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

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Pastor's Message

July is a time for celebrations, camping trips and vacations.

The celebration we look forward to most during this month, of course, is the 4th of July. It is a time to remember the long fought war for Independence from England's rule of heavy taxation and our right to Worship God freely. Many people gave up all they had including their lives to provide a future of freedom for the generations to come in this great land of ours.

But the cost of freedom didn't end with that war for independence. This month we celebrate 243 years as a Nation. 243 years of freedom to live as we please, worship as we please. It is wonderful to be free but we must remember our national heroes who made us free and keep us free.

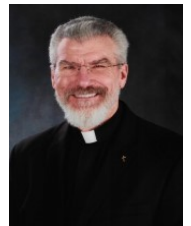
Those heroes are every man and woman who has served in our military since 1776 and those who continue to do so today. During these 243 years we have been a nation, our military men and women have fought and died 226 of those years. For 93% of our history as a nation we have been in one war

or another to maintain this freedom we cherish.

Give thanks to every Veteran you know, every Veteran you see and every Veteran you do not know or see who have given all they have to keep our people safe and free in a world filled with dictators and tyrants. Give thanks to the families who have watched their children go to war for us and sometimes not seen their children return.

Give thanks also to our God who we worship and praise for the war he fought on our behalf to make us free. God sent his own Son to war, and Jesus went willingly to fight a war against sin and death. Jesus fought against the great deceiver and oppressor who wanted to keep us in sin and death. But through his work on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, God delivered us through forgiveness and gave us eternal life to be with him. Praise God and give him all glory forever and ever. Amen

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David



JULY 2019 BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you!

- 1 Angela Tierney
- 2 Kaylin Bubach
- 2 Christopher Murphy
- 5 Amber Gardner
- 6 Dylan Gardner
- 8 Gus Fischer
- 9 Kara Freiner
- 10 Sherry Williams
- 11 Joshua Ferrell
- 12 Carol Driemeier
- 15 Sherman Koestner
- 16 Wayne Linsenbardt
- 17 Jonathan Kalaf
- 17 Shawn Williams
- 19 Vera Stubinger
- 21 Laney Hager
- 21 Jessica Stoermer
- 24 Debbie Boyce
- 24 Colin Woehr
- 25 Bret Fischer
- 31 Tyler Hager
- 31 Lyndli Thompson



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Craig and Angie Stubinger 1998
19 Elroy and Vera Stubinger 1980
23 Rich and Gina Prosch 1988
27 Harry and Jana Thompson 1974 (45 Years)
29 John and Dee Dee Loesch 1978

Happy Anniversary

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Date	Attendance	Offering
June 02	88	\$2,477.25
June 09	109	\$2,535.79
June 16	75	\$1,602.10
June 26	87	\$2,337.00
June 30	101	\$1,708.50
Total	460	\$10,660.64

Included in financial Update:

Special Gifts

Air Conditioning Fund: \$13,126.10 of \$14,300.00

Continued prayers for healing, comfort and peace. Virginia Linhardt, Jason Wood, Bridget Dalton, Donna Viles, Chris Russell, Dave Russell, Amy Buechler, Kevin Morrow and Jennifer Plochberger.

Congratulations to Jake and Sonya (Raithe) Loesch on their wedding June 22, 2019. Blessings to you for a life of joy and happiness.



Humor Corner:

The Pastor decided to skip church one Sunday morning to go play golf. He told his assistant he wasn't feeling well. He drove to a golf course in another city, so nobody would know him. He teed off on the first hole and a huge gust of wind caught his ball, carried it an extra hundred yards and dropped it right in the hole, for a 450 yard hole in one. An angel looked at God and said, "what'd you do that for?" God smiled and said, "Who is he going to tell?"

Ask the Pastor

Question: Each Sunday we say a Creed, normally the Apostles' Creed but sometimes the Nicene Creed. Who wrote them? When were they written? Where were they written? Do most denominations use these creeds? Perhaps you could do a creed a month?

Answer: Great question and suggestion of learning about the Creeds each month. There are three Creeds: Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed.

First thing we need to learn is the meaning of a Creed. What is it? A Creed is a statement of our Faith. Each week during our worship service I say these words or similar: "Let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed." We then confess, or acknowledge, what we believe about our Triune God.

Where did the Apostles' Creed come from, when was it written and who wrote it?

Unlike the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds are not taken from Jesus words in the scriptures but instead they are derived from the teachings we have learned in the Holy Scriptures.

The Apostles' Creed began around 180 A.D. by early Christians and was called the 'Roman Creed.' It consisted of 86 words and was updated around 750 A.D. to 109 words as we know it today.

Roman Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty;
and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord, Who
was born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried,
on the third day rose again from the dead,
ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of the
Father, whence He will come to judge the living
and the dead;
and in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the
remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh (the
life everlasting).

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

No one knows exactly who wrote the Roman or revised Apostles' Creed. It is credited as being derived from the 12 Apostles. It is also thought to have been put in place to state our true belief of Christ crucified to refute the heresy of Gnosticism which claimed Christ only appeared to suffer and die but did not actually do so.

The denominations of the Reformed Church use the Apostles' Creed in the liturgical setting of our worship service. It is used to proclaim our faith in these points of belief. Although other Christian faiths may not use the Creed in weekly worship, it is understood that all Christians are believers of the statements of faith in the Apostles' Creed.

All Christians believe in God the Father, and that he created the heaven and the earth, Jesus Christ God's Son who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, who rose from the dead and ascended to be with the Father and will come again to judge the living and the dead. The Holy Spirit, the catholic (worldwide) Church, gathering of saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of our bodies and the gift of everlasting life. These are the beliefs we have come to have faith in through hearing the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures. These are the truths we believe through the Holy Spirit. These are the articles of faith that make us Christians, followers of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Peace, Pastor David

Congratulations to Laura Frasher Tuttle



For the past four years, Laura Frasher Tuttle has studied with Concordia University-Portland. After two years of accelerated course work and another two years of her own intense study, Dr. Laura Frasher Tuttle successfully defended her dissertation on January 30, 2019. Laura, her husband Kristian, and their son Luke recently attended her doctoral graduation ceremony in Portland, Oregon, on April 27, 2019.

Laughing Out Loud:

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his doctor and his lawyer, both church members, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the doctor and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were also puzzled; the preacher had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness, and their avaricious behavior that made them squirm in their seats. Finally, the doctor said, "Preacher, why did you ask the two of us to come?" The old preacher mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves ... and that's how I want to go."

Regular Congregational Council Meeting, June 10, 2019

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm by President Zola Finch. Present were council members Paula Linsenbardt, Kathy Meller, Mitchell Plochberger, Dan Tschirgi, and Becky Weber. Absent were Delores Vlach and Kay Pascoe. Also present was Pastor David Viles.

The meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Pastor Viles.

Michael Dust of Life Touch presented information regarding church pictorial directories.

The President then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2019 Council Meeting. The motion was offered by Mitch Plochberger, seconded by Paula Linsenbardt, and passed via voice vote.

President called for Standing Committee reports: **(See reports listed after the Council Minutes.)**

The President then called for the Treasurer report given by Pastor David Viles. A report of the past month's expenses and incomes, provided by Kay Pascoe, was distributed by Pastor. After discussion, a motion to approve report was offered by Mitch Plochberger, seconded by Paula Linsenbardt, and passed via voice vote. Paula Linsenbardt reported that she, Kay Pascoe, and Gus Fischer took inventory and discarded unneeded items in the church safety deposit box at Farmers Bank of Lohman.

The President then asked Pastor Viles for the May 2019 mileage and activity report. Pastor's May mileage totaled 56 miles. A motion to approve this was passed upon a motion by Kathy Meller, seconded by Dan Tschirgi, and passed via voice vote. The amount is \$22.04

Pastor reported attendance at over seven individual meetings, to include Lions Club, Food Bank at Trinity in Russellville, Lohman City Council, S.T.A.R.S., Worship and Music, Mutual Ministry, and Safety Meeting. He made 1 home visit, 1 School visit, 2 office visits, and various office conversations. Pastor officiated at 1 wedding, organized and preached at the Baccalaureate Service for Russellville High School students, helped organize and attended the end of the year Confirmation party, took his dog Brandy to Jackson Scheperle's school class for Jackson's show and tell day, held the annual Memorial Day Veteran Day Service at the Cross, and numerous other activities.

The President then called for discussion of Old Business. There will be a fire drill next Sunday. A vote was taken, and it was decided to go with LifeTouch company for our new church directories. It was noted that our greeters have been helping to take up collection, and this is working well.

New Business: Pastor reported on Synod Assembly attendance and will complete a report on this. There was discussion on incorporating contemporary music during some of our Sunday church services.

Council was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Pastor closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer, recited by all. Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Council secretary.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi

There was discussion on the need for hanging microphones at the altar area of the church to improve sound during the choir song, Christmas programs, etc... An approximate cost is \$500.00 for two plus cost of installation. There was discussion of obtaining outdoor speakers for prayers and announcements for fireworks festival on June 30, 2019. Dan will check into this. Dan offered his appreciation for Jahanna Koestner for monitoring and adjusting the sound system during Confirmation activities on June 9, 2019; he added he does not know what we would have done without her. There was discussion on the need for a schedule for people to assist with adjusting the system during readings and musical presentations. Dan will work on this.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach

Becky Weber presented report provided by Delores. Many thanks to David and Carla Strobel, and Cameron and Karey Freiner and children for hosting fellowship hour June 2, 2019. What a wonderful variety of sweets, all home made by Karey and the children! Truly a labor of love for our congregation! Evangelism committee will again hand out free trinkets for the children on the evening of June 30, 2019 before the fireworks display..

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller

Kathy reports a need for maintaining fresh grape juice for communion Sundays. Many people wore red in celebration of Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation June 9. Those confirmed were Charlie Miller, Garrett Collins and Kate Freiner. The men of the church will sing Faith of Our Fathers for the anthem on Father's Day, June 16, 2019. June 30 is our Patriotic Service, during which our veterans will process into the sanctuary carrying flags followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a poem read by Pastor entitled "I Am a Veteran." The choir will take a summer break starting on July 21, through August.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner

There was discussion about grouping the middle school through high school students to participate in a monthly Sunday Service Event, and a monthly Sunday fellowship held offsite to increase participation and a sense of community with this age group. Laurie also reports Vacation Bible School will be July 14 to July 18, 2019, held at Russellville's Trinity Lutheran Church.

Church Improvement: Mitchell Plochberger

The new air conditioning is working great The Council thanked Mitch for his hard work on this project. Improvement in outside lighting is in progress. There was work done on two vents in the bell tower (maintenance and painting). The downstairs water heater is working well now. The storage garage has been nearly cleaned out with a few items remaining. There is a light in the sanctuary that needs replacing.

Stewardship: Paula Linsenbardt – No report this month.

Mutual Ministry: Vacant (Pastor David Viles)

Pastor reports we still need one member to chair this committee, and one additional member. The staff evaluations have been completed.

Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

We served Cinnamon Rolls for the 4th of July celebration on June 30th during Fellowship Hour after worship. Thank you Curt for making these rolls and getting up extra early and Ruth for delivering them and helping to serve. We will have our Back to School Blast in August, look for more information in the church bulletins in July and August.

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

The Dorcas Circle met briefly prior to the STARS meeting on Wednesday, June 5th. Plans were made for upcoming summer meetings. The offering was \$40.00. Perhaps you have suggestions for future meetings, such as menus and programs? If you do, give them to Rose or Gert. There will be no Dorcas meeting in July or August.

STARS: The group met on Wednesday, June 5th. This was a mystery dinner and it really turned out well. The mystery meat course was PRIME RIB. WOW! Thanks to Curtis and Donita for this very special meat course and to all who brought the tasty vegetables, salads, and desserts. Following the meal, the group enjoyed viewing photographs brought in by the attendees. The group will not meet in July or August. Enjoy your summer! We look forward to a new season of STARS, probably in September. We will keep you posted.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The June 11th Mobile Food Pantry went good, had nice weather. We served 99 families with 312 people in those families. Items given out this month fresh mushrooms, tomatoes, frozen chicken, milk, tea, bagged cereal, cooking oil spray, animal crackers, taco kits, fruit bars, popcorn and frozen bagels. Volunteers from Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, from St. Paul's Pastor David Viles, Becky Weber, Rosemary Heidbreder and Audrey Bunch.

Next Mobile Food Pantry is July 9th at 1:15 P.M.

Fruendschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer

A "gruppe" of 18 braved the rain and wind and journeyed to the Claysville Store to enjoy lunch on Sunday, June 23. The fried chicken and country ham was delicious and the ambiance of the establishment was special. Thanks to all who attended. We will now be in recess until September. Thanks, Jeannette Fischer, Chair

2019 TEAM VBS

Welcome to ROAR, the VBS where kids learn that Life is Wild-God is good! If you want to join us, we will have Wild Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Stampede Sports, Sing & Play Roar and Play, Safari Celebration & More!

Ages: Age 3 thru children just finishing 5th grade

When: July 14 - 18, 2019

VBS Closing with meal and program will be July 18, 2019, at the same time; parents, grandparents, guardians, relatives please attend with your child(ren).

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (No Meal) Monday – Thursday Time: 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meal: 5:45 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The meals are being donated by Reinhardt Circle/Misty Schroeder.

Team VBS Partners and Contact Persons:

St. Michael's Catholic Church: Stacy Schrimpf 619-2736

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Laurie Koestner 680-1278

Trinity Lutheran Church: Anna Wise 821-3434

United Methodist Church: Jane Wisch 496-3741

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN July 7, 2019 to a contact person listed above or mail to: **(Pick up Registration forms in Narthex or see Pastor in office.)**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn: Team VBS, 13007 Route C, Russellville, MO 65074

Registration fee: \$10.00 per child with a max of \$30 per family. Fee includes:

T-shirt for each child registered, supper, music CD per family, and more.

Several of the men gathered on Father's Day to sing "Faith of our Fathers" during the Anthem part of our Worship service.



Back row left to right: Donald Weber, Bill Gerth, Pastor David, Gary Elliott, Leroy Plochberger and Frank Pascoe.
Front row left to right: Richard Heidbreder, Bill Wyss, Dan Tschirgi, Scotty Soell, Jerry Koestner and Dave Boyce.

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

JULY/AUGUST 1969 CHURCH COUNCIL: The installation of new gutters and downspouts was completed a few weeks ago (July, 1969). The fall Mission Festival will be held on October 12, 1969.

LUTHER LEAGUE: Jim Loesch was elected President and Diane Linsenbardt (Kalaf) was elected Secretary. Glenn Stubinger was home on his first visit from the Marines; Delores Gemeinhardt (Vlach), Nebraska, was home from college. Junior Lutherans: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hubbard hosted a tour of his home museum of Indian artifacts. (Note: the artifacts were given to the State Capitol Museum after his death) Enjoy the rain! And that's the way it was...50 years ago



Reporting from the beautiful Church on the Hill, it's Paul, Head Mouse at the church along with his best friend, Paulinah. The main topic this month is WEATHER. Our family was hiding in our "mouse homes" a lot this month, especially when a tornado hit Jefferson City and debris came as far as the Lohman area on May 22nd. Many are saying "Rain, rain, go away, come again another day." Now come the lazy days of summer and we hope the crumbs will continue to come our way. Thanks to all who have served the many duties needed to keep our congregation going strong. Weather saying of the month: "A southerly wind with showers of rain, Will bring the wind from the west again." Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

Members of Margaret Circle will gather at the home of Kay Pascoe on Tuesday, July 9th, at 6:00 PM, for our annual salad supper. All women of our congregation, and their friends, are welcome to attend. Please let us know you are coming by contacting Kay (782-3478) or Erika (635-6681). Bring a salad to share. Inge Gauck will again lead us in the study of God's holy Word. We look forward to a wonderful evening of good food, fellowship and Bible study! Hope to see you there!

WELCA: Amber Gardner

WELCA thanks everyone who provided desserts for the Lohman fireworks Food Stand. A very big thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up!

We will be meeting in the next few weeks to begin chili supper planning.

In September, St. Paul's WELCA will be hosting the WELCA area fall cluster meeting. Please plan on attending! We will begin meeting soon to plan the meeting, which will be held here at St. Paul's. Please mark your calendar for September 28th and plan to join us.

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 online to 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 Fun times together!

Mid-Missouri Bible Camp July 21-26, 2019 Camp Rising Run, Lake of the Ozarks State Park

A camp for youth who have completed the 4th grade and not yet entered the 10th grade. Cost is \$90.

Registration forms are due July 2nd. SALT & LIGHT Be these. Matthew 5:13-14

Learning more about God, Swimming, Crafts, New Friends, Great Food and Fun Games.

Contact Becky Hayden (haydensouthhm@gmail.com)

Patriotic Sunday and Lohman Festival

During the morning service, the Veterans processed in carrying flags and placed them in a container. Pastor David and the Veterans participated in a reading of a poem written by Andrea Brett titled, 'I Am A Veteran'. Afterward the congregation joined the Veterans in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Annual Lohman Festival continued at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the Hill with a celebration of good Lutheran food prepared by members of our church and served by the WELCA women and volunteers who came out to help. Thank you to WELCA President Amber Gardner for organizing the Food Stand.

There were over three hundred cars parked on the Hill for the festivities. And an unknown number of good people sitting in lawn chairs, truck beds and many children running and playing. Below are a few pictures of the event.





Preparing the desserts takes a lot of work. Good job: William, Jeannette, Marie, Amber, Rania, Kylee, Meredith, Emma and Marlene. You did an awesome job of getting all those desserts into a container.



Kylee Scheperle was amazing playing the Star Spangled Banner on her guitar and had the perfect backup with the wonderful Scotty Soell.



The Sound Technicians Dan Tschirgi and Kent Nelson made the music flow and Pastor David's announcements perfect.



Trish Russell added wonderful decorations to make the Church grounds explode with 4th of July flavor. Trish is one of the church members who help keep up with every change of the season or calendar event. Thank You!

The Fireworks show was incredible and greatly appreciated by everyone who came out to enjoy this spectacular event.



Special thanks to:

- **Marvin Bubach** for spraying weeds on the Hill.
- **Gus Fischer** for bush hogging the Hill and **Alan Scheperle** for extra finish cutting the Hill for the Patriotic Day celebration.
- **Mitchell Plochberger** for painting the slats in the Bell Tower.
- **Roger Pennell** for donating the Deep Freezer to the Church.
- **Donita Stubinger** and the Jr. Lutheran's for hosting Fellowship Hour on June 30th with wonderful Cinnamon Rolls.
- **Roger Pennell and his crew** for setting up parking areas and directing traffic for the Fireworks Festival on the Hill.
- **Pastor David Viles** for erecting the American Flag on the Church grounds.
- **Gary Elliott** for supplying and erecting the many small American Flags leading up the road to our church and for the Veterans to carry in during Worship service.
- **Kylee Scheperle and Scotty Soell** for playing the Star Spangled Banner before the Fireworks, they sounded wonderful and were a blessing to everyone.
- **Dan Tschirgi and Kent Nelson** for running the sound system during the Patriotic event and supplying music before the Fire Works began.
- **WELCA and all the gracious volunteers** who made the Food Stand a great success.

St. Paul's 2019 Schedule Read Through the Bible

Date	Day	Daily Reading
Jul-1	Monday	Job 25-27
Jul-2	Tuesday	Job 28-30
Jul-3	Wednesday	Job 31-32
Jul-4	Thursday	Job 33-34
Jul-5	Friday	Job 35-37
Jul-6	Saturday	Job 38-39
Jul-7	Sunday	Job 40-42
Jul-8	Monday	Psalms 1-7
Jul-9	Tuesday	Psalms 8-11
Jul-10	Wednesday	Psalms 12-15
Jul-11	Thursday	Psalms 16-18
Jul-12	Friday	Psalms 19-21
Jul-13	Saturday	Psalms 22-24
Jul-14	Sunday	Psalms 25-29
Jul-15	Monday	Psalms 30-35
Jul-16	Tuesday	Psalms 36-41
Jul-17	Wednesday	Psalms 42-47
Jul-18	Thursday	Psalms 48-55
Jul-19	Friday	Psalms 56-66
Jul-20	Saturday	Psalms 67-69
Jul-21	Sunday	Psalms 70-73
Jul-22	Monday	Psalms 74-77
Jul-23	Tuesday	Psalms 78-80
Jul-24	Wednesday	Psalms 81-86
Jul-25	Thursday	Psalms 87-90
Jul-26	Friday	Psalms 91-97
Jul-27	Saturday	Psalms 98-103
Jul-28	Sunday	Psalms 104-106
Jul-29	Monday	Psalms 107-111
Jul-30	Tuesday	Psalms 112-117
Jul-31	Wednesday	Psalms 118-119

Reading Through the Bible

St. Paul's Bible Scholars meet each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Last month we completed reading 1st Chronicles, 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and through Job 24.

[← New Schedule for the Month.](#)

Some of what we have learned these 4 weeks.

First and Second Chronicles is a review of what was written in the earlier books of the Bible but from the viewpoint of the priestly perspective.

The first several chapters give the genealogy from Adam to Abraham and through the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Kings are recounted with stories of their exploits, but being told from the priestly perspective we do not hear about some of the sinful natures told about in earlier accounts. For instance, the story of King David and Bathsheba and the death of her husband Uriah the Hittite is left out of this telling.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell us about the return of the Jews who had been conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar and exiled to his country of Babylon.

King Cyrus of Persia was moved by God to help the Jews return to Israel and rebuild the Temple of God and the walls of the city. Cyrus even returned all the looted treasures from the Temple of Jerusalem.

Esther is an incredible book of faith and salvation that recounts the rise of a young Jewish girl who becomes the Queen of Persia.

Although God is never mentioned in the book of Esther, his influence and presence is continually seen throughout the narrative of Esther's rise and how God works through her and her Uncle Mordecai.

Currently we are reading the book of Job. This is a difficult story of hardship and suffering of a man who has always been faithful and righteous.


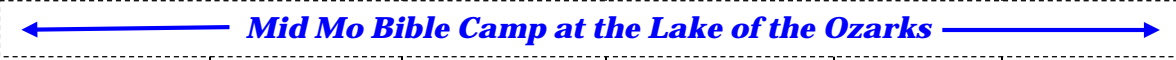
It is a struggle between man and God and the questions that arise when hard times come upon him. It is a

struggle we all face at one time or another when we feel the loss of loved ones, property and joy of life.

The book of Job can help us with some of our hardest questions of God's mysteries; Why do good people suffer? Why is there so much evil in the world? Why is the joy of life sometimes overcome by pain and suffering?

There are no simple answers to these questions, but Job gives us an opportunity to see the depth of what happens when things go wrong in our lives. We see how friends can be comfort but also a distraction when their voices seek to justify an unknown when silence would be a better option.

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

St. Paul's Calendar JULY 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Online Link						
	1	2	3 Bulletin Printed	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
7 9am Worship 4pm Bible Reading Group	8 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9 1:15 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Margaret Circle Salad Supper	10 Bulletin Printed	11	12 Pastor's Day Off 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	13 2:00 p.m. Wedding Kara Grunden and Andrew Richart
14 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group	15	16	17 Bulletin Printed 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
						
21 9am Worship 4pm Bible Reading Group	22 Epistle Deadline	23	24 Bulletin Printed 8:30 am WELCA Meeting at Church	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
						
28 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group	29	30 9 am Worship & Music Meeting	31 Bulletin Printed			

Date	Ushers	Acolytes Communion – Youth - Adult	
July 07	Delores Vlach Becky Weber	Kylee Scheperle	
July 14	Zola Finch Laurie Koestner	Lexie Plochberger Landon Plochberger Rosemary Heidbreder	
July 21	Paula Linsenbardt Kathy Meller	Mattson Stoermer	
July 28	Mitchell Plochberger Dan Tschirgi	Mandy Miller Matthew Miller Don Weber	
Date	Greeters	Readers	Communionware For Month
July 07	Stacy Bubach Abby Bubach	Marie Scheperle	Carol Elliott Marie Scheperle
July 14	Don Buchta Audrey Bunch	Donald Weber	
July 21	Gary Elliott Richard Heidbreder	Marlene Carlson	Flower Chairperson For Month
July 28	Laurie Koestner Jerry Koestner	Frank Pascoe	Volunteer Needed...
			Contact Amber Gardner: 645-7371

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 8618 Church Hill Drive – Lohman, Missouri 65053
 10:15 a.m.: Adult Forum
 Prayer Chain: Michelle Collins email: michelle.collins4@gmail.com 573-230-9574
 Pastor David Viles email: davidviles@cox.net – Cell: 479-670-2000 – Church: 573-782-4458