Scripture Readings

July 2	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Jer. 28:5-9	Psalm 119:153-160	Rom. 7:1-13	Matt. 10:34-42
July 9	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalm 145:1- 14	Rom. 7:14— 25a	Matt. 11:25-30
July 16	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	ls. 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1- 8)9-13	Rom. 8:12-17	Matt. 13:1-9,18 -23

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.

Lighthouse is in need of the following items:

Canned soup - Canned fruit
Canned pork and beans - Canned meat, such a chicken and tuna
Spaghetti Os - Instant meals such as hamburger helper
Rice - Noodles
Canned beans - Peanut butter
Canned vegetables
There are totes located in the Narthex to drop the items in.

This Week's Schedule - July 1 through July 9

Saturday
Sunday
Worship Service - 6:30 PM
Worship Service - 9:00 AM
Family Education - 10:30 AM

Tuesday Office Closed

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 Unified Boards - 1:00 PM Parish Director's - 2:30 PM

Welcome

to

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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 1 & 2, 2023

The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken "war, famine, and pestilence" (Jer. 28:8). But if "the LORD has truly sent the prophet," he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and "the word of that prophet comes to pass" (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God's Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, "sinful beyond measure," thereby "producing death" in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, "we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive" (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong "to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come "to bring peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38–39).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Don & Phyllis Fritz.

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!

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Hymn #s - 700, 685, 655 SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale

Ushers Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman

Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht

Altar Guild Heather Ohlde, Marlene Ohlde, Betty Siebold

Fellowship Lehman Family

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
June 17 & 18	31	107	138
June 24 & 25	34	129	163

Family Education Attendance	Total
June 18	25
June 25	NC

UNIFIED BOARDS

will meet on Sunday, July 9 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.

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!

There is a wonderful law of nature that the three things we crave most - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind - are always attained by giving them to someone else. - Unknown

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, Betty Sump, Jayda Marrs, 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: Unice Meyer, Sarah Tessaro, Rod McAdams, Wyatt Carson, Andrew & Rachel Krier, Katie, Bobby & JoAnn 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, Staci Stratman, 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

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

**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.