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The Church On The Hill*

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## Pastor's Message

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*



*Hebrews 10:24-25*

We are still streaming our Sunday worship on Facebook Live and many people continue to watch it online both live on Sunday morning, and later in the day or week. Our attendance in the sanctuary of St. Paul's is in the 70 to 85 range and I sure enjoy seeing those coming in person to fellowship with each other.

If you saw the worship service on Sunday, October 30th in person or online, you know that some of our people in the congregation, and family of our members have had a tough time this past couple of weeks. I said in the beginning, during the announcement time, that we at St. Paul's are not just a collection of folks that come from the neighboring towns to worship and go home. We are a family, sisters and brothers, united in Christ Jesus.

We love each other, care for each other, and do for each other when life's struggles affect us and when the joys of life enrich us.

The main reason our church purchased the equipment to stream our services was due to the Covid-19 virus that was so dangerous to our very young and older members, especially those with existing health issues that could increase the dangers of Covid.

The second reason for the streaming equipment was to make our services available to others across the nation that find worship to be meaningful for them. Our members who travel throughout the year also have access to our services wherever they may be. For these reasons we will continue to broadcast our Sunday worship services. It is also convenient to sit home and watch the services instead of getting dressed and traveling to church. I understand, there have  been times when I would like to put my Alb on over my pajamas and send the sermon online  from home.

If you are watching from home for the sake of convenience, please know that I miss seeing you and greeting you, and talking with you in fellowship. Your church family misses you, and would love to see you as much as I do.

Please consider coming to church and gathering with all who love you, even if it is only a couple of times a month. With the seasons of Advent and Christmas coming up it would be a great time to get in the habit of coming again. We miss you.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor David



## 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
- 10 Christine Pistel
- 11 Gary Bunch
- 12 Shawn Stoermer
- 14 Jean Fink
- 14 Pastor Ed Merckel
- 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

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
<i>OCTOBER 02</i>	<i>60 / No Video</i>	<i>\$ 3,781.00</i>
<i>OCTOBER 09</i>	<i>73 / 99</i>	<i>\$ 2,556.31</i>
<i>OCTOBER 16</i>	<i>60 / 107</i>	<i>\$ 1,747.00</i>
<i>OCTOBER 23</i>	<i>76 / 81</i>	<i>\$ 2,181.00</i>
<i>OCTOBER 30</i>	<i>67 / 85</i>	<i>\$ 2,612.00</i>

### Additional Income:

**Basement Remodel:** \$3,600

**Epistle Mailing:** \$25.00

**Missions Envelopes:** \$738.00 to date.

**Reformation Envelopes:** \$244.00 to date.

**Thank you** to everyone who came out to help with the clean-up of the Church grounds and the Cemetery in October.

### Birthday Wishes Granted

During our STARS gathering in October, I was presented with a cake with way too few candles for my advanced years and gray hair. I loved every one of them and I huffed and puffed until they were all blown out. Thank you and blessing to everyone for thinking of me on this day. Pastor David



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Todd & Julie Walters 1996
- 11 Jason & Jamie Plochberger 2000
- 12 Michael & Darla Linhardt 2011
- 12 Timothy & Heather Morgans 2016
- 15 Roger & Nancy Thompson 1969
- 19 Ryan & Ashley Heidbreder 2016
- 24 Bob & Christie Murphy 2001
- 27 Henry & Barbara Carrel 1982 **40 Years**



We join our hearts in great sympathy with Julie Nelson, for the loss her mother, Beverly Pace, on October 20th.

Kent Nelson, for the loss of his father, Bruce Nelson on October 29th.

Zola Finch, for the loss of her mother, Barbara Hickey, on November 1st. We keep these families in prayer for God's grace to bring them comfort and peace.

## Ask The Pastor

**Question:** Who are the 'Saints' we pray for?

**Answer:** "Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily." Psalm 31:23

"And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" Philippians 1:1

What does it mean to be a Saint and who are they?

Above are three of 68 verses in the Bible about Saints. Notice that each of these is speaking about people who are living in the world and devoting themselves to God's work and love. In the first verse, from the Old Testament, it is talking about those who are living in the land, who believe and are faithful in God. It says God will preserve them, but not those who are haughty and believe in themselves.

In the second verse above, Paul is speaking to the people who live in Rome. He says God knows their hearts and his spirit speaks for them in God's kingdom.

The third verse above has Paul speaking to the people living in Philippi, those saints attending the church.

Saint simply means Holy or set apart from the world. We cannot be holy as God is holy, but as Christians we can be set apart from the world. Martin Luther said we are saints and sinners. As Christians we live as righteous as we possibly can. As sinners we recognize we need God's help to redeem us and forgive us for our sins.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." 1 John 3:1-3

Through Christ, we have become children of God, wholly beloved and cared for by his grace. In our belief, faith, and trust in Jesus the Christ, we are set apart as saints in the world. We work to do his will, proclaiming the good news to all the world. We proclaim this news by telling others about God's Son, sent to save us and redeem us. We also proclaim this Good News through our actions, we show the world the love of God by loving everyone, forgiving everyone, being kind to everyone. This is what sets us apart. Christ is a Holy Saint, set apart from sin and death. Through Christ's actions on the Cross and resurrection from the Tomb, he shares his holiness with us. The Christian Church is the "communion of saints" which we profess in the Apostle's Creed.

Saint should not be confused with Sainthood which is a title given by the Catholic Church to exceptional Christians who have died. Prior to the year 1234, there was not a formal process to canonize a person for sainthood. A Swedish monk was canonized as a saint who was killed in a drunken brawl, hardly an example of sainthood. During the centuries since 1234, Popes have revised and improved the process of Canonization. Lutherans honor the canonized saints by remembering their lives and the examples they showed in living lives of righteousness. We even name our churches after them, like the Church on the Hill, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Lohman. We thank God for these wonderful saints. But we differ from the Catholic church in that we pray directly to Jesus the Christ instead of praying to the saints to intercede for us on our behalf.

**If you are a believer in Christ, you are a Saint. Those who have died in Christ, and are gathered in heaven, are saints. We pray for each other and remember in our prayers those who have died.**

Blessings to you,  
Pastor David Viles

**Congregational Council Meeting, October 10, 2022**  
**Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe**

† A regular monthly meeting of the Congregational Council met on Monday evening, October 10th at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by the President Zola Finch. Members present were Stacy Bubach, Kathy Meller, Mitch Plochberger, and Frank Pascoe; absent were Dan Tschirgi, Laurie Koestner, Jana Thompson, and Delores Vlach. Also attending were Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe and Pastor David Viles.

† The meeting opened with a brief prayer by Pastor Viles. The President called for approval of the previous Council Minutes. This was approved upon a motion by Stacy Bubach, seconded by Kathy Meller, and approved by all.

† The President requested the Church Treasurer's report. Kay Pascoe summarized the previous month's financial activities, sharing a four-page financial document with all financial transactions detailed and showing a yearly balance of \$378,635.27. President Finch commented on the rise in interest rates paid by most financial institutions and urged a call to Farmers Bank of Lohman to request that they increase interest paid on our checking account to conform with increased federal interest, as their payment rates fall considerably behind.

† Pastor Viles was called upon to present his summary of September and recent activities. His mileage for September detailed 178 miles of travel. A motion to reimburse Pastor for his travel expense of \$111.25 was offered by Frank Pascoe, seconded by Kathy Meller, and approved by all. Pastor detailed nine meetings attended, including a visit to Cole County Public Works, Lohman City Council, the Area Ministerial Alliance, as well as various Church meetings. Pastor's activities included details of a visit to the Church by five desperate bikers, who needed a camp spot for the night. They were allowed to spend the night on the grounds of the Church. Pastor also reported on several counseling events for troubled area persons. The Church celebrated First Communion for two youths on Sept. 25th, Morgan Schroeder and Madeline Stubinger. Pastor conducted two Sunday Communion Worship services and two non-communion services. Pastor has had to be available to open and close the Church for the various contract workers dealing with security, new doors and windows.

**The President then called upon the various Council Chairpersons to report on their activities:**

**Evangelism:** Delores Vlach's e-mailed report thanked Leroy Plochberger and family for the recent Fellowship Coffee of Oct. 9th. Delores noted that "Trunk or Treat" will be held on Oct. 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. In the Church parking lot. The WELCA Chili Supper held on Sunday Sept. 2nd shows a profit of \$3,451.20 up to this time.

**Technology:** Dan Tschirgi's e-mailed summary noted that our Sunday video streaming has been good and without glitches in recent weeks. He said the current software is working well and internet connectivity has been good. There have been sporadic audio problems with Pastor's wireless mic. Dan suggested he take it to the Will West firm to see if the problem can be resolved. Dan is also working to obtain the needed bookshelves to house the library books soon to be relocated to the third-floor room.

**Worship & Music:** Kathy Meller reported on the October 4th Committee meeting and the new season for choir practice and performance. Practice will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Kathy has selected special choir music thru November. She announced the decision to not have a Christmas Day service has been reaffirmed. There will be, however, a Christmas Eve service with Communion at 6:30 pm. Setting Three will continue during Advent. The Worship Committee will decorate the altar for Thanksgiving on November 19th. There will be no Advent Dinner this year due to the remodeling project. Upcoming special services include Christ the King Sunday on November

20th; and Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday November 23d at 6:30 pm. Advent begins November 27th with the lighting of the Advent wreath. Kathy reported having received a bill for the Church's internet streaming license in the amount of \$226.00. This license will allow the Church to continue its online streaming and printing on-line. The amount was approved upon a motion by Frank Pascoe, seconded by Stacy Bubach, and approved by all.

**Parish Education:** Laurie Koestner reported that the first Children's Church of Sunday, October 9th went very well. There were five children who attended. Laurie would very much like to find a volunteer to work with the 2-5 years old or the 5-10 years old. The Children's Church will meet the first Sunday of each month, unless notified. The Youth will be partnering with Jr. Lutherans the last Sunday of October to go to a pumpkin farm. No November event has yet been scheduled.

**Church Improvement:** Mitch Plochberger reported that all the new doors have been installed and all have been newly keyed as of October 11th. Pastor David distributed to the Council members a detailed instructional note on the new alarm procedures. Additional new keys have been ordered for members still needing them. Replacement windows are mostly completed. The epoxy for the basement floors has been chosen. There should be no conflict in having the Election Day on November 8th due to the ongoing basement construction.

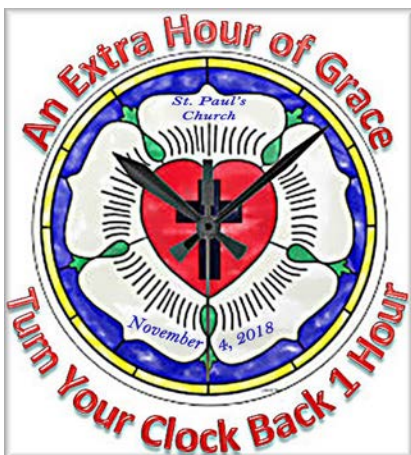
**Stewardship & Finance:** Stacy Bubach reported that the Committee will meet on October 18th. A new filing cabinet for retaining the Church's financial records was received from President Finch.

**Mutual Ministry:** Jana Thompson. Their next meeting will further discuss the presence of alcohol on the Church's premises, where allowed and where prohibited. There will also be further discussion related to the staff evaluation process.

**Old Business:** There was further discussion of current and future use of the Parsonage. Concern was expressed concerning the storage which has over-filled the downstairs rooms. Various possible future uses of the Parsonage were briefly discussed. It was noted that there are two Special Offering envelopes in October. All parishioners are called upon to be generous for the October Mission Envelope to help with Hurricane relief efforts.

**New Business:** There was brief discussion of the upcoming need for the Nominating Committee to begin the search for new Council Member candidates. The Council terms of Mitchell Plochberger and Laurie Koestner will expire in January of 2023.

There being no further business, the President called for the adjournment of the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motioned by Kathy Meller, seconded by Mitch Plochberger, and agreed to by all. The meeting closed with the members recitation of the Our Father.



### **Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6, 2022**

Turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night and get that extra hour of sleep you were robbed from back in March!

You don't want to sit in an empty parking lot for an hour and we don't want you to go back home and miss the Fellowship Hour.



## **Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch**

The October 11th Mobile Food Pantry served 185 families, at the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot in Russellville. ( We do not have an amount of people this month due to the rain.) Items given out were produce boxes with apples, bananas, celery, lettuce, sweet potatoes, boxes of sliced and whole mushrooms, dill, salads, eggs, bags of dog food, and assorted frozen chicken. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help with this community service. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, and from St. Paul's were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi, Gary and Audrey Bunch. The next Mobile Food Pantry will be November 8th at 1:00 P.M.

## **STARS:**

There were 30 STARS in attendance at our October meeting and we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy prepared by Donita.



Our program was given by Regina Garr from the Birds-Eye-View store located on Ellis Blvd. in Jefferson City. Her husband Steve is president of the Missouri Blue Bird Society and Regina is the Secretary. She is also the editor of the Blue Bird Society newsletter. She gave a thorough presentation about humming birds complete with slides and handouts. We all learned a great deal about these special little birds. Several were lucky enough to win door prizes, which she generously donated.

Our next STARS event will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. In recognition of Veterans Day this month, Roger Pennell will give a presentation on his military career with lots of information about the service and some of the details of things they endure to keep America safe and free. Please contact Rose Strobel by Monday, October 31st, and let her know if you plan to attend.

## **Freundschaft Gruppe:**

There were 18 in attendance at our October meeting. After a delicious dinner provided by Glen and Donita we continued our work of removing more items from the kitchen and basement area in preparation for demolition which is scheduled to begin very soon. On Monday evening, November 28, we will meet to celebrate the Hanging of the Greens. The Christmas Tree will be erected and decorated on December 17 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Work in the basement area may require a few changes in our normal activities so we will wait to see what the construction schedule dictates. Thanks for all your generous help in this work.

## **WELCA German Christmas Cookie Sale – Trish Russell**

Our annual Cookie Sale will be held Sunday, December 4th from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Community Bldg. Your home baked cookies, breads, candies, etc. are needed to make the sale successful. Please package your baked goodies on paper or plastic plates and we will price them. Since we do not know where the items will be dropped off due to the basement construction, pre-packaging will help to not lose any of your personal containers. We will announce closer to the date where to bring your items. We will still accept donations on Sunday morning. We appreciate all our great bakers and hope you will consider coming out for the Ham & Bean – Chicken Noddle Supper downstairs at the Community Bldg. Serving will be from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm.

## **Margaret Circle – Erika Gerth**

Members of Margaret Circle will gather at the home of Debbie Boyce for the Circle's annual Christmas meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022. We will share a meal, sing some Christmas carols and engage in the study of God's Holy Word. During the business meeting we will make decisions regarding the recipients of the evening's offering and set meeting dates for the year 2023. As always, keep in mind that Margaret Circle is open to all women of the church! Call Erika Gerth at 635-6681 for more information.

## **WELCA Chili Supper 2022: Marlene Carlson**

It was certainly a great day to be back into a routine of having our Annual St. Paul's Chili Supper. The day turned out to be a beautiful sunny day with a great crowd who enjoyed delicious food and an opportunity to shop the wonderful products in the Country Store. Thanks to all those who helped and donated items.

Income for this event is broken down as follows:

Chili Supper	\$2012.50
Country Store	408.25
Donations	440.00
Carry Out	590.50
Total Income	\$3,451.25

No expenses were submitted. This is about \$87.00 more than we made back in 2019. During the two donation years of 2020 and 2021 we made \$4,260 and \$3,935 respectively.

Again, our thanks goes out to our Church Family.

## **Thankofferings and Thankoffering Service, November 20, 2022 – Erika Gerth**

During the month of November you will hear the word "thankoffering" a number of times. You may wonder what that is all about. Thankofferings are a long standing tradition during which the Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), such as our St. Paul's WELCA, come together in thanksgiving to share financial resources to support the ongoing ministries of this church-wide women's organization. The tradition of thankofferings dates back to the 1800's when there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, thus 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 ELCA Lutheran 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, conventions, and so much more. This year's thankoffering service will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at which time thankofferings will be received. Special envelopes will be distributed during the month of November. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

## **WELCA Meeting – Donita Stubinger**

St. Paul's WELCA met on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 2:30 in the afternoon. Present were Audrey Bunch, Marlene Carlson, Kathy Meller, Marie Schepeler, Donita Stubinger, Trish Russell, and Pastor Viles.

Donita opened the meeting with a reading on "You're in our thoughts and prayers," followed by Pastor David offering a wonderful prayer with Julie Nelson in mind as we learned of Julie's mother Beverly Pace passing. No minutes were read. Audrey gave the treasurer's report.

Kathy Meller and Marlene Carlson were thanked on the excellent job they did with the Chili Supper. Marie reported on the Fall Cluster Gathering in Sedalia, MO. on September 24, 2022. She will put a full report in the November Epistle.

We discussed the Quilts the ladies made in February and March that are going to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. We need to have them ready to go and deliver our six boxes containing 26 quilts to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Jefferson City on October 29, 2022 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Open house was discussed for Pastor David and Donna scheduled for October 22nd with Marie, Audrey and Trish volunteering to help with the hosting of it.

Audrey reported that the bookshelf for the new library has been delivered and Dan Tschirgi has been reimbursed for it. Thank you so much Dan for getting this done.

Special thanks to Gus and Jeannette Fischer for delivering the quilts to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Stars will have their monthly meeting on November 2, 2022 on the usual first Wednesday of the month. Audrey Bunch and Rosemary Heidbreder will host the monthly Fellowship Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 6th with the Confirmation class of Mandy Miller and Mattson Stoermer being recognized at a reception in the Friendship Hall.

Thankoffering Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of November, the 20th. Erika Gerth will prepare and collect the Thankoffering.

As the remodeling begins on the basement, it will be posted where the Cookie Sale items are to be taken for packaging, this may be the Church or the Community Building. Watch the future bulletin for information.

A motion was made by Audrey to adjourn and seconded by Marie. All said the Lord's Prayer in closing.

### **Jr. Lutherans and Youth Group: Donita Stubinger**

Jr. Lutherans met on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Rhymer's Ridge Pumpkin Patch located at 5620 Buffalo Road in Jefferson City. We had 37 children and adults attend this adventure. We all enjoyed the beautiful colored Autumn leaves, feeding the animals, hay rides, going through the tunnel and the Zip lines. A few of the many pictures taken by several individuals are shown below of 27 pumpkin paintings, zip lines and all the wonderful events. It was a wonderful afternoon of family fun. Pastor David, Trish Russell, and many others enjoyed flying through the air on the Zip Line. On our way out, little Briar was seen Bottle-feeding two Holstein calves. Hope you will join us anytime for lots of fun and laughter.



Plans are being made for a Christmas Craft where we will be again trying to use up some of Rosemary Heidbreder's pinecones she gave the Jr. Lutherans. Please plan to join us on December 11, 2022 for lunch and pinecone angel crafts. More details will follow in the bulletins. Parents, Grandparents, and all are invited and welcome to join.



## Fundraiser for Basement & Kitchen Project

**\$120,000.00 Goal**



The current total received for the basement and kitchen remodel is currently at \$98,900.00. Hopes and dreams for an expanded kitchen and new equipment have been ongoing for years. The new floor plan will create a lot more space to cook and work while also having a better arrangement for serving. 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.

Please contribute whatever amount you can joyfully give. Donations can be anonymous or confidential.

## WELCA Cluster Meeting: Marie Scheperle

The Women of the ELCA Mid-Missouri Fall Cluster Meeting was held at Christ & Trinity Church, Sedalia on September 24, 2022 with Donita Stubinger, Trish Russell and Marie Scheperle attending from St. Paul's. We had a beautiful day to travel to Sedalia. And by sheer luck, we found our destination. Cinnamon rolls and fruit, etc. were waiting for all along with registration for the day. In attendance were 27 ladies. Our Saviors of Jefferson City led opening devotion while Pastor Anne Kyle, pastor of Christ and Trinity led the Bible Study with emphasis on the theme for the day "Rejoice in Hope" from Romans 12th chapter. She raised questions "What is Hope? What gives you Hope? How do you find room for Hope?" She encouraged all to read and digest the whole chapter of Romans 12. The Love Offering plus collections for Katie's Fund, and In-Kind CASA Offering, totaled \$1,429.00. A representative from CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc) spoke concerning their mission there in Sedalia. They were appreciative of the collection of paper products that were collected from attendees. The lunch of a huge array of salads plus desserts were enjoyed by all. The afternoon presentation was made by Pastor Anne on "Stewardship of Preparation". She spoke of the 3 stages to be prepared ("Ready in 3) for any and all emergencies that can occur in your home and/or community. Installation of new and present Cluster Planning Committee followed. They are as follows: Karen McDonald, Our Saviors in Camdenton, Rhonda Schlesselman, St. Paul's in Cole Camp, Gloria Sharp, Our Saviors, in Jefferson City and Mary Kern, Christ & Trinity in Sedalia. A Memorial Service was held for 11 ladies from the various cluster unit churches that have deceased since our last September meeting. This service was given by St. Paul's, Lohman. The Spring Mid-Mo Cluster Meeting will be held April 29, 2023 at Kent Memorial Church in Sunrise Beach.

**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 Kathryn 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.

**November Giving Opportunities:** The Thanksgiving Offering envelopes, found in your offering box, 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 and nationwide.

**Living Lutheran** is not only a worthy goal, and also the name of our churchwide magazine published for members of the ELCA. Living Lutheran is filled with stories of God's people living and enlarging their faith. Until this year, our congregation has utilized a discount subscriber charge because there were at least ten renewals. For 2023, regretfully, due to the difficulty of finding ten subscribers, Living Lutheran will be on a personal subscription basis only. Visit [LivingLutheran.org/subscribe](http://LivingLutheran.org/subscribe), or call 800-328-4648.

## Pastor David and Donna's Open House

Pastor and Donna would like to thank all the wonderful guests who came to visit their open house on Saturday, October 24, 2022. We had about 25 people come out to see the house and enjoy some great fellowship and food. We especially appreciate Donita Stubinger for all the wonderful food she delivered for everyone to eat. We are also thankful to Donita's family who helped her with the preparation. Below are photos of what it looks like in the main living area. The TV had a slide show of Pastor's photos. The wall and fireplace between the living room and kitchen has been removed, and an arched opening makes the area free flowing open.



## Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's parking lot.

We had a wonderful time giving away candy and visiting with all the kids and adults that came to participate in the annual Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's. The weather was perfect and we had around 70 kids show up.



## Calendar of Events and Schedules

- November 2nd**, Wednesday: S.T.A.R.S. with Roger Pennell presenting Military information.
- November 6th**, Sunday: Fellowship Hour & Confirmation recognition, hosted by Bunch & Heidbreder.
- November 6th**, Sunday: Turkey and Ham Smorgasborg at Trinity Church in Russellville.
- November 8th**, Tuesday: 9:00 am Worship and Music Committee Meeting.
- November 8th**, Tuesday: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. National Election Voting in the Friendship Hall basement.
- November 8th**, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.
- November 14th**, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the youth room upstairs.
- November 15th**, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- November 16th**, Wednesday: Annual Branson Christmas trip bus leaves at 7:30 a.m.
- November 16th**, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry will meet at 5:00 pm in the church basement.
- November 17th**, Thursday: Annual Branson Christmas trip bus returns about 9:00 p.m.
- November 23rd**, Wednesday: 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 26th**, Saturday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.
- November 28th**, Monday: Freundschaft Gruppe meeting at 5:30 pm for Hanging of the Greens.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays.

Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

### Usher Schedule

Nov. - 06	Delores Vlach	Stacy Bubach
Nov. - 13	Laurie Koestner	Stacy Bubach
Nov. - 20	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger
Nov. - 23	Volunteer	Volunteer
Nov. - 27	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi

### Acolyte Schedule

Nov. - 06	Lucas Plochberger
Nov. - 13	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
Nov. - 20	Madeline Stubinger
Nov. - 23	Morgan Schroeder
Nov. - 27	Mattson Stoermer

### Greeters Schedule

Nov. - 06	Gary Elliott	Donald Weber
Nov. - 13	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott
Nov. - 20	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
Nov. - 23	Volunteer	Volunteer
Nov. - 27	David Russell	Trish Russell

### Readers Schedule

Nov. - 06	Marlene Carlson
Nov. - 13	Delores Vlach
Nov. - 20	Harry Thompson
Nov. - 23	Audrey Bunch
Nov. - 27	Jana Thompson

### Song Leader

Nov. - 06	Kathy Meller
Nov. - 13	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. - 20	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. - 23	Kathy Meller
Nov. - 27	Kathy Meller

### Audio / Video Technician

Nov. - 06	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. - 13	Roger Pennell
Nov. - 20	Roger Pennell
Nov. - 23	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. - 27	Dan Tschirgi

### Organist / Keyboard

Nov. - 06	Zola Finch
Nov. - 13	Kathy Meller
Nov. - 20	Kathy Meller
Nov. - 23	Zola Finch
Nov. - 27	Zola Finch

### Communionware for the Month

Donald and Becky Weber
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### Communion Assistants

Nov. - 13	Kathryn Linsenbardt
Nov. - 27	Rosemary Heidbreder

### Altar Flowers for the Month

Marie Scheperle
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\* Communion Days noted in **Yellow**