

Pastor's Message

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36

We begin this month with a Patriotic service on Sunday, July 3rd. Later in the day we will come together and enjoy lots of good food and fellowship with one another, and hopefully the weather will be good. When dusk comes the crowds will pull up their chairs and sit back to enjoy a wonderful show of fireworks lighting up the skies above Lohman, here on St. Paul's hill.

It will be a day to remember the men and women who have left their homes and fought wars and lived in poor conditions to ensure your freedom to gather and enjoy a good life lived in these United States of America. Those courageous people throughout the past years and those who still serve today have given us all a great gift. Yet we have not always been appreciative of that gift, and we have not always used the gift for its intended purpose.

Instead of taking advantage of this land of freedom and opportunity, a great majority of our people in this nation have misused the freedom to gain power over others. Some have chosen to use their freedom to oppress others who are not as strong.

When will sing patriotic hymns on Sunday morning we will sing of heroes "in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life." And we will sing, "O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav-'lers guard in danger's hour." We will sing, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored."

The hymns we sing will praise God for the freedom he has given us through his Son, Jesus the Christ. He, too, left his home in a heavenly paradise. He, too, lived in poor conditions and fought wars against sin and death. He, too, gave us a great gift in the forgiveness and salvation to be lived out with him through eternity in that place he returned to called paradise.

God has given us a freedom we cannot abuse, a freedom no one can take from us, a freedom that can never end. God is always with you. "*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*" 2 Corinthians 3:17 "*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*" John 8:36

On this day when you celebrate your freedom as an American in the land of the free, remember to also

celebrate your freedom as a child of God. A God who will do anything to save you and bring you home to him, even dying on a cross of wood and rising from a tomb of stone.

Peace to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Angela Tierney
- 2 Kaylin McDonald
- 2 Christopher Murphy
- 5 Vanessa Soell
- 8 Gus Fischer
- 10 Sherry Williams
- 11 Joshua Ferrell
- 12 Ashleigh Creel
- 12 Carol Heidbreder
- 15 Sherman Koestner
- 16 Philip Scott Soell
- 16 Wayne Linsenbardt
- 17 Jonathan Kalaf
- 17 Shawn Williams
- 19 Vera Stubinger
- 20 Remington Ferrell
- 20 Charlie Mae Ferrell
- 21 Laney Hager
- 21 Jessica Stoermer
- 24 Debbie Boyce
- 24 Colin Woehrer
- 26 Emma Steele
- 27 Angela Stubinger
- 27 Stacy Steele
- 31 Tyler Hager
- 31 Lyndli Thompson



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Kara & Andrew Richart 2019
- 18 Craig and Angie Stubinger 1998
- 19 Elroy and Vera Stubinger 1980
- 23 Rich and Gina Prosch 1988
- 27 Harry & Jana Thompson 1974
- 29 John and Dee Dee Loesch 1978

Continued prayers for healing and comfort. Barbara Hickey, Vanessa Pyatt, Jahanna Koestner, Julie Carel, and Donna Viles

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
JUNE 05	92 / 130	\$3,075.00
JUNE 12	95 / 142	\$2,363.31
JUNE 19	56 / 74	\$1,172.00
JUNE 26	79 / 125	\$3,147.00

Thank you: From Sharon Wyss

I appreciate very much your prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns after my recent surgery. A special thank you also to Pastor David for his prayers months prior to surgery and several medical tests. This all means more to me than words can express.

New Member Welcome

On June 12, 2022 we had a great celebration on Pentecost Sunday with the Holy Spirit moving through our congregation and bringing us all kinds of goodness and blessings.

One of those blessings was Amberlyn (AJ) Ferrell joining her husband Ryan as a member of our congregation. AJ also joined Ryan in bringing their sweet twins Remington and Charlie to join the congregation in baptism.

St. Paul's is blessed to receive AJ as a new member.

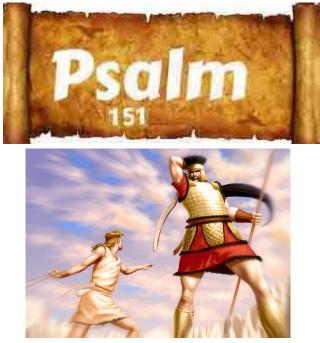


Ask the Pastor

Question: What happened to Psalm 151? Why isn't it in the book of Psalms? **Answer:** It is and it isn't and there are others missing!

Open your Bible and you will find 150 Psalms listed in the book of Psalm. If you open the Hymn book located in the pews you will also find only 150 Psalms listed. There are Bibles used by the Eastern Orthodox church where Psalm 151 is listed and read, but in the Western church it is rare to see it.

This then is Psalm 151:



1. I was small among my brothers, and the youngest in my father's house; I tended my father's sheep. 2. My hands made a harp; my fingers fashioned a lyre. 3. And who will tell my Lord? The Lord Himself; it is He who hears. 4. It was He who sent His messenger and took me from my father's sheep, and anointed me with His anointing oil. 5. My brothers were handsome and tall, but the LORD was not pleased with them. 6. I went out to meet the Philistine, and he cursed me by his idols. 7. But I drew his own sword; I beheaded him, and took away disgrace from the people of Israel.

This Psalm was not considered to be one of the original Psalms from the earliest writings and was therefore omitted from the traditional Bibles.

It was included in the Septuagint (a Greek version of the Hebrew Bible or (Old Testament) and Syriac Bibles (a dialect of Aramaic, common among a number of early Christian communities).

Then in 1947, near Qumran the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a cave and then many more scrolls were found. These writings were from Jewish texts that were created around the time of Christ.

These scrolls were studied and found to contain not only Psalm 151 but also 152 through 155. The fullness of God's time is given to us in brief snippets. Perhaps knowing too much too soon would overwhelm us and we would not be able to hold that much knowledge.

I have to wonder if this was not the lesson God taught us in the beginning when he told Adam and Eve they were not to touch the tree in the middle of the garden that contained all the knowledge of good and evil.

God will give us the answers in his own time.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

Grace and Peace to you, Pastor David

Congregational Council Meeting, June 13, 2022 Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe

† A six o'clock regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul's ELCA of Lohman, Missouri met on June 13th. All Council Members were present: President Zola Finch, Vice President Dan Tschirgi, Secretary Frank Pascoe, and members Stacy Bubach, Laurie Koestner, Kathy Meller, Mitchell Plochberger, Jana Thompson, and Delores Vlach. Also in attendance were Treasurer, Kay Pascoe, and the Pastor David Viles.

† The meeting opened with prayer and a devotion, "The Secret Burden: Guilt" by Pastor Viles. The devotion focused on our being aware that it is often very difficult to forgive ourselves, and our tendency to be hard on ourselves as we make difficult decisions on behalf of our church and congregation.

† Approval of the previous Council minutes of May 9th was done via voice upon a motion offered by Stacy Bubach and seconded by Jana Thompson. Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe presented a four-page "Statement of Financial Position", dated May 31, 2022. She answered questions regarding our current financial stability and progress. Recent donations were highlighted.

† Pastor Viles presented a detailed account of his May activities. His May mileage totaled 88 miles. His reimbursement of \$51.48 was approved upon a motion passed via voice offered by Mitchell Plochberger and seconded by Laurie Koestner. Pastor listed six meetings within and out of our congregation. Seven personal visits were detailed. Numerous other activities were noted: two baptisms, the May "Epistle" created and e-mailed, and worship bulletins prepared for five Sunday services.

President Finch called upon the various Committee Chairpersons to present their monthly reports:

Evangelism: Chairperson Delores Vlach offered many thanks to Andy and Nicole Benne, and to Rich and Gina Prosch, for hosting the fellowship reception on May 22d in honor of our recent high school and college graduates. Her committee gave congratulation cards to the five graduates. Delores also thanked David and Karla Strobel, and Cameron and Karey Freiner and family for hosting the June 5th Fellowship Coffee. The cupcakes were delicious. A new member reception for Amberlyn Ferrell was held. Amberlyn was honored with a large decorated cake. The new-member packet was also presented. Delores reported that her committee has begun work planning our July 4th celebration to be held on Sunday, July 3d. The Council briefly discussed the July 3d event. It was noted that the Farmers Bank of Lohman has joined the contributors for the fireworks display. President Finch wondered if we might have a Shaved Ice Stand at the event. WELCA will be involved in these decisions.

Technology: Chair Dan Tschirgi reported that he will be away for the July 3d celebration event. Dave Boyce has volunteered to play the music to accompany the outdoor activities. Dan reported that he is still working to dispose the outdated and unneeded sound equipment that remains on hand. A sale or donation of said equipment will eventually be arranged. It was remarked by several Council members that the video presentation of our Sunday services needs some attention to avoid the jerkiness of the presentation. Dan will pursue a remedy for this issue.

Worship & Music: Chair Kathy Meller reported on May 3d and June 13th meetings of her committee. In both meetings the question of sound quality for the beginning of the service was addressed. The volume of both the keyboard and Pastor's microphone was discussed. Attempts will be made to moderate the volume of both. Parishioners have still remarked on their pleasure with the variety of prelude music that is being played. Kathy reported that all hymns for July and August have been chosen. Setting number 8 is to be the setting for both months. Patriotic music has been chosen for the upcoming holidays. A Flag Procession will take place on the July 3d Sunday service. Kathy's committee briefly discussed plans for the Advent Dinner and will continue to make plans for that event. Whether participants bringing dishes, or to have it catered, is a future decision.

Parish Education: Laurie Koestner reported on the upcoming Vacation Bible School to be hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Parish Hall. The date for the event is July 10th thru 14th.

Church Improvement: Chair Mitch Plochberger discussed several renovation and repair activities which are currently ongoing or upcoming. He reported on a ceiling fan problem in the sanctuary and no current resolution due to the age of the ceiling fan and a lack of available replacement. No window replacement equipment has currently gone forward. At 6:45 Mitchell's invited guest, Matt Bridges, the construction contractor who is to renovate the entire downstairs areas according to the plans developed by Mitchell and his Church Improvement Committee. Mr. Bridges answered numerous questions by Council members. He informed the Council members about the numerous unknown issues in repairing and replacing the various areas of the lower floor due to the age of the original construction, and the unknown quality of the earth and materials beneath. Mr. Bridges will offer the church a "fixed price contract". Electronic connections will be upgraded. Downstairs ceiling tiles will be replaced. The new lighting will be a softer light with LED features. The old kitchen area will be enlarged. The enlarged kitchen will enjoy more benefit from the air-conditioning. The water quality in the older bathrooms will be improved due to removal of the old line emanating from the parsonage. After numerous other comments on the construction plans, Mr. Bridges left at 7:22.

After Mr. Bridges' departure, the Council discussed the appropriate method of informing the Congregation of the construction plans. It was decided to hold a Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 10th after regular service ended. This decision was entered by a motion offered by Stacy Bubach, seconded by Kathy Meller, and passed via voice.

Stewardship & Finance: Chair Stacy Bubach reported that the Church Treasurer's detailed job description had been given to her by Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe. The purpose of this written detailed report was to allow for complete financial recording when the Treasurer was unable to perform on a regular basis. This detailed job description will be preserved electronically after retyping by the Church Office Secretary. Another similar report is forthcoming from Financial Recording Secretary, Marie Scheperle.

Mutual Ministry: Chair Jana Thompson reported on her committee's recent May 18th meeting. The Blessing Box was again discussed in that meeting, with several suggestions for improving its functions, and making it better known to potential area users. It has been publicized on Facebook, and by distribution of flyers, and will be noted at the upcoming July 3d/4th event. It will also be noted on the Lohman Post Office bulletin board.

Old Business: The President noted no Old Business.

New Business: It was mentioned after a question was asked of Pastor Viles about his transfer from our Parsonage to his new home across from the Church that his hoped-for date might be toward the end of July, depending upon the speed of current renovation efforts.

The President declared the meeting's adjournment at 8:12.

Pastor Viles led the group in a recitation of the Our Father.

Chili Supper 2022: Marlene Carlson

Yes you read that right!! October 2nd, 2022 will be this year's date for the Annual St. Paul's Chili Supper. After not being able to have it for the last 2 years, we look forward to continuing with the tradition of our annual event. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend and to help bring items and work. Please let Marlene Carlson (690-0117) or Kathy Meller (782-4788) know as soon as possible if you will be unable to help. Also remember that we will also have a Country Store in conjunction with the Chili Supper. We look forward to October 2nd and having this opportunity to be able to socialize with our family, friends and neighbors.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The June 14th Mobile Food Pantry in Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot served 134 families with 395 people in those families. It was a hotter than usual day in June. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped serve our communities. Volunteers are welcome to come and help at the Mobile Food Pantry. Items given out produce boxes (cauliflower, celery, eggs, lettuce salad kits, milk, Nutri System snacks, and strawberries) large cans of tomatoes, fresh brussel sprouts, salad dressing, frozen packages sausage and steam fresh vegetables. Volunteers from St. Paul's Lutheran were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi, Gary and Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be July 12th at 1:00 P.M.

STARS:

The STARS group met on June 1 with 36 in attendance. We enjoyed bountiful crock pots full of spaghetti accompanied with garlic bread plus a delicious variety of salads and desserts. Author Jeremy Ämick introduced his latest book, Hidden History of Cole County, and shared stories of upcoming newspaper articles.

Our next meeting will be July 13. PLEASE NOTE change of date from our usual first Wednesday of the month. Kathy Shoemaker will present an interesting program about Quilts of Valor. She is an experienced quilter and generous donor of valor quilts to special veterans. Our menu will be picnic style featuring grilled super dogs. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday, July 11.

Margaret Circle — Erika Gerth

Margaret Circle's June meeting has traditionally been held at the home of Kay Pascoe, and this year was no exception! Gathered around a beautifully set table were Kay, Ruth and Donita Stubinger, Helen Girard, Carole Merckel, Kathryn Linsenbardt, Donna Viles, Marie Scheperle and Erika Gerth. A great variety of salads filled our plates, Kay provided a variety of beverages, and when we thought we could eat no more, Ruth Stubinger brought out a delectable layered cake with strawberry filling. Our tummies filled, we began our evening's Bible study, so capably led by Ruth Stubinger. She focused on Psalm 139 and reminded us of the many ways in which we are wonderfully made by our Creator who knows each of us inside and out! The evening's offering was divided between Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and the Samaritan Center, both agencies which provide valuable services to our neighbors in need. Margaret Circle's next meeting will take place at the church on Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 pm. Kathryn will host and Erika will lead the study of God's Holy Word. Remember, Margaret Circle is open to all women at St. Paul's. We meet six times each year, sometimes in the homes of members, other times at church. We support a variety of charities with our offerings, engage in Bible study and always enjoy each other's company!



Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

Sunday, June 26, 2022 was a beautiful and cool afternoon to spend fishing! It was such a pleasure to watch 12 youngsters enjoying catching and releasing the hungry fish anxious to get a worm.



Pastor David gathered everyone together with his deep voice as his prayer involved gratitude for children and families being out in God's creation fishing instead of indoors on electronics. The food was blessed and eaten in great thanks and gratitude.

* Calls are being made to seek helpers to put flags out on the graves of St. Paul's Cemetery on Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:30 pm. This will be done for the 4th of July celebration and Roger Pennell will grill hotdogs.

* Please join us downstairs on Sunday, July 3rd for our fellowship breakfast. This year the cinnamon rolls are being rolled out by David Russell since Curt Stubinger has his hand in a cast from his recent surgery.

* We appreciate Chris and Liz Russell for inviting the Jr. Lutherans back to their house for a swim party to be held on August 14th at 3:30 in the afternoon. Parents and grandparents are always welcome as well as anyone else who would like to come and enjoy the fun with a lot of youngsters. If you get a chance, pat Leroy Plochberger on the back. He is a big sponsor for the Jr. Lutherans! Thank you so very much Leroy!!!

Another wonderful month of Baptisms – Hallelujah!!

On June 5th we celebrated Pentecost, and as the Holy Spirit was blowing through the church of St. Paul's it entered two beautiful children at the Font in front of the altar. Baptized were twins, Remington and Charlie Ferrell, children of Ryan and Amberlyn (AJ) Ferrell.



On June 12th we had another wonderful Baptism as the Holy Spirit filled the sanctuary and entered Maura Sue Tierney, daughter of Angela and Conor Tierney. This sweet child was wearing the baptismal gown of her great great-grandfather which is about 113 years old.



Something New This Year

Pastor David has started a new tradition at St. Paul's for Baptisms. He is creating personalized Baptismal Napkins for those being baptized. So last month was the first time this was done with Remington and Charlie Ferrell and then Maura Tierney.

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Baptism June 12,2022 Maura Sue Tierney St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA Lohman MO

Giving Thanks for Donations

We would like to say thanks, for all the Samaritan Center donations of canned and box foods, egg cartons and grocery bags. Please continue to donate in the Samaritan Center box. Needed empty egg cartons and your extra grocery bags. Rosemary and Audrey

Blessing Box: Thank you for all your donated items for the Blessing Box at St. Paul's. At this time we have plenty of toothpaste, tooth brushes, and hand soap. During the extremely hot weather we worry about canned goods possibly going bad. But small bags of rice, beans, and other dry staples would do well, and there is always a need for toilet paper. Also we are considering building a secondary box to hold diapers and other larger items. Blessings, Pastor David

Pentecost Banner

Special thanks to Harry and Jana Thompson for donating the banners they were given by a friend to them this past month. Harry did a wonderful job of creating a support for the banner from two inch PVC pipe and attaching it to the center railing in front of the church. It looked great!

In sympathy and love we remember Mabel Thompson who passed away on June 12, 2022 at the age of 96 years old. We keep Harry, Jana, and family in prayer for continued comfort and peace.





2022 TEAM VBS

Welcome to MONUMENTAL, Celebrating God's Greatness! If you want to join us, we will have Bible Adventures, Imagination Station/Crafts, Red Rock Recs, Sing & Play Celebration, Canyon Closing & More!

Ages: Age 3 thru children just finishing 5th grade

When: July 10 - 14, 2022

VBS Closing with meal and program will be July 14, 2022, at the same time; parents, grandparents, guardians, relatives please attend with your child(ren).

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Meal: 5:45 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday will be the TEAM VBS closing with parent, guardians, etc, attending. The meals are being donated by Reinhardt Circle/Misty Schroeder.

Team VBS Partners and Contact Persons:

St. Michael's Catholic Church: Stacy Schrimpf 619-2736 or Ginger Howard 291-0589 St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Laurie Koestner 680-1278 Trinity Lutheran Church: Anna Wise 821-3434 United Methodist Church: Jane Wisch 496-3741

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN July 8, 2022 to a contact person listed above or

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

Registration fee: \$10.00 per child with a max of \$30 per family. Fee includes: T-shirt for each child registered, supper, music CD per family, and more.

Calendar of Events and Schedules

July 1st, Friday: 4:00 pm Stacy Steele and Chris McNamar Wedding rehearsal.

July 2nd, Saturday: 1:00 pm Stacy Steele and Chris McNamar Wedding

July 3rd, Sunday: 9:00 am Patrotic Service, 10:15 am Fellowship Breakfast, 6:00 pm Food Stand.

July 3rd, Sunday: 10:30 am Dinner at the Community Building: Chicken, Pork steak, and Brats.

July 3rd, Sunday: 9:00 pm or after dusk, FIREWORKS SHOW on the Hill.

July 11th, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the youth room upstairs.

July 12th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.

July 13th, Wednesday: 11:30 am STARS will meet for lunch and a presentation by Kathy Shoemaker.

July 19th, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

July 20th, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry will meet at 5:00 pm in the church basement.

July 24th, Sunday: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Basement reserved for Pistel Reunion.

July 26th, Tuesday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.

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

Usher Schedule

July -03	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger
July -10	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi
July -17	Delores Vlach	Frank Pascoe
July -24	Laurie Koestner	Stacy Bubach
July - 31	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger

Greeters Schedule

July -03	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
July -10	David Russell	Trish Russell
July -17	Frank Pascoe	Donald Weber
July -24	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott
July - 31	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner

Song Leader

July -03	Kathy Meller
July -10	Kathy Meller
July -17	Dan Tschirgi
July -24	Kathy Meller
July - 31	Dan Tschirgi

Communionware for the Month

Carol Elliott and Marie Scheperle

Altar Flowers for the Month

Julie Nelson

* Communion Days noted in Yellow

Audio / Video Technician

July -03	Roger Pennell
July -10	Dan Tschirgi
July -17	Roger Pennell
July -24	Dan Tschirgi
July - 31	Roger Pennell

Acolyte Schedule

July -03	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
July -10	Volunteer
July -17	Volunteer
July -24	Volunteer
July - 31	Volunteer

Readers Schedule

July -03	Audrey Bunch
July -10	Donald Weber
July -17	Jessica Stoermer
July -24	Jana Thompson
July - 31	Tony Miller

Organist

July -03	Zola Finch
July -10	Zola Finch
July -17	Zola Finch
July -24	Zola Finch
July - 31	Zola Finch

Communion Assistants

June - 12	Donald Weber
June - 26	Audrey Bunch