This is an issue of the *St. Paul Beacon*, the weekly newsletter of the St. Paul Methodist Church at Springfield in Greene County, Missouri. Dated 27 October 1939, it includes inspirational messages, news items, and advertisements for local businesses.

St. Paul Methodist is one of Springfield’s oldest religious congregations. Organized in 1831, it erected a church at present-day Patton and Pershing streets in 1842. This building was replaced in the late 1850s by a permanent structure at South and Walnut. In 1904 the congregation dedicated a Greek revival edifice at East Walnut and Jefferson near downtown Springfield. Until the Methodist re-unification of the late 1930s, the congregation was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

This newsletter includes typical news for an active congregation, including a message from the pastor, Kenneth Pope, and accounts of various programs and activities. There is a photographic portrait of Mrs. Carl W. Janke, the Director of Christian Education, along with advertisements for a number of local business firms.