor Bruce
St. John Council Meeting	Tue., Oct. 15	7:30 p.m.	St. John	Rene Albrecht
Trinity WELCA	Wed., Oct. 16	9:00 a.m. quilting, noon lunch, 1:00 meeting	Trinity	Marilyn Wurster
Reluctant Prophet Bible Study*	Wed., Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Trinity	Pastor Bruce
Trinity WELCA Quilting	Sat., Oct. 19	9:00 a.m.	Trinity	Marilyn Wurster
St. Paul Council Meeting	Sun., Oct. 20	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Don Crawford
Pastors at Continuing Education*	Mon., Oct. 21- Wed., Oct. 23	All Day	Lombard Mennonite Peace Center	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
Reformation Sunday	Sun., Oct. 27	All Day	All the churches!	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
St. John Pancake Breakfast*	Sun., Oct. 27	10:00 a.m.	St. John	Rene Albrecht
Stockton Nursing Home Worship	Sun., Oct. 27	1:30 p.m.	Waverly Place	Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa

<u>Event/Mtg.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u> <i>(in case of ?)</i>
Elizabeth Community Meal	Tue., Oct. 29	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Community Building	Pastor Bruce

## Parish Announcements

### Moses: The Reluctant Prophet Bible Study



Our Fall Bible Study is of one of the most influential people in the Bible, Moses, and we will use Adam Hamilton's book and DVD, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* as the basis for our study. The book is available online or in ebook format, but you don't need to read the book to come and join our study as we will be reading the Biblical stories of Moses and discussing how they relate to our lives as often reluctant disciples. Our study will run six weeks starting on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with sessions on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 at St. John and on Wednesday night at 7:00 at Trinity. Please come and drop in and enjoy the stories and the videos of the Holy Land Moses sites.

### Mission/Harvest Sunday at St. John

It's time to celebrate the fall harvest and recommit ourselves to God's mission in the world. This year, on Sunday, October 6, the folks at St. John will combine their Mission and Harvest celebrations into one, with an emphasis on doing our part to end world hunger. A speaker from Bread for the World, an organization that advocates our leaders to create legislation that promotes the nutritional welfare of children, mothers and all people around the world, will give a presentation after the service. Special music from the No Worries Band and food will also be a part of the day.

### Parish Women's Group Meeting

Our Parish Women's Group will meet on Monday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity. Please make sure you have the Gather Magazine Bible Study (if you have subscribed) and your Bible at the meeting.

### Pastors at Continuing Education

Your pastors will begin the second year of their training on family systems and helping congregations deal with conflict Monday, October 21 through Wednesday, October 23 at the Advanced Clergy Clinic, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, in Lombard. They will check their phone, texts and email periodically throughout the days and will respond asap.

### Reformation Sunday

Sunday Oct. 27 is the day for the RED of the Holy Spirit. Please wear red if you can as we gather to celebrate the gifts of the Reformation and the continuing work of the Spirit among us. Come to be REVIVED and catch the Spirit!

## Wanted: Pictures for All Saints Sunday

Once again, our churches will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 3 by reading the names of those who have died since last year, as well as collecting and displaying photos of any loved ones who have died at any time. If you have already supplied a photograph, we still have them from previous years. But if you have photos of anyone else you'd like to display in church, please leave them in the designated boxes that will go out at the back of each church. Please give us copies, not originals, and indicate the names of the deceased. We appreciate your help to make this a special day by adding these pictures of our saints as we gather with them in worship.

## New Parish Directory Project: We need your help!



We are gathering information for our informational (not a membership) new, parish directory. The deadline for forms to be filled out by children and grandchildren to get listed as separate entries in the directory is requested by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Unless separate forms for other family members are received they will just be included on the family page of the directory. These forms can be found at the back of the church and can be dropped off in the designated box or basket at the church or emailed to [scenichillsparish@gmail.com](mailto:scenichillsparish@gmail.com). We are also asking that EVERYONE submit a photo for us to use in the pictorial directory. This can be any photo that shows your faces well and can be left as a photo that we will copy and return to you, a duplicate for us to digitize or an electronic file. This can be dropped off at the back of any of the churches in the directory box, or emailed to [scenichillsparish@gmail.com](mailto:scenichillsparish@gmail.com). If you do not or cannot submit a picture by Oct. 6, we will have two Sundays in October where someone will be available to snap pictures for the directory at each church. Each church has a member in charge for that church. Questions, information and comments and concerns can be directed to each of them and to the pastors. For St. John, contact Charlotte Blackburn (815)947-2031. For Trinity, contact Chris Beyer (815)598-3322. For St. Paul, Kathy Teberg (815)273-2199.

## Picture Days for the Directory

Pictures for our directory are necessary if we are to be welcoming to new and newer members who may not be familiar with all our faces. For most people who have not submitted pictures to date, we will have people at each church for two Sundays coming up so that you can have your picture snapped. For St. John and St. Paul we will be taking pictures on Sundays Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. For Trinity we will be taking pictures on Sundays Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please get your picture in the directory so that we can help everyone know all our members!

## Newsletter Submissions

We love to get articles, thank yous, information on events for our newsletters. If you have anything you wish to submit, please send it to the parish email at [scenichillsparish@gmail.com](mailto:scenichillsparish@gmail.com) or contact the pastors by phone or text. By hearing from you we can improve our newsletter!

Thank you,  
Laura Marquez, Editor



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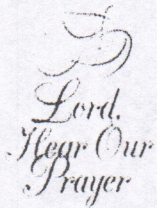
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## **WELCA News**

St Paul WELCA will be participating, with a food stand, in the Autumn Craft Fair to be held at the River Ridge Schools. The craft fair is planned for Columbus Day Weekend. It should be a great event for all!

We have received information on the Women of The ELCA 2020 Gathering to be held July 16th thru the 19th, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ. All women of the ELCA are invited and encouraged to attend. Please let us know if you are interested and more information will be shared.

## **Prayer List**



Please continue to pray for those with special prayer needs: Jack White, Tonya Burke (Dolly's niece) Bill Evans, Marcia Holmbo, Lynn Jerde, Gerry Norton, Libby Tipton, Kay Watson, Jackie Reusch, sister-in-law of Anna Appleby (Raymond's wife), and Karl Croffoot. Our shut-ins: Anna Appleby and Sue Vandervate.

If you would like to serve as a "prayer warrior" on the Prayer Chain and pray or know of someone who needs prayer, please call Barbara Schaible at (815-591-3306). And if you can provide an update on anyone on this list who is not a church member, please contact the pastors. Thank you.