



The Monthly Epistle

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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As you read this, Tricia and Larry Clark are in St. Charles, Missouri, with the Rymans for the 23rd Annual Gathering & Convention of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (October 1–4). Larry is your lay delegate this year. We look forward to hearing his report to the congregation when they return.

Pastor Ryman hopes to spend some of his time at the Gathering talking with potential candidates about our Associate Pastor position. Please pray with the Call Committee that God will guide to us the person he wants to be with us in ministry at St. Paul's.

The second and third Sundays (October 8 and 15), we will worship in the picnic shelter. Although there are lots of picnic table seats, you may want to bring a lawn chair. Coffee will be served as you arrive. Confirmation begins the Wednesday (October 11) after the Gathering. Oktoberfest is the following Saturday (October 14).

Kristie and Danny Ward of Naomi's Heart Mission will be with us for that first outdoor service. They will be staying at the parsonage for two weeks, speaking here at St. Paul's, as well as several other churches in a multi-county area. They will also be with us for Oktoberfest.

And just in case you don't think we have enough food events, the Ol' Timey Stew is scheduled for November 4th at 6:00pm.

Fall is a great time to be at St. Paul's.

See you in church!

Pastor Ryman

Binns-Counts Christmas

Now is your opportunity to **donate clothing and household items** to the Binns-Counts Community Center. These may be used items (*good condition please*) or new items. Clothing may be for children or adults. We will accept them throughout October. Donation boxes are located in the narthex and in the hallway by the conference room. For large donations, please contact John or Carolyn Canup. **October 29th is the final day** that items will be accepted.

The collection of toys and gifts for children (donations if you don't want to shop), will continue until Sunday, November 19th.

Christmas Concert

Christmas is right around the corner, and we need your help! This year, on Saturday, December 23 at 4:00 pm, St. Paul's will be hosting a fun and festive (yet to be named) Christmas concert. We are looking for volunteers to help with music and production. If you play an instrument, love to sing, can help with the production, or are willing to be a reader, please let us know your interest by October 1, 2023.

You can grab a sign-up form in the Narthex, go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hrh3fvtVLh>, or call/email Heather or Michael Canup to volunteer.

Heather Canup - 336-408-0500; heather_canup@outlook.com

Michael Canup - 336-529-5203; michael_canup@outlook.com

St. Paul's Fun Bunch is a group of ladies that meets for lunch on the last Wednesday of every month. This group was started to encourage members to get together, interact, and to have a good time. We have a lot of fun and go to a different place each month.

Some individuals meet at the church at 11:15am to ride with Louise, and others prefer to go directly to the restaurant. Any ladies interested may call Louise Eller (704-870-9176), and she will add you to the list to either be called or emailed about the date and time each month.

St. Paul's congregation
is invited to a reception honoring
Judi and David (D.W.) Honbarger
Saturday, October 7th, 2023, at 2pm
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
80 years of life – 60 years of love



Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 14th • 5:00pm

Traditional German fare,
including Bratwurst, sauerkraut,
red cabbage, German and American
potato salads, apple dumplings,
apple cake, tea and German coffee.

**RSVP on the pew pads
or by calling the church office
no later than October 8th.**

Sundays in October

- Sunday School, each week at 9:30am
- Worship Service, each week at 10:30am
- Youth group meets each Sunday at 4pm (Oct. 1, no meeting)
- Men's Choir practice, each Sunday at 4pm
- Hand Bell practice, each Sunday at 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage each Sunday—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm
- October 1–Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- October 1–Lutheran Women's Sunday
- October 1–Lutheran Women's Executive meeting, 4pm
- October 1–Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- October 1–Kathy Ketchie Circle, 6pm
- October 1–No Vespers this evening
- October 8–Outdoor Worship, 10:30am
- October 8–Christmas Concert volunteer meeting after worship
- October 8–Kid's Christmas Pageant planning, Sanctuary, 2pm
- October 8–Youth & Family Committee meets with Outreach Committee for Trunk or Treat planning, 2pm
- October 15–Outdoor Worship, 10:30am
- October 15–Worship Service at Autumn Care, 2pm
- October 29–Council nominations from congregation

Mondays

- Faith Academy after-school program, Mondays, 1–3pm
- October 2–Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- October 16–November newsletter articles are due this week
- October 16–Council meeting, 6:30pm
- October 23–Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Adult confirmation class meets Tuesdays, 6pm (no class Oct. 2)
- Girl Scouts meet each Tuesday, 6:45pm
- October–Extension Club, 1pm
- October 3–Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- October 10–Bonnie Bost, 7pm
- October 17–Friendship Club, 10:30am
- October 17–Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations homeschool, Wednesdays, 8:30–3:30
- Adult Choir practice, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
- October 4–Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am

Thursdays

- Bible Study, each week at 10am and 6pm
(no classes on October 5)

Saturdays

- October 7–Reception honoring Judi and D.W. Honbarger, 2pm
- October 14–Octoberfest, 5pm
- October 28–Trunk or Treat, 4pm

Lutheran Women Circle Meetings

Kathy Ketchie – Sunday, October 1, 6pm
Hama Lingle – Monday, October 2, 7pm
Grace Ridenhour – Tuesday, October 3, 6:30pm
Ellen Bumgarner – Wednesday, October 4, 10am
Bonnie Bost – Tuesday, October 10, 7pm
Melissa Lura – To be determined

Income for August, 2023

Income: \$40,051

Year-to-Date Income as of August 31: \$294,988

September income report will be in the November Epistle.

Online Giving is accessible at StPaulsLutheran.Church/give.

There is a minimal fee for each transaction—about 2.9% for using cards,
or about 1.3% for bank draft (routing/account number.)

Thanks to Helen Gordan for a Great Orchard Trip

The Friendship Club thanks Helen Gordan for organizing a wonderful trip to Altapass Orchard. Their trip on September 19th was lots of fun, educational, and exciting. The bus got stuck on an unpaved road just as we arrived at the orchard. Some of the group hoofed it a half mile while the bus driver waited for the tow truck. It added another layer of interest to the trip.

In attendance were two members of Bethel Lutheran Church, six from Salem, 22 from Grace, and 17 from St. Paul's. Helen and Alice had snacks for us all, going and coming home. She even had video entertainment.

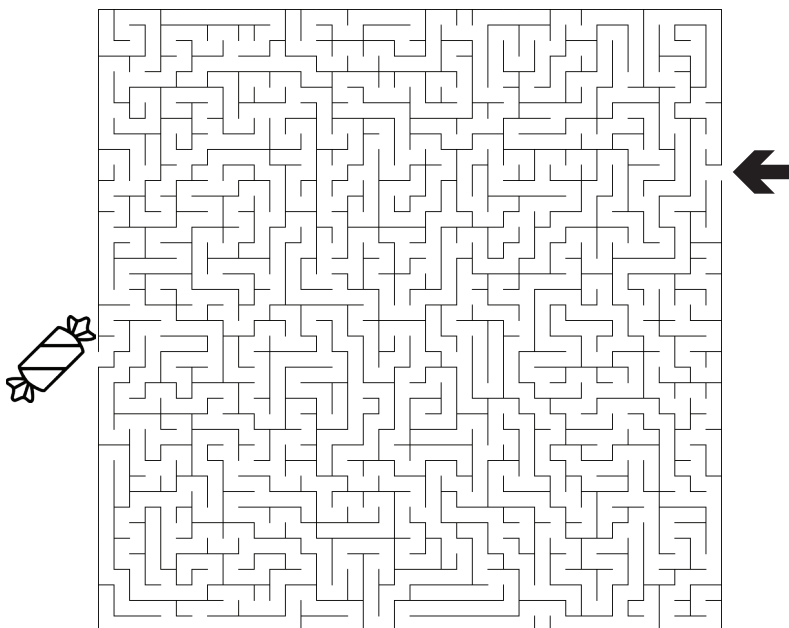
But mostly there was lots of yacking and good fellowship. The food and the tour and gift shop were all top notch. You have to go with us next year.



Get it on your calendar!
Ol' Timey Stew
Saturday
November 4th
6:00 – 8:00pm



Save the date:
Saturday
October 28th
4:00pm



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We are deeply thankful for your gracious gifts.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

In Syria, we recently helped a farmer whose wheat harvest had failed two years in a row. Even after he switched to growing vegetables his yields were still thin. Our staff was able to provide him with fertilizer and taught him new ways to irrigate his fields. Praise God, this year the farmer had a bumper crop of cucumbers, which he was able to sell to provide for his family.

Most importantly, this man said the thing he remembered most about the training he received was the story of the Good Samaritan. Your gifts and prayers equip us to care for him and other neighbors in the U.S. and around the world who have fallen into the ditches of life. Thank you for helping us teach them to "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham, President

St. Paul's Helping Hands

The goal of the St. Paul's Helping Hands Committee is to fairly and confidentially assist those who really need help, and to guide them appropriately to agencies experienced in handling a variety of needs. Going forward, the Helping Hands Committee will focus our efforts on the needs of St. Paul's members and referrals from St. Paul's members. To be considered, please complete the Helping Hands Application which is available on St. Paul's website, stpaulslutheran.church.

All SON short-term teams are home. Here is the summer by the numbers:

- Latvia English Bible Camp—54 students, 9 SON team members, 11 Latvian ministry partners = 74
- Albania English Bible Camps & Life Camp for Teens—76 students, 13 SON team members, 16 Albanian ministry partners = 105
- Slovakia English Bible Camps—123 students, 19 SON team members, 24 Slovak ministry partners = 66
- Slovakia Life & Adventure Teen Camps—102 students (including Latvians and Ukrainians), 15 SON team members, 32 Slovak & Latvian ministry partners = 49

That is 94 people that heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the hands, feet and voices of the everyday saints that you and your congregation support through SON ministries. We thank you for your recent gifts totaling \$885 that allow us to connect Spiritual orphans to the global family of Christ.

In His Service,
Pastor David Breidenbach
SON Executive Director

A warm greeting to you, and many thanks for your recent \$181.13 donation to Focus on the Family. Your generous, supportive interest in our work is deeply appreciated.

It's August, and we're keenly aware that many folks are currently making preparations for a new school year. During this season, we count it a special privilege to come alongside families in the vital task of shaping and nurturing the next generation.

Again, God bless you for everything you've done to make this possible. Grace and peace to you.

Sincerely,
Jim Daly, President

Rowan Helping Ministries—Thank you to all who continue to donate. For volunteer information and other needs, visit their website at www.rowanhelpingministries.org.

Condolences

*We extend our love, sympathy,
and prayers to the family of
Charles Ray (Chuck) Hess.*

*Mr. Hess died Tuesday,
September 12, 2023.*

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were recieved in memory
of Beth Kalbfus for the Capital
Building Fund from

Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Bonnie Bost Circle
Jenny and Grady Earnhardt
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Friendship Club
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Cindy and Frank Hinson
Jeanne and Tony Shaver
Sunday School Class #5

A gift was received in memory
of Brenda Thomason for the
Capital Building Fund from
Gary Gaskey

A gift was received in memory
of Linda Lyerly for the Capital
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A gift was received in memory
of Chuck Hess for the Carillon
Fund from
Karen and Tim Deal

A gift was received in memory
of Chuck Hess for the Helping
Hands Fund from
Myra Jane and Terry Eller

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Susan and Ben Bernhardt
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Crystal and Dana Bost
Alice Davis
Helen Gordon
Judi and D. W. Honbarger
Kay Moody



To Honor

A gift was received in honor
of the Baptisms of Oliver and
Otto Newsome for the Capital
Building Fund from
Sarah Goodman.

Thanks

Thank you to all who have
prayed, sent cards, and given
gifts to the church in memory
of Chuck. Everyone has been
so nice. I appreciate you all.

Linda Hess

I Am with You

Find the 24 bold words from Jeremiah 1:17–19.

H Y F C D T A Y F M W K X U K
D N I B N D J D K K R I K I D
G B G W A E I A C N W A N L P
I N H S T Q E S I N O G N A V
W O T E S P V Z M D S R P N S
D H Z I S C O M M A N D I D F
L R O S J F Y I P C Y R X O S
S X O L N R C Q L K T E R R L
T A U L E I H A D U J T D A A
W A L L S G O P Y T I C E L I
Q T H I G H A L E F K Z Y L C
P R I E S T S T I O N G Q I I
D E L I V E R E D O P R B P F
G E Q D F N D K R P H L R Q F
L I A V E R P B V X Z Y E J O

“Therefore, **bind** up your **loins**; **stand** and **speak** to them everything that I **command** you. Do not be **dismayed** by them, lest I **frighten** you before them. For, behold, I have made you this day a **fortified city**, an **iron pillar**, and **bronze walls**, against the **whole land**, against the **kings** of **Judah**, its **officials**, **priests**, and **people** of the land. They will **fight** against you, but they will not **prevail** against you, for I am with you,” says the **LORD**, “to **deliver** you.”

Unscramble the verse:

Obdehl I evha utp ym sdwro ni oyru htumo.



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