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Pastor's Message

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023

The introduction from Sundays and Seasons says: "All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the

landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete."

As the Pastor of St. Paul's, my tradition is to remember our members who have died and those who are the immediate family of our members. I may not hear of them all, but my hope is that I do. Since the last All Saints Sunday in 2022 we at St. Paul's Church have witnessed the passing of nine of our beloved Saints.

Michael James Schneiders – December 4, 2022Marie LouiseVirginia Delores Linhardt – March 7, 2023Vanessa MarieVera Ann Stubinger – March 24, 2023Lester WayneRev. Robert Stuckey Collins, Jr. – May 25, 2023Walter Leon HSteven Ross Dunlap – October 19, 2023

Marie Louise Fischer – January 23, 2023 Vanessa Marie Pyatt – March 7, 2023 Lester Wayne Linsenbardt – April 9, 2023 Walter Leon Pistel – August 3, 2023 ober 19, 2023

These are our beloved, and also God's beloved who he created in his image and loved from their birth to time everlasting. Our hearts hurt from the loss of these in our lives, and we wish they could be with us now. But, let us know that God holds them, loves them, and keeps them safe until we see them again. Hear these words in Revelation 7:16-17 speaking about those gathered around God's throne:

"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Although we miss them, how could we call them away from such happiness? Oh, how wonderful it will be one day to join them in paradise.

> Your servant in Christ Jesus, Pastor David Viles



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cyrus Meller
- 3 Sharon Wyss
- 4 Mackenzie Linnenbrink
- 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 Garrell Wyke
- 30 Roy Fluegel



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Todd & Julie Walters	1996
11	Jason & Jamie Plochberger	2000
12	Michael & Darla Linhardt	2011
12	Timothy & Heather Morgans	2016
15	Roger & Nancy Thompson	1969
19	Ryan & Ashley Heidbreder	2016
24	Bob & Christie Murphy	2001
27	Henry & Barbara Carrel	1982
29	Debbie & Doug Raithel	1975

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
OCTOBER 01	77 / 107	\$ 2,630.00
OCTOBER 08	75 / 92	\$ 3,505.97
OCTOBER 15	50 / 138	\$ 1,450.00
OCTOBER 22	68 / 108	\$ 1,556.00
OCTOBER 29	76 / 90	\$ 2,268.00

Additional Income:

Epistle: \$10.00

Carpet Fund: \$2000.00.

St. Paul's Carpet Fund: Total of \$10,535.00.

Special thanks to Jim and Debbie Linsenbardt for their gracious gift of \$1,000.00 to St. Paul's current fund.

Mission Envelope to date: \$360.00

Reformation Envelope to date: \$350.00

SPECIAL THANKS TO Jim and Cynthia Loesch

for the display of the Angels next to the Altar. They were a wonderful addition to our worship services.



to Kayla and Harley Enowski.

Precious Ada Lea was born September 30, 2023

She weighed 7lbs. 12oz. and was

20" long.



Marriages Congratulations

Noah Stubinger & Tressa Moeller September 23, 2023 Adam Grunden & Paige Peterson September 30, 2023 Tyler Hager & Lauryn Garnica October 15, 2023



We join our hearts in sympathy with the family of Steven Dunlap, keeping them in our prayers for God's grace of comfort and peace.

Continued prayers for:

Audrey Bunch, Richard Heidbreder, Carol Elliott, Royal & Evelyn Speidel, Donna Viles, Julie Carel, Ladine Heidbreder, Cecil Knernschield, and all we hold dear in our hearts.



Congregational Council Meeting, October 9, 2023

† A six o'clock pm regular meeting of St. Paul's Church Council met on Monday, October 9th. The meeting was called to order by Council President Zola Finch. Council members present were Stacy Bubach, Kathy Meller, Delores Vlach, and Frank Pascoe. Absent were Council members Jana Thompson, Kent Nelson, and Dan Tschirgi. Also in attendance were Pastor David Viles and Church Treasurer, Kay Pascoe.

† The meeting opened with a prayer from Pastor Viles. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved upon a motion offered by Kathy Meller, seconded by Delores Vlach, and approved via voice vote.

† President Finch requested Pastor Viles present his summary of the past month's pastoral activities. Pastor requested no travel reimbursement. His report detailed nine local and area meetings, including congregational meetings and meetings of the Lohman City Council, Lohman Lion's Club, Area Ministerial Alliance, and the Lohman City Contractor. Pastor noted numerous personal, phone, and electronic contacts with our parishioners and others. He officiated at the wedding of Adam Grunden and Paige Peterson in Boonville, Mo. He worked at Church Clean-up Day, prepared worship bulletins, updated the Church Website and video service, posted updates on the Church Facebook, and created and emailed the September Epistle. Pastor presided at two Communion Sunday services and two non-communion Sunday services in person and on-line.

† President Finch requested that Church Treasurer, Kay Pascoe, present a summary of the past month's financial activities. A four-page summary of the past month's financial activities was distributed to all. The summary showed the Church's sound financial position through September 30th, 2023. The general checking assets showed a total of \$226,916.69 as of the 30th. The total of cash & investments of the same date show \$309,592.71. Expense and operations total for the past month showed \$11,460.78. A delayed bill just received to repair the church Carillon, which was done last year, was noted. There was no explanation found for their delay in billing the Church. It will be paid. A CD from the Farmers Bank of Lohman will be renewed when it expires Oct.14.

President Finch requested the Council members present to discuss their monthly activity reports:

Evangelism: Chairperson Delores Vlach gave hearty thanks to the Leroy Plochberger family for hosting the October 8th Fellowship Hour. This was delayed one week due to the Chili Supper on Sunday, Oct. 1st. Delores announced that our annual 'Trunk or Treat' event will happen on Oct. 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in St. Paul's parking lot. We need to prepare for about 70 young trick-or-treaters. We hope for a fun night for the kids and adults. Delores praised the planners and organizers of the annual Chili Supper. Kathy Meller and Marlene Carlson deserve our thanks and appreciation for their splendid work in this first major event since the basement remodeling. On behalf of her committee and the entire Church Council, Delores wants to give hearty thanks to all who planned and participated in the basement remodeling. To everyone who donated their time, talents, equipment, and money, we give our thanks. Without everyone's collaborative efforts the project would not be the success it is today.

Technology: The technology staff will look into and hope to remedy the glitches that prevented the broadcasting of our Sunday service on Oct. 8th.

Worship & Music: Kathy Meller reported that she was aware that other area churches experienced technical difficulties and internet freezing on the 8th. She reported that the church will be renewing our license to live-stream music and songs. This is an annual fee of \$238.00. Her committee members reported only positive statements on the new Sunday re-vamped bulletins prepared by Pastor Viles. It has been decided to discontinue purchasing the prepared bulletin covers. Kathy's committee members

expressed some reluctance to have Church members move and relocate the desks, tables, shelves, etc. in the Sunday School area prior to the carpet replacement. They hoped that the Sommers contractors would do this instead of parishioners. President Zola will investigate discussing this with the Sommers Interiors contractor.

Her committee will see that communion kits are available again to those reluctant to take communion before the altar. All Saints Sunday, November 5th will honor those who have passed away and those who have been recently baptized. The Church's Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday, November 22d at 6:30 pm. The sanctuary will be decorated on Saturday, Nov. 18th. The Sunday October 15th service will be conducted by women of the Church. Erika Gerth and Marlene Carlson will be in charge. A women's choir will sing. Our Blessing of the Pets will be on Sunday, October 22d. Everyone is encouraged to bring pictures of their pets and to display the pictures on their clothes, shirts or hats, or hand held signs. October 29th is Reformation Sunday and all are encouraged to wear red. The bell choir will perform on each first Sunday of the month. It is hoped the choir will sing through November and December.

Special thanks and appreciation were expressed to Jim and Cynthia Loesch who have undertaken to restore the historic angel statues. They were again first displayed on Sunday, October 8th. Special tables to display each statue were beautifully made. The statues will remain on display through October.

It is hoped the annual Advent Dinner will be on Sunday, December 10th, at 5:30 pm. A survey of the congregation will be made in late October to determine just how many parishioners will be interested in the dinner at \$15.00 per person.

Parish Education: It was mentioned again, as in past meetings, that another teacher would be highly desirable to work with the older children who attend Sunday School. It is hoped to have the Bell choir perform a Christmas song on Sunday, December 17th.

Church Improvement: All agreed that the Church Workday went well. Thanks to those who provided the wonderful food. It is planned that a date may be selected for fall aeration and re-seeding of the Church lawn. A date for the carpet installation will be in January. There was brief discussion of the need for some floor mats and cushioning of the existing floor in the kitchen area. Several workers complained of the hardness of the floor for long standing during the chili supper.

Stewardship & Finance: The Church's Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet soon to propose the coming year's budget.

Mutual Ministry: No meeting in the past month. It was mentioned that the required background checks for those who work with our children and youth is upcoming.

Old Business: There was brief discussion of continuing with the VENMO Mobile App. for receiving contributions from online viewers. The use of a prepaid phone and number was discussed.

New Business: Possible new uses for the Blessing Box were briefly mentioned. The President asked the Council to consider revamping and enlarging the duties of a new Altar Guild for 2024. There was discussion of recruiting and redefining the duties of those who are currently participating in the Altar Guild. It is hoped that those currently participating will also participate in communion preparation in addition to the washing of communion ware after services. A planning and discussion meeting will be needed in the coming months prior to January 2024.

The President called the meeting to an end at 7:55 pm. The Pastor led the members in the recitation of the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe, Council Secretary.

Bell Choir: Kathy Meller

The bell choir will perform "We Gather Together" on Sunday, November 5th. Children's Sunday School will also be on this day following the bell choir and Children's Sermon.

Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch

The October 10, 2023 Mobile was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot on a nice warm fall day. We served 136 families with 354 people in those families. Items given out were: cereal, Triscuit crackers, saltine crackers, frozen potato skins, assorted frozen items: eggo, pancakes, French fries, pizzas, vegetables, juice, ice cream, and meat. Other items toilet paper, produce box: chili cheese, eggs, milk, potatoes, pears, lettuce, corn and onions. Volunteers from the Lohman Lions Club were Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, and from St. Paul's were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi, and Audrey Bunch. Next mobile will be November 14th.

WELCA Meeting: Audrey Bunch

The WELCA meeting for October 11th was held at 10:00 A.M. Donita Stubinger opened with a prayer. Then Marlene Carlson and Kathy Meller went over the Chili Supper. The weather was exceptional warm for the Chili supper with a great turn out in attendance to dine in and also get carry outs. Had a very good selection of pies and cakes for dining in and for the carry outs. The dish washer worked great in the remodeled kitchen. The Country Store had a good variety of homemade baked goods, produce and hand made items wooden and material. We would like to thank Mark Schroeder for adding more electrical outlets in the kitchen. Also thank Glen and Curt Stubinger for getting the dish washer installed, and stainless steel sheet metal around the stove.

We talked about the Thank offering Service being held October 15th Erika Gerth had worked on getting readers for the various parts of the church service (opening, prayers, lessons, Psalm, sermon, closing prayers). Envelopes were being handed out before and after church services.

Kathryn Linsenbardt and Donita Stubinger volunteered to deliver the quilts to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jefferson City for Lutheran World Relief. WELCA made a donation of \$54.00 to ship the quilts we made and donated. We would like to thank both Kathryn and Donita for taking care of this delivery.

We discussed purchasing some 6 and 8 foot white tables to replace the old heavy brown ones.

WELCA will need some stainless steel pots for the new stove. Donita is checking on these so we will have enough to use. Next meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 9:00 A.M.

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 Sunday, December 3rd. You may call her at 782-4683. The cost this year is \$9.50 each. Please note if they are in honor or memory of someone.

WELCA German Christmas Cookie Sale – Trish Russell

Our annual Cookie Sale will be held Sunday, December 3rd 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. Cookies will be packaged and priced on Saturday, December 2nd. 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 Noodle Supper downstairs at the Community Bldg. Serving will be from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm.

2023 St. Paul's Chili Supper and Country Store: Marlene Carlson

October 1st has come and gone and with it our 2023 Annual St. Paul's Chili Supper. It was a very warm day but the turnout for this event was great with delicious food being served, an array of wonderful desserts and lots of items to choose from at the Country Store. Breakdown of the items are as follows:

Chili Supper	\$2,228
Country Store	\$ 481
Carry Out	\$ 885
Donations	\$ 635
Total Income and Profit	\$4,229

This was \$767 more than the 2022 Chili Supper. We had approximately 250 people at our Chili Supper with about 60 To Go Orders. Our thanks go out to all who participated in any way with this day. It takes everyone working together to make it happen. Your patience was appreciated as we navigated kitchen renovations this past year and as we plan for next year.



Children's Sunday School: AJ Ferrell and Wendy Barker

The first Sunday of each month is Sunday school for the children. This has turned out to be a great success and the children love going back for storytelling, crafts, and all things Jesus. With the amount of children attending, one more teacher would be helpful. If you feel Jesus calling please let us know.











Jr. Lutherans and Youth Group: Donita Stubinger

With the surprise of the cold damp rainy weather, the Jr. Lutherans and the Youth Group was forced to change their outing from Ryhmer Ridge Pumpkin Patch to the warmth and comfort of the Church Basement. Thanks to Misty Schroeder we still picked up 34 pumpkins from the Ryhmer Patch. Misty picked them up and delivered them to the church. We had 47 total folks show up including 19 youth and 28 adults. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef Vegetable Soup, Smoked Chicken Chili, Chili and Chili Dogs. There was also Summer Sausage, Cheese, Crackers, Watermelon, Cookies, Rice Krispies, Cupcakes, a Triple Dessert, and lots of soda and drinks. The young and the older kids and adults enjoyed carving and painting pumpkins. There were both spooky and



beautiful pumpkins to see. Pastor David blessed the meal, pumpkins, and everyone gathered together. A special thank you to Rosemary Heidbreder, Kathryn Linsenbardt, Becky Weber, Marie Scheperle, and Trish Russell for all their help. Please join us on Sunday, November 19, 2023 right after church worship to enjoy lunch downstairs, then carpool to Harry and Jana Thompson's Wood Working Shop to discover why God is Calling – You. Jana also has a craft room and we will make angels out of coffee filters! Reminder calls will be made so plan on attending.



WELCA Thankoffering Service, October 15, 2023: Erika Gerth

St. Paul's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, better known as WELCA, led the congregation in worship on Sunday, the 15th of October. Our talented women took the lead in all aspects of the service. An all women's choir sang a beautiful rendition of "Praise and Thanksgiving" and Marlene Anderson skillfully delivered the sermon, which Pastor David wrote specifically for this service. It is our hope and prayer that, through this worship service, and articles in the Epistle, St. Paul's members have gained a greater appreciation for WELCA and its work in God's beautiful world. Thanks to all the women who participated, and special thanks to Pastor David for his guidance and support in making this service possible!

STARS: Jeannette Fischer

St. Paul's STARS met on October 18 and enjoyed a wonderful lunch of chili and noodle soup. Our program was presented by volunteers Bonnie Wakeland and LuAnn Rockelman from the Birthright of Mid-Missouri organization located in Jefferson City. This group does amazing work and we presented their mission a check in the amount of \$500. Due to several scheduling conflicts, we will not meet in November and, as usual, we do not meet in December and January. We look forward to February when we will return to enjoy good food, fellowship and interesting programs. Information will be available in the February Epistle.

Freundschaft Gruppe: Jeannette Fischer

Our Gruppe met on October 9 with 15 in attendance. We accomplished a lot of work including boxing all the quilts for delivery to Our Savior's in Jefferson City. Thanks to Donita and Kathryn for taking care of the delivery. We had 5 boxes containing 24 quilts. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 27 when we will celebrate the Hanging of the Greens. If you would enjoy this event, we welcome your assistance. Please make reservations with Jeannette at 782-4594 by Sunday evening, November 26.

St. Paul's & Cemetery Work Days

Thank you to everyone who came out to work and provide refreshments during the days of work that always make our Church grounds and the Cemetery look fabulous. I can't count the number of times people from our church and people who are just passing through comment on the beauty of our church and cemetery. We have a lot to be proud of here on this beautiful hill and I as your Pastor am so thankful for your dedication to answer God's many calls in the work you do.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Sunday, November 5th

Yes, it is that dreaded event of the year when we must change our clocks, watches, stoves, microwaves, vehicles, and every other time device. But during the Fall we turn them back an hour so at least this time we get to sleep in a little longer on Sunday morning.



Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

What a pleasure to meet in our church's newly renovated bright and cheery basement, a wonderful setting for Margaret Circle's October meeting. Marie Scheperle, our hostess, prepared a beautiful assortment of delicious cookies, nuts, Halloween candy and beverages, enjoyed by all!

Helen Girard presented our Bible study which focused on "Hope". She highlighted numerous scripture passages which spoke of "hope." Together we explored various symbols of "hope", such as a dove, an anchor, the rainbow, as well as colors which make us feel hopeful. Symbols and colors contribute to our sense of hopefulness, but ultimately, it is Jesus, God's son, who is the true source of our hope. Helen concluded her Bible study by giving each of us a package of morning glory seeds. She encouraged us to plant them with the hope of witnessing new life in the spring! We received a heartfelt letter of thanks from Marilyn DeFeo of the Samaritan Center for St. Paul's quick response to her request for clothing for little girls as they began school this year. We also received letters of thanks from Russellville's Buddy Packs program and from Rape and Abuse Crisis Service. It is our joy to provide assistance for these worthy service providers in our vicinity. Our members are very generous. The evening's offering was divided between Oaks Indian Mission and Russellville Elementary School's Lunch Program which provides children with a hot meal when they have run out of lunch money.

Margaret Circle will host the Fellowship Hour following worship on November 5th. Plan to attend; a good time will be had by all!

Debbie Boyce will welcome us to her home on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 PM for our next meeting. What a wonderful way to get into the spirit of Christmas!

Haloween Extravaganza 2023: Temperatures dropped to "I'll sit in the car while the kids get candy" cold. So the wisdom of the Lord came upon us and we moved the Trunk or Treat to the Basement or Treat. Our Fire Truck official, Noah Stubinger, counted 73 children dressed in all kinds of customes. And with the parents there with them the basement was full and joyful. Marie Scheperle said there were about 14 families that set up tables full of candy and great decorations. Everyone had a fanstastic time with fun fellowship.





Pastor David had surgery on his left eye again and was told to stay home and take it easy. This was a great time to go as a Pirate, but it wasn't meant to be. Instead, Pastor fixed up his front porch, turned on the lights and waited in the warm front room watching the porch on his 55 inch TV. Yes, with age comes wisdom and Pastor David is one wise Pirate.



Calendar of Events and Schedules

November 5th, Sunday: Fellowship Coffee Hour following worship.

November 5th, Sunday: Children's Bell Choir and Sunday School

November 7th, Tuesday: Worship and Music Committee will meet in the basement at 9:00 am.

November 13th, Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room upstairs.

November 14th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.

November 15th, Wednesday: The Bus for the Branson Christmas trip leaves this morning, don't miss it. **November 15th,** Wednesday: Mutual Ministry Meeting upstairs 6:30 p.m.

November 16th, Thursday: The Bus for the Branson Chirstmas trip returns this evening, be on it.

November 21st, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

November 22nd, Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 6:30 p.m.

November 26th, Sunday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.

November 27th, Monday: Freundschaft Gruppe dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Hanging of the Greens.

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

Usher Schedule

Nov. – 05	Frank Pascoe	Stacy Bubach
Nov. – 12	Kathy Meller	Kent Nelson
Nov. – 19	Jana Thompson	Dan Tshirgi
Nov. – 22	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Nov. – 26	Delores Vlach	Frank Pascoe

Greeters Schedule

Nov. – 05	Donald Weber	Marie Scheperle
Nov. – 12	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
Nov. – 19	Richard Heidbreder	Rosemary Heidbreder
Nov. – 22	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Nov. – 26	Jacklyn Wood	Kent Nelson

Song Leader

Nov. – 05	Kathy Meller
Nov. – 12	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. – 19	Dan Tschirgi
Nov. – 22	Kathy Meller
Nov. – 26	Kathy Meller

Audio / Video Technician

Dan Tschirgi
Roger Pennell
Roger Pennell
Dan Tschirgi
Dan Tschirgi

Acolyte Schedule

Nov. – 05	Madeline Stubinger
Nov. – 12	Morgan Schroeder
Nov. – 19	Lucas Plochberger
Nov. – 22	Mattson Stoermer
Nov. – 26	Mackenzie Linnenbrink

Readers Schedule

Nov. – 05	Bill Gerth
Nov. – 12	Devin Koestner
Nov. – 19	Laurie Koestner
Nov. – 22	Trish Russell
Nov. – 26	Frank Pascoe

Organist / Keyboard

Nov. – 05	Zola Finch
Nov. – 12	Kathy Meller
Nov. – 19	Zola Finch
Nov. – 22	Zola Finch
Nov. – 26	Zola Finch

Communion Assistants

Nov. – 12	Donald Weber
Nov. – 26	Jessica Stoermer

* Communion Days noted in Yellow

Communionware for the Month Donald and Becky Weber

Altar Flowers for the Month

Marie Scheperle