

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

October 4th, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the glory of God! The skies proclaim God's handiwork. The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth. Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

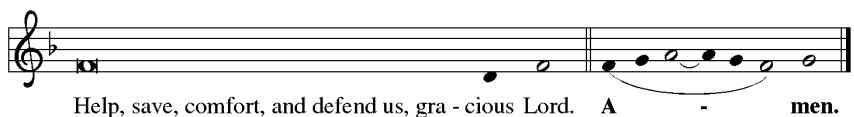
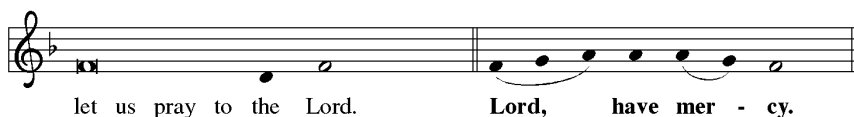
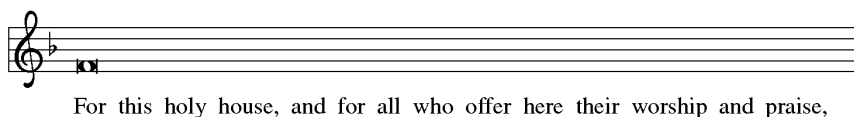
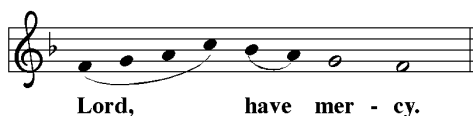
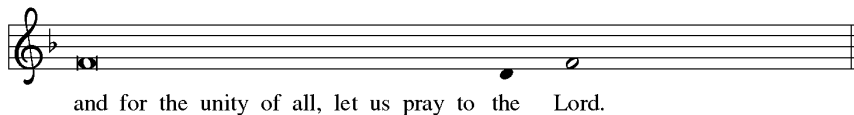
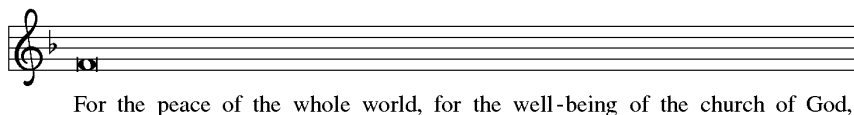
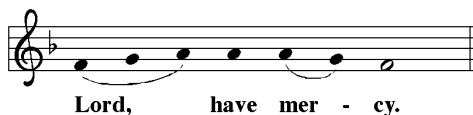
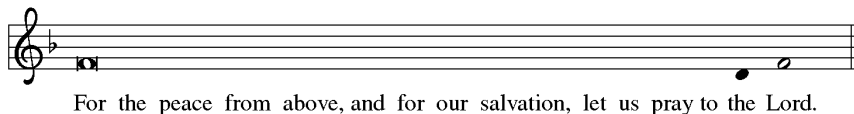
Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: #731 Earth and All Stars

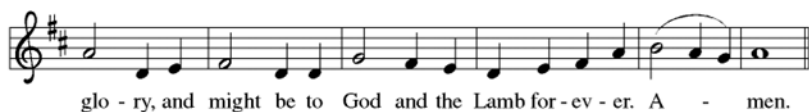
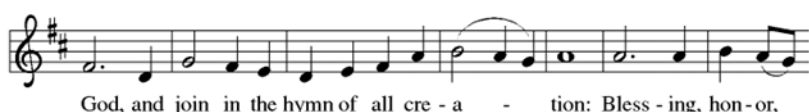
GREETING (p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (p. 138)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we too radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul's Choir "My Tribute"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (CEB)

The God of the exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbor.

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ You must have no other gods before me.

⁴ Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.

⁷ Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. ⁹ Six days you may work and do all your tasks,

¹² Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ Do not kill.

¹⁴ Do not commit adultery.

¹⁵ Do not steal.

¹⁶ Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

¹⁷ Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. ¹⁹ They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we'll die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don't sin."

Psalm: Psalm 19 (CEB)

¹ Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

² **One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

³ Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—

⁴ **but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.**

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

⁵ The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

**⁶ It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.**

Nothing escapes its heat.

⁷ The Lord's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.

The Lord's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.

**⁸ The Lord's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.**

**The Lord's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.**

⁹ Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.

The Lord's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!

**¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!**

**They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!**

¹¹ No doubt about it:
your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.

**¹² But can anyone know
what they've accidentally done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin**

¹³ and save your servant from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me.

Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

**¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (CEB)

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection

motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

⁵ I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

⁶ With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

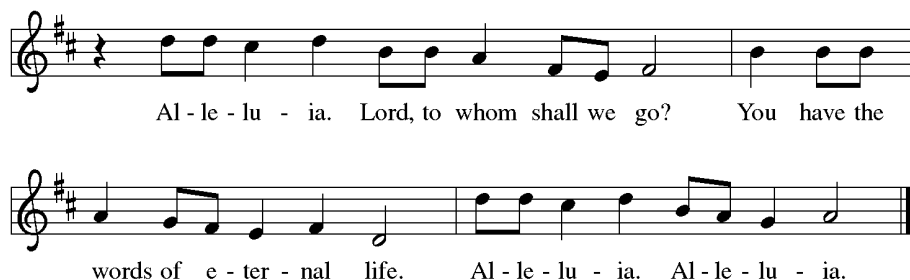
With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

⁷ These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. ¹⁰ The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death ¹¹ so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

¹² It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me.

¹⁴ The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Before: The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 (CEB)

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. ³⁴ When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. ³⁵ But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

³⁶ “Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹ They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?* ⁴³ Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

⁴⁵ Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "The Prize Is the Presence"

HYMN OF THE DAY: #652 Built on a Rock

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: ...that all may know: **you are the Lord our God, who brings us out of bondage and into freedom.**

OFFERING

Straining forward to what lies ahead, let us offer ourselves to God.

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: As the bride offers all that she is and all that she has to her bridegroom, so we offer ourselves to you, our heavenly bridegroom. May these offerings increase our joy and reflect your glory. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you, Father of mercies, because when the gift of your grace was rejected by your creation

people you offered it to your chosen people, and when it was rejected by your chosen people you offered it once more in your Son. When your Son was rejected and crucified you came not in wrath but in the power of your Holy Spirit to spread the good news of restoration, reconciliation, and resurrection, beginning in Jerusalem and on to the ends of the earth. And so we stand before you not in fear of your judgment but rejoicing in your abundant mercy, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to sing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(p. 145)

...Great is the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

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.

LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! Let us sing:



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Each group at the altar rail will be dismissed with a blessing. Please give a family Communion card to an usher. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as you come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns: #595 Jesus Loves Me!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Now the love of the Creator, who rescues us from slavery, the grace of the Savior, who redeems us from brokenness, and the peace of the Spirit, who moves us into freedom, surround you, uphold you, and sustain you, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: # 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

CHARGE: Beloved, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of our heavenly call in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN

October 4th, 2026

19th Sunday After Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Lowland family	Trevin Monahan
Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson	Mark Peterson
Glorrayne Casmey	Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager
Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau	Luanne Devos
Loren Sanderson	Highland Bravold	

For our missionaries: Steve & Kelly Solheim
City of Joy Rwanda

For our servicemen: Brandon Johnson D.J. Brace

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, marianbakken@gmail.com.

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

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Alvern Wentzel

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Fellowship*

WELCA

Livestream

Anna Peterson

*Lydia Rachel Circle is serving to benefit the Solheim ministry in Honduras; freewill offering.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE TEAM

Thank you, Awesome October Worship Team, for serving this month. Please take a moment to review the sign up calendar on the bulletin board; signing up early is helpful. THANKS A BUNCH!

Jean Ann Bienek

Mark and Nancy Bruggeman

Loren and Carol Johnson

Craig and Sue Laplante

Carol Solheim

Alvern Wentzel

Many thanks Super-Duper September Team, and for substitute

Marlys Demarais! 😊

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matt. 22:1-14

Readings for October 11th, 2026

20th Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am- 2pm, and Tuesday 12-5 pm. Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business.

Worship via Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn

Sunday, October 4

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am**

19th Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
Worship and Communion
Fellowship**

Monday, October 5

**8:30 am
5:30 pm**

**LWR Quilting
Stewardship Committee meeting**

Tuesday, October 6

**7:00 am
7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship
AA**

Wednesday, October 7

**8:30 am
7:00 pm
7:00 pm**

**Senior Quilts
Confirmation
Choir practice**

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9

Pastor's Day off

Church office closed

Sunday, October 11

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am**

20th Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

September 27th, 2026

Attendance: 80

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,008.72
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 30.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 10.00
Noisy Offering	\$ 111.56
Memorials	\$ 175.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$3,048.72
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 296.56
Total Received	\$3,345.28

Thank you, Church, for the support you always provide!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church		
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT: AUGUST		
	Month	Y-T-D
Amount needed to meet budgeted items	\$ 20,260.17	\$ 162,081.36
Receipts toward budget	\$ 14,914.71	\$ 145,144.92
Other receipts	\$ 2,521.75	\$ 17,555.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 17,436.46	\$ 162,700.42
Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 21,967.43	\$ 141,592.52
Other Disbursements	\$ 13,853.78	\$ 26,503.58
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 35,821.21	\$ 168,096.10
	Income/Loss YTD	\$ 3,552.40
	Due to Mission Support	\$ (5,467.80)
	Net Income YTD	\$ (1,915.40)

SPECIAL MESSAGES

NEW TO WORSHIP: THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

You will notice a brief prayer added before our scripture readings. This is called a *Prayer of Illumination*. Its purpose is simple: it is a prayer to ready our ears and our hearts to hear God's Word. Before the scriptures are read, we take this moment together to ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds and guide our understanding so we can truly receive what God is speaking to us today.

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S BOOK READ

St. Paul's Women's Book Read will meet on Sunday, October 18th, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Our October book is "*The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club*" by Helen Simonson. Books are available for "checkout" at the church. We extend a warm welcome to all who may be interested. Join us for lively discussions and Christian fellowship!

Trinity Lutheran/WELCA Fall Bake Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church will host WELCA'S Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, October 11, in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 a.m. "Flannel Sunday" Worship Service.

UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer is a vital part of our church family, and we want to ensure we are faithfully lifting up those in need. Over the past few years, our printed prayer list has grown significantly. To help us refocus the list on its intended purpose—supporting those with immediate and urgent prayer needs—we are beginning a thoughtful process to update it.

Over the coming weeks and months, Pastor Curt will be reaching out to those currently on the list. The goal of these calls is simply to check in, offer our continued support, and ask for updates on how folks are doing. As we hear back, we will gently transition the list to reflect active, current needs and remove situations that have been resolved.

If you have an update regarding someone currently on the list, or if you would like to submit a new prayer request, please contact the church office. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued prayers for our community.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Stenshoel-Houske Funeral and Cremation Service is hosting a Grief Support Group on the third Monday of every month at the Crookston Public Library/Lake Agassiz Regional Library from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The group is open to anyone; it is helpful for people in all stages of the grief cycle, to find a place where they can feel comfortable and be with people who understand what they are going through. The next gathering will be on **Oct. 19.**

MN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Minnesota program is free and provides benefits of up to \$1,400, plus additional support to respond to emergencies.

Who qualifies?

Both renters and homeowners can qualify. Eligibility is based on income and household size. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$73,969 annually and qualify to receive financial assistance with energy bills. The Energy Assistance Application is available online at:

<https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us/>

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. Whether your loss is recent or happened years ago. Each meeting combines guidance from grief experts, along with honest conversations and encouragement from others who understand what you are going through. Concordia Lutheran Church in Fertile will start a

Griefshare group this Tuesday, September 29, starting at 6:30 pm. Grief Share will run every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Concordia Lutheran Church for sign-up or more

information at (218) 945-6696. **There is still time to sign up!**



FREE WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT FARMERS IN TIMES OF STRESS

The MDA and partners in the Farm Suicide Prevention Campaign are offering free, two-hour workshops for people who live and work in agricultural communities. You do not need to be a mental health professional to participate. These workshops provide practical tools to recognize when someone may be struggling, start a caring conversation, and connect them with support.

QPR for Agriculture:

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Agriculture teaches three steps anyone can take to recognize warning signs, have a supportive conversation, and connect someone at risk with appropriate care and resources.

- Oct. 14, 10 a.m.–noon, Ada
- Oct. 22, 10 a.m.–noon, Thief River Falls

COMET:

Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory (COMET) teaches participants how to start a caring conversation with someone who seems sad, withdrawn, or not quite themselves.

Participants use a seven-question guide to help someone move away from a potential crisis and toward wellness.

- **Oct. 30, 10 a.m.–noon, Crookston**

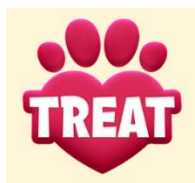


Register for QPR for Agriculture and COMET Workshops on Eventbrite

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/farm-suicide-prevention-campaign>

PURSE BINGO NIGHT AT SCRUFFY TAILS

Join us for an enchanting evening of **Bingo for a purpose**. Scruffy Tails is hosting its 3rd Annual Purse Bingo Night on November 14th. The event will be held at the Eagles Club in Crookston: Doors open at 6:00 pm, and bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$50.00:



Includes 10 Bingo games! Chance to win beautiful purses throughout the evening! **Also featuring:** Raffles, 50/50 Drawing, Additional games and prizes. An online Silent Auction will be in the days leading up to the event, giving everyone a chance to bid on amazing items!

Scruffy tails is a No-Kill Animal Shelter.

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School: This morning, our children explored the incredible story of "Saul to Paul." They learned how Saul, who originally wanted to arrest Christians in Damascus, was stopped on the road by a blinding light and the voice of Jesus. The class discovered how a temporarily blind Saul was led into the city to wait and pray, where God sent a brave man named Ananias to pray for him. The lesson concluded with the beautiful reminder that God can change anyone's heart, as Saul regained his sight, was baptized as Paul, and dedicated the rest of his life to sharing how Jesus changed his heart.

Confirmation: This week, our confirmands will explore the liturgical "Seasons Related to Easter," learning about the meaning and traditions of Lent, the Three Days, and Easter Sunday. Alongside their lesson, which includes reading and interpreting Romans 8:31-39, the youth will put their faith into action by assembling over 100 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. A huge thank you to the congregation for your generous donations of supplies that make this hands-on global service project possible!

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Questions for Reflection

What has been holding you captive? What would you lose if you claimed Sabbath rest? What would you gain?

Household Prayer: Morning

Faithful God, you remain when others forsake. When I am tempted to abandon myself today, help me to stay present to this moment, that I may know and do your will. Through the Creator who enfolds me, Christ who defends me, and the Spirit who never abandons me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, bring me back from today's distractions to the stillness of your presence, that I may rest in your enfolding arms. Amen.