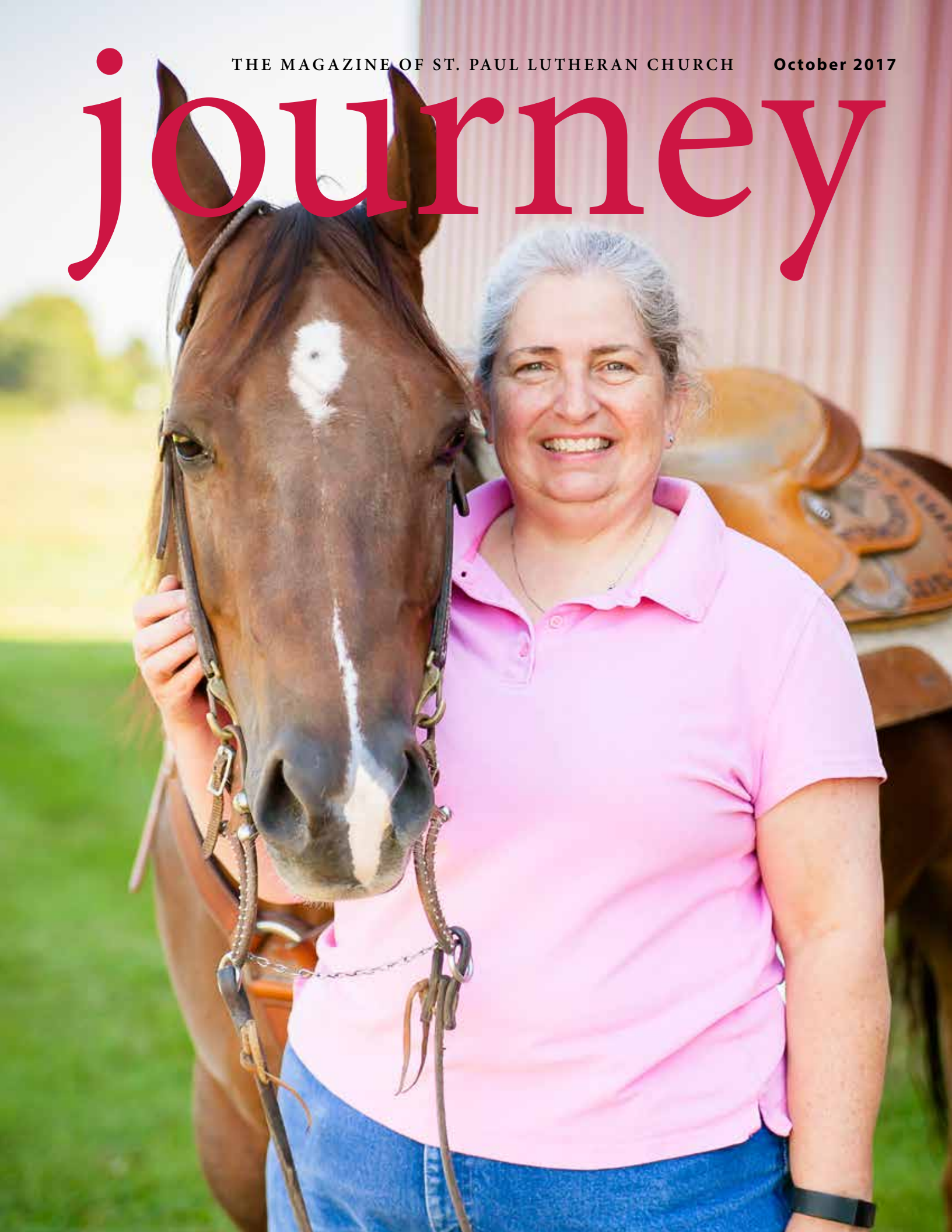


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Miss Mary Nelson

A few months ago, I received a small old book as a gift from a friend. The blue cover is so smudged with dirt that it's hard to read the imprint: Catechism. 1922.



ON THE COVER:

Joyce Nuernberger with her horse, Jake.

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As with many old books, its character doesn't come just from being old and worn but from the clues it gives about the people who first read it. According to the loopy cursive inside the front cover, a Miss Mary Nelson spent 25 cents on this tiny handbook of faith, officially titled: *Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, with Explanation*.

For me, the real joy of this 1922 catechism isn't simply in the typed words that articulate belief and trust in God. The surprising delight of this particular catechism is found inside the back cover.

There you see how Miss Mary Nelson took some notes about John who was "one of the followers of Jesus." She reminded herself to "write a prayer & turn in on Wed." But then, further down, Miss Mary Nelson comes to life in my imagination, with the simple little note: "ask Flo what Helen told her." And "Thurs. Dinner at the parsonage."

It brings me such joy, imagining her in a church basement holding her Bible and catechism, thinking not just about the Lord's Prayer but about her friends. I can see her sitting at the parsonage dining room table with a meal on the pastor's best dishes. She reminds us that our faith is not only formed by the most perfectly articulated theology. Faith is shaped in and through relationships.

I'd be willing to bet that when Miss Mary Nelson looked back upon her life, decades later, she might not remember Luther's explanation of the Apostle's Creed. But I'd guess that she found strength and courage in memories of that dinner on a Thursday, conversations with Helen and Flo, and the ways she came to know the promises she read about embodied in that community around her.

This month we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In October 1517, Martin Luther nailed a paper listing 95 arguments about what needed to change in the church. It sparked a series of events that transformed the world and the Church.

This anniversary year has been an opportunity to renew our work toward unity among all Christians, particularly those in Lutheran and Catholic communities of faith. In learning opportunities, worship and more, we celebrate the particular contributions Luther brings to our Christian understanding. Thing like how we are we are saved, or made right with God, or loved by God, not by anything we do, but because of all God has done in Jesus' death and resurrections. And this truth that

we are simultaneously saints and sinners, with the possibility of living with deep goodness and missing the mark of right living completely. And an understanding that all people can share Christ's love in the world. And so much more.

But we celebrate this 500th anniversary not just because of ideas and brilliant theology, but because of the generations of faithful people who have followed Jesus and shared his love. People who lived with courage and generosity, who worked for justice, and boldly spoke of Christ's grace. People like now-sainted Miss Mary Nelson, unknown to me beyond this little book, but who nonetheless shared something about Christ to me.

I'm convinced that one of Martin Luther's greatest contributions to the Christian witness was how he worked tirelessly to dismantle anything that kept people from having deep and real relationships with God and with each other. Christianity can only happen in community, because of relationships. Our trust in the promises of God flourishes because of our trust in one another.

So as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, let's commit to building real and trusting relationships and fostering community where all people can know Christ's love. Let's honor one another and our differences, learn from each other, and work for the thriving of the most vulnerable. We'll never know what Helen told Flo, but like Miss Mary Nelson did on a Thursday night nearly 100 years ago, we can share a meal and our lives together, growing closer to Christ along the way.



SARA OLSON-SMITH
associate pastor

Habitat for Humanity house building continues

The Habitat for Humanity house that St. Paul is supporting with volunteers and benevolence funds is nearing completion – and you can help finish the build.

St. Paul people will gather on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m., at 901 Farnam St., Davenport. Dinner will be provided. No previous construction experience is necessary, only a willingness to learn. To sign up for the work crew, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.

Give the gift of life on Blood Donor Day

Volunteer to help others battling serious injury and illness at the fall Blood Donor Day on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Blood donation is a simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and treats afterwards. Donations are utilized by the health care facilities in the region that receive blood from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



Nova Singers to present “Today I Will _____”

Nova Singers, a 20-voice ensemble, will present a concert on Sunday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m., at St. Paul.

They say every journey begins with a single step. This program hopes to inspire you to reflect and dream big. Come empower yourself by vowing “*Today I will _____.*”

Founded in 1986 by Laura Lane, Nova Singers has a nationwide reputation for expressiveness, virtuosity, and innovative programming. Tickets are available online at www.novasingers.com or at the door.

Train to become a Care Companion

Care Companions are not experts or counselors, but people who walk alongside and share a journey for a time. Friendship, presence, and prayer are their tools. Be part of this team of compassionate people.

Training is set for Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. It will be led by Lynn Batcher and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Cleanup for St. Paul Community Garden set for Oct. 14

After a season of abundance in the St. Paul Community Garden, it is time for the soil to rest for the winter.

A cleanup is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Crews will clear the raised beds in the backyard of 2025 Main Street as well as the southern plot down the alleyway. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 15, 2-4 p.m.

This year, the garden provided produce for Café on Vine, the Madison Market, St. Paul neighbors and friends, and the annual Garden Share – the farmers-market-like giveaway on a Sunday morning in August. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

St. Paul pastors to host usher team Oct. 21

The St. Paul pastors will break out their breakfast-making skills for a time of conversation and togetherness with the St. Paul usher crew. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Ushers are the people who greet, seat, and care for worshipers and the Sanctuary every weekend. You know them by their green lanyards and big smiles as they hand out bulletins and help with offering.

This breakfast is for seasoned ushers and anyone who is interested in being an usher. Children and adults can serve as ushers.

To RSVP, please go to stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org.



WORSHIP AND SHARE A MEAL AT GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON

St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. This year, Golden Agers will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with worship in the Chapel, including a hymn sung by St. Paul staff.

Then, it's off to Fellowship Hall for a catered meal and more staff entertainment. Please RSVP to Jennifer Garvey, 563-326-3547, jennifer@stpaulqc.org.

Faithful Readers celebrates **20** years

Book group meets, explores on second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Editor's note: Katie Hanson and Dave Crowe teach at Augustana College. For the past 20 years, they have led St. Paul people through a rich variety of reading and discussion. They recently answered a few questions about the joy of leading this particular group.

How did this all begin?

Katie: As I recall, one fall day, in 1997, Peter (Marty) came to our house and said he wanted to talk to us. He wondered if we would be willing to start up a book club at St. Paul. We had three children under the age of 6 and both worked full time at Augustana College. He acknowledged that it would be a lot of work, but we quickly agreed that we'd give it a shot. We started with *A Green Journey* by the Minnesota writer, Jon Hassler, and we have been meeting eight months of the year on the second Thursday ever since.

Dave: I remember an organizational meeting we held after church one day in the choir rehearsal room. About 80 people came, expressing excitement about reading books about faith – which was both encouraging and frightening. Once the actual reading began, about 30 showed up, and soon it was more like 20. We've met with 15-25 every month since, and the members and friends have certainly evolved. There are two or three stalwarts, dear friends who have been with us the whole journey.

have a longer book, we read it for the September meeting so people can have all summer to read it. We only choose books we have read and know have theological issues incorporated in the fiction. We only choose paperback books that are readily available. We choose high quality literature, but in no particular genre. We mostly read fiction, but some nonfiction. We have read memoir, graphic novels, young adult novels, plays, and short stories. We read widely – Shakespeare and Marilynne Robinson, Elie Wiesel and C. S. Lewis.

Dave: Because we're college professors, we treat the group like a college class in a way. We open up a discussion and see where it goes, trusting in smart contributors. We try to provide biographical background on an author, and maybe point out features of the story that professional critics would notice. But mostly we just enjoy people's reactions. And then there's another college-like aspect of FR: we don't censor books much. If the stories have violence or overt sexuality or a bit of profanity, we discuss whether it's gratuitous and what it means for a Christian reader to confront those things. We view our group as sophisticated readers who aren't surprised much by contemporary culture. So we don't reject modern books. We do, however, insist that our selections include some genuine discussion of faith or God's nature or the responsibilities of believers — Christians, mainly, but also faithful Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and others.

Why do you believe FR has continued for two decades?

Katie: St. Paul has so many curious, open-minded people who love to read and talk about ideas. Our group is informal and we have plenty of social moments, but we also always discuss the books or short stories and try to figure the important themes together. Dave and I bring in outside information about the author, time period, and share articles we have read about the book, and then the group is off and running. Discussions are rich and everyone participates as he/she feels comfortable.

Dave: I think the mutual love of books and stories is very powerful, but we also benefit from the generosity of the friends and fellow parishioners who attend. They seem to forgive us our trespasses.

How do you select the books?

Katie: We have several specific criteria for our book selection. We know people are very busy, so we incorporate reading short stories instead of a novel for at least three or four months of the year. If we



Madison Market *moves to new* J.B. Young Opportunity Center

The walls are bright, the rooms are spacious. The food at the Madison Market is always delicious – fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs and milk, meat and bread, along with canned goods and yummy treats, too.

This summer, the market, which serves the families of Madison Elementary School, completed its move from the basement cafeteria at the school. It's now one part of the remodeled and remade J.B. Young Opportunity Center – just one block west of Madison and a couple of blocks south of St. Paul.

“This center will be a beacon for the neighborhood,” said Dana Welser, the neighborhood school partnership coordinator at St. Paul.

Madison Market is a partnership with the school district and River Bend Foodbank. The school district refers families, the food bank (and the St. Paul Community Garden) provides the food, and St. Paul provides the volunteers and operational management of the market.

Twice a month, Madison families come and shop for food on Tuesday afternoons. Approximately 50-60 families take part.

With the opening of the J.B. Young Opportunity Center, a second food pantry will open, too. Staffed with volunteers from the Davenport Education Association, it will share space with Madison Market but have different hours than Madison Market. That pantry will be open to the general public on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Why the second food pantry?

In the 22 counties that River Bend Foodbank serves, 119,570 people miss 21.4 million meals each year. River Bend Foodbank has set a three-year goal to close the 3,950,400 meal gap in Scott County by the end of 2018.

Why the J.B. Young Opportunity Center?

When the school district chose to close J.B. Young K-8 at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, it set out to move the district's administrative offices to the building and to create a community center. The Madison Market is just one of the partners moving in. Others include the Boys and Girls Club, Safer Foundation Youth Empowerment Program, Children's Village preschool, and Daughters of Mokanna.

The new, bright, and spacious location for Madison Market also has a few other really wonderful perks: air-conditioning, no stairs, a walk-in freezer, and a comfortable waiting room where social service agencies can set up informational tables.

As Kit Whan gave a tour recently, she noted that every family at Madison is eligible to come and shop at the market. She is one of the devoted crew who leads the effort twice a month – including trips to River Bend to pick out food to put a little joy in others' lives.

Her favorite part of being part of the pantry, though, is the people.

“I just really love getting to know the families,” she said.



MADISON MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Can you stock shelves, navigate a shopping cart like a champ, or just be a friendly face? The Madison Market needs you on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Unloading is from 8-10 a.m., the pantry is open in the afternoon at the J.B. Young Opportunity Center, 1702 N. Main Street (just south of St. Paul). Help fight hunger in our community. Contact: Dana Welser, dana@stpaulqc.org.



JAKE & JOYCE

St. Paul member leaves behind fear, finds passion for competing on horseback

A birthday party is what started it all.

Several years ago, Mary Nuernberger attended a birthday party for one of her friends at a local horse ranch. She got a coupon for a free lesson, went for that lesson, and found that it was something she really liked to do.

What no one expected was that it would ignite an interest for her mom, Joyce.

Today, Mary still likes riding, but has other interests, too. Joyce, on the other hand, spends time six days a week at V2 Reining, a training arena north of Davenport off Utica Ridge Road.

“At first, I held on so hard to the saddle that I got blisters,” Joyce said with a chuckle.

And now? She’s a competitor. Joyce and her horse, Jake, scored a personal best score in July. They won a plaque at a competition in August.

Joyce started riding in 2008. The first step in her training was getting over the fear that caused her to hold on to that saddle so hard. Slowly, she learned how to relax into riding, balance herself well, and give cues.

Joyce clucks to encourage Jake to trot. A smooch gets him into a lope. Whoa, of course, means stop.

Then it was on to learning circles and sliding stops – the type of stop where the horse slides on its hooves until he or she comes to a standstill.

Slides are a bit of a heart-stopper, especially when done while approaching the gated end of an arena.

“Reining pushes me out of my comfort zone,” Joyce said. “It’s helped me grow personally. I get to set and make goals.”

Joyce started competing in 2010 – when she was 47 years old. She notes that she was a city girl growing up, though she did “have a teenage crush on horses like a lot of kids have.” But she never consistently rode.

She credits her family, including husband Dave, for giving her the time to pursue riding, and her trainer, Mike Davis, for his expertise. Joyce travels to approximately two shows a month, from March-October, mostly in the Midwest, to compete.

She’s only fallen “one and a half” times, she said. One was a full fall, the other was more of a not-so-graceful slide off the horse.

On a recent sunny day, Joyce led Jake from his stall to the arena as WLLR-FM played a country song in the background and Jake swatted away flies with his tail. Jake is a Quarterhorse, about 15 hands high.

She brushed him down, picked debris from his feet, chose a bridle, and put on his saddle. Many times, she braids his tail so it doesn’t get in the way while riding. Joyce’s gear includes cowboy boots and hat, spurs, and blue jeans.

She hopped up on Jake to practice some of their skills.

And the dust started flying as they made their way up and down the arena – sliding stops and all.

WHAT IS REINING?

Reining is a specific type of riding that involves completing set patterns within an arena. Each pattern includes slow circles, large fast circles, spins, and sliding stops, among others. Riders and horses compete at different levels, from those who are just starting out to professionals. Approximately 15,000 people are members of the National Reining Horse Association. Competitors ride in more than 1,200 shows a year.



SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING

November 5, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Luther Loft

Horses Heal - growing through therapeutic equine activities: Acting as personal mirrors, teaching patience, and assisting in personal growth, horses are essential tools in the physical, emotional, mental, and cognitive development of individuals with special needs. Join New Kingdom Trailriders as they present the many ways horses heal. Theresa O'Keefe, St. Paul member.

Visiting Wartburg Castle

As Lutherans mark the 500th anniversary of the reformation on Oct. 31, Steve and Rosita Tendall recall visiting the castle that offered Martin Luther refuge

At Checkpoint Charlie, from West Germany into East Germany, guards with machine guns climbed onto the Wartburg Choir tour busses. The guards meticulously looked over documents and investigated the wigs that women wore (a fashion of the time). East German guides boarded to accompany the choir at all times.

The year was 1970, and the choir was on its way to visit Wartburg Castle – the place where Martin Luther sought refuge 500 years ago, and translated the New Testament into German.

The difference between West and East Germany was stark.

“It was like going from a color picture to a black-and-white picture,” said Steve Tendall. Steve visited the castle as part of a seven-week Wartburg Choir tour of Europe. Fellow student and now wife, Rosita Tendall, visited four years later on a similar tour.

In his journal of the trip, Steve wrote about the trek to the castle for a one-day experience.

“This morning, we took a small tour of Eisenach, and then headed up to what we all had been looking forward to, the Wartburg, one of the most famous castles in Europe. Also, our heritage! Wow!”

About the castle

According to castle caretakers, it is the most visited Luther site in the world, attracting 350,000 visitors every year. It provided refuge for Martin Luther for 10 months after he was ostracized and excommunicated by Rome following his refusal to recant his 95 Theses at the Diet of Worms in 1521. It was here that Luther – called Junker Jorge during his stay – started translating the New Testament from Greek into German, laying the foundations for a standardized German language. The Luther Room – where Luther lived

and worked during his time at the castle – is one of the most important spaces in the castle.

Originally built in the Middle Ages, the castle overlooks the town of Eisenach. Its cornerstone was laid in 1067, and its first mention in a written document came in 1080. Although the castle today still contains structures from the 12th through 15th centuries, much of the interior dates back only to the 19th century.

It was named a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1999. The organization describes the castle:

“Lutherans the world over know of the castle as the very place where Martin Luther made his translation of the Bible. The veneration of Saint Elizabeth, which extends far beyond the frontiers of Germany, includes Wartburg Castle where she lived and worked. The patronage of Hermann I, Landgrave of Thuringia, occupies an extraordinary place in the creation of a national literary tradition.

“In poetry and in legends, Wartburg Castle, the medieval Court of the Muses, bears an undying reputation through the names of Walther von der Vogelweide and Wolfram von Eschenbach. While these authors represented the first steps in German literature, and Martin Luther’s translation of the New Testament marked the creation of a unified and accessible written German language, Wartburg Castle is also associated with the beginnings of a bourgeois and democratic nation, through the content and effects of the Wartburg festival of German students’ associations.

“From the very earliest days of its existence, this fortress of the Landgraves of Thuringia has repeatedly acted as a venue for and witness of historic events and activities worthy of renown as a monument to national and world history.”



Singing – quietly

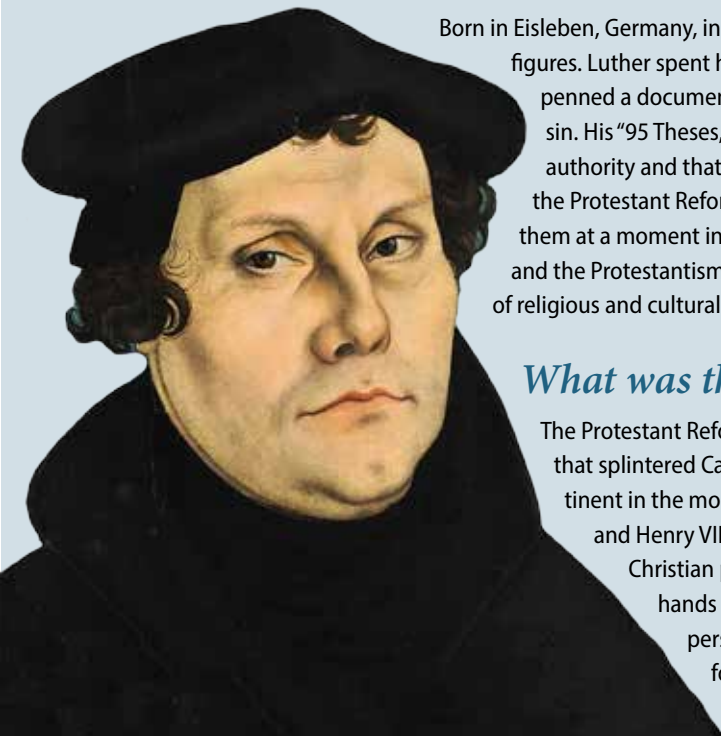
Each tour bus had an East German guide to watch over their activities. Both Steve and Rosita’s choirs bent the ordered “no singing in East Germany” rule from time to time. Rosita’s college graduation ceremony was held at the castle.

“The castle really is picturesque,” Rosita said. “We weren’t allowed to go inside, so our graduation was held outside. We sang quietly.”

Steve recalls his group’s guide crying after hearing them sing.

The cost of the entire European tour was \$600 for Steve, \$850 for Rosita. They drank beer with Germans, ate food they had never encountered before, took in operas and art and architecture and history, and sang beautiful choral pieces in stunning places.

Who was Martin Luther?



Born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483, Martin Luther went on to become one of Western history's most significant figures. Luther spent his early years in relative anonymity as a monk and scholar. But in 1517 Luther penned a document attacking the Catholic Church's corrupt practice of selling "indulgences" to absolve sin. His "95 Theses," which propounded two central beliefs — that the Bible is the central religious authority and that humans may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds — sparked the Protestant Reformation. Although these ideas had been advanced before, Martin Luther codified them at a moment in history ripe for religious reformation. The Catholic Church was ever after divided, and the Protestantism that soon emerged was shaped by Luther's ideas. His writings changed the course of religious and cultural history in the West.

What was the Reformation?

The Protestant Reformation was the 16th-century religious, political, intellectual and cultural upheaval that splintered Catholic Europe, setting in place the structures and beliefs that would define the continent in the modern era. In northern and central Europe, reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin and Henry VIII challenged papal authority and questioned the Catholic Church's ability to define Christian practice. They argued for a religious and political redistribution of power into the hands of Bible- and pamphlet-reading pastors and princes. The disruption triggered wars, persecutions and the so-called Counter-Reformation, the Catholic Church's delayed but forceful response to the Protestants.

Source: www.history.com

ADULT LEARNING

October 22

Martin Luther and music: What may not be so well known is that Martin Luther was an enthusiastic proponent of music, and even composed himself. Many of Luther's hymns have become a beloved part of contemporary liturgy. Nathan Windt, St. Paul Chorale director and associate professor of music, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.

October 29

Luther by the Bach: One of the composers most associated with German church music is the great Johann Sebastian Bach. Two of Bach's cantatas were written to celebrate the Reformation Festival: God, the Lord, is Sun and Shield and the beloved setting of Martin Luther's hymn, A Mighty Fortress is Our God. Nathan Windt. In the Chapel.

Family Bible Study: In place of regular learning, families will strengthen their intentional conversations by digging into the Bible and learning about the Reformation. Bring your Bibles! In Fellowship Hall.

HYMN FESTIVAL

Reformation Hymn Festival

Sunday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m.

Commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a multi-congregation choir, hymns, and readings. Jon Hurty, Chris Nelson, Karen Ullestad, Stacy Grau Christianson, and other members of the community will lead. Free and open to the public.

To honor the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the St. Paul Book Corner commissioned a custom bookmark/ornament with jeweler Deirdre & Company. The pewter piece uses the symbolism of the door that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on in 1517. The Book Corner also stocks books about Luther and the Reformation, for adults and children.



"The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people."

— MARTIN LUTHER

new members / AUGUST 2017



Britta Adams



Bev Cherryholmes



Kelsey Fitting-Snyder & Jon Snyder



Tori & Scott Forsberg



Sonja Forsberg



Gene & Naomi Hanson



Fred & Virginia Houlton



Josh Kestner & K.D. Gerwig



Birgit Maass



Maria Masterson, Lillyana



Haely Ploog, Jacoby, Joey



Cassandra & Carter Ridenour, Legend



Teague & Tucker Shosh, Katelyn, Riley



Kirk & Tina Stubbs



Jon & Justine Uhl, Donald

BRITTA ADAMS is a teacher at Walcott Middle School. She likes to travel, cook, and spend time with friends and family. She was attracted to St. Paul by the church's friendliness and servant heart.

BEVERLY CHERRYHOLMES is retired and an avid bowler. She loves owls and is passionate about veteran's affairs. She comes to St. Paul through her partner, Bernie Heuvelman.

KELSEY FITTING-SNYDER & JON SNYDER are Pennsylvania natives. Kelsey is one of St. Paul's new resident pastors. Her husband Jon is a musician, attending graduate school for choral conducting at Western Illinois University in Macomb. They enjoy singing, running, and sports.

TORI & SCOTT FORSBERG spend their free time with friends and family – especially their three grandchildren. Scott works at the Rock Island Arsenal as a tool warranty manager. Tori is employed in human resources at BITCO Corporation. The vibrant spirit is what drew them to St. Paul.

SONJA FORSBERG is a retired receptionist. She enjoys crocheting and coloring. She was attracted to St. Paul by the welcoming feel and many opportunities available. She joins with her son and his wife, Scott and Tori Forsberg, listed above.

GENE & NAOMI HANSON are recent transplants to the Quad Cities. Gene is a retired ELCA pastor and US Army Chaplain and likes to read and meditate. Naomi is a retired teacher and spends her time reading and volunteering. Their daughter, Katie Hanson, is a member.

FRED & VIRGINIA HOULTON enjoy reading and learning. Fred is a retired teacher and principal and Virginia is a retired teacher and home maker. The music, sermons, and friendliness brought them to St. Paul.

JOSH KESTNER & K.D. GERWIG enjoy the outdoors, sports, plays, and concerts. Josh is one of St. Paul's new resident pastors. K.D. works at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics as a surgical-neuro ICU nurse.

BIRGIT MAASS works as a corporate travel agent with RSM. She likes to spend time with her daughters and grandsons. The fellowship and friendliness attracted her to St. Paul. Her daughter is Britta Adams, listed above.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

MARIA & DAVE MASTERSON spends their free time raising their granddaughter, Lillyana. They're passionate about family and faith, and were drawn to St. Paul by the hospitality.

HAELY PLOOG has two sons, Jacoby and Joey. Haely is employed as a shared service manager at Marco. This family enjoys baseball, time outdoors, and baking. Haely is passionate about domestic violence advocacy and gardening.

CASSANDRA & CARTER RIDENOUR join with their one-year-old son, Legend. Carter works in sales at Westrock and Cassandra is a stay-at-home mom. They enjoy spending time with family and being outdoors. Carter grew up at St. Paul and they were married here in 2015.

TEAGUE & TUCKER SHOSH have two daughters, Riley and Katelyn. Tucker is an Army chief of current operations at the Rock Island Arsenal. Teague manages the homefront while attending graduate school. This family likes sports, reading, and volunteering. They come to St. Paul through a recommendation from friends.

KIRK & TINA STUBBS are recent transplants from Cedar Rapids. Kirk works at Infomax and Tina is employed at Royal Neighbors.

JON & JUSTINE UHL have a four-month old baby boy, Donald. Jon is a real estate appraiser and Justine works at Genesis as a physical therapist.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Saturday, October 14, 9-11:30 a.m. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Council Notes

Building projects were on the agenda of the St. Paul Congregational Council in September – from the boilers in the basement to the roof.

The council toured the boiler project, which is well underway. The old large structures are removed and replaced by much smaller and more efficient boilers. A father-son team from Northwest Mechanical is piecing together the piping and equipment needed in order to ensure the heat will be on in time for colder weather.

Due to significant hail damage, the shingled roof of the entire building – including Sanctuary,

Education Wing, Church House, Chapel, and 129 House – is being replaced. The damage was first noted due to a leak in the tall tower at the back of the Sanctuary. The full cost will be covered by insurance. Work is expected to be complete by the end of October.

The council also heard a couple of personnel updates, including the potential need to hire a new Sunday morning outdoor host, and the hiring process for positions in the preschool and children & family ministries.



This fall, ninth-graders are completing their two-year confirmation journey. Students are sharing their faith stories during the learning hour, 10:45-11:30, in Fellowship Hall. Then, during Open Spirit worship through Oct. 15, small groups of students are receiving a confirmation blessing.

UPCOMING worship

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith
8:00 Sara Olson-Smith
9:20 Katy Warren
11:45 Katy Warren

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet
9:20 Chorale

OCTOBER 7 & 8

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Peter W. Marty
8:00 Peter W. Marty
9:20 Peter W. Marty
11:45 Ryan Bailey

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet
9:20 Chorale, Cantate choir

OCTOBER 14 & 15

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
8:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
9:20 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
11:45 Andy Langdon

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet
9:20 Chorale, Alleluia choir

OCTOBER 21 & 22

Season after Pentecost

New Member Sunday, 11:45 a.m.

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren
8:00 Katy Warren
9:20 Peter W. Marty
11:45 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet
9:20 Jubilate & Youth choirs

OCTOBER 28 & 29

Reformation weekend

PREACHING

5:30 Josh Kestner
8:00 Sara Olson-Smith
9:20 Josh Kestner
11:45 Sara Olson-Smith

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet
9:20 Chorale



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m.

It's the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family. Gather for a simple meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party!

RSVP at stpaulqc.org/signups

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