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Pastor's Message

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." <1 Thessalonians 5:16-18>

I was blessed to give a Bible study on the last verse of this passage which is **"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

Here I have also included two other verses that lead to this message of thanksgiving: "Rejoice always" and "pray without ceasing."

Rejoice always is something that should come easy for everyone because there is always something to be happy about. I rejoice at many things each day, if I'm up early enough I rejoice at the beautiful sunrise with a red sun peaking over the hills and shining on the church. I rejoice in the short walk from the parsonage to the church with my cup of coffee. I rejoice with the opportunity to talk to each person during the day as they stop by the church office or call me on the phone. I rejoice in coming home for lunch to spend with Donna and our dog Brandy. At the end of the day I rejoice in watching the sunset which almost always shines with multi-colored clouds and reflections on the church windows.

Now praying without ceasing may be a difficult command to practice in our daily lives but I think we can make a good try at it if we consider what praying really means. Our prayers are nothing more than a conversation with God which are normally but not always silent to those around us. If you discover you are spending time talking to yourself perhaps it is God within you that hears those thoughts and leads you in an appropriate direction. I talk a lot to God throughout the day and much of that conversation is about you as I ask him to heal and provide for your needs. I also tell God how much I rejoice in the answered prayers and the beauty of his awesome creation all around me.

But is it really God's will in Christ Jesus for you to give thanks in all things? What about things that don't seem very good like flat tires, missed work, spilled coffee or even worse things like the loss of a loved one?

Have you ever considered what may have happened if you had not had a flat tire or had to change clothes due to spilled coffee? You may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time and suffered something far worse. Could God be helping you through circumstances that you may not be thankful happened? What about the loved ones we have lost in our lives? Could God be answering their prayer to bring them home to a better place? I believe all this is possible and we should give thanks in all circumstances. It may very well be God's will through Christ Jesus.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor David



**November
BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to you!

- 1 Cyrus Meller
- 3 Sharon Wyss
- 4 Marie Fischer
- 5 Glenda Hake
- 6 Bonnie Britt
- 7 Audrey Bunch
- 7 Jim Loesch
- 8 Samuel Stubinger
- 8 Trenton Thompson
- 11 Gary Bunch
- 12 Shawn Stoermer
- 14 Jean Fink
- 14 Pastor Ed Merckel
- 15 Megan Ferrell
- 15 Makayla Stubinger
- 17 Emma Gardner
- 18 Madeline Stubinger
- 22 Frederica Fischer
- 23 Max Neenan
- 24 Charlie Miller
- 24 Avery Tschirgi
- 25 Wyatt Prosch
- 27 Sarah Gordon
- 28 Carole Merckel
- 28 Emmett Loesch
- 30 Garrett Wykes
- 30 Roy Fluegel



**November
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Todd & Julie Walters 1996
- 11 Jason & Jamie Plochberger 2000
- 12 Michael & Darla Linhardt 2011
- 12 Timothy & Heather Morgans 2016
- 19 Ryan & Ashley Heidbreder 2016
- 24 Bob & Christie Murphy 2001
- 27 Henry & Barbara Carrel 1982

Happy Anniversary

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Date	Attendance	Offering
September 29	138	\$4,624.12
October 06	99	\$3,587.24
October 13	107	\$2,862.65
October 20	82	\$1,652.88
October 27	94	\$1,830.50
Total	520	\$14,557.39

In addition to the financial totals:

Sunday school received \$8.42

Mission envelope for Lutheran World Relief received \$230.00

Reformation envelope for Samaritan Center received \$305.00

Thanksgiving Day special envelope is designated to go to Rape and Abuse Crisis Center.

Baptism of Karahlyne Paige Olsen on September 29, 2019



Congratulations to beautiful Karahlyne and her wonderful parents Daniel Olsen and Paige Russell.

Weddings

This has been a wonderful year of weddings for our St. Paul's members.



Cyrus Meller, son of Mark and Kathy Meller married Kelsey White on September 28, 2019.

They chose the scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world" and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth."

They were married at an outside venue at Wasserlauf Valley on a semi cloudy day with rain threatening off and on as the day unfolded. But the rains held off and the wedding was performed in the planned grassy area just outside the pavilion area. Their two dogs were led in by the bridesmaids and groomsmen as they processed down the aisle.

The families did an incredible job of decorating for this event with tables full of gifts for the guests. The teacher was evident in Kathy Meller with lots of little trinkets, potted succulents, candy and assorted other things to keep all of us big kids busy. The dinner was provided by the wonderful Wasserlauf crew of cooks, servers and Misty running up and down the hill to make everything happen to perfection.

Scotty Soell, son of Scott and Cori Soell, married Vanessa Linnenbrink on October 29, 2019.

The scriptures for their wedding were Colossians 3:12-17 "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." And Matthew 7:24-27 "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock."

They were married at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul's church. This was a wise choice because the rains did come and although there were no floods it was very wet outside.

Their daughters Madison was there to participate as a bridesmaid and Mackenzie helped Rory Tierney throw petals down the aisle before the beautiful bride was led down the aisle by her soon to be father-in-law, Scott Soell. After the wedding, the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Vanessa Soell rode in an open golf cart in the drizzling rain to the Branch, formally known as the LOMO Club to continue the celebration.

The meal was provided by Scott and Cori who cooked and prepared it in their home and went back and forth to set it up. It consisted of a scrumptious pre-dinner assortment of fruits, candies, nuts and other goodies. Then a wonderful Taco buffet was set up along the bar and everyone enjoyed loading their plates.



Continued prayers for healing. Gert Strobel, Gary Elliott, Vanessa Pyatt, Amy Buechler, Donna Viles, Virginia Linhardt, Chris Russell, Julie Carel, and Tom Thompson.

In appreciation:

Amber Gardner and family of Olivia Linhardt, thank you for the prayers, calls, food and cards after grandma's passing. The kind gestures from my church family are truly appreciated!



Olivia Margaret Linhardt, 95, of Russellville, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born May 8, 1924, in Lohman, Missouri, the daughter of the late Gustav and Flora (Fluegel) Linsenbardt.

Olivia was a 1943 graduate of Jefferson City High School.

She was united in marriage on December 30, 1944, to Francis W. Linhardt who preceded her in death on May 4, 1999.

Olivia worked as a secretary for several years, but was mostly a homemaker. She was always available to babysit her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lohman, the Sewing Circle, Dorcas, and STARS. She was baptized by Pastor A. Biederman and confirmed by Pastor J.C. Schiller.

Survivors include three sons, Dan (Joyce) Linhardt, Russellville; Mark (Donna) Linhardt, Lake St. Louis; Todd (Bonnie) Linhardt, Jefferson City; ten grandchildren, Dana (Lyle) Jobe, Jennifer (Danny) Dampf, Craig (Ann) Linhardt, Kimberly (Ryan) Otto, Mitchell (Candace) Linhardt, Chad (Meridith) Linhardt, Erin (Ron) Fowlkes, Kelly (David) Phegley, Ryan (Lizzie) Linhardt, Amber (Willard) Gardner; 20 great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild expecting; one great-great grandson; one brother, Albin Linsenbardt, Lohman; one sister-in-law, Jerene Lohmeyer, Washington, MO; many nieces and nephews, and other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Francis Linhardt; one great-granddaughter, Madaline Linhardt; one sister, Nelda (Oscar) Bubach; two brothers, Rupert (Corine) Linsenbardt, Aldo (Charlotte) Linsenbardt; and one sister-in-law, Jackie Linsenbardt.

Visitation was held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Scrivner-Morrow Funeral Homes in Russellville.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lohman with Rev. David Viles officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Central States Synod to Serve as Lutheran Disaster Response Affiliate

[Kansas City, MO, September 26, 2019] - Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has partnered with the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America allowing the Central States Synod to serve as the LDR affiliate for Missouri and Kansas. Previously LDR had partnered with social ministry organizations such as Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri and Lutheran Social Services of Kansas.

LDR is providing the funding and resources necessary to make this partnership possible. As a result, the Central States Synod has hired Mr. Ben Perrin to serve as the new Director of Central States Synod Disaster Response. Mr. Perrin previously served as the Manager of Disaster Services for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri (LFCS). Mr. Perrin will office in St. Louis, MO, however, he will report directly to Bishop Candea at the Synod office. In his role, Ben will communicate with congregations and conferences across the entire synod to share how they can best be involved in active disaster work. To read the full announcement go to this [link](#).



Marvin Bubach once again came to the rescue and made the Hill beautiful with his mighty brush hog and tractor. Having just cut the grass a month earlier in preparation for Family Day our next event of Chili Supper came quickly on its heels and the Hill was in need of a new trim for all the visiting community. Thank you for your time and talents.

Congregational Council Meeting, October 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Church Council Secretary

A regular Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:30pm by Council member Laurie Koestner who is filling in for President Zola Finch. Present were council members Laurie Koestner, Delores Vlach, Paula Linsenbardt, Kathy Meller, Mitchell Plochberger, and Becky Weber. Absent were President Zola Finch and Dan Tschirgi. Also present were Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles, who then led the group in a devotion. The scripture was Revelation 21 vs 5,6: "He who was seated on the throne said 'I am making everything new!' Then He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.'" Pastor Viles offered that our nation is currently in turmoil and we are desperately in need of renewal as we go through troubled times. The Christian church is experiencing a decline in numbers but we have God as our leader. Some of us are called to be leaders of our congregation and with the help of our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, God will guide and help us make decisions for the betterment of our congregation and our community He closed with a prayer.

Laurie Koestner then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2019 Council Meeting. The motion was offered by Kathy Meller, seconded by Paula Linsenbardt, and passed via voice vote.

The President called upon Council Treasurer to present a review of the past month's expenses and incomes. A two-page review was presented and accepted. Kay Pascoe reports a letter was received regarding a premium increase of our insurance to cover damage to church property caused by acts of terrorism. It was voted to decline the additional coverage. It was also noted the church credit card limit is \$3,000.00, not \$30,000.00 as previously reported.

Laurie Koestner then asked Pastor Viles for the September 2019 mileage and activity report. Pastor's September mileage totaled 24 miles. A motion to approve this was passed upon a motion by Mitch Plochberger, seconded by Laurie Koestner, and passed via voice vote. The amount is \$13.92.

Pastor reported attendance at several meetings, to include Lions Club, Food Bank at Trinity in Russellville, Lohman City Council, Church Council, Weekly Adult Forums, Weekly Bible Study Classes, Cemetery annual meeting, WELCA Chili Supper Committee, and Russellville City Council, he conducted one wedding rehearsal and officiated at 1 wedding. Pastor Viles performed 2 Communion and 3 non-Communion services. He made 2 home visits, 1 office visit and numerous phone consultations. Pastor Viles performed 1 staff evaluation and created and emailed the October Epistle. Pastor offers that it would be very helpful to have someone to assist with the church online calendar. He reported there are 14 confirmands, and plans to confirm 13 students.

Laurie Koestner then called for Standing Committee reports which are included below.

Laurie Koestner then called for discussion of Old Business.

Old Business: Laurie Koestner reports the Safety and Security Advisory Council has new co-chairs: David Finch and Rich Prosch. The committee will be setting up a standing meeting time shortly. Laurie reports that Life Touch Directory people will be here October 21, 22 and 23, 2019. Pastor Viles is happy

to take pictures of you/your family for the church directory if you are unable to make or keep an appointment.

New Business: Laurie Koestner reports President Zola Finch has the name of a contractor to give a bid on the downstairs remodel. She will contact him and let both Church Improvement and WELCA know when that will be. President Finch also noted we will need two more bids, please let President Finch or Mitch Plochberger know of any good recommendations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Delores Vlach and seconded by Mitch Plochberger. Council was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The Lord's Prayer was recited by all.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach

Delores Vlach. Delores reports the Evangelism Committee wishes to thank Leroy Plochberger and his family for hosting this past Sunday's Fellowship Hour, serving delicious donuts and drinks. She reports God's Work, Our Hands Day is October 26, 2019. She will obtain a work list from Jason Wood after he meets with Lohman City Council October 15, 2019.

Laurie Koestner reports Living Windows is on track for December 6, 2019, from 6 to 9pm.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi

Absent. Pastor reports the speakers are not hooked up in the Fellowship Hall to the sound system. He has offered to help Dan Tschirgi and his committee complete this work if needed.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller

Kathy reports we will begin using Setting 3 during Advent. She will continue to announce the hymn numbers for the choir anthems so everyone can follow along. Beginning in October, organ music will be played during Communion in place of congregational singing. The November Hymn of the month in #728, Blest Are They. Upcoming Special Services and Sundays include October 27 - Reformation Sunday, people are asked to wear red, November 3 - All Saints Sunday, November 17 - WELCA Thankoffering Service at which a women's choir will sing. Pastor Viles will be gone for the November 17th service. November 24 - Christ the King Sunday, Wednesday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 pm, December 1-Advent begins, December 8 - Advent Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner

Laurie Koestner reports the students will begin collecting items to be boxed and shipped to people in need for "Samaritans Purse". Laurie will comprise a list of suggested items, and she reports Pastor Viles has solicited funds from Thrivent to help with shipping costs. Laurie also reported on changes in Sunday School structure and this is going well. She reports our youth in grades 6 through 12 gather together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:30 pm to 7 pm, and students are encouraged to invite their friends for various fun activities. Laurie will invite our youth to help with the October 26 God's Work, Our Hands clean up event, in lieu of the 4th Sunday gathering.

Church Improvement: Mitchell Plochberger

Outside lighting on our church grounds was discussed. Mitch reports Gary Elliott received permission from the Cemetery Board to put up a flag pole beneath the light pole on our church grounds. There was some discussion about possible replacement of the existing pole. Mitch reports Church Work Day held October 12, 2019 was a success. The church garage clean out project is complete. Pastor Viles and Gary Elliott replaced a sanctuary light. Mitch and Gary Elliott repaired a gas leak in our kitchen oven, and Ameren repaired a gas leak outside of the church.

Stewardship: Paula Linsenhardt – No report this month.

Mutual Ministry: Vacant (Pastor David Viles)

Pastor reports Mutual Ministry has completed the Staff Evaluations and will notify the Stewardship/Finance Committee.

Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation students enjoyed a nice event with the Youth group and Laurie Koestner at the Shyrock Farm in September. Afterwards we ate at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Columbia. We sincerely thank the Women of St. Paul's for the generous gift of \$150.00 they extended to the Jr. Lutherans for helping at the 4th of July celebration.

The Jr. Lutherans are looking forward to the pumpkin carving and painting on October 27, 2019 along with riding horses at Wasserlauf. More news will follow in November.

This year we are asking for help filling our mitten tree with shoes. Paper shoe forms will be offered to hang on the tree with an envelope to use for including a donation. The money will be collected and shoes will be bought for the children at Cole R-1 Russellville School and left in Nurse Christie Murphy's office to use as needed.

Our November meeting will consist of arts and crafts at church after Sunday school where we will have soups and snacks on November 17th 2019.

Plans are still being made to take a train ride to Herman with the possibility of April when we have nice spring weather. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know.

Fruendschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer, Chair

There were 21 in attendance at our October meeting. After a fantastic dinner of prime rib and all the trimmings, we set to work on our list of chores. Our big job of the evening was to defrost and clean the freezer. We sorted and organized the play area plus numerous other smaller tasks. We will not have a meeting in November. Our schedule for the month of December is as follows: On Monday, December 2, we will celebrate the hanging of the greens and on Friday, December 20, at 1 PM we will set up and decorate the Christmas tree. These responsibilities take quite a bit of time and we welcome anyone who is available to assist us on these dates.

S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints]: The STARS GROUP will meet on Wednesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m. Casseroles will be provided. If you plan to attend, phone Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday evening, November 4th and tell her what food dish you will be bringing. We need salads, vegetables and desserts. We will have social time so plan on good food, good conversation and fellowship with our St. Paul's family.

Cemetery Work Day – Thank you to everyone who came out on a rainy morning to work in the cemetery. The tree in the southeast corner was trimmed and looks great. The old stump north of the columbarium was burned, headstones repaired and other items taken care of during this day. Our cemetery looks wonderful and we receive many compliments from the community. Thank you all.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The October 8th Mobile Food Pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot in Russellville ran very smoothly with a few changes for improvement of giving out the items provided for the many families. The weather was really nice to be outdoors volunteering in our community. We served 99 families with 302 people in those families. Some of the items given out were: chocolate milk, popcorn, rice, fresh produce avocados, cucumbers, mushrooms, onions, sweet potatoes and tomatoes. The volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church were Pastor David Viles, Debbie Raithel, Emily Raithel, Becky Weber, Rosemary Heidbreder and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be November 12th at 1:15 P.M.

WELCA: Amber Gardner

The Ham and Bean Dinner and Cookie Sale will be held on Sunday, December 1st at the Lohman Community Building. We are asking for homemade cookies, candies and breads. Please bring your baked goodies to the church kitchen by Saturday morning, November 30th for pricing and packaging. Contact Trish Russell if you have questions.

The Thankoffering envelope will be collected during our Thankoffering service on Sunday, November 17th. The envelopes will be distributed at church November 3rd and 10th.

WELCA would like to thank everyone for their donations of pies, cookies, and brownies and their time for the Lister auction. We made roughly \$220.00.

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

No article this month. Gert was hospitalized on October 10 after a fall in her home which resulted in a fractured hip and wrist. After receiving treatment at the hospital she was later transferred to Oak Tree Villa where she has been making wonderful progress with physical therapy and hopes to return home soon.



It's time for Paul the Mouse to report on the past month. The Mouse family was sad to hear about our favorite organist Gert who has been away after a fall. We are grateful to all who provided the delicious crumbs from the busy Chili Supper, Strobel reunion and Stubinger reunion. With October ending with freezing weather we are thankful for the stocked pantry in our home to help us get through the winter..."Your friend, *Paul, The Mouse*

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

The members of Margaret Circle met at the church for an evening of study and fellowship on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. We were delighted to welcome Julie Griffin to her first meeting of the Circle, and welcomed back Donna Viles for her second visit. It is our hope and prayer that Julie and Donna will become regulars!

Kathryn got us into the spirit of autumn with table decorations befitting the season and treated us to delicious apple cake. Inge Gauck led us in another of her 19-minute Bible studies, this one focussed on Luke, chapter two, which resulted in lively and stimulating conversation.

Margaret Circle continues to support a wide range of benevolences. Locally we provide extras, such as personal care items, hats and mittens, for children in the Buddy Pack program at Russellville Elementary School. In Jefferson City, the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, Special Learning Center, Samaritan Center, as well as Healing House and New Beginnings, are regular recipients of our offerings. Elsewhere in Missouri, Prison Patch Ministry in Chillicothe, Festival of Sharing, and Mobility Worldwide based in Columbia benefit from our contributions. This month's offering of \$200.00 was designated for the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma and in December a donation will be made to Heifer International. God has been good to us and it is our joy to share our resources with those in need.

The Circle's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the home of Erika Gerth. As always, all women of the church, and their friends, are welcome!

God's Work, Our Hands

There was a small, eager group working the "God's Work, Our Hands" event on Saturday, October 26. The town of Lohman had requested help with cleanup of the local streets. St. Paul's worked on a rainy morning clearing the right-of-way of brush, small trees and enormous vines. Hopefully next year's weather will be more cooperative and we will try to avoid other conflicting events. St. Paul's is very busy in so many good ways. Thanks be to God.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



We will be using Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season again this year.

The cost is \$8.75 each if you would like to purchase one as a remembrance or to honor someone in your family. Please give your order to Kathryn Linsenhardt by December 2nd. Also include information if you want to remember or honor a loved one. Call 573-782-4683

Ice Skating in the USA



Congratulations to Wyatt Prosch and his ice skating partner Mylee Hawkins traveled to Colorado Springs to enter the freeskate program at USFS Sectionals. They finished in second place and qualified for USFS Pairs Nationals, to be held in Allen, Texas on November 12-16.

If you would like to help with expenses for this couple to compete at the National level you can contact Gina Prosch or go to their Go Fund Me page at this <[LINK](#)>

Chili Supper: Marlene Carlson

WELCA Annual Chili Supper 2019 was a success thanks to each and everyone who came and supported this event. We had a fantastic fall day perfect for eating chili and chicken noodle soup and the desserts all looked so very good. We had a wonderful crowd with about 320 individuals served. That was up about 35 individuals over last year. We collected \$2768 from Food Sales, Country Store had \$386 with current donations coming in at \$325. Expenses were \$114.84 with a net profit of \$3,364.16. A heartfelt thanks are extended to all those who donated their time to working and to bringing supplies for the day. We know that everyone is busy and we appreciate your taking time to participate in every way possible.



Women of the ELCA Mid-Mo Fall Cluster Meeting September 28, 2019: Erika Gerth

Cluster meetings take place twice a year, once in the fall, and again in the spring. The location for the event rotates between the ELCA churches located in the central Missouri region of the Central States Synod of the ELCA. This year it was St. Paul's turn to host the Fall Cluster Meeting and all the planning and preparation, begun weeks earlier, paid off in spades! Our WELCA ladies, with Marie Schepeler's guidance, decorated, cooked and baked while Marlene Carlson provided the beautiful programs, the fall decorations and take-home favors which graced the Friendship Hall.

Thirty-seven women representing ten churches began arriving at 9:00 AM. There were hugs and warm greetings as friends reconnected with one another while enjoying a continental breakfast of pastries, mini quiches, fruit, juice and coffee.

Our tummies filled, we gathered in the sanctuary for a hymn sing followed by Pastor David's Bible study, based on the day's theme as found in I Thessalonians, "Give thanks in all you do." Individually and as a group we gave voice to our many blessings: family, friends, our church communities, freedom from addiction, safety, our wonderful country, the beautiful world in which we live, and so much more. Pastor David's love for St. Paul's, and his great sense of humor, were very much in evidence to the delight of all present.

Following the business meeting, which included the election of officers and reports from synodical and church-wide conventions, it was time for lunch. We gathered in the Friendship Hall for a meal prepared from favorite recipes found in the St. Paul's Cookbook which included a chicken casserole, salads, and for dessert, two varieties of cream puffs and fresh fruit.

The afternoon's program featured a presentation by Heather Gieck, executive director and founder of The Healing House and New Beginnings, Inc., a Christ-centered recovery ministry designed to help men and women recover from a hopeless state of mind and body, grow in their faith in Christ and in their responsibility to the community. Heather shared her personal story of abuse, addiction, and incarceration and how, by the grace of God and her belief in Jesus, she found the road to recovery. In only a few short years Heather established The Healing House in Jefferson City which serves women dealing with the same issues as Heather herself had experienced. More recently, she began a similar program for men. Needless to say, Heather's story moved us greatly and thanks to the generosity of the cluster attendees, her ministry will receive a check in the amount of \$811.50 to further its work.

We left the cluster meeting, grateful for this time of fellowship, Bible study, and learning about The Healing House, and we look forward to the Spring Cluster meeting to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Russellville, on Saturday, April 25, 2020. For those wanting a snack before returning home, cookies and coffee were available. Did I mention that food is a strong component of these cluster meetings?!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a resounding success: Pastor David, Marie Schepeler, Marlene Carlson, Amber Gardner, Carol Elliott, Cynthia Loesch, Erika Gerth, Jeannette Fischer, Kathryn Linsenhardt, Audrey Bunch, Rosemary Heidebreder and Donita Stubinger.



Reading Through the Bible

St. Paul's 2019 Schedule Read Through the Bible		
Date	Day	Daily Reading
Nov-1	Friday	Zechariah 12-14
Nov-2	Saturday	Malachi 1-4
Nov-3	Sunday	Matthew 1-3
Nov-4	Monday	Matthew 4-6
Nov-5	Tuesday	Matthew 7-9
Nov-6	Wednesday	Matthew 10-12
Nov-7	Thursday	Matthew 13-15
Nov-8	Friday	Matthew 16-18
Nov-9	Saturday	Matthew 19-21
Nov-10	Sunday	Matthew 22-23
Nov-11	Monday	Matthew 24-25
Nov-12	Tuesday	Matthew 26-28
Nov-13	Wednesday	Mark 1-3
Nov-14	Thursday	Mark 4-6
Nov-15	Friday	Mark 7-9
Nov-16	Saturday	Mark 10-12
Nov-17	Sunday	Mark 13-14
Nov-18	Monday	Mark 15-16
Nov-19	Tuesday	Luke 1 & 2
Nov-20	Wednesday	Luke 3 & 4
Nov-21	Thursday	Luke 5 & 6
Nov-22	Friday	Luke 7 & 8
Nov-23	Saturday	Luke 9 & 10
Nov-24	Sunday	Luke 11 & 12
Nov-25	Monday	Luke 13 & 14
Nov-26	Tuesday	Luke 15 & 16
Nov-27	Wednesday	Luke 17-19
Nov-28	Thursday	Luke 20 & 21
Nov-29	Friday	Luke 22-24
Nov-30	Saturday	John 1 & 2

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 started Ezekiel in late September and continued reading it for several days. Just when we thought we were through reading about the coming judgement of Israel and Judah we read about it again but this time with a twist or twisted mind. It seemed Ezekiel must have been on some serious meds because his visions were something to behold. There were four living creatures with four faces and four wings that had calf's feet and human hands. They had the faces of a human, lion, ox and an eagle. Then Ezekiel had to eat a scroll but at least it was as sweet as honey. He had a lot to say about the wickedness of Jerusalem. Just when we thought it couldn't be any stranger Ezekiel tells us about a valley of dry bones that come back to life.

We were happy to move on to Daniel, until we heard about an image that had a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, feet of iron and clay. Then three of Daniel's companions, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a furnace heated seven times hotter than usual only to be seen walking around under the protection of a fourth figure and they were not harmed. Not even their clothes. Daniel is thrown into a den of hungry lions but he too is unharmed and leaves the den alive.

Hosea was a strange prophet who married a prostitute and gave their children sad names. But we find the story illustrates the relationship God has with Israel. Although he loves his people they commit adultery with idols and false gods instead of staying faithful to the Lord our God. Joel tells the people of Judah they will be like a land that is ravaged by chewing locust that will strip the vegetation

and what they leave behind will be eaten by the swarming locust and what little they leave will be eaten by the crawling locust. Amos continues the bad news and the fall of the Israelites. When Edom is happy about their fall, Obadiah comes to tell them how bad they will have it for such happiness. The prophet Jonah runs away from God but gets swallowed by a great fish and returned to preach against Nineveh. But to Jonah's displeasure, Nineveh repents and God saves them from destruction. Micah scolds a violent Jerusalem who will be made a desolation. Nahum speaks to the destruction of Nineveh. Long after Jonah's time his wish for Nineveh comes true. Habakkuk wonders why God allows the wicked to prosper, but God says their time is coming. The Old Testament reading will soon be over and we will begin the New Testament.

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							Novmeber		2019	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
Calendar Online Link										
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2				
3 9am Worship All Saints Sunday Fellowship Hour 4pm Bible Reading Group	4	5 9 AM Worship & Music Meeting	6 Bulletin Printed 11:30 STARS dinner	7 6 pm Pastor Lion's Club	8 Pastor's Day Off	9				
10 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group	11 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	12 1:15 pm Food Pantry	13 Bulletin Printed 6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16	Pastor Vacation for wedding in Arkansas			
17 9am Worship ThankOffering Service	18 Epistle Deadline	19	20 Bulletin Printed St. Paul's Travel to Branson	21	22 Pastor's Day Off	23 Decorate sanctuary for Thanksgiving	Pastor Vacation for wedding in Arkansas			
24 9am Worship Communion 4pm Bible Reading Group	25	25	27 Bulletin Printed 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service.	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30				

Date

Ushers

November 03 Zola Finch | Laurie Koestner
 November 10 Paula Linsenbardt | Kathy Meller
 November 17 Mitchell Plochberger | Dan Tschirgi
 November 24 Delores Vlach | Becky Weber
 November 27 To Be Announced | TBA

Acolytes | Communion – Youth - Adult

Charlie Miller
 Christopher Murphy | Landon Plochberger | Don Weber
 Emma Gardner
 J.D. Murphy | Wyatt Prosch | Trish Russell
 TBA

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Greeters

November 03 Richard Heidbreder | ??
 November 10 Laurie Koestner | Jerry Koestner
 November 17 Frank Pascoe | Don Weber
 November 24 Stacy Bubach | Abby Bubach
 November 27 To Be Announced | TBA

Readers

Audrey Bunch
 Carol Elliott
 WELCA
 Frank Pascoe
 Bill Gerth

Communionware For Month

David and Trish Russell

Flower Chairperson For Month

Marie Scheperle

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