

Scripture Readings

July 23	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 44:6-8	Psalms 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalms 125	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 13:44-52
Aug 6	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 55:1-5	Psalms 136:1-9 (23-26)	Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matt. 14:13-21

Renew or Sign Up for The Lutheran Witness, which is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The rate is \$30.00 for an annual subscription. Checks should be made to St. Paul Lutheran and either placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the office, or mailed to the office.

DEADLINE - AUGUST 13

Clay Center Community Blood Drive
 Battle of the Badges
 Thursday, July 27th
 9:15 am to 3:00 pm
 Catholic Parish Center

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. You can also download the Red Cross Blood Donor app on your phone. Those giving blood will receive a Shark Week shirt from Discovery while supplies last.

This Week's Schedule - July 22 through July 30

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
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

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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."

July 22 & 23, 2023

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is *"the Son of Man,"* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *"the sons of the kingdom"* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *"both grow together until the harvest"* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *"the King of Israel and his Redeemer"* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *"fear not, nor be afraid"* (Is. 44:8). For *"the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness"* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* (Rom. 8:18).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Bill & Kim Davis -
 In Honor of Marvin Elm
 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!

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 902, 783, 620, 730, 698, 617, 585

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Brynley Langvardt
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Wes Wright
Altar Guild Heather Ohlde, Marlene Ohlde, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Gene Ferguson

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 8 & 9	34	101	135	July 9	21
July 15 & 16	39	86	127	July 16	27

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 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, Katie, Bobby Pfizenmaier, Paul, Charles, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Pam Everett, Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Holt Hammeke, 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.

Rejoice: Garrett Allan born to Josh & Jesika Campbell

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.

Free Horse-Riding Event
 Clay County Fair Grounds Area
 Saturday, July 29, 2023
 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 Sponsored by Clay Center, KS
 Cowboys for Christ

Women’s Bible Study on
 Tuesday, July 25
 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
 Progression of Sin
 Genesis 4 thru 6:8
 Please join us & bring a friend!

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!