

Scripture Readings

Oct 5	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Hab.1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 62	2 Tim. 1:1-14	Luke 17:1-10
Oct 12	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-19a	Psalm 111	2 Tim. 2:1-13	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 19	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Gen. 32:22-30	Psalm 121	2 Tim. 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8

“All You Can Eat” Annual Church Supper -Trinity Lutheran Church - Hanover
Sunday, September 28th - 4:00PM - 8:00PM
Price: Adults - \$15.00, Children 12 and under - \$5.00, Preschool is free
Menu includes: Grilled Ham, BBQ Beef, Pan Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Homemade Pies, Homemade Breads, & Salad Bar
Tickets for the meal will be purchased at the door. Take outs available.
Raffle tickets are being sold in advance by members of Trinity and may be purchased the night of the supper. Winners will be contacted by phone.

The Linn Zone LWML will host the Fall Event Sunday, September 28, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center. Registration begins at 1:30 and the event will start at 2:00. Ingathering will go to Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf along with Thrivent's Diaper Drive. Thrivent will donate \$1 per diaper up to \$150. We will be collecting diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and pullups (preferred brands are Walmart and Costco), and new or gently used faith-based books. All are welcome! We would love for you to spend your Sunday afternoon with us!

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

This Week’s Schedule - September 27 through October 5

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM LWML Fall Event - 1:30 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 5:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 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 SPMiddles - 5:00 PM

Welcome
to
St. Paul Lutheran Church

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“A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!”
For 137 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.”

September 27 & 28, 2025
Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Dorothy Debenham -
In Memory of Jim Debenham

Operation Christmas Child Christmas boxes will be available on the hall table starting September 29. 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.

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!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 802, 708, 618, 710, 712, 752, 662
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters	Jerry & Betty Siebold
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Wrangler Crady, Andyn Johnson
Communion Assistant	Wes Wright
Altar Guild	Marlene Ohlde, Kristi Davis

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 13 & 14	35	137	172	September 14	20
September 20 & 21	26	91	117	September 21	40

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.

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.

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!

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, Cody Hunter, 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.

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

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

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)

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!

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!