

Pastor's Message

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." < Psalm 100:4 >

This month we will have our annual Thankoffering Service on November 21st and then three days later an evening Thanksgiving service. We are also thankful this month for the end of Daylight Savings Time which gives us an extra hour to sleep and be bright eyed and eager to hear the sermon on Sunday morning.

Prayerfully these aren't the only times during the year we are thankful as we are blessed so many times we cannot keep count. I've shared with you before that I begin every morning praising God for the new day we have been given. I also begin most all of my prayers throughout the day with this same adulation. I'm thankful to have been called as the Pastor here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and I'm thankful for each of you that have blessed me and Donna with your love and kindness.

Remember to always be thankful for the blessings God has poured out into your cup that runneth over.

Ask the Pastor

Question: I enjoy singing the Kyrie and find the words meaningful and comforting. I wonder who wrote the Kyrie and when was it written?

Is the ELCA the only denomination to use it or are there others. If so, who are the others?

The words "Kyrie eleison" mean "Lord, have mercy." In our current hymnal we have 10 settings that can be used during worship. We commonly use numbers 3, 8, and 10. Only setting 8 uses the actual words "Kyrie eleison" during the Kyrie, after we share the Peace. In the other settings we simply use the translated words "Lord, have mercy." We also use a variation of this Kyrie during our Prayers of Intercession when I say, "let us pray." and the congregation responds, "**Have mercy, O God.**"

"Kyrie, eleison," "Lord, have mercy" originates from a Biblical phrase, ἐλἑησόν με κύριε in the Greek translation of the Old Testament, "have mercy on me, Lord". Psalms (4:1, 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3)

This translation of the Old Testament from the original Hebrew to Greek began in the early to midthird century 283AD-246AD for the first five books, also known as the Torah, and the rest of the OT books were translated over the next century or so.

The Catholic church began using it as a response to the liturgy in the fourth century. Today, it is used by the Catholic church as well as many of the Reformed faiths, ie; Lutheran, Episcopal, etc...

> Blessings to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David



FINANCIAL UPDATE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cyrus Meller
- 3 Sharon Wyss
- 4 Mackenzie Linnenbrink
- 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
- 15 Megan Ferrell
- 15 Makayla Enowski
- 18 Madeline Stubinger
- 22 Frederica Fischer
- 23 Max Neenan
- 24 Charlie Miller
- 24 Avery Tschirgi
- 25 Wyatt Prosch
- 27 Sarah Gordon
- 28 Emmett Loesch
- 29 Patty Duncan
- 30 Garrett Wykes
- 30 Roy Fluegel



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Todd & Julie Walters	1996	25 Years
11	Jason & Jamie Plochberger	2000	
12	Michael & Darla Linhardt	2011	10 Years
12	Timothy & Heather Morgans	2016	5 Years
15	Roger & Nancy Thompson	1969	
19	Ryan & Ashley Heidbreder	2016	5 Years
24	Bob & Christie Murphy	2001	20 Years
27	Henry & Barbara Carrel	1982	

Continued prayers for healing.

Bob Collins, Tyler Soell, Tom Sperling, Vanessa Pyatt, Julie Carel, Donna Viles, Jahanna Koestner.

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
OCTOBER 03	81 / 265	\$6,493.00
OCTOBER 10	84 / 100	<i>\$2,525.75</i>
OCTOBER 17	91 / 97	\$2,021.99
OCTOBER 24	83 / 96	\$1,293.00
OCTOBER 31	66 / 120	\$2,733.50
Total	405 / 678	\$15,067.24

In Addition:

Sunday School - \$ 9.50 Mission Envelope - \$512.80 Reformation Envelope - \$240.00 Special thanks to Jim & Debbie Linsenbardt for their gift of \$1,000.00 to St. Paul's.

The St. Paul's Cemetery Fund received memorials in memory of Herbert Strobel in the amount of \$1,405.00. We give thanks for the outpouring of love in remembrance of Herb and his friendship to all.

Makayla Stubinger and Harley Enowski were married October 23, 2021. Congratulations and blessings to this sweet couple.



Congregational Council Meeting, October 11, 2021 Respectfully submitted by Becky Weber, Council Secretary

A Congregational Council meeting was called to order by President Zola Finch at 6:00pm on Monday, October 11, 2021 in the youth education room. Present were council members Kathy Meller, Mitch Plochberger, Delores Vlach, Laurie Koestner and Becky Weber. Absent were Dan Tschirgi, Paula Linsenbardt, and Jana Thompson. Also present were Pastor David Viles and Treasurer Kay Pascoe. Pastor David opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by a devotion on based on Isaiah 30:21: "And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

DEVOTION:

The ways of the world whisper the way we should go more often than we can truly understand. We mistake the worldly voice for our own intelligent decisions to act in ways that are wrong.

Our worldly inclination is to fix people when most often the fixing should be left to God through others more qualified. Instead God says, "This is the way; be silent and listen to them."

When our plans fall apart, our worldly inclination is to jump up and change everything to fit the schedule and make it right. Instead God says, "This is the way; pray about it, and listen for the Holy Spirit."

As we gather this evening to make decisions on behalf of the church, it is easy to say what we feel is the best choice and push it through. Instead God says, "This is the way; be silent and listen for God's word behind you, then walk in it." Pastor David then said a prayer.

President Finch called for approval of the previous council meeting minutes. A motion to approve the September 13, 2021 council meeting minutes was offered by Kathy Meller, seconded by Laurie Koestner, and passed via voice vote.

President Finch called on Council Treasurer Kay Pascoe to give the treasurers report, and copies of said report were distributed to council members.

President Finch then called on Pastor David for his report. Pastor David reports a total of 48 miles, for the amount of \$26.88 for the month of September, 2021. President Finch called for a motion to approve the mileage, a motion was made by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Mitch Plochberger, and passed via voice vote.

Pastor David reported the following activities for September 2021: Worship and Music meeting, Lohman City Council meeting, Church Council, S.T.A.R.S., Lions Club, Freundschaft Gruppe and Mutual Ministry. Pastor performed one office counseling visit, one marriage counseling visit, Herb Strobel hospital visit, Rose Strobel visit and multiple phone conversations, prayers, visits, etc... Pastor held four services for September, two communion Sunday worship services in person and online with Facebook Live, and two non-communion services in person and online with Facebook Live. Pastor emailed worship bulletins, updated website with bulletin and video services, posted a daily photo with Bible verse and message on Church Facebook, and created, and emailed the October Epistle. He participated in S.T.A.R.S. gathering for Gert Strobel remembrance, helped with Strobel auction preparation, conducted funeral for Herb Strobel, and attended and helped with Family Day

President Finch then called for the committee reports.

Evangelism: Delores Vlach offered a big thank you to Leroy Plochberger family for providing donuts and beverages for fellowship hour on October 10, 2021. She reports our Family Day September 19, 2021 went well, though she reports we did not have as many people in attendance as in years past. Delores reports she and her committee will look for ways to increase attendance and do a few things

differently for next year. She reports we had very good food provided by Reinhardt Circle. Delores reports Trunk or Treat is set for October 31, 2021 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and that the Lions Club will be in attendance, and all are invited.

Technology: Dan Tschirgi, absent. President Finch gave a report provided by Dan. She reports he is working on fixing the video glitches that we are experiencing with our live streamed services. President Finch also reports Dan is checking into improved audio at the podium near the altar. Pastor David suggests council members consider replacing the microphone. President Finch reports Dan would like to see council members discuss keeping sanctuary doors open. After discussion, council members voted to keep the sanctuary doors open before, during and after services. They will be closed following worship service prior to locking up the church.

Worship and Music: Kathy Meller reports that she and her committee met and the hymns for worship were selected for November. She reports it was decided we will continue using Setting 10 for Advent, until the end of the year. Kathy reports we will be having special music during advent, and having the choir sing on some Sundays. She reports we are in need of renewing our streaming license. Kathy reports Reformation Sunday will be October 31, 2021. She reports All Saints Sunday will be November 7, 2021, and that Women of ELCA will be providing the Thankoffering Service on November 21, 2021 with the Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller participating. Thanksgiving service will be November, 24, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner reports Sunday school attendance has been running 2-4 students. The Christmas pageant material is being researched. Christmas program will be Sunday, December 19th during normal worship time. Operation Christmas Child information is posted in the narthex. Collection date for shoeboxes is November 14th.

Church Improvement: Mitch Plochberger reports fall work day went very well with a lot of trimming of trees, bushes, and cleaning of flowerbeds.

Stewardship and Finance: Paula Linsenbardt. No report.

Mutual Ministry: Jana Thompson. President Zola gave a report provided by Jana. She reports staff evaluations are in process as of September 15th, and will be completed by the end of October. The updated Time and Talent sheets will go out November 7, 2021, and people will be asked to be return them by December 5, 2021.

Old Business: President Finch opened the floor for discussion on what we need to do to get our Blessing Box noticed. Several suggestions were offered including having signs posted on Route C and D. Currently, supplies to replenish the Blessing Box are housed in the narthex of the church, and there haven't been any supplies taken from the box to date, possibly because people in need of such are unaware of its location.

New Business: President Finch then opened the floor for discussion on what we need to do with the parsonage after Pastor David and Donna move out. Council discussed possible options and it was decided we will continue this discussion at future meetings. She reports the Annual Reports will be due December 13, 2021. President Finch reports the election of new Church Council members will take place at our Annual meeting to be held January 16, 2022.

President Finch called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Koestner, seconded by Mitch Plochberger, and passed via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

The members of Margaret Circle gathered at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 5th and were greeted by Debbie Boyce, the evening's hostess. We were treated to a buffet of delicious Halloween-themed refreshments while catching up with each others' news. Debbie also brought her mom, Pat Collins, and we were delighted to see her again. Kathryn Linsenbardt led the evening's Bible study during which we looked more closely at the Holy Trinity, specifically the role which the Holy Spirit plays in our daily lives. Kathryn also circulated Halloween and Thanksgiving cards for signatures which will be mailed to home-bound members and friends of St. Paul's. Donita Stubinger shared that she is collecting personal care items to be added to the Buddy Packs of the thirty-seven students enrolled in this program at Russellville's elementary school. Kay Pascoe is working on a program to send messages of good cheer to the congregation's college students. Erika reported that the Cole County Health Department will offer flu shots in conjunction with S.T.A.R.S on October 13th. In appreciation of all God has provided for us, an offering was received which will be distributed to agencies the Circle supports.

Our next meeting, the annual Christmas dinner, will take place on Tuesday evening, December 7th, at the church! Erika Gerth will host and all are welcome!

S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints] October Report

S.T.A.R.S. and Flu Shots! What a combination! If you were one of the twenty-five seniors who met for lunch on Wednesday, October 13th, you enjoyed a delicious lunch of "super dogs" served in a bun with a generous topping of chili, assorted relishes and of course yummy desserts. Thanks to all who prepared and served the accompanying dishes, and special thanks to Gary Bunch for being the "grill master." Tara Fergerson, head of immunizations for Cole County Health Department, and her team, administered high dose flu shots for fifteen seniors and were surprised to be invited to stay for lunch. Their comment: they had never seen such large hot dogs nor had they been invited for lunch following a flu shot clinic! Let's do it again next year!

We all appreciate Erika Gerth and her hard work to arrange for Cole County Health to give Flu Vaccinations. Erika made it easy for us to get vaccinated without going to doctors or stores.

S.T.A.R.S. [Seniors, tired and retired saints] The next adventure

Mark your calendars for the next exciting meeting of S.T.A.R.S. scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021. We will enjoy an interesting program by Ron and Shirley Loesch concerning their volunteer work at the Calvery School Gift Shop. We will have Soup Day at this STARS meeting. If you would like to make a pot of soup, please let Rose Strobel (782-4553) know what kind you would like to contribute by Monday, November 1st. Also we will need relishes, crackers, salads and desserts. Please let Rose know if you will be attending plus what dish you will provide. Thank You.

Freundschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer

There were 14 in attendance at our October meeting. After enjoying a delicious ham dinner provided by Glen and Donita, we accomplished numerous chores. Our meeting schedule for the next 3 months is as follows:

Hanging of the Greens -- November 29 at 5:30

Christmas tree decorated -- December 18 at 1:00

Tree and decorations down -- January 5 at 3:00 with wine, cheese and soup supper to follow If you would enjoy helping with any of these activities, we would enjoy your assistance.

Thankoffering Service – November 21, 2021

Light the Way for Justice, Light the Way for Love

Thankofferings are a long standing tradition during which the Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) come together in thanksgiving to share financial resources to support the ongoing ministries of this church-wide women's organization. This tradition goes back to the 1800s when there

was not enough money to carry out the work of the church and so the women set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for their many blessings. Combining their offerings, they came together in support of the work of the church. When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings continued. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of grants and scholarship programs, on-line Bible studies and devotions, all that goes into holding the Women of the ELCA's triennial convention, and so much more.

This year's Thankoffering service will be led by the women of St. Paul's on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at which time the Thankoffering will be received, along with the regular Sunday morning offering. Special Thankoffering envelopes are available in the Narthex during the month of November.

We are thrilled that the Reverend Kimberly Knowle-Zeller accepted the invitation to be with us for this year's Thankoffering service! She will preach the sermon and also share a message with the children. Reverend Kim is an ordained ELCA pastor, mother of two young children, and spouse of an ELCA pastor. She lives with her family in Cole Camp, Missouri and is a frequent contributor to "Living Lutheran" and "Christ in Our Home." You might also recall that she preached at Pastor David's installation service here at St. Paul's four years ago. What a joy to welcome her back!

Sunday School at St. Paul's

During Sunday School on October 17th, the kids surprised Pastor David with hand crafted 'Pastor Appreciation' art for the October appreciation month. Pastor was thrilled and has them displayed in his office. Thank you Laurie Koestner for your leadership and teaching of these wonderful children.







Jr. Lutherans

St. Paul's Jr. Lutherans enjoyed a Chili/Hot Dog meal on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in St. Paul's basement. Afterwards they painted pumpkins and had a lot of fun. Thank you Donita Stubinger for making this event possible in the basement.



Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The October 12th Mobile Food Pantry was held in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot on a sunny afternoon beautiful fall weather. We served 128 families with 399 people. Some of the items given out were: cheese crackers, popcorn, pumpkins, tomatoes, assorted salads, squash, milk, limes, cookies, bottled water, frozen pizzas, and ground turkey. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, from St. Paul's Church was Dan Tschirgi, Becky Weber, Gary and Audrey Bunch. Thanks to all the volunteers that help with this community service. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be November 9th at 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

St. Paul's WELCA Board and the Chili Supper Committee:

We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to each of you who participated in our fundraiser. Your generosity has been overwhelming and it is good to know that our church family is always here to help and support when plans need to be changed. At this writing, we have received a total of \$3,925.00 in contributions. The Board and Chili Supper Committee will be meeting soon to work on the groups and projects who we will be supporting this year with these funds. We look forward to next year when hopefully our Annual Chili Supper will be held on Sunday, October 2nd. Again, thanks to each of you and know that your contributions are appreciated by many.

Women of the ELCA Mid-Missouri Fall Cluster Meeting

It was a beautiful day to enjoy the Mid-MO Fall Cluster Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville on September 25th. St. Paul's had a nice delegation of Donita Stubinger, Kathryn Linsenbardt, Marie Scheperle and Audrey Bunch to join 27 other attendees from the Central Missouri area. Registration was held along with delicious breakfast casserole, rolls, fruit and drinks served and enjoyed before starting the meeting.

Pastor Ed Merkel followed through on the "JUST LOVE" theme based on 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 with a Bible study in the morning session. He stressed that there is no substitution for LOVE. We viewed a video on the Gathering Table in Kansas City. This organization received monies from Cluster and Unit offerings. A delicious lunch of pasta dishes, salads and desserts was enjoyed. The guest speakers for the afternoon session were Pastor Gene and Gladys Moll who spoke to the group about Little Free Libraries which they started one in their yard in 2013. It promotes neighbor book exchange, usually in the form of a public bookcase. The election of Planning Board Members was held with Gloria Sharp of Jefferson City, and Connie Williams of Sedalia, being elected for a 2 year term. A memorial service was held for ladies who had passed away in the cluster congregations since 2019. Our congregation memorialized Olivia Linhardt and Gertrude Strobel. Roses were given for each lady and were sent home to each local unit. They were displayed on St. Paul's altar the next day in memory of these two special ladies. The raffle drawing was won by our own Donita which was a fall basket filled with several useful items. Raffle monies go to the Educational Fund.

The Spring Mid-MO Cluster Meeting will be held Saturday April 30th, 2022 at Christ and Trinity Church in Sedalia. Submitted by Audrey Bunch and Marie Scheperle.

Kyle Freiner – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Kyle Freiner's Eagle Scout Ceremony was held in St. Paul's church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2021. This is a tremendous accomplishment and Kyle went far beyond the normal requirements as you can tell by the many badges on his shoulder. He received three silver leafs for these achievements. Congratulations from your proud Pastor and St. Paul's congregation.



Living Lutheran: The magazine of the ELCA offers news and stories that illuminate Christ's presence in the world. Each issue will bring you stories of faith and grace. You will find resources for deeper understanding, and a thoughtful page by our Presiding Bishop Eaton. A subscription for 2022 is \$8.50 which is very affordable for a magazine packed with so many resources. Please give Marie Scheperle your payment of \$8.50 by Sunday, November 14th to secure your subscription. Thank you.

Advent Dinner News

At this time, the Worship and Music Committee is moving forward with plans to have our treasured Advent Dinner. Please save the date of December 12th. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with sparkling juice followed by the meal at 6:00 p.m. catered by Reinhardt Circle. We encourage you to come and invite friends and family. Reservations will be required. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Narthex and we ask that you sign up by Dec. 5th so we can let Misty know how much food to prepare. You may also call Carol Elliott(782-4741) or Kathy Meller(782-4788) by the 5th. We will be asking for a free will offering to defray the cost of the meal. The evening will conclude with a program of scriptures and singing. We hope you can join us.

Emil Edwin Fischer, 87, of Jefferson City, Missouri passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021. His funeral was on Saturday, October 30, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. We at St. Paul's church pray that his loving wife Juanita, and family find comfort and peace in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen If you are reading this online you may click this <u>LINK</u> to read his obituary.

All Saints Sunday is November 7th. On this day we remember and pay honor to our loved ones who have died during the past 12 months. We also recognize the Baptisms that give God the glory for our precious children beginning life in the church. This Sunday, the Worship and Music committee will provide a rose for a family member to place upon the altar for those who have taken their place in the kingdom of God. We do this for the members of St. Paul's church and the immediate family of those members. If any member of this congregation has a non-member immediate family member who died during the past 12 months, please let Pastor David or Debbie Raithel know by Wednesday, November 3rd or sooner so we can list them in the service. (Spouse, mother, father, sibling, or child).

Poinsettias for the church: It is time to consider purchasing poinsettias to decorate the church sanctuary for the Christmas season. Please give your orders for poinsettias to Kathyrn Linsenbardt no later than November 29th. You may call her at 782-4683. The cost this year is \$9.00 each. Please note if they are in honor or memory of someone.

Daylight Savings Time: ends on November 7th. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night or be prepared to spend an extra hour at church on Sunday morning. Ha

November Giving Opportunities: Thanksgiving Offering envelopes are designated to Rape & Abuse Crisis Center. WELCA Thankoffering envelopes will provide for the many charities supported by the Women of the Church at St. Paul's.

Holloween 2021 on Reformation Sunday: we had a nice turnout of cars and kids.



Video Link → <u>Halloween</u>

Calendar of Events and Schedules

November 2nd, Tuesday: Worship and Music Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
November 3rd, Wednesday: S.T.A.R.S at 11:30 a.m. will meet to enjoy a meal and hear Ron and Shirley Loesch speak about their volunteer work at Calvery school and gift shop.
November 7th, Sunday: Fellowship Hour after worship hosted by Dave & Debbie Boyce.
November 8th, Monday: Church Council Meeting in Church at 6:00 p.m. in the basement.
November 9th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.
November 14th, Sunday: Deadline to order and pay for the Living Lutheran Magazine.
November 16th, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.
November 21st, Sunday: Thankoffering Service with Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller
November 24th, Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 p.m.
November 29th, Monday: Freundschaft Gruppe will meet for Hanging of the Greens at 5:30 p.m.
November 29th, Monday: Deadline to order Poinsettias from Kathryn Linsenbardt.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays. Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

Usher Schedule

Nov-07	Dan Tschirgi	Delores Vlach
Nov-14	Becky Weber	Zola Finch
Nov-21	Laurie Koestner	Paula Linsenbardt
Nov-24	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger
Nov-28	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi

Greeter Schedule

Nov-07	Gary Elliott	Richard Heidbreder
Nov-14	Laurie Koestner	Jerry Koestner
Nov-21	Frank Pascoe	Donald Weber
Nov-24	Stacy Bubach	Abby Bubach
Nov-28	Don Buchta	Audrey Bunch

Song Leader

Nov-7	Dan Tschirgi
Nov-14	Cameron Freiner
Nov-21	Kathy Meller
Nov-24	Kathy Meller
Nov-28	Kathy Meller

Audio /	Video	Techniciar	ו

Nov-7	Roger Pennell
Nov-14	Dan Tschirgi
Nov-21	Dan Tschirgi
Nov-24	VOLUNTEER
Nov-28	Roger Pennell

Acolyte Schedule

Nov-7	Mattson Stoermer
Nov-14	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
Nov-21	Kara Freiner
Nov-24	Madison Linnenbrink
Nov-28	Mattson Stoermer

Readers Schedule

Nov-7	Jessica Stoermer
Nov-14	Nicole Benne
Nov-21	Women of the ELCA
Nov-24	Kathryn Linsenbardt
Nov-28	Carol Elliott

Communion Assistants

Nov-14	Kathryn Lensinbardt
Nov-24	Open
Nov-28	Trish Russell

Altar Flowers for the Month

Marie Scheperle

* Communion Days noted in Yellow