



October 2025



## Harmonious Stewardship

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into

unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base

line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel. The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the

### Inside this issue:

LCMS Stewardship Article	1
Our Great Heritage: Rosa Young	2
Life Quotes	5
Announcements	6
Council Meeting Minutes	8
From the Preschool	10
Birthdays and Anniversaries	11
Those Who Serve	12
Weekly Scripture Readings	12
Word Search	13

**HARMONIOUS STEWARDSHIP** *continued*

saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

Harmonious Stewardship. (2025, October). *LCMS Stewardship Ministry, Newsletter Article*. <https://lcms.org/stewardship>



## Our Great Heritage: Rosa Young

By Molly Lackey

### Rosa Young

A.D. 1890–1971

Spurred on by a deep love for her neighbor, Rosa Young brought education and the Gospel to a region deeply in need.

In [this series](#), Lutheran historian Molly Lackey will trace the history of the church, from the time of the apostles through the twentieth century. As the Body of Christ, our history transcends time, country and citizenship: "God's Word is our great heritage."



**OUR GREAT HERITAGE: ROSA YOUNG** *continued*

Imagine you are a student at the Rosebud School in Rosebud, Alabama. Your parents were born into slavery and freed at the end of the Civil War, but that wasn't the end of your hardships: You are incredibly poor, and no one in your family can read or write. A young woman from the community, Rosa Young, started a school in Rosebud a few years ago, but now it is on the verge of closing. You like going to school — Ms. Young expects a lot from you, but she is encouraging, always reminding you to pray and thank God for what you have — but you can barely afford to pay the 25-cent monthly tuition. You need someone to help fund the school.

One morning, Ms. Young announces in chapel that you have a special guest today, Pastor Bakke, a Lutheran preacher from St. Louis. You're not sure what a Lutheran is, but the hymns he teaches you tell you so much about Jesus, and his sermon about God's love for you on the cross is like nothing you've ever heard. But why is he here? Are these Lutherans going to help with your school and teach you more about Jesus?

### From impoverished child to school founder

Rosa Young was born on May 14, 1890, in Rosebud, Ala., in a region known as the Black Belt. This very poor, very rural part of South Alabama was characterized by fertile black soil, which, in turn, made possible large-scale cotton plantations and a large slave population before the Civil War.

Rosa was born some 25 years after the abolition of slavery, but the effects of the institution were still keenly felt in this part of Alabama. Black people in Rosebud and the surrounding region lived in a state of physical, intellectual and spiritual poverty that is unfathomable to us today. In her autobiography, Young describes children walking to school in winter, barefoot and half-naked, and 15-year-olds who could not read or write. Large families slept in single-room houses without furniture, plates or utensils. Perhaps most upsetting to Rosa was the widespread neglect of Christian teaching. Mercenary preachers greedily snatched up what little money these poor people could give — and then mocked and abused them behind their backs.

Rosa Young had always wanted to become a teacher. She attended Daniel Payne College and graduated valedictorian in 1909. After working as an itinerant teacher throughout the Black Belt, she returned to Rosebud in 1912 to found her own school. Rosa gave up her entire \$200 life savings to start the Rosebud Literary and Industrial School, and local families — black and white — assisted in funding and building the project. She envisioned a school for black children that would exceed state education standards and also teach the basic tenets of the Christian faith, and that would be affordable enough that no child would ever be turned away.

The Rosebud School grew in its first two years from seven to over 200 students. But disaster struck in 1914, when the Black Belt region was struck by a boll weevil infestation. The boll weevil is a small insect that eats and destroys cotton plants, the primary cash crop of the region. Families saw their small livelihoods evaporate overnight, as many farmers struggled to harvest even a single bale of cotton from their fields. Enrollment at the Rosebud School plummeted, and the students who remained were unable to pay their tuition in cash, paying in farm produce instead. Rosa Young gave herself a 35-cent salary for the year.

---

**OUR GREAT HERITAGE: ROSA YOUNG** continued**Spreading Lutheran teaching through southern Alabama**

Unwilling to close the school, Rosa Young needed someone to fund the school and keep it open. Young approached multiple church bodies, asking for help. They all refused. Desperate, Rosa wrote to Booker T. Washington, educator and leader of the Tuskegee Institute. Washington recommended that Young contact the Board of Colored Missions within the Synodical Conference, a coalition of Lutheran churches (including the LCMS), because “they were doing more for [black people] than any other denomination he knew of ... [and] because of the religious training which they were giving [black] people” (Rosa Young, *Light in the Dark Belt*, 170).

Rosa wrote to the Mission Board, and soon the Rev. Nils J. Bakke, an LCMS missionary, came down to meet Young and see the school. He met with the school board, and they came to an agreement to turn the school over to the Mission Board. No one in Rosebud was Lutheran — Young herself says she knew hardly anything about Luther and the Reformation at the time — but everyone was impressed with Rev. Bakke. Bakke began preaching and teaching in Rosebud in spite of vicious opposition and slander from the local non-Lutheran clergy. But the Holy Spirit was active in the face of this adversity: Rosa Young was confirmed on Palm Sunday 1916, one of the first black people to be confirmed Lutheran in Alabama.

Because of the tireless work of Rosa Young, both education and Lutheran teaching spread throughout the black population of South Alabama. Young was involved in establishing 30 Lutheran schools and 35 Lutheran churches in Alabama. She was given an honorary doctorate by Concordia Theological Seminary in 1961 in recognition of her work, the first woman and first black person to receive such an honor in the LCMS. In 1977, six years after her death, Wilcox County, home of Rosa Young and the Rosebud School, had produced more black LCMS pastors than any other region in the country.

Throughout her life, Rosa Young prayed without ceasing, casting all of her cares on Jesus and trusting Him to provide for her every need. Her concern for the physical, intellectual and spiritual needs of her neighbor and her hopeful industriousness in the face of immense challenges is an inspiration to all of us today. May the Lord stir up in us a faith and a love for our neighbors like that which He stirred up in His saint Rosa Young.

---

**Editor's Note:** The final installment of [this series](#), on J.A.O. Preus, who fought to keep the LCMS faithful to Scripture, will be posted two weeks from today. Check back then or [follow us on social media](#) to catch it!

---

*Image: Concordia Historical Institute.*

**About The Author**

[Molly Lackey](#) is a wife, writer, and the social media and special projects assistant at Concordia Historical Institute.

Lackey, Molly., (2024, August 28). Our Great Heritage: Rosa Young. *The Lutheran Witness-Articles, Series.-History*  
<https://witness.lcms.org/2024/rosa-young/>

---



**LUTHERANS**  
**FOR LIFE**

## *Life Quotes for October*

**October 5** “We shouldn’t expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God’s blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ.” *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**October 12** “We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father’s throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON!” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**October 19** “You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity.” *Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**October 26** “We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*





# Announcements



## Women's Bible Study



Attention ladies! Bible study dates for the remainder of 2025 are listed here. Mark your calendars and join us for time in God's Word. Studies are found in the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, Fall 2025 issue. Pick one up on the Friendship Circle table or there will be copies at the meeting. All meetings are at St. Paul's at 6:30pm.

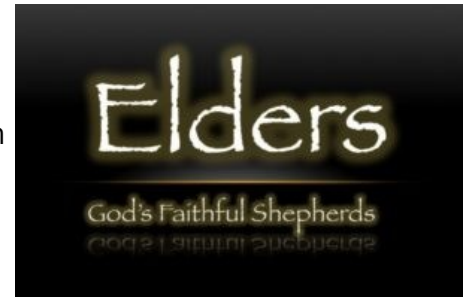
- October 8 – *Let Us Be Your Hands and Feet*
- October 22 – *Sharing Our Gifts as We Work for the Lord*
- November 12 – *We Have Received Grace upon Grace*

If you have any questions, reach out to Erin Cardina at 440-231-5613 or [e.l.cardina@gmail.com](mailto:e.l.cardina@gmail.com).



## Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is looking to add up to three new male church members to the Board now and in the near future. Elders are laymen who assist the pastor in providing spiritual leadership and care to the congregation along with offering counsel and support to the pastor. An elder is to be an example to the congregation in their daily lives, demonstrating Christian maturity and faithfulness.



If you feel this describes you as a member of St Paul's please prayerfully consider becoming an Elder. If you would like to become an Elder please contact Dale Kerver, Chairman of the Board of Elders @ 440-840-0437(C) or email [dalekerver@hotmail.com](mailto:dalekerver@hotmail.com). You may also contact any of the Elders with your interest.

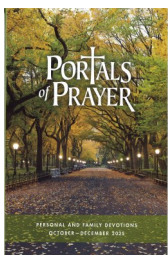
## Altar Flowers



Is there a date or event you would like to celebrate or a special someone you would like to honor or remember. Donating altar flowers is a great way to do that! All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend on the altar chart, add the occasion or person and who the flowers are from. Be sure to print clearly. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$40.00. The cash or check can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and placed in the collection plate.

## October Food Bank Items

Zion Food Pantry is requesting, **Cereal, Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper are examples) and Spaghetti Sauce.** As always other items are appreciated. For those in need, the Food Bank is open on the last two Tuesday days of the month from 5:30—7:00pm. (October 21 & 28).



## October-December 2025 Portals of Prayer Now Available

The October—December Portals of Prayer daily devotions is now available. Copies can be found on the table at the back of the .



## September Meeting Minutes

### Reports

President's Report. (Terry Wakelee)

1. Parking lot and driveway repairs completed and parsonage repairs underway.
2. The Call Committee has selected a pastor to recommended to the congregation. Congregational meeting will be held on 9/21 to vote on extending the call.
  - a. Motion to accept the call committee's recommendations regarding compensation by: Eric. Second: Dale. Result: passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines) – nothing to report

Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton)

1. Financial statements were provided for July. Many payments have been made for improvements and replacing old assets. A summary of many of these will be provided when complete. The Kujala estate funds are being put to good use. The utilities include both the church and the parsonage.

Education Report. (Eric Drake)

1. Rally Day is on Sunday, September 7. Bible Studies and Sunday school to resume.

Preschool Report. (Starshine Graziadei) – nothing to report

Elder's Report. (Dale Kerver)

1. Pulpit supply secured through the end of year.
2. Will be looking for up to 3 new elders.

Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)

1. Organizing a Turkey Bowl in November at Rich's Lanes.
2. Supplementary funds will come from Outreach budget, if needed.

Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake) – nothing to report

Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines)

1. Open house was successful. Total attendance was 107.
2. Rose's Fun Mats (James Fiorta) has been paid, our advertisement will be on the next set of 20,000 copies at Perry Family Restaurant.
3. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 25.
4. Added events to the St. Paul's website – Rally Day, Trunk or Treat, and Crocheting with Christ.
5. Crocheting with Christ group starts November 6.
6. Visitor bags to be updated.



**SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES** *continued*

## Building &amp; Grounds Report. (Dennis Concoy)

1. Many repairs completed and pending at the parsonage. See report.
2. Bushes trimmed around parking lot and clean-up of front flower bed.
3. New commercial refrigerator to be delivered 9/5/2025.
4. Looking to level the concrete pad by the preschool doors to prevent water damage to the building.
5. Garage doors need painted.

## Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina)

1. Contributions are consistent overall.

**Old Business**

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed).
2. Parsonage fence repairs. On hold.
3. WEB analytics usage.
4. Call Committee update. See president's report.
5. Commercial refrigerator replacement. See Building and Grounds report.

**New Business**

1. Replacement of church office computer. Joe Graziedei will locate a replacement device.
2. Parking lot repair, sealing, and restriping were completed.
3. Sanctuary carpeting replacement
4. Parsonage and pine tree trimming in fall. Bids will be sought out in the fall.
5. One Call representative recommended staying on the current plan, but we need to pay by October 7 to rollover credits. Church and Preschool share the cost (alternating years). Contact information will be updated after the church directory is updated.

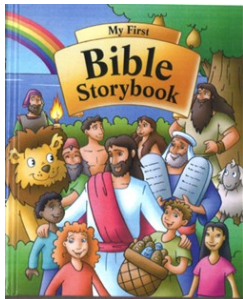
**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 6:30pm**





## From the Preschool

### *Preschool Bibles Presented*



On October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> the preschool will be presenting **28 Bibles** to the new children attending this year. It is through your generous donations to Bible Buddies that we are able to provide these Bibles. We thank you for your continued support of this mission. The teachers connect what they are doing in class with the Bibles and the children can read the lessons together with their families. What a wonderful way to get God's message into the homes of these children!

## Thank You for Your Support

St. Paul's Preschool staff would like to thank everyone that took a firefly from the board and made Amazon purchases for our program. We are continuing to strive to improve our program each and every year and your support has helped us reach that goal. Thank you for helping us share God's love through this wonderful ministry.



## Annual Popcorn Sale

The annual Preschool popcorn sale will be starting soon. **held September 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Their financial support comes solely from tuition so they hold fundraisers to help with their program needs. Order forms can be found on the kitchen counter.

## October Birthdays

Kathy Clark	Oct 08
Judith Kerver	Oct 09
Eleanor Fischbach	Oct 12
Claire Hines	Oct 18
Erin Cardina	Oct 20
Anja Durfee	Oct 24
Nancee Thomas	Oct 24
Eric West	Oct 25
Callie Atwell	Oct 25
Cheryl Dewit	Oct 27



## October Anniversaries

Eric and Debbi Davis	30 years on Oct 14
Kevin and Diane Kiel	30 years on Oct 15
Ed and Kelly Hines	20 years on Oct 15
Rory and Laurie Srebernak	21 years on Oct 15
John and Rosemary Galayda	45 years on Oct 17





## Those Who Serve: October 2025

### ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday

9:30 A Sunday

### COUNTERS:

Tom Cardina, Craig McConnell,

Kristi McConnell

### LECTORS:

10-04-25 6:00 P Saturday

10-05-25 9:30 A Sunday

10-11-25 6:00 P Saturday

10-12-25 9:30 A Sunday

10-18-25 6:00 P Saturday

10-19-25 9:30 A Sunday

10-25-25 6:00 P Saturday

10-06-25 9:30 A Sunday



## Scripture Readings for October

### October 4/5

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

### October 18/19 [LWML Weekend]

Isaiah 62:1-7

Romans 10:11-17

Luke 24:44-53

### October 11/12

Ruth 1:1-19

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19

### October 25/26 [Reformation Weekend]

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

Matthew 11:12-19 or John 8:31-36





# October Word Search

S	T	T	A	E	R	T	R	O	K	C	I	R	T
A	E	T	R	M	A	P	L	E	T	R	E	E	A
O	H	D	U	G	I	N	G	E	R	B	L	T	E
S	A	P	I	R	I	O	A	G	E	A	A	L	H
P	R	U	C	R	M	E	I	O	D	E	G	L	W
E	V	M	S	A	Y	E	E	L	I	L	N	A	E
R	E	P	D	D	N	A	R	D	C	S	A	B	L
S	S	K	R	E	P	D	H	I	M	O	L	T	D
I	T	I	U	R	T	E	Y	U	C	G	A	O	I
M	G	N	O	R	G	S	M	P	R	N	G	O	G
M	R	S	G	N	R	A	P	P	L	E	S	F	A
O	C	A	A	A	K	L	A	T	S	N	R	O	C
N	R	R	E	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N	R
S	O	P	R	C	O	R	N	M	A	Z	E	L	A

BALE  
TURMERIC  
CORN MAZE  
PERSIMMONS  
ORANGE  
CORN STALK  
FOOTBALL  
HAYRIDES  
GINGER  
MAPLE TREE  
TRICK OR TREAT  
HALLOWEEN  
WHEAT  
PUMPKINS  
HARVEST  
APPLES  
CANDY  
GOURDS  
GOLD  
MUMS  
CIDER  
PEARS  
RED  
GALANGAL

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/8779197/>

© thewordsearch.com

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool  
250 Bowhall Road Painesville, OH 44077  
440-354-3000 | [www.splcpainesville.org](http://www.splcpainesville.org) | [office@splcpainesville.org](mailto:office@splcpainesville.org)

*"I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122:1*

#### Staff

Matt Chaffe, Organist  
Peggy McDonnell, Admin Assistant

#### Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am

#### Sunday Bible Study

Children 10:45 am

#### St. Paul's Preschool

Amy Marizek, Director  
[preschool@splcpainesville.org](mailto:preschool@splcpainesville.org)  
[www.stpaulspainesville.com](http://www.stpaulspainesville.com)

Also Supporting



St. Paul's Preschool



A Great Place To Grow

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> </div> <div> <b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>            Saturdays - 6:00pm            Sundays - 9:30am            Sunday School - 10:45am            Adult Bible Study—8:30am &amp; 10:45am         </div>			1 6:30 pm Council Meeting	2 No Preschool— Teacher In-Service	3 World Smile Day	4 
Oct Birthstone Opal & Tourmalin	Oct Flower Calendula					
5 	6	7 Preschool Chapel	8 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	9 Preschool Picnic	10	11
12 National Farmers Day	13  Columbus Day	14 Preschool-Morley Library	15	16	17 November Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due	18 LWML Weekend 
19  LWML Weekend	20	21	22 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	23 Preschool-Picture Day	24	25 
26 	27 Black Cat Day	28 Preschool-Fire Department Field Trip	29 National Cat Day	30 National Candy Corn Day	31  Happy Halloween	<div>Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm</div> <div>Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays</div>