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The Church On The Hill*

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Pastor's Message

"Carrying his own cross, [Jesus] went out to the place of the Skull. <John 19:17>

"A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish." The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined."

In our lives we are often overcome by the burdens of the world. Our nation's politics have become an arena of gladiators battling against one another and they present a spectacle for the crowds who are pitted against each other sitting on opposite sides of the Roman Coliseum. Yet nothing is accomplished, there are no winners or losers among the combatants but there are losses in the crowds.

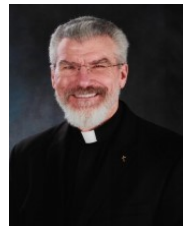
We have become overwhelmed by the weekly mass shootings in our schools, churches and social events. Again gladiators gather to do battle in public opinion arenas as opposing sides are pitted against one another. Yet nothing is accomplished, there are no winners or losers among the combatants but there are losses in the schools, churches and social events.

Cancer, Heart disease, Stroke, Alzheimer's, and Suicide are some of the most devastating health conditions that affect us, our families, and friends. Research and study have continued for decades with billions of dollars spent. Yet nothing is accomplished, there are no winners or losers among those in the laboratories, but there are losses in the hospitals, hospice and homes.

When we focus on our self, even the most trivial of things can cause us to feel hopeless and anxious. But when we look around at the world around us and take note of the great despair that afflicts masses of people who have little to no hope we can find comfort in the size of the cross we bear.

God does not give you a cross of any size, but God knows you will receive one from the sinful world in which we live. God carried his own cross the world gave to him, and God is always present to help you carry the one you have. God sends us to also help others carry the cross they are given. By this we are called his disciples.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David



**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to you!

- 1 Karey Freiner
- 4 Brian Hager
- 5 Pastor David Viles
- 8 Donna Viles
- 10 Susan Neenan
- 12 Howard Hahn
- 12 Adyson Wykes
- 14 Henry Carrel
- 15 Matthew Miller
- 17 Brant Tschirgi
- 23 Leann Hager
- 26 Cecil Knernschild
- 26 Lexie Plochberger
- 27 Gary Elliott
- 27 Scott Linhardt
- 28 Eric Koestner
- 28 Jeffrey Bubach



**OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Jason & Jacklyn Wood 2012
- 12 Bill & Angie Stubinger 1996
- 17 Mark & Kathy Meller 1981
- 22 Darren & Michelle Collins 1994 **25 Years**
- 25 Gary & Sherrie Hanks 1975

Happy Anniversary

Wheel Chairs – St. Paul's Safety and Security Team is looking for donations of 3 wheelchairs to be used in emergency situations. If you have one that you do not plan to use, your gift to St, Paul's would be helpful and appreciated. Please contact one of the Safety and Security Team members.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Date	Attendance	Offering
September 01	104	\$3,630.75
September 08	95	\$1,721.65
September 15	97	\$3,103.25
September 22	85	\$1,554.80
September 29	TBA	TBA
Total	381	\$10,010.45

Blessings to Paige Russell and Daniel Olsen on the birth of their daughter Karahlyne, September 6, 2019. She weighed 7lbs. 5ozs., was 20" long and adorable.



Continued prayers for healing, comfort and peace. Lucy Finch, Vanessa Pyatt, Amy Buechler, Rania Scheperle, Donna Viles, Virginia Linhardt, Chris Russell, Julie Carel, and Tom Thompson.

Ask the Pastor

Question: The ELCA became the first Christian Sanctuary Church in America, what does this mean?

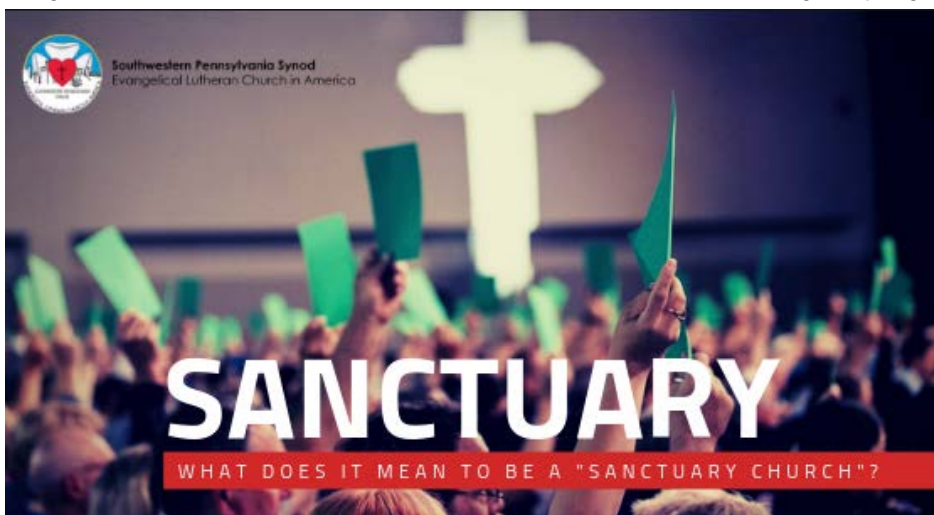
Answer: As we consider our response to being a sanctuary church, we turn to God's Word in the Bible: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <Gen 1:27> and "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt." <Leviticus 19:33-34>

We are called by God to treat and love each other as brothers and sisters, all of us created the same by God in his own image. No matter who we are, where we come from, or what we look like, we are a child of God and loved the same by Father in Heaven. Too often, the people of the world look at others who are different from themselves as being less important and sometimes even less human. But this is not the way of God, this is not what Jesus taught.

So what does it mean to be a 'Sanctuary Church' in the ELCA? It means we are to follow the teachings of our Father in Heaven, our Savior Jesus the Christ as we are guided by the Holy Spirit. It means that answering God's call to walk alongside the immigrant is a declaration of our faith to walk alongside Jesus. It does not mean breaking the law or engaging in partisan politics.

Each 'Congregation' in each 'Synod' will determine for itself to what extent it will follow God's teachings. What are some options?

- † Support the work of other congregations and organizations who work directly with immigrants.
- † Actively invite and welcome all to worship, regardless of immigration status.
- † Provide legal and other kinds of support to asylum seekers, undocumented and other immigrants as they pursue their legally protected rights through the courts.
- † Some congregations are involved in advocating and working for change in local and national immigration policies.
- † Other congregations may choose to provide housing or shelter for undocumented persons.
 - However, the background information for the memorial reminds that "activities such as knowingly concealing, harboring or shielding (or attempting to conceal, harbor or shield) an undocumented immigrant from detection by the authorities are not (legal). Likewise, knowingly transporting or moving (or attempting to transport or move) an undocumented immigrant from one place to another, where the transportation helps the immigrant remain in the United States unlawfully, is illegal."
 - There is nothing in the memorial that calls for civil disobedience or any illegal actions.
- † Prayer is also actively needed for the sake of immigrants. But don't be surprised if God gives you the tools to do His Work, with Your Hands when you pray as a disciple of Christ.



To read the ELCA talking points "What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA" go to this <[LINK](#)> If you do not have internet access check the rotating stand in the Narthex for paper copies of this document.

Peace, Pastor David

Cemetery Flowers

St. Paul's Cemetery – The best in the county!



I'm not surprised when I hear lots of comments about our Cemetery from people in the surrounding area and not just members of our church.

When people in the surrounding communities find out I'm the Pastor

of St. Paul's many will remark on how well the Cemetery here is kept looking so nice. I always quickly agree, letting them know how proud I am of everyone who helps keeping it looking spectacular.

This month, I want to highlight four of our special members who go far above and beyond any expectation of work.

A great many of the headstones are decorated with bright and beautiful artificial flowers. Several local families take care of the flowers for their loved ones, but there are many who are no longer around or live too far away to do this. We can all thank Audrey Bunch and Rosemary Heidbreder for stepping in to take care of this for them. Audrey and Rosemary change out these flowers at the change of each season with appropriate colors. In the past when flowers become faded or past their prime these two wonderful volunteers would purchase new ones out of their own pocket to keep them looking nice. If you are willing, a great gift you could contribute is purchasing artificial flowers at the dollar store or any other place and leaving them in the Narthex to be collected and used in the future. That would be an awesome way to help keep our Cemetery looking great.



A lot of work is involved with keeping live plants and beds weeded around our Perpetual Cemetery sign and Columbarium and also plants around the white Cross and the beautiful area in the southeast corner.

This incredible job is credited to Mel and Joan Stubinger. I have seen them on several occasions digging and planting or replanting and mulching to keep these areas looking nice and inviting. Of course this is a work of love and that love is felt by all who are fortunate to see those wonderful blooms and feel the peace of spending time near them.

Thank you Audrey, Rosemary, Mel and Joan for your voluntary service and the love you share with us and the communities.



St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Fund, Inc.

St. Paul's Perpetual Cemetery Board would like to extend a thank you to all who helped in any capacity to keep our cemetery in good operating condition.

A special thanks to the following for their monetary donations: Inge Gauck, Adam Weber, Jenetia Gibler, Olivia Linhardt, Joyce Linhardt, and Virginia Bayne.

A big thank you to those who gave memorials for Tina Doehla, Betty Barnes, Walter Illston, Roger Buchta, Elliott Case, and Elmer Kiesling.

All donations and memorials totaled \$1830. The expenses for the year (Sept. 2018-Sept. 2019) were \$5604. The biggest expense was lawn care at \$5,060. Other expenses were insurance and to update the directory.

A reminder: 1. Funding for the cemetery is not an item in the church budget. 2. All St. Paul's members are entitled to a free in-ground burial plot.

Delores Vlach, Secretary

Congregational Council Meeting, September 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Church Council Secretary

A regular Congregational Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 9, 2019, by President Zola Finch. Present were council members Delores Vlach, Kathy Meller, Paula Linsenhardt, Mitch Plochberger and Becky Weber. Absent were Laurie Koestner and Dan Tschirgi. Also present were Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Viles, who led the group in a prayer and a devotion on St. Paul. We are here to serve God in a spirit of wisdom and revelation. We are to live in the light. We must not live in fear of scarcity.

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

President Finch called upon the Council Treasurer to present a review of the past month's expenses and income. A two-page review was presented by Kay. Zola reports she has applied for a Spark Visa card with a \$30,000.00 credit line for convenient use. A motion to approve the Treasurer report was offered by Delores and seconded by Mitch and passed via voice vote. President Finch then asked Pastor for the August 2019 mileage and activity report. August mileage totaled 219 miles. A motion to approve this was offered by Mitch, seconded by Paula, and passed via voice vote. The amount is \$127.02. Pastor reported attending seven meetings, to include Ministerial Alliance, Lion's Club, Area 9 Leaders Meeting in Cole Camp, Church Council, Lohman City Council, Mutual Ministry, and Safety – Security. He reported numerous office and home visits, and various conversations. Pastor conducted weekly Adult Forum classes, weekly Bible Study Group, one wedding rehearsal and wedding, hung posters and placed advertising material for Lifetouch Directory, helped City Council members sort and repair Christmas lights to be hung in town during the Christmas season, worked at Trinity Food Bank, attended the Teacher Workshop with the Ministerial alliance and created and sent out the September Epistle. President Finch suggested having a back- up person to do the Epistle in the event Pastor is unable to do this. Pastor will work on this. Pastor conducted two communion and two non-communion services at St. Paul's.

The President then called for Standing Committee reports which are included below.

The President then called for discussion of Old Business. President reports David Finch and Rich Prosch will serve as new co-chairs for the Safety-Security Council.

The Lifetouch directory appointments are almost full, and new openings will be made. In the event someone cannot attend, Pastor offered to take one with his camera and submit it to Lifetouch.

Bill and Erika Gerth will continue publishing the annual directories with important information not listed in the new directory.

New Business: Mitch reports the air conditioner is being set to improve comfort for services. He also reports one Sanctuary drop light needs repairs.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mitch, seconded by Paula, and passed via voice vote. Council was adjourned at 8:25 pm and closed with the Lord's prayer.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi

Absent. Dan will hook up speakers in Fellowship Hall, Pastor offered to help.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach

Delores reports the committee wishes to thank David & Trish Russell and Jim & Cynthia Loesch for hosting the September Fellowship Hour. What a nice selection of tasty pastries! The committee also wished to thank all who help make the September 8th Family Day a success in spite of rain. Most activities took place, only rescheduled for a different time. Bingo was a big hit with many players and prizes. Thanks to all who attended. Delores reports God's Work, Our Hands day will be rescheduled to October 26th. Church members are encouraged to come and help clean up designated areas in Lohman.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller

Worship and Music (Kathy Meller) – The worship and music committee met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Committee members expressed that they were glad fall is on the way and that it will be nice to see our youth and choir get back into a normal routine. With the start of fall it will be a busy time. Beginning in September, we will use Setting 10 during our church service. On non-communion Sundays we will use "Glory Be to God" and on communion Sundays we will use "Come Let Us Join" during the liturgy.

The choir will begin sharing special music on September 15th. This will also be the start of Sunday school and confirmation. Sunday school teachers will be installed during worship service. Moving on to the month of October, the committee selected hymns and selected a Hymn of the Month: #612 Healer of Our Every Ill. It was also decided that during communion, soft music will be played on the organ instead of congregational singing to set more of a meditative mood during this time. Reformation Sunday will be October 27th and the congregation is asked to wear red.

Kathy reported to the committee that the church council approved the following:

- Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Children's Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, December 22 at either 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., (Amber will make the final decision).
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion will be Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Preliminary discussion of the Advent Dinner was held. Make plans to attend Sunday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. More information to come as we get closer to the event.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer after a very productive meeting.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner

Pastor reports he and Laurie talked about changes to Sunday School, and discussed information put forth by Rev. Rich Melheim, author of the book "Let's Kill Sunday School."

Dr. Melheim offers ideas to have many age groups, to include adults, to gather and share their stories as a way to increase enthusiasm. Pastor reports he will install the Sunday School teachers and begin Confirmation Classes, on Sunday, September 15. He expects between 14 and 16 students in class.

Church Improvement: Mitchell Plochberger

Mitch reports **Fall Work day will be October 12.** Mitch reports he patched holes on Church Hill Drive, and this committee will complete the garage clean out. They also plan to cut down a tree at another time. Mitch reports they are working on bids for pest control at parsonage and church. Mitch reports his committee discussed the need to update church entry doors to make them safer. Several options are being considered. He reports Amber Gardner shared several items listed for consideration for kitchen renovation projects as put forth by WELCA. President Finch called for three WELCA and three Church Improvement members to form a committee by October. After discussion, it was decided the wooden doors to the sanctuary will be opened at the start of service as a security measure.

Stewardship: Paula Linsenbardt – No report this month.

Mutual Ministry: Vacant (Pastor David Viles)

Pastor reports the committee welcomed Angie Russell as a new member. The Fall staff evaluations are due September 15th. They will be tabulated and shared with the Stewardship Committee by October. President Finch called for a purpose statement to include who and what this committee does. While this is published in our handbook, it was decided to include this in the Epistle to inform our members. **(Note: This was included in the September Epistle.)** As a reminder, the current members are: Alan Scheperle, Angie Russell, Frank Pascoe, Jackie Wood, and Roger Pennell.

Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger



The Jr. Lutherans met Sunday, August 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Russellville Fire Department where we were greeted by Mitchell Ott and several volunteer fire fighters who had been up all night until 3:30 a.m. fighting a barn fire on the old Russell home place on Branch Road. We got to see and sit in all the fire trucks and listen to the

stories they had to tell. Upon leaving we posed by the Fire Dept. sign for pictures. More than fifty people showed up to express their gratitude to our brave and wonderful volunteer fire fighters. We certainly do appreciate their efforts of letting us come after a very stressful night and early morning fire. We



left the fire department a little earlier than expected because of their situation of being up all night. So we arrived at the Russellville Pool earlier than planned and some

much needed energy was ran off at the park. Upon arrival at the pool we had Pastor David come to our rescue with an opening prayer for lunch and a safe and enjoyable afternoon of swimming.

Lunch consisted of sub-sandwiches, salad, and fruit, with dessert of cream puffs made by Abby Gonzalez. Ruth Stubinger is sure to be complimented on the sub-sandwich making, they were delicious.



Soda was purchased at the pool along with ice cream. Our grand total spent at the pool was \$129.00. In September we participated at Family Day which we all enjoyed. It seemed everyone liked the Bing game whether it was to

sit and rest awhile from all the other activities or to win the many prizes. It was certainly a fun filled day. On Sunday, October 27, 2019 we will gather around 4:30 p.m. at Wasserlauf Valley for pumpkin carving and painting. Horseback riding will be offered to those who want to ride. For our enjoyment, Lauren Stubinger has agreed to ride her horse, Dreamer, and give us an example of what she does at her horse shows. She and Dreamer will jump whatever Lauren puts in her way for an interesting show. Then as dinner time approaches we will feast on grilled hot dogs and chili along with all the trimmings. Hopefully we will be done by dark. So bring your family for a fun filled afternoon and evening.

A trip to Herman, MO. is planned but we need the Jr. Lutheran's feedback. We will ride the AM Track U.S. Railroad from Jefferson City to Herman, leaving at 11:18 a.m. and arriving at 12:03 p.m. then board at Herman at 5:34 p.m. and arrive at Jefferson City at 6:22 p.m. They have a small town parade on the 3rd weekend of May, 4th of July and the Friday after Thanksgiving. They have the Steamboat, Museum, Ice Cream Shops, and a restaurant we can look at before returning home on the MO River Runner. I need to know when everyone can go? The trip will be paid for by the Jr. Lutherans and hopefully the meal. Let me know your input so we can plan a trip to Herman.

Fruendschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer, Chair

There were 22 in attendance at our September meeting. After a delicious dinner served by Glen and Donita, we attended to numerous chores that had accumulated during the summer months. Our next meeting will be October 14 at which time we will schedule all dates for our November and December responsibilities.

Chili Supper: Marlene Carlson

October 6th is the date for our Annual WELCA Chili Supper for this year. Serving will begin at 3:30 p.m. Menu includes Chili, Chicken Noodle, Sandwiches and of course those delicious pies and cakes. We will also be having a Country Store featuring fresh produce, handiwork and crafts, and canned items. Invite your family and friends to join you for dinner at this annual event.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Meller at 782-4788 or Marlene Carlson at 690-0117. Your help in making our Chili Supper a success is always appreciated.



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

The Dorcas Circle and STARS groups will meet on Wednesday, October 9th. We will be looking forward to eating left-overs from the annual Chili Supper on that day. See the information below from Erika Gerth on the wonderful S.T.A.R.S' event she has graciously put together.

If you have suggestions for future events or presentations for S.T.A.R.S please let us know.

Flu Shots and "Healthy Back, Happy Life"- both at STARS on October 9th by Erika Gerth:

Flu season is just around the corner and it's not too soon to make plans to receive your annual flu shot! Once again, Betty Berendzen, RN at Capital Region Medical Center, will administer this important immunization to the St. Paul's community at the STARS meeting scheduled for October 9th. As a bonus, Gwendolyn Moe, Physical Therapist at CRMC, will present a program entitled "Healthy Back, Happy Life", information which is sure to give us pointers on how to deal with our aching backs! There is no charge for the flu shot - all that's needed is your insurance or Medicare card. Flu shots are available at 11:00 a.m. before the other activities in case you are unable to stay for everything. Thanks, Erika

Cemetery Work Day – Please mark your calendars to meet at the church on October 26 at 9:00 a.m. to help keep it looking beautiful.

God's Work, Our Hands – Has also been scheduled for October 26. Our town of Lohman is in need of mowing, brush removal, tree trimming, trash pickup and odd jobs. More information and a time will be announced as we get closer to the date.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The September 10th Mobile Food Pantry was a hot afternoon with just a little cloud cover. The volunteers were sure busy, thanks to all who helped serve our community. We served 104 families with 367 people in those families. The truck had a full load of items to share: the fresh produce: grapes, limes, potatoes, spinach, watermelons, chocolate milk, eggs, popcorn, assorted cookies and crackers. Volunteers from Lohman Lions Club were Alberta and Gary Zumwalt, from St. Paul's were Pastor David Viles, Becky Weber, Rosemary Heidbreder and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be October 8th at 1:15 P.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot.

WELCA: Amber Gardner

WELCA will be serving the food stand at the Lister auction on October 19th. If you are willing to donate a pie, please contact Carol Elliott; if you are able to work a one hour shift please contact Audrey Bunch or Amber Gardner.

The last of our quilts made during our spring tacking days have been donated. Seven blankets along with a monetary donation to cover shipping costs have been sent to LWR. We thank Susan Neenan for delivering these for us!

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

The obituary of Anna Strobel Koestner appeared in the October, 1969 Epistle. It noted she was the oldest member of the congregation, reaching the age of 92 years, 9 months and 23 days. She was the mother of 15 children, including two sets of twins. Bowling was a big Sunday evening sport in 1969. We had eight teams from St. Paul's Lohman, St. John's, Stringtown, Our Saviors, Jefferson City and Trinity, Russellville. That's the way it was....fifty years ago.



It's time for Paul the Mouse to report on the past month. The Mouse family certainly enjoy their church home here at St. Paul's. There is hardly a Sunday we do not find food in our church kitchen. Crumbs galore! Thanks to all who helped with fellowship hours, to Delores and Bob Vlach for all the work they provided for Family Day, and we are grateful to all who provide beautiful worship services each Sunday. Look around some Sunday and notice how many members have an active role in that Sunday's worship!

Weather sayings for the month: "Full moon in October without a frost, No frost till full moon in November. Moonlit nights have the heaviest frosts..."Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

Greetings from the members of Margaret Circle! You are cordially invited to the Circle's meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 PM, in our beautiful church. Kathryn Linsenbardt will treat us to some delicious refreshments and Inge Gauck will once again lead us in a stimulating study of God's holy word. Remember - Margaret Circle is open to ALL women of the church AND their friends! We look forward to seeing you!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CENTRAL STATES SYNODICAL CONVENTION, by Marie Scheperle

The 32nd Central States Synodical Convention of the Women of the ELCA was held August 16-18 at Holiday Inn, Wichita, Kansas. The theme of the convention was Wonderfully Made based on the scripture from Psalm 139:14. Decorations of colorful butterflies were in abundance. There were a total of 110 in attendance at convention. I met up with seven ladies from the Cole Camp area early Friday morning to travel to Wichita.

Greetings were brought to the convention from Bishop Elect Rev. Susan Candea.

She also presented morning devotions on Saturday.

Joy Michalicek, Church-wide executive board representative was also in attendance - she presented a Bible Study Saturday afternoon.

The Love Offering collected at the opening worship service totaled \$1,921.80 which was divided between church-wide Women of the ELCA, Mosaic, and Lion's Club.

Prayer partners were exchanged.

The business meeting Saturday included electing President Alice Burnett, Treasurer Vickie Donnell and four board members. Also elected were seven voting members to attend Triennial Convention in July, 2020 in Phoenix. Four resolutions were passed. The proposed budget was adopted.

Focus groups were held Saturday afternoon including Estate Planning, Immigrant Family Resettlement and Cluster Leaders.

The highlight of the Saturday evening banquet was a delightful performance by a ladies' quartet, CHIC.

Sunday morning a closing communion service was held with Bishop Candea as presiding minister.

The next Synod convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Mo.

August 7-8, 2020.



Mark your calendars to join us on the Hill for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st 5:30 pm to 7:00pm. We will be decorating our cars and giving away lots of candy and other goodies. You never know who or what may show up...



Special Offering Envelopes – October 20th marked for 'Missions' will go to Lutheran World Relief. There is a great need this year due to devastating hurricanes.

October 27th marked for 'Reformation' will be designated to go to the Samaritan Center.



Marvin Bubach for coming to the rescue at the last minute to mow the tall grass and make the Hill beautiful in time for our annual Family Day at St. Paul's. We appreciate you very much for all you do..!

Community Family Day at St. Paul's Church on the Hill September 8, 2019

From Delores Vlach—Evangelism Chairperson

A huge thank you to all who helped make Family Day a success in spite of the gully washer (rainstorm) on that Sunday morning. We were able to reschedule almost all of the events (except the bounce house) for a later time in the day.

Special THANKS to the following:

1. Pastor David, who designed the professional-looking flyers for distribution in the community and throughout the church.
2. Kay Pascoe for doing all of the work to make the banner at the church entrance.
3. Connie Miller for typing the schedule of events.
4. Trish and Angie Russell for buying prizes for the kid's games.
5. Donita and Angie Stubinger and Gert Strobel for obtaining a Thrivent card.
6. Alan Scheperle for supervising the movie after worship service.
7. Chris Russell for donating the use of the batting cage and for transporting it to and from the parking lot.
8. The coordinators of the activities: Donald, David R., David and Karla S., Jason, Gary and Audrey, Gus, Stephanie, Amber, Karey, Gary E., Frank, Rosemary, Tom, Alan and Rania, Leroy, and Bob.
9. All who brought the wonderful food for the dinner and cleaned up afterwards.
10. Those who donated the many bingo prizes. (What great selection!)
11. Trish and Marie for preparing the basement on Saturday and floating on Sunday.
12. All of our members who participated in the day's events.
13. Our many visitors who came to share the day with us. We hope you had an enjoyable time and will come back again next year.

If you have suggestions on how to improve Family Day, we would like to hear from you. Please, contact an Evangelism Committee member: Laurie, Connie, Tony, Trish, Marie, Delores.



Special thanks to Rania Scheperle for the pictures taken at Family Day and Jr. Lutherans Fire Department and Pool Party.

2019

ANNUAL BRANSON CHRISTMAS TRIP



**STPAUL'S LUTHERAN TRAVEL
LOHMAN, MISSOURI**



November 20 & 21

\$210.00 (DOUBLE ROOM OCCUPANCY) INCLUDES:

1 Night's Lodging - 3 Meals - 3 Shows - Transportation

Come along with us to Branson! An enjoyable journey with friends,
good food, good shows, and good fellowship awaits you!

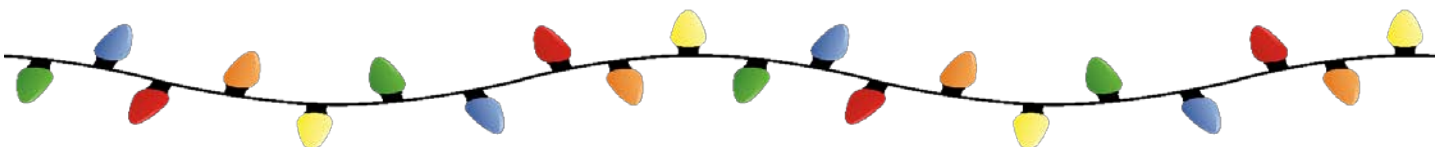
Wednesday, November 20

- Leave St Paul's @ 7:30am-Arrow Motor Coach
- Breakfast break & shopping in Lebanon
- Buffet lunch at Godfather's Pizza @ 11:30am
- Check-in at Seven Gables Inn
- **Visit to Shrine of the Holy Spirit**
- **Dolly Parton's Stampede**
 - o Pre-Show: 4:40pm / Dinner & Show: 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 21

- Breakfast at Seven Gables Inn @ 7:00am
- **Doug Gabriel - Pierce Arrow Theater @ 10:00am**
- Buffet lunch at Golden Corral @ 12:15pm
- **Dutton Family Christmas Show @ 2:00pm**
- Dinner stop @ McDonald's, Lebanon (on your own)

Please confirm your reservations by **October 13, 2019**. Those who made the trip last year will have the first opportunity for reservations. Deposits are to be made **no later than October 20, 2019**. Make checks payable to **St Paul's Lutheran Travel Fund**. (Note: We cannot guarantee refunds after November 1, 2019.) Payments should be mailed or given to **Marie Scheperle, 8601 Church Hill Drive, Lohman, MO 65053, Phone: 573-782-4635** (Other contact: **Jean Fink: 573-636-2590**)



Reading Through the Bible

St. Paul's 2019 Schedule Read Through the Bible		
Date	Day	Daily Reading
Oct-1	Tuesday	Ezekiel 18-20
Oct-2	Wednesday	Ezekiel 21-23
Oct-3	Thursday	Ezekiel 24-28
Oct-4	Friday	Ezekiel 29-32
Oct-5	Saturday	Ezekiel 33-35
Oct-6	Sunday	Ezekiel 36-39
Oct-7	Monday	Ezekiel 40-43
Oct-8	Tuesday	Ezekiel 44-46
Oct-9	Wednesday	Ezekiel 47-48
Oct-10	Thursday	Daniel 1-3
Oct-11	Friday	Daniel 4-6
Oct-12	Saturday	Daniel 7-9
Oct-13	Sunday	Daniel 10-12
Oct-14	Monday	Hosea 1-4
Oct-15	Tuesday	Hosea 5-9
Oct-16	Wednesday	Hosea 10-14
Oct-17	Thursday	Joel 1-3
Oct-18	Friday	Amos 1-4
Oct-19	Saturday	Amos 5-9
Oct-20	Sunday	Obadiah 1
Oct-21	Monday	Jonah 1-4
Oct-22	Tuesday	Micah 1-4
Oct-23	Wednesday	Micah 5-7
Oct-24	Thursday	Nahum 1-3
Oct-25	Friday	Habakkuk 1-3
Oct-26	Saturday	Zephaniah 1-3
Oct-27	Sunday	Haggai 1-2
Oct-28	Monday	Zechariah 1-3
Oct-29	Tuesday	Zechariah 4-6
Oct-30	Wednesday	Zechariah 7-8
Oct-31	Thursday	Zechariah 9-11

St. Paul's Bible Scholars meet each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Last month we completed Job and started reading the book of Psalms.

[← New Schedule for the Month.](#)

Some of what we have learned the past 4 weeks.

We finished Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations and we are happy to be through them. Isaiah and Jeremiah were all about the wickedness of the Northern Israel and Southern Judah. They warned the people over and over that if they didn't act better they would be exiled to Babylon. Well they didn't straighten up and true to God's word they were captured and sent to Babylon.

It seems like it is a vicious cycle and they never learn. Oh wait, that sounds a little like people today. I guess some things just never change. But both Isaiah and Jeremiah told the people that even though they would be punished, God still loved them and there was hope. God would never completely let them be destroyed. And that is the message of hope we still have today. We are not the best we could be but we are still loved, so much that God sends his Son, Jesus the Christ to be our Savior.

Perhaps this is why Isaiah is one of the most quoted books by Jesus. He knows we need to be told over and over and sometimes we cause ourselves a lot of misery, but we are never alone and we are always loved.

Lamentations is a book also written by Jeremiah and it is full of the pain of injustice and human loss. It follows the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of the people to Babylon. It is filled with raw emotions of anger, desperation, fear, loneliness and helplessness. It is a book that helps us and those who have been wounded feel a kindred and perhaps an understanding. Reading Lamentations also helps us see a light within the darkness and gives us hope that even when we are at the bottom of the well, it is not the end.

We finished the month by beginning to read Ezekiel and made it two thirds of the way though by the end of the

month. This book continues in much the same way as Isaiah and Jeremiah but something strange is going on. There are many bizarre visions and tricky revelations that are difficult to understand and we are just hopeful to make it through. Thank goodness we have Pastor to encourage us and help us through these readings.

But it won't be too long before we finish the Old Testament and move into something new and hopefully easier to understand.

Thanks to everyone who has persevered through these difficult readings, after this month's wild ride I think we can look forward to it only getting better.

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							OCTOBER	2019
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Calendar Online Link								
		1 9 AM Worship & Music Meeting 6:30 pm Margaret Circle	2 Bulletin Printed	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5		
6 9am Worship 3:30 pm Chili Supper	7	8 1:15 pm Food Pantry	9 Bulletin Printed 10:30/11:30 am Dorcas Circle STARS dinner – Flu shots	10 6 pm Pastor Lion's Club	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 8:30 am St. Paul's Work Day		
13 9am Worship Communion Fellowship Hour 4pm Bible Reading Group	14 5:30 pm Fruendschaft Gruppe 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	15 6 pm Pastor at Lohman City Council	16 Bulletin Printed 6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 WELCA serving at Lister Auction.	Pastor at Bishops Convocation at the Lake Returning each evening for meetings.	
20 9am Worship 4pm Bible Reading Group	21 Epistle Deadline Photos by Lifetouch for St. Paul's Directory 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (Check your time)	22	23 Bulletin Printed	24	25 Pastor's Day Off Scotty Soell, Vanessa Linnenbrink Wedding Rehearsal	26 9 am Cemetery Work Day 9 am God's Work Our Hands 2 pm Scotty Soell, Vanessa Linnenbrink Wedding		
27 Reformation 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group 4:30 p.m. Jr. Lutherans	28 8:30am Chili Supper committee meeting	29	30 Bulletin Printed	31 5:30–7:00 pm Trunk or Treat at church parking lot.				

Date October 06 October 13 October 20 October 27	Ushers Zola Finch Laurie Koestner Paula Linsenbardt Kathy Meller Mitchell Plochberger Dan Tschirgi Delores Vlach Becky Weber	Acolytes Communion – Youth - Adult Mandy Miller Mattson Stoermer Kaitlyn Finch Audrey Bunch William Gardner Meredith Benne Jahanna Koestner Rosemary Heidbreder
Date October 06 October 13 October 20 October 27	Greeters Laurie Koestner Jerry Koestner Frank Pascoe Donald Weber Abby Bubach Stacy Bubach Don Buchta Audrey Bunch	Readers Connie Miller Jessica Stoermer Marie Schepelre Donald Weber
		Communionware For Month Diane Kalaf and Amber Gardner Flower Chairperson For Month Cynthia Loesch

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