

Scripture Readings

July 9	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalms 145:1-14	Rom. 7:14-25a	Matt. 11:25-30
July 16	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 55:10-13	Psalms 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	Psalms 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

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!

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesday, July 11
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Temptation & Fall of Man
Genesis 3
Please join us & bring a friend!

This Week's Schedule - July 8 through July 16

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
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
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 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

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 8 & 9, 2023

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find "another law waging war" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "desire to do what is right," but we are not able to do so because "nothing good" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "Thanks be to God," therefore, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," who delivers us from "this body of death" (Rom. 7:24-25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "righteous and having salvation" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us "free from the waterless pit," and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10-12). Though we "labor and are heavy laden," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "wise and understanding," but by the "gracious will" of God the Father, whom "the Son chooses to reveal" in love (Matt. 11:25-27).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Kent & April Unruh -
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
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!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 868, 756, 605, 623, 524, 711, 918

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Isabel Mesalles
Communion Assistant Craig Parry, Clyde Wollenberg
Altar Guild Heather Ohlde, Marlene Ohlde, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Dave & Terri Jermark

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
June 24 & 25	34	129	163	June 25	NC
July 1 & 2	26	87	113	July 2	17

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.

Wilhelm Loehe

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 ksclcms.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: Cassie, 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

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.