



From the Desk of Pastor Meyer

Reformation Reflections

On October 31, 1517, a young Roman Catholic priest used a hammer to drive a few nails into a document that changed history. It was All's Hallowed Eve – the night before the major church festival of All Saint's Day – and crowds would be present in town for both celebration and worship. The castle door, where the document was nailed, was like a town bulletin board and, by nailing the writing there the monk was asking for it to be read and discussed openly.

This kind of public posting wasn't unusual. What was different, though, was this priest was naming issues within the church that he felt needed to be addressed. In general, the entire list had to do with the topic of forgiveness: how the church delivered – or, to be more accurate, withheld – forgiveness to repentant sinners; how the non-Biblical idea of purgatory was used to burden Christian consciences; and how the church was selling indulgences (paper receipts for “purchasing” forgiveness of sins, thus speeding someone's journey through purgatory). On top of everything, he “called out” the pope for not correcting these abuses within the church.

The monk, of course, was Martin Luther and his document became known as his “95 Theses.” (You can read these yourself on the Internet.) Within the matter of a few short weeks, thanks to the recent invention of the movable type printing press, they were being read all across Germany and Europe. His intention was to start a discussion, based on the Word of God, to help the church return – to be re-formed - to what the Bible said. What happened instead was nothing short of a revolution.

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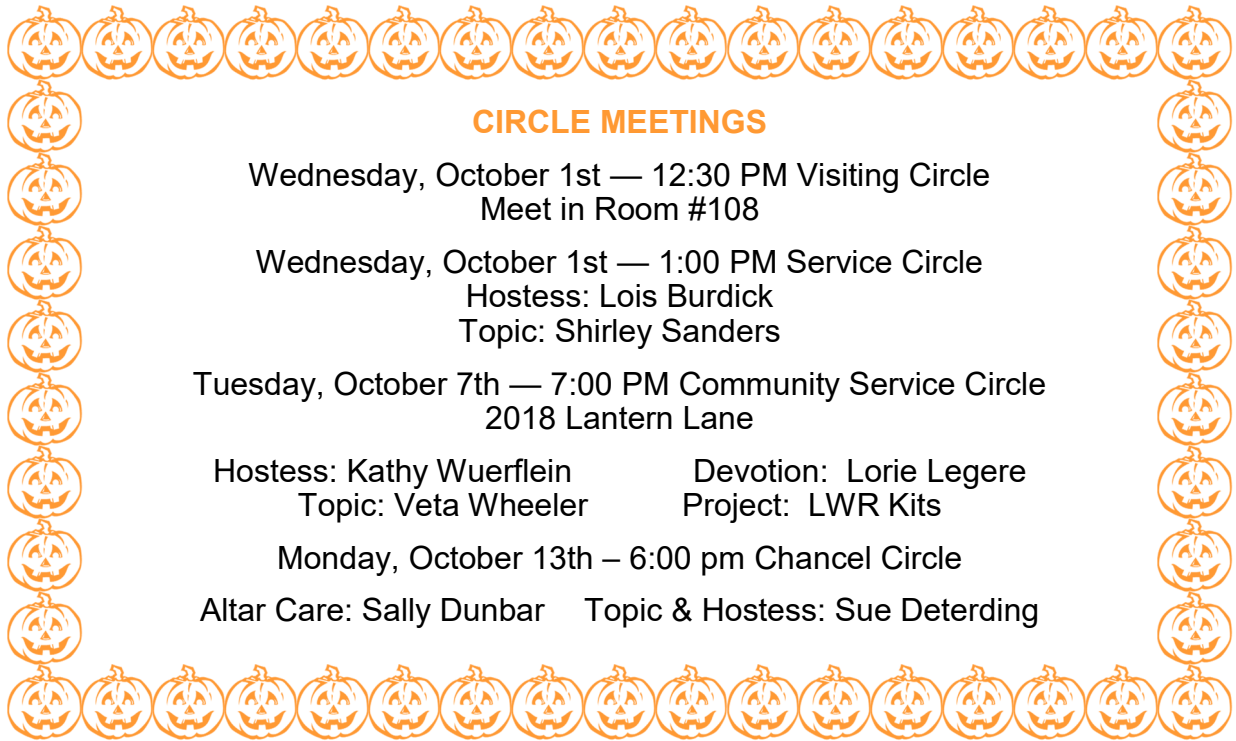
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Lutheran Women *in Mission*

LWML Sunday is October 5th! Wear your purple that day to support the Lutheran Women Missionary League here at St. Paul's.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 1st — 12:30 PM Visiting Circle
Meet in Room #108

Wednesday, October 1st — 1:00 PM Service Circle
Hostess: Lois Burdick
Topic: Shirley Sanders

Tuesday, October 7th — 7:00 PM Community Service Circle
2018 Lantern Lane

Hostess: Kathy Wuerflein Devotion: Lorie Legere
Topic: Veta Wheeler Project: LWR Kits

Monday, October 13th – 6:00 pm Chancel Circle
Altar Care: Sally Dunbar Topic & Hostess: Sue Deterding

The next general meeting will be held on October 27th, in the church basement at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us as we are "Growing in Grace", the theme from the national convention. We ask that you use the east double doors to enter the church.

CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES, COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS

The LWML thanks you for helping us recycle. Currently, we only take HP and Canon ink cartridges. (Place your cartridge in a plastic bag). We continue to collect commemorative postage stamps to go towards missions. On the LWML.org website, you can find a complete list of all recyclable items.

Chancel Circle welcomes donations of living flowers and plants for the worship service. Let the church office (580) 234-6646 know the date you would like to provide them. Also, include the instructions after they are used for worship.

OCTOBER IS MITE MONTH!!

Your mites, including "Mite Month Noisy Offerings," support mission projects in the Oklahoma District and for National LWML projects. If you want your support for Mites included on your annual giving statement, make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, enclosed in the "Lutheran Women in Mission" envelope found in the narthex by the Mite Box. Show your envelope number with **LWML MITES** noted. [St. Paul's treasurer will issue a check to St. Paul's LWML at the end of the month.] As always, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League appreciates your support!



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This page will be dedicated for our members who have their own business and would like to put the word out about it. If you are in the need of any type of service please check out this page first to see if there is a member that can provide the service to you. Let's join together to help support each other!

Enid Dental Care
Stephanie Herbst DDS
Dennis Morehart DDS
2411 Heritage Trail #4
Enid, Oklahoma 73703
(580) 237-2213

Give us a call if you are
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Jenny Smithson—Broker Associate

Lippard Reality

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Cell: 580-747-6225**

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Elder assignments for this year are as follows:

Gene Hollrah 580-234-9586
Jonathan Becker 817-939-5190
Rick Lunday 580-603-0814
Don Nobis 580-747-2267
Ron Young 580-747-1356
Paul Dunbar 580-233-6063
Gene Breitenkamp 580-541-9323

Adasiak—Clark
Cole—Fischaber
Fisher—Hoeltzel
Holland—Malan
Mansoor—Patocka
Pendleton—Smithson
Snowden—Zoch

Please contact your elder if there is
anything he could do to help serve you.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Interest rates for October are now out. For current interest rates, Call "Dial-a-Rate" at 1-800-THE LCEF



**himself as the
cornerstone ...**
Ephesians 2:20

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31ST

Offering Budget for 25-26: \$ 524,000
Offering to Date: \$ 91,164

Income Budget for 25-26: \$ 775,800
Income to Date: \$ 303,793

Expense Budget for 25-26: \$1,279,743
Year to Date—Expenses: \$ 193,151

Net Income to Date: \$ 201,496

Correction to last month's offering to date: Should have been \$44,246 NOT \$414,246!





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



birthday
wishes
to...

- 1 - John Smithson
- 2 - Jett LaBrue
- 4 - Courtney Campbell
- 9 - Cindy Fischaber
- 11 - Rhonda Fox
- 13 - Zachary Durheim
Todd Goodwin
Cindy Krey
- 14 - Ralph Kroll
- 15 - Beau Holland
Scott Holtzen
- 17 - Krystal Fisher
- 20 - Ava Woodall
- 22 - Dena Felton
- 23 - Roy Allen
- 24 - Blake Holtzen
Casey LaBrue
- 28 - Timothy Dorsch
Rick Lunday
- 29 - Christine Hollrah



Anniversaries this Month

- 5 - Paul & Sally Dunbar
- 8 - Milburn & Fran Kroll
Matthew & Sara Reed
- 14 - Mavick & Ginger Courter
- 15 - Ron & Kris Young
- 17 - Scott & Kristy Pendleton
- 23 - Todd & Shelly Goodwin
Tony & Veta Wheeler



*Happy
Anniversary!*

Children's Ministry Team meeting October 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM—all purpose room.

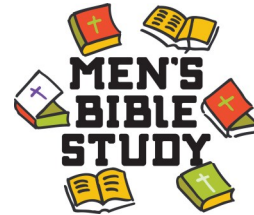


Dominoes Group meets each 1st & 3rd Monday at 9:45 AM at the home of Gerald & Joyce Nolte.

(3005 Forestridge Pl.)



Balance & Strength meets each Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 AM in room #108.



Men's Bible Study is held at Boomerang at 7:00 AM each Friday morning.

Senior Adults Ministry Potluck Luncheon will be held on October 29, 2025, at the home of Linda Ragoss.

2121 Wilshire Dr.



Pinochle will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the home of Gerald & Joyce Nolte.

(3005 Forestridge Place)



Join us during our Sunday School hour at 10:15 AM. Children who are age 3 through grade 12 will meet in the all-purpose room. The adult class meets in the church basement and is led by Pastor Meyer.



All services are streamed at the link below:

<https://stpaulsenid.com/church-media/#LIVESTREAM>

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You frequently hear the phrase, “The Lord works in mysterious ways.” It is remarkable how He puts people in places and in times to do what He would have done. Martin is an example of such a person. Interrupting Luther’s plan to become a lawyer, God caused him to enter the monastery instead. Where Luther wanted to be just a simple monk, his superiors realized he possessed an incredible intellect and directed him into deeper theological study. Not content to merely read the Bible in official, Latin translations, Luther sought out a Greek scholar to learn how to read the New Testament in Greek – the language used to write the New Testament.

Now a Greek scholar, Luther had been assigned the topic of lecturing on St. Paul’s letters to theological students. Luther turned to the Word of God to begin his study of what the text said. Luther grew up being taught that God’s sense of justice would always be imparted on the sinner. So, the sinner was left to his or her own merits to try to appease God’s wrath through giving money, a life dedicated to church work (part of the reason Luther became a monk), or a life of extra-ordinary faithfulness. But as he studied Ephesians, Galatians, and Romans, Luther began to realize that God’s wrath was already imparted on His Son, Jesus Christ, who took the sinner’s place at the cross. His righteousness, then, is shown in forgiving people fully and freely because of His mercy received through faith in Jesus, not because of people’s holiness.

Forgiveness is a full and free gift of God. He does all of the work: sending His Son to die; raising Jesus as demonstration of the acceptance of the sacrifice; giving His Spirit who creates faith in Jesus; saving people by grace, through faith, in Jesus. Humans have no active part in the salvific work of God, other than being the recipients of mercy and grace.

The Church, then, is called to announce and deliver this good news: that which has been fully and freely received through the Word of God is to be delivered fully and freely to repentant sinners, not bartered, sold, or traded, but announced boldly and clearly: your sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake.

Are you curious? Would you like to know more about Luther, his life, and how this incredible discovery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ helped change the world and re-form the Church? Are you curious how this led to the formation of the Lutheran Church? I hope so... This isn’t just dull, boring history. God used that man, at that time, in that place, to change the church and – by extension – the world. Not only did he cause the Reformation and the beginning of the Lutheran Church, he was influential in establishing the modern German language through his translation of the Bible into German. He was also an avid botanist, raising a garden with flowers and vegetables, planting trees for fruit and shade, and sharing seeds and notes with other gardeners.

All of that from the son of a copper smith. As my old friend, Raymond, would say, “Not too shabby...”

When we celebrate the Reformation on Sunday, October 26, we do not celebrate Brother Martin. Rather, we thank God for the gift He gave to the church in Luther’s intellect, writings, and pastoral heart, pointing people to Jesus. Whether you celebrate by singing “A Mighty Fortress” or sharing a frosty glass of a Lutheran beverage, do so with the freedom you have in Christ our Lord.

A couple of quick housekeeping things for you... * **POTLUCK:** Thanks to all who helped provide a dish for our pot-luck lunch on September 21. There were lots of good eats, and I heard more than a few recipes were shared as a result. * **BIBLE BOOK CLUB:** We’re almost done with our first book. We’ll be on hiatus until January. Let me know a) if you want to join us for Beginnings, which covers the first 5 books of the Old Testament, and b) if you prefer a morning and evening group. We’re asking participants to help with the purchase price, around \$10. * **YOUTH GROUP:** We’ll meet on Sunday, October 5 at 6pm in the basement. This is open to middle school and high school students.

God’s peace be yours,

Pastor Meyer



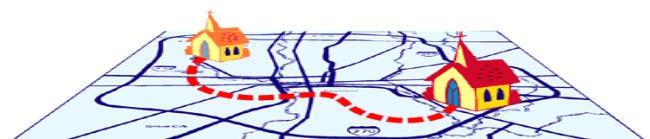
If you haven't given the church office your e-mail address yet call or send it to:

office@stpaulsenid.com.

We send out prayer requests, hospital news and reminders of special events.



Gracelynn Mae Goodwin was received in Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Gracelynn is the daughter of Lawson & Rachel Goodwin. Her sponsors are Courtney & Chris Campbell.



Membership Transfers

Matthew, Taylor and Isabella Mansoor transferred their membership to Trinity Lutheran Church, in Wichita, KS.



Jana Overstreet
3003 Lukas Lane
Enid, OK 73703

Brenda Woodford
44 Chisholm Lane
Enid, OK 73703

Pat Lemke
2303 24th Ave.
Apt. 2107
Norman, OK 73069

Matthew, Taylor & Isabella Mansoor
8510 E. 29th St. N
Apt. #3801
Wichita, KS 67226



Congratulations to Travis and Sara Sims, who gave birth to a baby girl on September 4, 2025. Her name is Lennon Jayde Sims.



If you have a son or daughter in college this fall, please call the church office and let them know their new address. It would be greatly appreciated.



The Outreach committee is meeting at 3:00 PM in Room #108, on Wednesday, October 3rd. We would love for you to join us! We are also looking for volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please let Martha Gabriel, Myrna Pritchett or Chris Bauer know.



The children will be doing fire safety/"Cookies for Courage" following the Sunday School lesson on October 5th. Ryan Felder, Enid firefighter, will speak with the children and then they will pack cookies to take to the fire stations and police station. Anyone wanting to donate cookies for the activity is asked to bring them that morning to church.



St. Paul's Reading Buddy – Mentor Program

Please, consider becoming a Reading Buddy. We have several students who have signed up for a Reading Buddy and we need Mentors.

Application can be found in the church office or on the table in the church entrance.

For more information, call (580) 747-2227.

The next **Reading Buddy - Mentor Program Orientation** will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 9:45 to 10:30, in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the program, this is a great opportunity.

Join us for one of the Focus Groups for the new building Construction Committee Meeting:

Mid-Age Focus Group—Library

Thursday, October 2, 11:00—12:00

Friday, October 3, 11:30-12:20

Parent Focus Group—Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 1, 5:30-6:45



Capital Campaign Committee Meeting

October 2, 2025

12:30 PM—1:10 PM

Basement/Cafeteria

For more information, please call Carla Burdick at (580) 747-2227.



St. Paul's LUTHERAN **SPIRIT NIGHT**
AT Chick-fil-A - ENID
4329 W OWEN K GARRIOTT RD
TUESDAY - OCTOBER 14TH
5-9PM



Living our Faith

Sunday School Schedule

September 2025

October 5th - Burdick Family

October 12th - Special/Singing & Carnival

October 19th - Kathy Wuerflein
Project: Prepare Trunk or Treat Supplies

October 26th - Grittmann Family





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Dog Shampoo

Dry Erase Markers

Dryer Sheets

Fabulosso

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Hand Soap

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with Love Harness**

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Kitty Litter

Leads and Leashes

Laundry Detergent (Liquid)

Martingale Collars M/L

Paper Towels

Pedialyte

Pill Pockets

Pill Poppers

Poo Bags

Puppy Pads/Potty Pads

Pumpkin (Canned Plain)

Quick Oats (Plain)

Robitussin

Rubbing Alcohol

Sardines (Tinned in Water)

Toilet Tissue

Towels

Toys (Cats & Dogs)

Trash Bags

Treats (Training & Soft)

Vienna Sausages

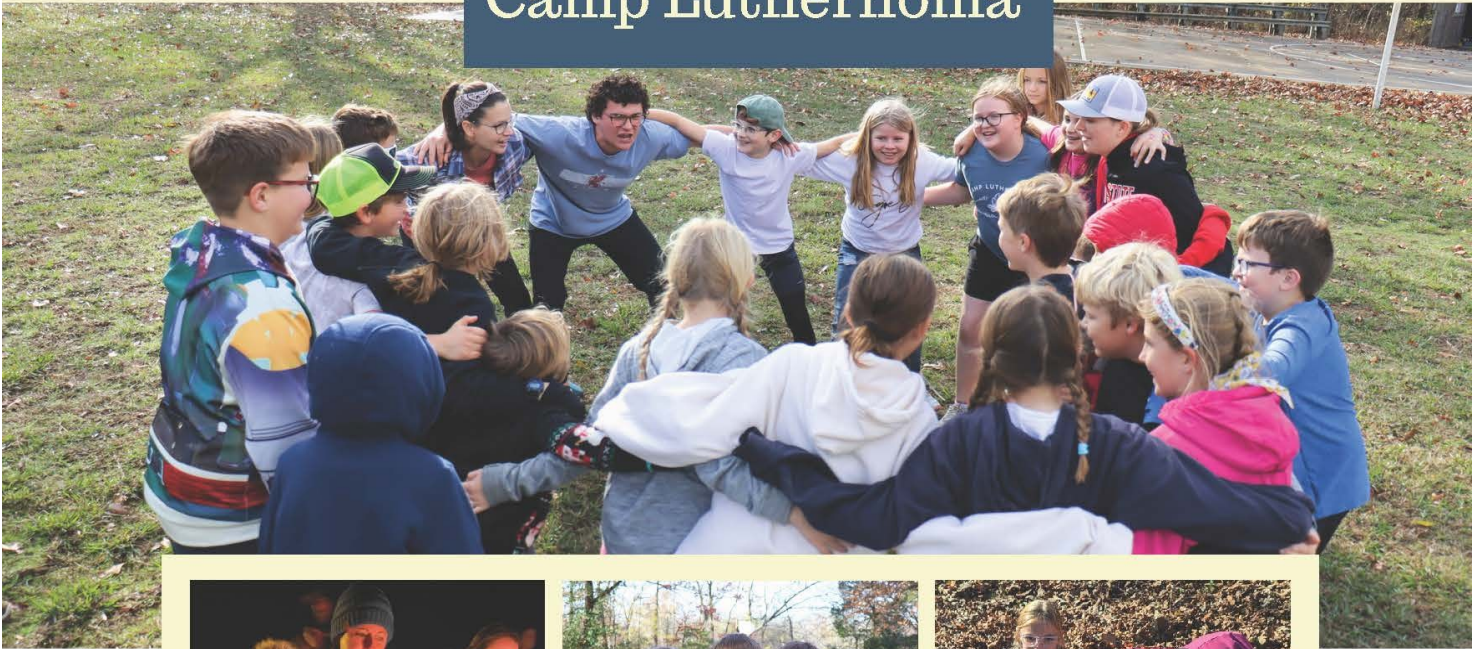
Waist Packs

White Vinegar

Mrs. Cripe's 2nd grade class is collecting donations for the ESPCA October 1-13. They will have a field trip to read to the animals and deliver the donations on October 14th.

Fall Force 2025

Camp Lutherhoma



November 21-23, 2025

A weekend retreat for ages 8-12

Cost: \$150 per camper
Adults attend for free!

- Connect with friends and caring camp counselors!
- Grow in your relationship with Jesus.
- Experience fun camp games and activities like rumble ball, archery, hikes, and more!

Register at lutherhoma.com/events



Ladies Fall Bible Study

Ladies Fall 2025 Bible Study has begun and will run through November 5th. There will be two identical sessions each week. The morning session will be Wednesdays at 9:30am and the evening session will be Wednesdays at 6:30pm, all in the school library.

We will be studying "Finding God Faithful, a Study on the Life of Joseph" by Kelly Minter. Books will be available at the first session.

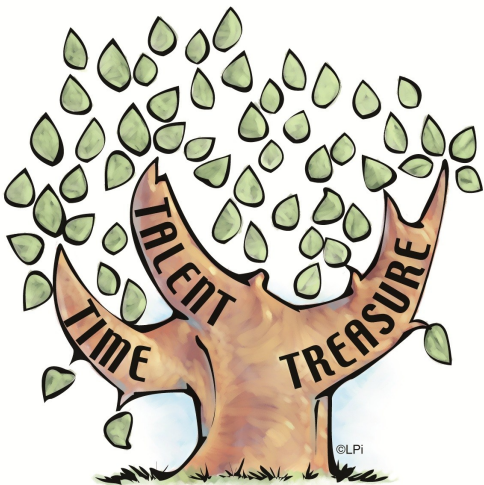
If anyone is available to volunteer to provide childcare for the Wednesday evening sessions, or if you have any other questions, please contact Adola Stocker at (210) 385-1272.

It's not too late to join!



CONCECRATION

Consecration is the act of setting apart something or someone for a sacred purpose. The term is derived from the Latin "consecratio," which means "to make holy" or "to dedicate." In the biblical context, consecration involves dedicating an object, person, or place to the service and worship of God. As true believers in Christ, the act of consecration involves our lives being a living sacrifice to Him; we are totally separated from the defilement of the world. Each day, we are to live out our lives as a "holy" and "royal" priesthood to the glory of God, for we are now God's people ([1 Peter 2:9-10](#)). Luke 16:8b – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." The sons of this world know that they should use their TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as "sons of light," know that the TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society.





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The Mission at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is:

*Preach and Teach to ALL,
Comfort and Support those in need!*



OFFICE HOURS

The Church/School Office hours are from 7:30 AM—3:30 PM. If you call prior to or after these hours, please leave a message. If it is an emergency please contact Pastor Jonathan Meyer, at (281) 785-5396, or your elder (see page 3). Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank
You

St. Paul's Parent Teacher League wants to reach out to the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and thank you for your generous donations of candy to pass out at the parade.



Trunk or Treat

**Trunk or Treat will
be held on October
26, from 4-6 PM**

