

Scripture Readings

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
Dec. 3	First Sunday in Advent	Is. 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 11:1-10

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

****Sunday, Dec. 3rd****
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. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.**

St. Paul will collect non-perishable food items and personal care items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) for the **Food Pantry at the Lighthouse** during the week of Thanksgiving. All items can be placed at the Altar on the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving or at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. ***"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*** - Matthew 25:40

This Week's Schedule - November 18 through November 26

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
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)
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
 Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 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
 Decorate Church - 4:00 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."

November 18 & 19, 2023

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Kent & April Unruh -
 In Memory of our Dads.
 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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 338, 336, 783, 637, 623, 620, 922

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto / Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman
Greeters John & Carol Bosch
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Maizy Gurney
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Garry Stenzel
Altar Guild Alana Melton, Susan Melton, Dianne Rickley, Tara Rosenow
Fellowship The Holtes

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
Nov 4 & 5	33	108	141	Nov 5	38
Nov 11 & 12	33	81	114	Nov 12	26

REMINDER!!!!

Offerings for 2023 must be received on or before the last service of the year, (December 31) for 2023. A contribution received after that date is counted as a contribution for 2024 for income tax purposes, even if the check was written in 2023.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU
to Mark Meier & Steve Jordan for their hard work on sprucing up the preschool toy shed. We greatly appreciate your time & talents.

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: Rev. Robert Mann, Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Jody Cott, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Vi Waters (relative of Deanna Rundle), Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, 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, Luke, and Ella Turner

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

Sorrow: Family & friends of Bobby Pfizenmaier

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.

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!

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.

2023 Poinsettia Order
There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion. The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

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.