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## *St. Paul's Lutheran The Church On The Hill*

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### **Pastor's Message** **Unbelievable Surprise**

On Palm Sunday, the plan was to gather in the Fellowship Hall in the basement. We would gather our Palms and after the processional Gospel, and Blessing of the Palms we would proceed out the back doors and around the church while singing All Glory, Laud, and Honor. Well the plan was changed due to a morning snow early in the morning and cold temperatures. Later in the afternoon the sun came out, the temperatures had risen and

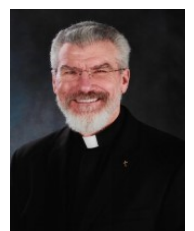
the cold snow had disappeared. It seemed unbelievable, but it was true.

On another Sunday morning long ago, the Gospel writer Luke tells us Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, took spices they had prepared and went to care for our Lord Jesus where he lay in a cold tomb. Instead they found the tomb empty and two men in dazzling clothes who asked them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Their plans of using the spices to prepare Jesus' body had changed due to an empty tomb. The Son had come out and Risen. The darkness of the tomb was illuminated by the dazzling clothes of the two men (Angels).

The women went back and told all of this to the eleven Disciples and all the rest. "Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened."

It seemed unbelievable, but it was true. Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**



Blessings to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David

## May 2019 BIRTHDAYS

3 Scott Grunden  
3 Kathryn Linsenbardt  
4 Shane Russell  
8 Olivia Linhardt  
9 Zola Finch  
10 Oliver Stoermer  
10 Herbert Strobel  
15 Kim Tschirgi  
19 Dave Boyce  
19 Ruthann Woehrer  
20 Macie Moeller  
23 Dawn James  
23 Ruth Strobel  
25 Anthony James  
25 Marvin Bubach  
25 Kendall Stubinger  
28 Bill Gerth  
28 Les Linsenbardt  
30 Doug Carel  
30 Dana Moeller  
31 Kiefer Freiner  
31 Ryan Heidbreder

*Happy Birthday to you!*



## May ANNIVERSARIES

6 Denny & Lori Linhardt 2000  
10 Kris & Laura Tuttle 2015  
15 Gus & Jeannette Fischer 1960  
16 Scott & Kelly Grunden 1992  
19 Chris & Elizabeth Russell 2001  
22 Marshall & Julie Griffin 2009 (10 Years)  
23 Conor & Angela Tierney 2015  
23 Dan & Kim Tschirgi 1987  
25 Colin & Ruthann Woehrer 1968  
28 David & Karia Strobel 1977  
31 Bill & Erika Gerth 1960

*Happy Anniversary*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Date         | Attendance | Offering            |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Mar. 31      | 103        | \$2,861.50          |
| Apr. 07      | 98         | \$2,905.75          |
| Apr. 14      | 93         | \$1,726.35          |
| Apr. 21      | 196        | \$4,795.85          |
| Apr. 28      | 106        | \$1,532.25          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>596</b> | <b>\$ 13,821.70</b> |

### Included in financial Update:

Sunday School: \$6.00

### Special Gifts

Ash Wed.: Oaks Indian Center \$362.50

Lenten Services: ELCA Hunger \$1,335.75

Maundy Thursday / Good Friday: Heisinger Bluffs Benevolence Fund \$626.07

Air Conditioning Fund: \$6,300.00 of \$14,300.00

Project Graduation: \$176.00

Memorial donation from Ray and Virginia Lister for Jason's mom, Sharon R. Wood.

**Baptism blessings** to Sloane James Heidbreder who was baptized on April 28, 2019. Parents are Ryan and Ashley Heidbreder and her Sponsors, Meghan Basinger and Sam Hafertepe Jr.

**Congratulations** to Glenda Hake on her retirement from Farmers Bank of Lohman after 42 1/2 years of service.

### Special prayers for healing comfort and peace.

Donna Viles, Chris Russell, Dave Russell, Bill Wyss, Amy Buechler, Stan Linsenbardt, and Kevin Morrow.

### Congratulations to our Graduates

#### High School Seniors:

Abby Bubach, Trevor Collins and Lydia Trampe.

#### College:

Congratulations to Jayce Tschirgi graduating from the University of Missouri Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemical Engineering. Jayce will begin work in June for Schenck Process in Kansas City, MO.

Congratulations to Colin Walters graduating from State Technical College of MO Linn with an Associate degree in Industrial Electricity.

Heartfelt sympathy and blessings of comfort to Bill Wyss for the death of his brother Gerald Wyss on Sunday, April 28. Prayers of peace and comfort from St. Paul's Church.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## Ask the Pastor

**Question:** What is the Kyrie?

**Answer:** A little history.

"Kyrie, eleison," means "Lord, have mercy" and comes from the Greek ἐλέησον με κύριε "have mercy on me, Lord"

Greek was the language used in Rome for the liturgical mass. Later the language would be translated to Latin but at this time Greek was the language of the known world.

The phrase is often used as part of a litany response by the congregation such as the example above where someone such as the Pastor or a Song Leader would sing the first part in Greek and the response would be in English. It is normally repeated three times during a litany.

At some point, maybe around the sixth century, the Roman Church introduced the Greek phrase Χριστέ, ἐλέησον, (Christe, eléison) "Christ have mercy."

Another place we find this formula is in the Prayer of Intercession which normally follows the Offering or Apostles' Creed. "Let us pray. [Have mercy, O God.](#)"

In the Old Testament we find '[have mercy on me](#)' several times, especially in the Psalms.

In the New Testament it is most notable in the book of Matthew.

**15:22** "A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, [have mercy on me!](#) My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

**17:15** "Lord, [have mercy on my son,](#)" he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water."

**20:30** "Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, [have mercy on us!](#)"

My favorite instance is found in the gospel of Luke chapter 18 during the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

**18:13** "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, '[God, have mercy on me,](#) a sinner.'"

As we daily repent for our sins and transgressions this is both a prayer and a petition to our Lord for forgiveness and God's continued mercy.

Do you have a question? Please let me know so we can all learn together.

Peace, Pastor David

## Spring Clean-Up on the Hill – April 6th

Thank you to everyone that helped with Spring Work Day and also those that helped make the wonderful food. It was great to see so many people come out to help. Seeing everyone getting involved is fantastic! Mitchell Plochberger



**Cleaning out the Storage area.**



*3 Amigos - Emma, Jackson, Dylan*



*Gus Fischer on the Big Tractor*

*MODOT Crew – Two working, Two watching 😊*



*Enjoying great food during the morning break.  
Thank you to all the cooks and servers.*



**St. Paul's ELCA Church, Lohman, Missouri**  
**Regular Congregational Council Meeting, April 8, 2019**

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:35 pm by President Zola Finch. Present were council members Delores Vlach, Kathy Meller, Mitch Plochberger, Laurie Koestner, Dan Tschirgi and Becky Weber. Absent was Paula Linsenbardt. Also present were Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles, who then led the group with a devotion using Curiosity Cards. Each member picked a card at random and was asked to read and answer their question regarding the health and vitality of our church family, our faith and our Creator. We learned a few things about our fellow church members, and our church's history from this engaging exercise.

The President then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Council Meeting. The motion was offered by Mitch, seconded by Kathy, and passed via voice vote.

The President called upon Council Treasurer to present a review of the past month's expenses and incomes. The two page financial report was presented and accepted.

The President then asked Pastor Viles for the March mileage and activity report. Pastor's March mileage totaled 78 miles at \$45.24. A motion to approve this was passed upon a motion by Mitch, and seconded by Kathy, and passed via voice vote.

Pastor reported attendance at several individual meetings and activities. He made 2 home visits, 2 office visits, a restaurant visit with a wedding couple who are non-members, and a phone contact for counseling a non-member. Pastor reported about 15-20 people at Sunday afternoon Bible Study, and said these are going very well, as are the midweek Lenten Services. The President called for Standing Committee reports:

(See reports listed after the Council Minutes.)

The President then called for discussion of Old Business. There will be a Tornado Drill after Palm Sunday Service, and Pastor Viles emailed the proposed escape route, and has inserts for the church bulletin. Zola reports we now have 2 weather radios in place, one for each floor. Pastor Viles reported on June 6, 7, and 8, 2019 Senate Assembly. 2 adults and 1 confirmed youth who is not 18 years by Assembly date is needed to attend. April 15 is deadline for early registration discount. Pastor reported Project Graduation donation will be sent when money has been collected.

The President called for New Business: Pastor Viles reported he spoke with a representative from Lifetouch Directory about taking photos for a Church Picture Directory. Laurie suggested we do one every 5 years. Zola will reach out to greeters to ask if they would help out with usher duties when needed. Our next Church Council Meeting will be May 13 at 6:30pm.

Council was adjourned at 8:40pm. The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.  
Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Church Council secretary.

**Technology:** Dan Tschirgi

Dan reported we have old equipment to sell. He said we need back up for our website. He asked about the need for surveillance cameras and Pastor Viles said this is being discussed in Security Committee Meetings. Zola asked if it would be better to have two microphones extending from ceiling rather than on a stand to pick up the choir. Dan will look into this. Pastor Viles reported a church member was able to hear the church service much better with the portable hearing devices, of which we have four.

**Evangelism:** Delores Vlach

Delores reported the Sunday Fellowship Coffee hours are filled at this time, adding that October's Hour will be on October 13 instead of the first Sunday, to accommodate our chili supper, and no December Fellowship. Delores reported on the Pancake Breakfast held March 17. There were more than 40 volunteers and expressed appreciation to all who helped. There were 154 total attendees, 133 adults and 21 children, with a profit of \$1,322.00. The food expense of \$350.00 was covered by the \$250.00 Thrivent Card and \$100.00 donation. Advertising was done via flyers, online, Facebook, Coca Cola Marquee, sign at Church Entrance, and News Tribune. Delores expressed appreciation to Tony and Connie Miller for donating \$54.00 to cover the News Tribune bill. There was some discussion of changing the menu for next year to increase attendance. Delores reported on Evangelism committee providing and serving snacks throughout the day of voting at the Special Election in our church hall on April 2, 2019. She expressed her appreciation for Marie Scheperle who came early to set up and work first half, while Delores worked the second shift.

**Worship & Music:** Kathy Meller

Kathy reports church attendance is increasing with over 100 each Sunday, and Pastor has been talking to several visitors who have been attending. Kathy reported on the March 31, 2019 Blessing of the quilts, some of which will go to Rape and Abuse Crisis Center. Our choir is growing in number. There will be an open procession with palms on Palm Sunday, all are invited to participate. On Good Friday, Pastor will use the "Seven Words of Jesus" format for our service, followed by hot cross buns in the Fellowship hall. An outside Easter Cross will be decorated as well as lilies on the altar. On May 5, Pastor Viles will recognize our graduating seniors, Abby Bubach, Trevor Collins and Lydia Trampe. The May Hymn of the month will be #782, "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need."

**Parish Education:** Laurie Koestner

Laurie reported last day of Sunday School will be May 12, which is also the last day of Confirmation Class. Confirmation date undecided at this time. Laurie reported new material will be ordered in August for 2019-2020 school year. She reports there are informal talks with the youth about possible fundraisers/mission trip to Nebraska to assist families affected by the NE flood.

**Church Improvement:** Mitchell Plochberger

Mitch reported new A/C units have been ordered, and is unsure when they will be installed. There have been preliminary conversations on the kitchen renovation project. About 30 people came to spring work day. Plans are underway to reorganize the garage. Mitch reported on possible concrete work out back by storage area and dug a ditch as a temporary fix for a drainage problem. Zola thanked Dan for his work on shelves in choir closet. Mitch reworked flashing and added sealant to roof at the parsonage. He is still looking into lighting updates outside of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Paula Linsenbardt

Not present.

**Mutual Ministry:** Vacant (Pastor David Viles)

Pastor reported we still need one new member and one Council member to serve as Chairperson. Pastor Viles asks for names of those who might be willing to serve. Plans are underway to perform staff evaluations in April and August.

**Jr. Lutherans:** Donita Stubinger

April 14, 2019 was a surprising morning for dying Easter eggs. To our amazement we woke up to a snow covered sheet of white on our freshly moved grass. It didn't last long as it melted by the time church was over. We colored 24 dozen eggs with a very good attendance of children. Everyone enjoyed lunch. Most of the children were so excited about coloring eggs they had to color them first before they even ate. Again we appreciate all the parents helping with the setup and clean up. It was a fun filled busy morning.

Plans are being made for a visit to the Jefferson City Fire Department to look over the new fire trucks and a trip to Dairy Queen afterwards. More details will follow in the Sunday bulletins. There is no meeting in June. We will serve for the 4th of July celebration on June 30th. Then we will have our Back to School Blast in August. Also we thank Bob Vlach for the monetary donation towards our crafts.

**Dorcas Circle & S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints]:** Gertrude Strobel

The Dorcas Circle met briefly before the STARS dinner on Wednesday, April 3rd. The STARS dinner was thoroughly enjoyed. Delicious casseroles were the hit of the day. We particularly want to thank Pastor Viles for presenting the final photos of the wedding dresses worn at the 150th anniversary church celebration.

The groups will be meeting on Wednesday, May 1st. Dorcas Circle will meet at 10::30 AM and will join the STARS group dinner at 11:30 AM. The meal will feature Steve's Country Fried Chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy furnished. If you plan to attend, phone Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday evening, April 29th, and tell her what food dish you will be bringing. We need salads, vegetables and desserts.

Thanks to Erika Gerth we will have Capital Region Medical Center present the program. It is entitled *"A Good Night's Sleep - Just Another Urban Legend?"* Adrienne Mills, RN, BSN, MBA, Director of Cardiovascular Services at Capital Region, will share with us why we need sleep, what happens when we don't get it, and tips for an improved night's sleep. This presentation is open to ALL members of the congregation and their friends!

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Audrey Bunch

The April 9th Mobile Food Pantry was a great day to be outside. The weather was great to serve 92 families with 340 people in those families in the Trinity Lutheran church parking lot in Russellville. We gave out farm fresh eggs, red potatoes, baby spinach, cherry tomatoes, red cabbage, onions, frozen chicken tenders, cereal, toilet paper, bagged items and bottled lemonade. Thanks to all who volunteered to help at the mobile food pantry. From the Lohman Lions Club were Alberta and Gary Zumwalt, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor David Viles, Debbie Raithel, Becky Weber, Rosemary Heidbreder and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry May 14 at 1:15 P.M.

**Fruendschaft Gruppe:** Jeannette Fischer

There were 23 members in attendance at our April 8 meeting. After a delicious dinner served by Donita and Glen we set to work. All the quilts made by our ladies this spring were sorted and 20 were bagged and labeled for the RACS facility in Jefferson City. The remaining 7 were boxed and will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Our "gruppe" will now be in recess until September. Thanks to all those attending our meetings this past season and for all the work we accomplished. Also thanks to Donita and Glen for keeping us well nourished. Jeannette Fischer, Chair

## **Safety & Security Advisory Group:** Bill Gerth

### **Evacuation Drills**

The first ever Severe Weather Evacuation Drill for St. Paul's was performed on Sunday, April 14, 2019. This drill was the culmination of several weeks of planning by the Safety & Security Advisory Group, preparation and distribution of evacuation route signage, and congregational briefings. By most accounts, the drill was quite successful and all members of the congregation transferred from the sanctuary to the downstairs rally point in a measured 3 minutes and 7 seconds. We had several helpful suggestions for changes from the congregation and these changes are under careful consideration by the advisory group.

For those of you who were not present at church on April 14th, we plan additional follow up drills in the near future. In the meantime, you may wish to review the Evacuation Route Charts that are posted. These charts are also available as handouts in the narthex and were distributed as email attachments. The Fire Evacuation Routes (red lines on the charts) are somewhat different from the Severe Weather Evacuation Routes (blue lines on the charts). We are planning a Fire Evacuation Drill sometime in May so we'll get an opportunity to experience those differences first hand.

Please share any concerns or suggestions with any member of the Safety and Security Advisory Group. The advisory group is composed of co-chairs David Finch and Jerry Koestner, plus members Roger Pennell, Richard Prosch, Bill Gerth, Gary Elliott, Mel Stubinger, and Pastor David.

## **St. Paul's Epistle: 50 Years Ago, March, 1969:** Gertrude Strobel

The May, 1969, Epistle contained the obituary of August A. Doehla, who passed away on May 3, 1969. In the Grapevine: Marie Fischer vacationed in Florida. The Albin Linsenbardt's from Longview, Texas, vacationed in Missouri. Richard Heidbreder returned home with a discharge from the Air Force and Vietnam on Easter Sunday. At the altar: Geraldine Loesch and Terry Surface were united in marriage on April 5th. Some members have expressed a desire to have a memorial service at our cemetery on Memorial Day. That's the way it was ...fifty years ago.



**Spring has sprung!** The Mouse family has been enjoying the spring flowers and watching the leaves turn green on the trees. Not a bad pastime for mice. There is one sure thing at St. Paul's, there is a never-ending trail of crumbs for the Mouse family, especially during the Lenten season. Thanks to all who hosted the Wednesday night snacks and the Good Friday night hot cross buns. It was pure joy to watch the children hunt Easter eggs on the church lawn. It is not pure joy to know that "Black Bear" is back and that foxes are catching the squirrels for food.

Special thanks to Kathryn and Les (Linsenbardt) who again dealt with the forty lilies that graced the sanctuary this Easter season. They also are responsible for the wooden cross near the outdoor church steps. Thanks to those who donated the lilies and those who helped decorate the wooden cross. The church choir, musicians, readers, acolytes, ushers, washing of communionware all required extra time on their part...thank you! Paulinah and I are looking forward to the lazy days of summer. Aren't you? Our weather saying of the month: "Neither morning showers nor an old woman's dancing last very long." And that is it for the month of May!, Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

## **Margaret Circle:** Erika Gerth

Margaret Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM, at the Church. Marie Scheperle will be our hostess and Inge Gauck will lead us in the study of God's holy word. Our special guest will be Rhonda Rose, a friend of many members at St. Paul's. Rhonda lives near Washington DC and will be in our area visiting relatives and friends and we are delighted to welcome her to our meeting. As always, all women of the church and their friends, are invited!



**WELCA:** Amber Gardner

WELCA hosted their annual Lenten Ingathering; our total for the Lenten season was 178 lbs. Thanks to all who donated the food, paper products and hygiene items to the Samaritan Center.

WELCA also served refreshments for work day in April. Thanks to all the ladies who brought such yummy refreshments!

Annual Synodical Convention – The 32nd Annual Convention of the Central States Synod, Women of the ELCA will be held August 16-18, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Wichita, Kansas. The theme is “Wonderfully Made” based on Psalm 132:14, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

We have received registration forms, and also grant applications for first time attendees, etc. Contact Marie Scheperle for more details.

**Women of the ELCA, Mid-Mo Spring Cluster Meeting:** Erika Gerth

Cluster meetings are a great opportunity to meet with women of the ELCA from our cluster churches and together engage in Bible study, conduct business and learn about ministries in the local community as well as world-wide. Marie Scheperle, Carol Elliott and I had the privilege of joining with twenty-seven of our sisters at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The rain subsided quickly as we began our drive, to be replaced by sunshine, a few clouds, and lots of wind! We were warmly welcomed with delicious pastries, fruit and beverages as we prepared for the beginning of our gathering.

The Rev. Stephen Zeller, pastor of St. Paul's, led us in the study of Psalm 139, from which came the day's theme: “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” The psalmist's words resonated with our own as we uttered the same words of praise and thanksgiving! Following a delightful lunch of tacos and baked potatoes, and of course scrumptious deserts, Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller, mother of two adorable pre-schoolers and wife of Pastor Zeller, took us on a visual journey to The Gambia, a country in West Africa that is almost entirely surrounded by Senegal. Pastor Kim became acquainted with this country while stationed there as a Peace Corp Volunteer. She is now involved with Gambia Rising, a non-profit which focuses on education, with particular emphasis on educating girls who traditionally do not go to school since they are needed in the home and in the fields. Pastor Kim shared pictures of the students, mostly boys, and a few girls, all wearing uniforms. She explained that the cost of educating one elementary aged child for one year costs \$37.50, a large sum of money for these families. With thanks to God for our many blessings, the members of the Cluster voted to send Gambia Rising \$595.00 for use in educating these young people who are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Ladies, mark your calendars. The Fall Cluster meeting will take place at our church on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Planning has already begun. It will be an awesome day! Erika Gerth

**Cemetery News:** Roger Pennell

The Spring Clean-up for the cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming out to lend a hand to help keep our cemetery beautiful.

**St Paul's Annual Camping / Float Trip:** Debbie Boyce

All are welcome! Those that have tents we just put on our RV sites so we are all together. Hidden Valley Outfitters **July 12-14**. We will float on Saturday: Kayaks, single or double, canoes, and rafts. You can call 417-533-5628 or go on line to [hvoutfitters.com](http://hvoutfitters.com). We have spaces starting on two rows 12 down and 24 down. Let them know you are with our group or let Debbie Boyce know and I'll book for you, 562-322-3498 or [hisunshine75@hotmail.com](mailto:hisunshine75@hotmail.com) Fun times together!





**Movie Night:** Friday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Doors are open at 6:30 p.m. bring your snacks to share and a favorite bean bag or chair. Metal chairs are available. Meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

This is our last regular Movie Night for the Summer.

Grease was released 41 years ago and remains a feel good movie about the trials of young love and some iconic moves on the dance floor. It is a fun movie and a great way to end our regular Friday night movies.

More Info <[HERE](#)>

### Summer 2019 Schedule - Lake Area Community Orchestra

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Tuesday, May 28  | St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hatler St., Russellville               |
| Tuesday, June 4  | Ha Ha Tonka State Park, Route D, Camdenton                            |
| Tuesday, June 11 | Eldon Air Park, Eldon (First Baptist Church Rain Location)            |
| Tuesday, June 18 | West Lake Christian Church, Route O, Laurie                           |
| Tuesday, June 25 | Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church, Hermitage                     |
| Tuesday, July 9  | Hope Lutheran Church, Senior Center, Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach |
| Tuesday, July 16 | First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City             |
| Tuesday, July 23 | Versailles Royal Theatre, Versailles                                  |
| Tuesday, July 30 | Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bus. 54, Lake Ozark                      |

**All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge. Free will donations are welcome. Bring a chair to Ha Ha Tonka and Eldon Air Park.**

There is some great music in store for us at these concerts. Selections include Caribbean Rondo, Duke Ellington in Concert, Star Trek Through The Years, Ray Charles Music: A Man and His Soul, and Waltz No. 2 by Shostakovich. And we close with Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

Gene Moll, Orchestra Publicity Chair, [themissourimolls@gmail.com](mailto:themissourimolls@gmail.com) - 573-782-8203

**Heisinger Bluffs Fund Raiser:** Ellen Strobel

**WE HOPE YOU'LL COME** to the American Legion Hall on Saturday, May 4th. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. you will feast on fried chicken and roast beef dinner with sides and a dessert. The cost for Adults is \$11.00 and Children 5yrs. to 10 yrs. is \$5.00 Proceeds from this fund raiser will benefit the residents of Heisinger Bluffs.

**Church Tour:** Gertrude Strobel

The 'Happy Drifters', a group from Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson City visited our church on Maundy Thursday afternoon. The group was led by Carol Siedel. Albin Linsenbardt, Marie Schepelerle, and Gertrude Strobel explained the origin of various objects in the sanctuary and later the group visited the cemetery. Several of those attending were former members of our congregation. It was a joy to have them visit.

## Reading Through the Bible

| Date   | Day           | Daily Reading   |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Apr-21 | <b>Sunday</b> | Ruth 1-2        |
| Apr-22 | Monday        | Ruth 3-4        |
| Apr-23 | Tuesday       | I Samuel 1-2    |
| Apr-24 | Wednesday     | I Samuel 3-4    |
| Apr-25 | Thursday      | I Samuel 5-6    |
| Apr-26 | Friday        | I Samuel 7-8    |
| Apr-27 | Saturday      | I Samuel 9-10   |
| Apr-28 | <b>Sunday</b> | I Samuel 11-13  |
| Apr-29 | Monday        | I Samuel 14-16  |
| Apr-30 | Tuesday       | I Samuel 17-18  |
| May-1  | Wednesday     | I Samuel 19-21  |
| May-2  | Thursday      | I Samuel 22-24  |
| May-3  | Friday        | I Samuel 25-27  |
| May-4  | Saturday      | I Samuel 28-31  |
| May-5  | <b>Sunday</b> | II Samuel 1-3   |
| May-6  | Monday        | II Samuel 4-6   |
| May-7  | Tuesday       | II Samuel 7-8   |
| May-8  | Wednesday     | II Samuel 9-11  |
| May-9  | Thursday      | II Samuel 12-14 |
| May-10 | Friday        | II Samuel 15-17 |
| May-11 | Saturday      | II Samuel 18-19 |
| May-12 | <b>Sunday</b> | II Samuel 20-22 |
| May-13 | Monday        | II Samuel 23-24 |
| May-14 | Tuesday       | I Kings 1-2     |
| May-15 | Wednesday     | I Kings 3-4     |
| May-16 | Thursday      | I Kings 5-7     |
| May-17 | Friday        | I Kings 8-9     |
| May-18 | Saturday      | I Kings 10-11   |

St. Paul's Bible scholars have faithfully met each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

This month we completed reading all of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth and the first 10 chapters of 1 Samuel.

These Bible Scholars have been amazing in their dedication and participation in discussions when we meet as a group each Sunday. The questions are fantastic and learning is fun when done together.

[← New Schedule for the next four weeks.](#)

**Some of what we have learned these 4 weeks.**

The Israelites defeat King Og whose bed was 6 feet wide and almost 14 feet long and made of metal.

If a man has a rebellious son, he and his wife can have him stoned to death. **Sounds like kids better honor their father and mother..! 4<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT.**

When the trumpets blew and the men shouted the walls of Jericho fell down.

Gideon is called by God to fight for Israel but he wants proof God is with him so he puts a wool fleece on the ground and asks God to allow the morning dew to only be on the wool fleece and not the ground around it and God does it. But that isn't good enough for Gideon so he wants to repeat the test but this time the ground is to be covered with dew and the fleece kept dry. Again in the morning it happens as God answers Gideon's request.

The book of Ruth is a wonderful story about a Moabite woman who follows her Jewish mother-in-law back to the land of Israel to care for her and honor her. Ruth refuses to stay in Moab telling Naomi, her mother-in-law, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth will become the great grandmother of King David who is in the genealogy of Jesus the Christ.

In 1st Samuel we hear the story of Hannah who is childless and begs God to give her a son. She makes a promise if she has a son she will give him to God for all of his life. After having her son, who she names Samuel, she waits until he is weaned and then gives him to Eli, the Priest, where he is raised in the house of the Lord. Samuel becomes God's Prophet transitioning the people from Judges to Kings.

While Israel is fighting the Philistines, they lose the Ark of the Covenant in the war. But the Philistines find they have lots of trouble by keeping it and finally send it back to Israel.

If you are living outside of this area and can't attend, feel free to send questions or comments to Pastor David's email address. [davidviles@cox.net](mailto:davidviles@cox.net)

| St. Paul's Calendar  |                                      |   |   |   |   |   | May |  | 2019 |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--|------|--|
| Sun  | Mon                                  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |     |  |      |  |
| <a href="#">Click for Calendar Online</a>  |                                      |   | 1<br><b>Bulletin Printed</b><br>10:30/11:30 am Dorcas Circle STARS dinner | 2<br>5:15 p.m. National Day of Prayer at Russellville Park. | 3<br>Movie Night "Grease"<br>Pastor's Day Off | 4<br>4:30 pm Heisinger Bluffs Fundraiser dinner at American Legion Hall |     |  |      |  |
| 5<br>9am Worship<br>10:15 am Fellowship Hour<br>4pm Bible Reading Group<br>7:00 p.m. High School Baccalaureate | 6                                    | 7<br>9 am Worship & Music Meeting                                       | 8<br><b>Bulletin Printed</b>  | 9   | 10<br>Pastor's Day Off                        | 11<br>9 am Cemetery Spring Clean-Up                                     |     |  |      |  |
| 12<br>9am Worship Communion<br>4pm Bible Reading Group<br>Mother's Day   | 13<br>6:30 pm Church Council Meeting | 14<br>1:15 pm Food Pantry<br>6:30 pm Margaret Circle                    | 15<br><b>Bulletin Printed</b><br>6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting          | 16  | 17<br>Pastor's Day Off                        | 18  |     |  |      |  |
| 19<br>9am Worship<br>10:15 am Fellowship for Olivia Linhardt Birthday<br>4pm Bible Reading Group               | 20<br><b>Epistle Deadline</b>        | 21  | 22<br><b>Bulletin Printed</b>   | 23  | 24<br>Pastor's Day Off                        | 25<br>Ryan Linhardt & Lizzie Otto Wedding                               |     |  |      |  |
| 26<br>9am Worship Communion Memorial Day Service<br>4pm Bible Reading Group                                    | 27<br>Memorial Day Holiday           | 28<br>7 p.m. Lake Area Community Orchestra at St. Michaels Russellville | 29<br><b>Bulletin Printed</b>   | 30<br>Ascension of Our Lord                                 | 31  |   |     |  |      |  |

**Date**                      **Ushers**

May 05    Kathy Meller | Mitchell Plochberger  
 May 12    Dan Tschirgi | Delores Vlach  
 May 19    Zola Finch | Laurie Koestner  
 May 26    Paula Linsenbardt | Kathy Meller

**Acolytes | Communion – Youth - Adult**

Mandy Miller  
 Mattson Stoermer | Kaitlyn Finch | Laurie or Jerry Koestner  
 William Gardner  
 Meredith Benne | Jahanna Koestner | Trish Russell

**Date**                      **Greeters**

May 05    Don Buchta | Audrey Bunch  
 May 12    Gary Elliott | Richard Heidbreder  
 May 19    Jerry Koestner | Laurie Koestner  
 May 26    Frank Pascoe | Donald Weber

**Readers**

Jana Thompson  
 Jessica Stoermer  
 Jerry Koestner  
 Trish Russell

**Communionware For Month**  
 Jim Loesch | Cynthia Loesch

**Flowers For Month**  
 Diane Kalaf

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10:15 a.m.: Sunday School & Adult Forum                      11:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class

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