

Scripture Readings

Oct 1	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezk. 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalms 25:1-10	Php. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18	Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32)
Oct 8	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-19	Php. 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
Oct 15	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 25:6-9	Psalms 23	Php. 4:4-13	Matt. 22:1-14

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the St. Paul volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels in September! The following provided this service: Jan Peterson, T.R. & Barbara Reiner, Garry & Marty Stenzel, Winnie Wells, Kelly Holte, Lyle & Linda Underwood, Jess, Jim, Cindy, Luke & Mark Wohler, Lynn & Mary Greenlee, Rita Siebold, Marlene Ohlde, Carma Leonard, Steve & Donna Jordan and Clyde & Rita Wollenberg. Our church will be responsible for delivering meals again in February, 2024. Please consider becoming a volunteer for this service since some of our former volunteers are no longer able to help with this service. Rita Wollenberg would be happy to help you become a volunteer! The recipients of the meals are grateful for this service.

The **Annual Meeting** of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, will be held on **October 29 at 10:30 AM**. Join us for **election of Board Members, adoption of the Mission Budget for 2024, and Board and Officer reports**. If you are 18 years or older, we need your vote! Please join us to exercise this privilege of membership.

This Week's Schedule - September 30 through October 8

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM
Tuesday Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
 Midweek - 6:00 PM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM
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
 Unified Boards - 1:00 PM
 Parish Directors - 2:30 PM

Welcome

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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."

September 30 & October 1, 2023

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"The soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31-32).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Clyde & Rita Wollenberg - Thanksgiving of Our Family.

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!

LWML Sunday
Hymn #s - 644, 575, 631, 801, 563, 653
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart
Greeters Stacey Howland
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Craig Parry, Clyde Wollenberg
Altar Guild Carol Pfizenmaier, Kayla Wang, Jeannine Anderson, Terri Jermark, Vicki Pfizenmaier, Barb Reiner
Fellowship Friendship Circle

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

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)
1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)
4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle 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
Sept 16 & 17	28	112	140	Sept 17	34
Sept 23 & 24	34	141	175	Sept 24	40

****Sunday, Oct 8th****
 there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. The children in Hand-Chime Choir need to report to the preschool area around 8:45 AM.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse ministry will be occurring in November again this year. Shoeboxes for you to pick up and use will be available on the table in the hall. You can also use any standard shoe box or a plastic one. Extra items for the shoe boxes will be available on the table with the shoeboxes. These items were purchased with a Thrivent card by Natasha Havelone and she is donating them for this purpose, so you can add any of those items along with the items you purchase. Please take a brochure on **How to Pack a Shoebox** which will also be on the table. The brochure explains what items that can be included and includes a label for the boxes to identify if it's for a boy or girl and for what age group the gift is appropriate. The collection dates are November 13-20th.
PLEASE return you completed box to the table at church by November 12th and Rita Wollenberg will take them to the collection site at Mizpah church.
 Contact Rita @ 785-632-4645 if you have any questions.
 Thank you for your generosity as you participate in this ministry.

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

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

Health concerns: Loyde Hager, Winnie, Janet Thurlow, 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: Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Neill Hundley, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Alec Sewell, Mindy, Sarah Tessaro, Bobby Pfizenmaier, Paul, Charles, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Larry Wallace, Jr., Lois Nash, Elizabeth Wischer, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Scot Richter, Darla Wilder, Gail Habluetzel, 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.

Life Chain Sunday
 October 1
 Baptist Church - 2:30 PM
 15/24 Highway - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 More information on flyer located on bulletin boards

63rd Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale
 Immanuel Lutheran Church
 (Hermansberg)
 Sunday, October 1 - 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 Featuring Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, BBQ Meatballs, Home Made Pies.
 Adults - \$12.00, Children - \$5.00,
 Preschool Free - Parish Hall is handicapped accessible

Women's Bible Study on
 Tuesday, October 3
 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
 A miracle meal
 Bread from Heaven
 John 6
 Please join us & bring a friend!

UNIFIED BOARDS
 will meet on Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Parish Director's Meeting will follow at 2:30 PM.
 All board members and officers are encouraged to participate.