

Scripture Readings

Nov 12	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Th. 4:13-18	Matt. 25:1-13
Nov 19	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Th. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:14-30
Nov 26	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Ezk. 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Cor. 15:20-28	Matt. 25:31-46

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

What: Noodle Making
 Hosted by: Carol Pfizenmaier
 When: Thursday, November 15
 Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Where: Church Kitchen
 Bring pastry cloth & rolling pin.
 Carol's contact #: 632-1104

The Preschool Thanksgiving Offering Newsletter is in your church mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider a thank offering in response to the blessing of the Christian Preschool of St. Paul Lutheran. Deadline for the thank offering is Sunday, December 3rd.

Women's Bible Study on
 Tuesday, November 14
 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
 Our Good Shepherd
 John 10
 Please join us & bring a friend!

This Week's Schedule - November 11 through November 19

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 Directors - 2:30 PM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (1st - 8th grade)
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 6:00 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 Special Call Meeting - 1:30 PM Christmas Program Practice - 4:00 PM (1st - 8th grade)

Welcome

to

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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."

November 11 & 12, 2023

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Lyle & Linda Underwood -
 In Honor of 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!

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 334, 516, 621, 507, 947, 620, 924

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow
Greeters Jeremy & Kristi Hager
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Dave Jermark, Craig Parry
Altar Guild Alana Melton, Susan Melton, Dianne Rickley, Tara Rosenow
Fellowship The Lehmans

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
Oct 28 & 29	34	137	171
Nov 4 & 5	33	108	141

Family Education Attendance	Total
Oct 22	40
Nov 5	38

Sign up sheets are now in the Narthex for volunteers to help with the Soup Supper on Dec. 7th.

Pies for the soup supper and food/baked goods for the Bake Sale from congregational members will be greatly appreciated. Bring them to church on Dec. 7th by 4pm.

If you would like to contribute to "Christmas Sharing" please make checks payable to The Lighthouse for Christ - PO Box 231 - Clay Center, KS 67432 or drop them off at 413 Lincoln Avenue - Clay Center, KS on Mondays or Thursdays by November 17. This is a tax-exempt donation.

Pastor Tessaro and Michelle would like to thank you for your kind words and generous gifts as we celebrated Clergy Appreciation month, and also Pastor's birthday. Your gifts and words of encouragement are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

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

Health concerns: Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, 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: Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Sarah Tessaro, Bobby Pfizenmaier, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Larry Wallace, Jr., Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, 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.

Sorrow: Family & friends of Dwane Hamel and Dorothy Urban

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.

Community Blood Drive
 Friday, November 17th
 8:30 am to 2:15 pm
 Catholic Parish Center

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Or download the Red Cross blood donor app onto your phone and be able to schedule appointments and do rapid pass. Giving blood saves lives.

Those coming to donate blood will receive a free pair of Elf and Red Cross socks, while supplies last.

Meet & Greet to celebrate Eleanor McDonald's 90th Birthday on Friday, November 24th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Clay Center Country Club. Cards may be sent to Eleanor at: 510 Liberty, Clay Center, KS. 67432

A Call Meeting has been scheduled for November 19 at 1:30 pm. The Call Committee will present a report of their work at the meeting. Our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Philip Miller, will be present to lead us through the process of calling an Associate Pastor. Please continue to pray for this process and for the leading of the Holy Spirit.