

## Scripture Readings

Oct 12	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-19a	Psalms 111	2 Tim. 2:1-13	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 19	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Gen. 32:22-30	Psalms 121	2 Tim. 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 26	Reformation Day (observed)	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

The **Annual Meeting** of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, will be held on **October 26 at 10:30 AM**. Join us for **election of Board Members, adoption of the Mission Budget for 2026, 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.

Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday, October 7  
9:30 AM  
Peter the Rock

We invite all women to attend!

**Friendship Circle** will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, October 5

If you would like to be a Greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact the office or Gene Ferguson before October 31st as the list for the year of 2026 will be compiled soon.  
Thank you!

### This Week's Schedule - October 4 through October 12

<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM SPMiddles - 5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Midweek - 5:30 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Unified Boards - 11:30 AM Parish Directors - 12:30 PM

# 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."

October 4 & 5, 2025

***We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness***

We are surrounded by "destruction and violence" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). "Temptations to sin are sure to come" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "life and immortality to light" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard," by which He guards you "in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Joyce Laflin.

\*\*Sunday, October 19\*\* there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing.  
We are excited to have this addition to our worship.\*\*

**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!

**Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday**  
**Hymn #s - 475, 849, 483, 832, 425, 839, 539, 783**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale  
**Ushers** Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow  
**Greeters** Aubrey Pfizenmaier, Janae Wohler  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Janae Wohler  
**Communion Assistant** Steve Jordan  
**Altar Guild** Kelly Holte, DeeDee Anderson, Kayla Wang  
**Fellowship Host** Michelle Tessaro

**FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)  
**1st Grade - 3rd Grade** - meet in Library Room (West Wing)  
**4th Grade - 6th Grade** - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)  
**7th Grade - 8th Grade** - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)  
**9th Grade - 12th Grade** - meet in High School Room (Basement)  
**Adult** - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
September 20 & 21	26	91	117	September 21	40
September 27 & 28	22	114	136	September 28	23

65th Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale - Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg)  
 Sunday, October 5 - 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Featuring Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, BBQ Meatballs, Home Made Pies.  
 Adults - \$15.00, Children - \$5.00, Preschool Free - Parish Hall is handicapped accessible

Operation Christmas Child Christmas boxes are available on the hall table. Please take the brochures/labels with the boxes. The filled boxes will need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 16. Contact Rita Wollenberg 785-632-4645 with any questions.

***October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!***

**THANK YOU - FOR EVERYTHING EACH OF YOU HAVE DONE & CONTINUE TO**

There will be a special voter's meeting on October 19th for the Building Committee to present the proposed new building. Please join us on October 19th at 10:30, shortly after worship for this important meeting. Thanks to the building committee for their hard and faithful work!

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Georgie Dierking, Larry Rakowsky -Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

**Health concerns:** Kayla Wang, Jackson Prater, Kelly Holte, Isaiah Melton, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, Emerson & Nancy Kemp, Dwight Koch, Stan Ohlde, Gary Wachsnicht, Mark & Janet Thurlow, and Larry Rakowsky.

**Our outreach programs:** Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

**Sorrow:** Family & friends of Mark Carson

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** Kara Millan, Dee Hilton, Malissa Milum, Anita Hinkle, Megan Griffiths, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Michelle Jeffcot-Pera, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Lisa Dyson, Breanna, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Lucas Cannizzo, Arnold Pittenger, Taylor, William, Steve, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Brian, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

Our high school youth group is having a fundraiser at the Methodist Church scramble October 8th. If you would like to donate buns or a dessert, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.

**Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul**

Hope House; 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**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. 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!

The Clay County for Life, life chain will be October 5, 2025. We will meet at the Baptist Church, located at 905 5th St., Clay Center at 2:00 p.m. for a time of prayer and instructions. Signs will be passed out. Participants are able to bring lawn chairs and all ages are welcome. Those who are able will walk to the intersections of highways 15 and 24 for an hour of prayer and witnessing. Others are welcome to drive & park in the Wendy's or Short Stop parking lots to access the intersection. Refreshments and fellowship to follow at the Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Kathy Martin (785-463-5463) or Venita Rosenow (785-630-0528)