

Scripture Readings

Nov 23	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Mal. 3:13-18	Psalms 46	Col. 1:13-20	Luke 23:27-43
Nov 30	First Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14	Matt. 24:36-44
Dec 7	Second Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12

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!

BENEFIT DINNER:  
For Jon Pralle who recently had lower leg amputation. This will be held at Hanover American Legion. Sunday, November 23rd, serving from 11am-2pm. Pulled pork, several sides and dessert. This will be a free will offering. Thank you in advance for your generosity for Jon and Gina Pralle and keep Jon in your prayers. THANK YOU!!

Dorothy Debenham's children are hosting a 90th birthday card shower for her on Saturday, December 6 in the Fellowship Hall located in the basement from 2:00 to 4:00. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

This Week's Schedule - November 15 through November 22	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
	Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
	Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon
	Midweek - 5:30 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  
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"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 15 & 16, 2025  
God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Lyle & Linda Underwood -  
In Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary

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-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Hymn #s - 913, 735, 728, 623, 655, 761, 922

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart, Kenyon Badsky
Greeters	Loyde & Rosie Hager
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Owen Pfizenmaier, Colt Hager
Communion Assistant	Garry Stenzel
Altar Guild	Barb Reiner, Susan Melton, Tara Rosenow, Jeannine Anderson
Fellowship Host	Hevelone Family

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
November 1 & 2	23	138	161	November 2	68
November 8 & 9	34	145	179	November 9	54

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.

Carol Pfizenmaier is going to lead the Noodle Team again this year making noodles for the Annual Soup Supper on Monday, November 17 @ 9AM. Anyone who wants to help with making noodles may contact Carol to let her know you want to help.

\*\*Sunday, November 23\*\* 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.\*\*

IN OUR PRAYERS  
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Georgie Dierking, Larry Rakowsky -Presbyterian Manor; 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, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, Nancy Kemp, Dwight Koch, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

Larger Community Members

Healing: Ryan Withee, Bobbie Holz, Emmitt Budy, Dee Hilton, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Arnold Pittenger, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown. Military: Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm. Hostess/devotion is Rita Siebold. Topic is TBD

The church was informed that the company who was recycling the Portal of Prayers booklets as come to end. There will no longer be a collection bin for these here at the church. Thank you for your participation in the past.

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

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!

2025 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.

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, November 30th

Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday, November 18 - 9:30 AM  
God Moves in a Mysterious Way  
His Wonders to Perform  
We invite all women to attend!