Pastor's Message

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor." Romans 12:10

The days of September:

9/5/22 International Day of Charity; initiated by the United Nations in 2012 at the death date of Mother Teresa.

9/12/22 National Day of Encouragement; started in the United States to get Americans to participate in encouraging others.

9/14/22 Feast of the Cross; international commemoration of the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. We celebrate the cross itself, as the instrument of salvation.

9/21/22 World Gratitude Day; Gratitude, thankfulness, gratefulness, or appreciation is a feeling or attitude in acknowledgment of a benefit that one has received or will receive.

9/21/22 International Day of Peace; The day is dedicated to peace, and specifically the absence of war, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone.

These activities were made by human minds and hands. However these are also things learned from the teaching and examples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. We shouldn't have one day a year to do these things, it should be part of our daily routine to care for each other. Can a little charity make a difference? Jesus fed thousands, healed many, loved everyone. Mother Teresa made it her life's work to care for the least of these that Jesus commands us to do.

Can a word of encouragement make a difference? Jesus encouraged fishermen to follow him and fish instead for men. There are many stories of people contemplating suicide who were looking for one person to say something encouraging to stop their actions. A word can save a life.

Jesus went to the cross to save us because we could not save ourselves. Think of this now one day a year but every day of your life.

Be grateful every day for what God has done for you, for the food you eat, the love of others, clothes, homes, family and friends.

Pray for peace every day and seek ways to make peace with someone around you, someone who needs to know Jesus' love through you.

Don't wait for a day that is especially set aside for these things, live every day as if it might make a difference in someone else's life. In doing this it will make a difference in your life.

Peace to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David



FINANCIAL UPDATE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Caroline Barker
- 2 Rory Tierney
- 3 Jamie Bunch
- 3 Connie Miller
- 4 Marie Scheperle
- 6 Karahlyne Olsen
- 7 Garrett Collins
- 7 Scott Soell
- 12 Desmond Pascoe
- 13 Bob Collins
- 13 Cynthia Loesch
- 13 Anna Stubinger
- 14 Laura FrasherTuttle
- 14 Kinlee Richart
- 14 Gina Prosch
- 15 Ruth Stubinger
- 16 Scott Brandt
- 16 Cory Strobel
- 16 Jacklyn Wood
- 17 Wesley Hanks
- 17 Jacob Meller
- 24 Joan Stubinger
- 29 Clayton Meyer
- 30 Ashley Heidbreder

28 Cyrus & Kelsey Meller

- 30 Irlee Linhardt
- 30 Paige Olsen



Month/Day Attendance Offering Phys./Virtual AUGUST 07 67 / 106 \$3,099.31 AUGUST 14 72 / 89 \$1,493.00 AUGUST 21 65 / 84 \$2,485.00 \$1,553.00 AUGUST 28 82 / 85

Additional Income:

\$100.00 for Election day rental. \$2,895.00 received for Helen Laughlin Memorials.

Congratulations to: Shawn and Ashleigh Hillen

Shawn and Ashleigh were married on August 20, 2022 at the Branch.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Ron & Shirley Loesch	1973	
8	Ryan & AJ Ferrell	2018	
10	Gary & Carol Elliott	1967	55 Years
13	Irlee & Virginia Linhardt	1955	
14	Mark & Misty Schroeder	2002	20 Years
18	David & Patricia Russell	1976	
27	Garrett & Kenzie Hager	2019	

2019

Continued prayers for healing.

Cecil Knernschield, Barbara Hickey, Vanessa Pyatt, Jahanna Koestner, Julie Carel, and Donna Viles.

Christ In Our Home

Devotional booklets for October, November, and December are now located in the Narthex. Stop by and pick one up.

Ask The Pastor

No one had a question this month. Is there a scripture or story in the Bible you have always wondered about? Let Pastor David know and get your answer in next month's Epistle. Your name does not have to be mentioned.

Congregational Council Meeting, August 8, 2022 Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe

- † A regular monthly meeting of the Congregational Council of St. Paul's ELCA Church met on August 8th, 2022, at 5:15. Present were members President Zola Finch, Delores Vlach, Stacy Bubach, Laurie Koestner, Jana Thompson, Dan Tschirgi, and Kathy Meller. Also present was Pastor David Viles. Absent were Mitchell Plochberger and Frank Pascoe. Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe was not present.
- † The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Viles. President Finch called for approval of the previous Council minutes. The motion was made by Jana Thompson with a second by Dan Tschirgi for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.
- † Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe had submitted to the meeting electronic three-page summaries of the Church's financial position. She requested the Council vote to move \$25,000 of the Gert/Hugo Strobel Charitable Fund into the fund for basement remodeling, as was pre-approved by the Council. A motion was made by Laurie Koestner and seconded by Jana Thompson to move \$25,000 from the Hugo & Gert Trust for the basement remodel. The motion was approved.
- † Pastor Viles submitted a monthly report of his church activities. He had 24 miles of travel and \$15.00 in reimbursable expenses. The Council approved this amount. He detailed 6 specific meetings, 4 visits with individuals, attendance at VBS, a wedding, a Baptism, two Communion Services, three non-communion services, and one wedding. A motion was made by Laurie Koestner and seconded by Stacy Bubach to approve reimbursement of Pastor Viles's mileage for \$15.00. The motion was approved.

For this meeting several of the Council Chairpersons submitted written reports of the previous month's activities, or future work and plans:

Evangelism: Delores Vlach reported her thanks to Kent and Julie Nelson and Gary and Carol Elliott for hosting the August Fellowship coffee. They prepared a complete breakfast, with meats, casseroles, fruits, and drinks. Everything was delicious. The Evangelism Committee held a new member reception for Ryan Linhardt on July 31st following the baptism of his and Lizzie's baby daughter, Daisy Rae. Numerous family members attended. So many parishioners assisted in the preparation of the reception: Trish Russell, Marie Scheperle, and Jerry Koestner. Also assisting were Donita, Glen, Leroy, and Dave. Plans are being made for Family/Friends Day on September 11th. The Committee would like to receive suggestions for activities, games, and any event that would increase our attendance. Please speak to any Evangelism Committee member if you have ideas. The traditional pot-luck lunch will begin at 11:30.

Technology: Adjustments to the overloud sound system will be attempted again. Dan Tschirgi requested to know which specific speakers are coming in too loudly so that efforts will be made to adjust the system so that no one speaker overpowers another. In addition, an attempt will be made to stop the online service on Sunday mornings from freezing. However, this may not be possible until our area has fiber optic cables available.

Worship & Music: Chair Kathy Meller submitted a written report highlighting the August 2d meeting of her committee. The talk continued about the sound system problems as well as the comments of online users about the pausing and freezing of online services. Some parishioners have commented on how cold the Sunday service is when the fans are too high. People seemed very pleased with the patriotic service. Setting eight will be used thru September. Setting three will begin in October. Madeline Stubinger and Morgan Schroeder will receive their first Communion on September 25th. Mattson Stoermer and Mandy Miller will be confirmed on October 30th. Carol Elliott will be Song Leader when Dan Tschirgi or Kathy Meller is unavailable. The Choir may return in October. We concluded that the Advent Dinner will not be possible due to the basement/kitchen remodeling. Blessing of the backpacks will be offered on August 21st. The hymns were chosen for September.

Parish Education: This fall Sunday School will begin in October with a new look. Sunday School will meet once a month on the first Sunday [most months] immediately following the Children's Sermon in the Sunday School wing. The new format called "Children's Church" will meet until church is over. Once attendance numbers improve consideration will be made to return to a Sunday School format again. A couple of members have shared information from Group Publishers for a quarterly curriculum. The committee has researched the curriculum and believes that this shows possibilities for the future when attendance increases and Sunday School/" Children's Church" meets every Sunday. Youth Fellowship will meet a minimum of once a month with a variety of activities throughout the year, beginning on Sept. 11, 2022, with a "Back to School Bash". Youth in grades 6-12 and friends are most welcome to participate. Times will vary based on activities. September 11th we will meet at church in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm.

Church Improvement: Chairman Mitchell Plochberger had submitted a prior written report. All replacement windows have been ordered. This includes three extra windows upstairs that were found to have leaks. These were in the Sunday School rooms and Pastor's office. The new exterior doors should arrive by the end of August to be installed by Brady's.

Stewardship & Finance: Chair Stacy Bubach reported on her committee's activity on July 21st. Kay Pascoe, Frank Pascoe, Gus Fischer, and Stacy went through the entire contents of the church basement's brown filing cabinet. Outdated and unneeded financial, old insurance records, and irrelevant documents were removed and later destroyed. All records of a personal nature were placed in Pastor's office for safe keeping. Her committee discussed moving the filing cabinet to an upstairs location or getting some different safe/cabinet. The retained documents need to be placed in a fire-proof location or put into electronic document storage.

Mutual Ministry: Pastor was absent from the August meeting. Minor revisions were discussed concerning the Church Handbook, which will be revisited during the September meeting. Annual performance reviews were discussed but no actions were decided. The Church Council President then asked the Council to consider a change in annual performance reviews to be a year long review in real time instead of once a year. After much consideration and discussion it was agreed that performance reviews for paid employees would be on a weekly or as needed basis as warranted. One time annual reviews would no longer be necessary.

Old Business: The President noted no Old Business.

New Business: The President noted no New Business.

After a discussion of the above reports, the Council members went downstairs to work on the renovation of the Church Library. A motion was made by Laurie Koestner and seconded by Dan Tschirgi to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting concluded by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The August 9th Mobile Food Pantry was held in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot, serving 176 families with 519 people in those families. Some of the items given out were Progresso Soup, Special K snack bars, watermelon, chips, buttery spread, yogurt, ham, soda, milk, sweet potatoes, zucchini, yellow squash and oranges. A big thank you to Carole Merckel for acquiring an abandoned grocery cart for the Mobile Food Pantry from the train station parking lot, and thanks to Terri Zumwalt having her bag of tools to put two new wheels on the cart. Thanks to Dana Frisby for putting up the canopy for the recording volunteer. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Alberta and Gary Zumwalt, and from St. Paul's were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi, and Becky Weber. The next Food Pantry will be September 13th at 1:00 P.M.

STARS:

We will meet on September 7 for a delicious lasagna lunch at 11:30 followed by an interesting program given my Lohman area resident Mike Broker. He and his family own and operate Blacksmith Distillery



at their farm on Branch Road. There is a rumor that test tasting will be available following his presentation. If you plan to attend, contact Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday evening, September 5.

Flu season is just around the corner and help is on the way! STARS, in conjunction with the Cole County Health Department will conduct a flu immunization clinic at St. Paul's on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from noon to 1:00 PM. A registered nurse from the Health Department will administer the high dose vaccine appropriate for seniors, or the regular dose, for those younger. There will be a consent form for each person to complete and we ask that you bring a copy of your Medicare card, or the appropriate card for your primary insurance provider. You do not have to be a regular STARS attendee to participate and friends are welcome. For planning purposes, please contact Erika Gerth by phone (573.635.6681) or email (erikagerth@embarqmail.com) to indicate your interest. We are grateful to the Cole County Health Department for providing this service for our community.

Freundschaft Gruppe:

Our gruppe will resume meetings at 5:30 on Monday, September 12. Since we have been in recess for the summer months, there will be additional chores to accomplish. If you plan to attend, please contact Jeannette Fischer at 782-4594 by Sunday evening, September 11. Thank you.

Margaret Circle — Erika Gerth

Members of Margaret Circle gathered at the church on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 for an evening of fellowship and Bible study. Thanks to Kathryn Linsenbardt for providing scrumptious brownies and lemon bars, a winning combination to be sure! Erika Gerth led the group in the study of 2 John, one of three short books presumably written by the writer of St. John's Gospel. The author, referred to as "the elder", writes to a group of believers in a distant location and commends them for their faithfulness to the truth, that Jesus is in fact God. He urges the followers of Jesus to obey God's commandment to "love God and love your neighbor as yourself", and warns them to stay away from false prophets who claim Jesus is not also God. The writer concludes his letter by saying he has more to communicate and looks forward to meeting with them face to face at a future time.

Margaret Circle members can certainly identify with these messages found in 2 John as we strive to care for our neighbors near and far through monetary gifts and prayers. With thanksgiving for our many blessings, the evening's offering was divided between Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma and The Special Learning Center in Jefferson City.

Margaret Circle members value the time spent together in study of God's Holy Word and its meaning for our lives. The Circle's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 PM at the church. Marie Scheperle will host and Kay Pascoe will lead the Bible study. We extend a warm welcome to women of the church who might wish to join this group! Contact Erika Gerth by phone (573-635-6681) or email (erikagerth@embargmail.com) to learn more.



Our Annual Family Day will be on Sunday, Sept. 11th:

Everyone from age 1 day to 100+ years is invited. Family Day is not only for our church family, but also, for the community.

- 1. Invite your friends and neighbors,
- 2. Kids, invite your playmates.
- 3. The dinner is pot-luck and begins at 11:30. Bring whatever you wish, but enough to feed your family and a guest or two.
- 4. Senior singles, you do not need to bring a dish unless you are willing and able. Your presence at dinner is most important.
- 5. Children, if you bring a turtle for the turtle races, you must properly care for it. This means providing the right kind of food and a supply of water when you have it in captivity at home. Also, release it to the place where you found it immediately after the races.
- 6. Bingo prizes come from the generosity of our donors.

If you have things that you do not want or use, please, consider them as prizes. Items can be left in the Fellowship conference room (library) at any time.

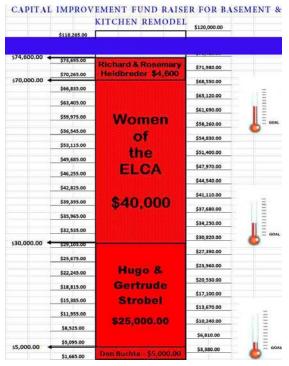
7. These are the planned activities: Cornhole games and tournament, balloon stomp, fish pond, bingo, 3-legged race, preschool arts and crafts, face painting, dog training, baseball doll toss, water balloons, and turtle races. Everyone have a really fun time, and let's have lots of people of all ages sharing the day.

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.

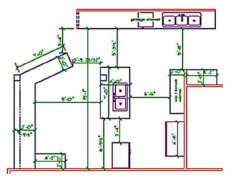
Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

A BIG Thank you to Liz and Chris Russell for hosting the Jr. Lutherans at their home on Sunday, August 14, 2022 for a wonderful swim party. We had a nice turn out of children, parents and grandparents. Snacks were plentiful and very delicious. Thanks to Marie Scheperle and Trish Russell for helping out. Curt Stubinger went in to get a bottle of water and was surprised when he came out. I was supposed to watch Samuel and I turned to listen to Liz explain about her ferns and I heard Chris, and Greg Wykes (Adyison's Dad) say, "there he goes!" They both dove into the pool like two dolphins seeing only their feet it the water. Samuel had walked from the 3 foot shallow end to the 5 foot deep water not realizing the change in the pool depth. He only spit out a little water and was kicking his feet trying to swim when they pulled him out. A little bit of excitement, thank you to our wonderful life guards. Everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to enjoying the day with our families on Sunday, September 11th during family day at St. Paul's church. A basket dinner will follow after church services. Then an afternoon of games and fellowship will follow. Please join the Lohman Community for an afternoon of fun. Everyone is welcome, so, Jr. Lutherans bring your family and friends to this wonderful event.



Fundraiser for Basement & Kitchen Project

The current total received for the basement and kitchen remodel is currently at \$74,800.00. Hopes and dreams for an expanded kitchen and new equipment have been ongoing for years. Now those dreams are on the cusp of coming true. The new floor plan will create a lot more space to cook and work while also having a better arrangement for serving. Please contribute whatever amount you can joyfully give. Work should begin soon after the Chili Supper.



New floors will also be installed in both the Fellowship and Friendship halls. As well as new ceiling tiles and a better cooling duct for the kitchen.

Buddy Pack Giveaway: St. Paul's is the best congregation.



As a part of the local churches, St. Paul's Lutheran Church was requested to collect hand sanitizer, Ticonderoga or other brand #2 pencils, and wide ruled notebooks.

Pastor David loaded his Prius full of the donated items and delivered them to the school on Monday, August 22nd.

There were hundreds of pencils and notebooks and lots of sanitizer. The

teachers at the school helping Pastor unload it all were thrilled and amazed. This will help a lot of children have plenty of supplies to help them through the new school year.

Carillon Bells and Music:

Several members and non-members in our community have noticed the Carillon has been silent for a couple of weeks. Pastor David called the Schulmerich company and found that the software that runs the main unit was not able to perform as it should. They shipped a special box to return the unit to them so they can re-install the software and getting it operating again. We hope to have it back soon and playing bells and music for people to hear for miles around. I was surprised at the number of people in our community that not only enjoy the carillon but also depend on it in their daily lives.

WELCA: Donita Stubinger

The WELCA meeting of the Women of the Church met on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. We discussed the upcoming Chili Supper to be held on October 2nd. President Donita Stubinger opened the meeting with a devotion. Attending were Marlene Carlson, Kathy Meller, Marie Scheperle, Jeannette Fischer, Audrey Bunch, Rosemary Heidbreder, and Erika Gerth. Treasurer, Audrey, reported a balance of \$39,818.68 in the checking account. The meeting was then turned over to Marlene and Kathy. They discussed and passed out a list of jobs to be given to the Women of the

church, ELCA. Various jobs were listed on papers to be handed out by September 4th. This list will show what jobs need to be done and a list of items for each person to bring.

Marie told about the Mid-Missouri Fall Cluster Meeting which will be held at Christ and Trinity in Sedalia, MO. on Saturday, September 24, 2022. She encouraged everyone to attend. Marie passed out a flyer of the Spring Cluster meeting minutes along with the agenda for the upcoming Fall Cluster. They are requesting a donation to be given to CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc.) Sedalia. Jeannette made a motion to give \$200.00 and it was seconded by Rosemary. It was then approved by all in attendance. Due to the remodeling of the church basement, it was decided to move our cookie packaging and wrapping on Saturday, December 3rd to the Lohman Community Building for the December 4th Cookie Sale. The meeting was adjorned with a motion by Audrey and seconded by Rosemary. We closed with all reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next WELCA meeting is September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

The Mid-Missouri Fall Cluster of the Women of the ELCA meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Christ and Trinity, Sedalia. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments.

In addition to the registration fee of \$5,00, there will be a basket to collect offerings for Katie's Fund, an endowment of Churchwide Women of the ELCA, and an In-kind gifts offering basket. There will also be a raffle for the Synod Women's Educational Scholarship Fund. All checks should be made out to Christ and Trinity Women of the ELCA.

The Bible study will be given by Pastor Anne Kyle from Christ and Trinity. She will also provide the afternoon program, "Stewardship of Preparation". She will share tips and ideas to help with preparation for the unexpected.

Our In-kind gifts will be given to CASA Sedalia (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse Inc.) A list of needed items for CASA Sedalia is as follows: Toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex, paper napkins, monetary gifts are acceptable.

Please let Marie Scheperle know by Sunday, September 18th if you plan to attend so we can let Christ and Trinity know how many will be attending from our unit. We will car-pool from the church parking lot for those who would like to do so.

A funeral for Helen Laughlin, was held at St. Paul's church on August 7, 2022. We keep the family and friends of Helen in deepest sympathy. We continue to keep them in prayer for the comfort and peace only our God grace and love can provide for them.

Adopt-A-Highway: Pastor David has been working on getting this section of Hwy. D adopted for our





church since April, 2021. He signed the contract with the county in October after some discussion on what was allowed on the sign. The signs were installed on August 29, 2022.

During the past year, Pastor David, Frank Pascoe, Jackyln Wood, and Gus Fischer, have been picking up trash along the highway. If you would be interested in helping, please let Pastor David know. The

more of God's Hands working the faster it will go. This will happen two to four times a year as needed.

Calendar of Events and Schedules

September 4th, Sunday: Fellowship Coffee Hour, Hosts are Jim & Cynthia Loesch, David & Trish Russell.

September 6th, Tuesday: 9:00 am Worship and Music Committee Meeting.

September 7th, Wednesday: S.T.A.R.S. with Presenter Mike Broker. Owner of Blacksmith Distillery.

September 12th, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the youth room upstairs.

September 12th, Monday: Freundschaft Gruppe meeting at 5:30 pm in the basement.

September 13th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.

September 15th, Thursday: 6:30 pm Ministerial Alliance Meeting at St. Michaels Catholic Church.

September 19th, Monday: WELCA meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the basement.

September 20th, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

September 21st, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry will meet at 5:00 pm in the church basement.

September 24th, Saturday: Fall Cluster for WELCA at Christ and Trinity in Sedelia.

September 25th, Sunday: First Communion for Madeline Stubinger and Morgan Schroeder

September 26th, Monday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays.

Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

Usher Schedule

Sept 04	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi
Sept 11	Delores Vlach	Frank Pascoe
Sept 18	Laurie Koestner	Stacy Bubach
Sept 25	Kathy Meller	Mitch Plochberger

Greeters Schedule

Sept 04	David Russell	Trish Russell
Sept 11	Frank Pascoe	Donald Weber
Sept 18	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott
Sept 25	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner

Acolyte Schedule

Sept 04	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
Sept 11	Mattson Stoermer
Sept 18	Oliver Stoermer
Sept 25	Mackenzie Linnenbrink

Readers Schedule

Sept 04	Frank Pascoe
Sept 11	Marie Scheperle
Sept 18	Lori Meyer
Sept 25	Trish Russell

Song Leader

Sept 04	Dan Tschirgi
Sept 11	Kathy Meller
Sept 18	Jahanna Koestner
Sept 25	Dan Tschirgi

Audio / Video Technician

Sept 04	Roger Pennell
Sept 11	Dan Tschirgi
Sept 18	Dan Tschirgi
Sept 25	Roger Pennell

Organist

Sept 04	Kathy Meller
Sept 11	Zola Finch
Sept 18	Zola Finch
Sept 25	Zola Finch

Communionware for the Month

Mark and Kathy Meller

Altar Flowers for the Month

Julie Nelson

* Communion Days noted in Yellow

Communion Assistants

Sept 11	Trish Russell
Sept 25	Jessica Stoermer