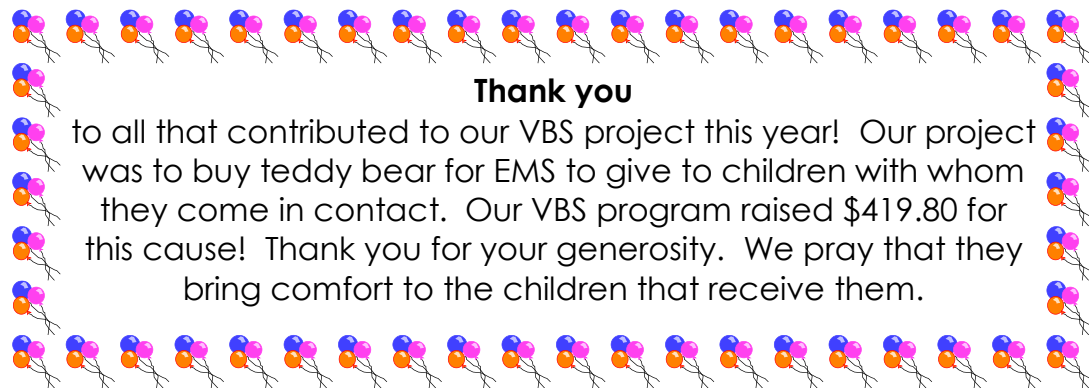


Scripture Readings

July 16	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1-8)9-13	Rom. 8:12-17	Matt. 13:1-9,18-23
July 23	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 44:6-8	Psalm 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalm 125	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 13:44-52

On August 27, 2023, we are inviting you to an open house to celebrate Pastor Fritz & his 43 years of service to God's Kingdom. This will be held at Trinity Lutheran school basement Hanover, KS from 2pm - 4pm. Cake and punch will be served. You can take this time to visit with Pastor Fritz and thank him personally for his service.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings . There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!



This Week's Schedule - July 15 through July 23

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday **Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM**
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
Next Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM

Welcome

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 135 years!!!
OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

July 15 & 16, 2023

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As "the rain and the snow come down from heaven" and "water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout" (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as "an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and "indeed bears fruit" (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who "have received the Spirit of adoption as sons" (Rom. 8:15). Thus being "led by the Spirit of God," we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14-15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we "also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:17).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Gene Ferguson.
The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 826, 578, 633, 733, 629, 741, 921

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Brynley Langvardt
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel
Altar Guild Heather Ohlde, Marlene Ohlde, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Craig & Terri Parry

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - 6th Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)

7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
July 1 & 2	26	87	113	July 2	17
July 8 & 9	34	101	135	July 9	21

What is Mercy?

Mercy is an act of love that enters into misery and brings consolation, relief and help.

Mercy is love responding to need.

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The LCMS Kansas District is offering two opportunities for congregations and individuals to train as volunteers to serve in Disaster Response and/or Critical Incidents scenarios. Both events are offered for individuals 14+ who have an interest learning how we can serve our neighbors both within our church families and local communities not only during a disaster, but in the “off season” as well. Here are the details:

LERT Basic Training
 Herington Retreat Center
 475 Trail Rd.
 Herington, KS
 Registration: \$25 for 6 hours of training
 Register: lcms-lert.org

LERT Basic Chainsaw Safety & Operation
 Herington Retreat Center
 475 Trail Rd.
 Herington, KS
 Registration: \$35 for 6 hours of training (classroom, field work & Stop the Bleed class)
 Register: TBA

Remember, LERT training and Disaster Response is not just about the disaster, it’s about the people.....everyday. Both classes are facilitated by our Kansas District Training teams. Training materials and the noon meal will be provided. If you or a member of your congregation have any questions, please reach out to District Disaster Response Coordinator (DDRC) Donna Williams ksddrc@gmail.com. Updated information can be found at kslcms.org and on our Facebook page LERT Kansas District

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe, Jack Wilder-Advena; Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking, Darlene Obenland-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland.

Health concerns: Willard Lenhart, Lola Lehman, Loyde Hager, Winnie, Janet Thurlow, Roger & Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, Cliff & Dee Noffsinger, and Ann Worley.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Mindy, Sarah Tessaro, Wyatt Carson, Andrew & Rachel Krier, Katie, Bobby Pfizenmaier, Paul, Charles, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Pam Everett, Preborn son of Josh & Jesika Campbell, Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Holt Hammeke, Larry Wallace, Jr., Lois Nash, Elizabeth Wischer, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Scot Richter, Darla Wilder, Gail Habluetzel, Linda Zurlein, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Dan Gott, Luke, and Ella Turner.

Military: David, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

The Board of Lay Ministry has discussed and approved the resumption of having greeters before worship services. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please let DeeDee know in the church office.

We plan to get a schedule out soon! Thank you!

SUMMER THOUGHTS - Please check with the Church Office for a Lutheran Church near your vacation destination. We encourage everyone to continue to hear the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while traveling.

On the Stewardship side: the financial needs of St. Paul continues throughout the summer. We still have an obligation to our normal expenses which do not stop during the vacation season. Please, if you know you are going to miss a Sunday or two, mail your offering to the church office or be sure to catch up on your financial support when you return.