

Scripture Readings

Oct 8	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-19	Php. 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
Oct 15	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Php. 4:4-13	Matt. 22:1-14
Oct 22	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Is. 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)	1 Th. 1:1-10	Matt. 22:15-22

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.

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!

This Week's Schedule - October 7 through October 15

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
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 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

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."

October 7 & 8, 2023

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33-35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38-39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8-10).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Garry & Marty Stenzel -
In Honor 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!

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 566, 571, 629, 430, 622, 569, 851

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters Garry & Marty Stenzel
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel
Altar Guild Jeannine Anderson, Terri Jermark, Vicki Pfizenmaier, Barb Reiner
Fellowship Rita Siebold

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 23 & 24	34	141	175	Sept 24	40
Sept 30 & Oct 1	22	141	163	Oct 1	32

****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.

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.

The Financial Secretary position is open at St. Paul. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please speak with Craig Parry or one of the Lay Ministers. This opportunity involves writing checks to fulfill St. Paul's obligations, recording attendance of worship services, answering the phone, greeting guests, and other duties. The hours are Friday from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM with time off for lunch.

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: 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: Ken Henry, John Roe, Eleanor Hiskey, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Mindy, Sarah Tessaro, Bobby Pfizenmaier, Paul, 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 Parrli, 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 Elizabeth Wischer

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.

OCTOBER IS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

St. Paul's " Church Worker Care Team" encourages all of you, members of our church family, to offer to Pastor Paul Your expressions of appreciation, gratitude and respect for his faithful ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. Pastor's ministry of care, for soul and body, continues for us day by day, month after month, one year to the next. May we all faithfully support him day by day, month after month, one year to the next with our appreciation, care and prayers.

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.