

## PASTOR'S PAGE



### What is this Sabbatical thing?

In the Sunbeam over the past few months, I've asked some questions related to our work and learning with Communities of Calling: How are we emptying ourselves (August Sunbeam) and how do we fill ourselves (October Sunbeam)? Because, as we think about God calling or speaking to us, it is easier for us to listen (filled) only once we have cleared away the noise and made space for God's voice to be heard (emptied).

These ideas of being emptied and filled really began to take shape and become clearer to our team as we discerned the possibility of a sabbatical for myself.

A sabbatical is a period of rest with a purpose. According to the National Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological seminary, a sabbatical is an opportunity "for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor's heart sing."

The idea of a sabbatical comes from biblical origins. The very root of the word is the same as that of "Sabbath." In the first story of Creation, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Worship  
Wednesday, **November 24th**  
7:00pm.

Advent Dinner  
Sunday, **November 28th**  
After Worship Service



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Any Confirmation student could (or should) tell you that the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment is to keep the sabbath. In Leviticus 25, the Lord tells Moses to tell the people to give their land a sabbath rest: after six years of planting and reaping, the seventh year shall be a year of complete rest for the land. (Didn't farmers used to leave their fields lie fallow for a season until recently?)

Many denominations, ours included, recommend that a pastor receive a one- to three-month sabbatical after five to seven years of service to their congregation. I have now been ordained and serving with you for over eight years. (That's hard to believe!)

Please hear me when I say: This has been a difficult request for me to make. So many of you are in demanding fields of work, often demanding 24/7 attention. I wish everyone had this kind of an opportunity in their line of work. For all of us, though, this time of sabbatical can be a reminder that God invites us, if not commands us, to take a regular and intentional time of rest, renewal, and reconnection.

Another thing to mention is that this time of sabbatical is as much for you all as a congregation as it is for me. This will be a chance for St. Paul's to catch its breath and refocus on its mission for ministry, all while being served by and hearing from some great guest preachers and leaders.

I am planning a sabbatical for late-Spring, early-Summer. The Council and Staff Support committee have been discussing the details of this opportunity for quite a while, and we will be sharing those details and answering more questions in the months to come. If you have any questions right now, myself or Tom Oelrichs (Council President) or any member of the Staff Support committee (Luke Goosen, Susan Kyle, Sandy Schlesselman) would be happy to have that conversation with you.



### **EVANGELISM MOMENT**

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

~Desmond Tutu





## ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent is just around the corner! Advent is a season of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people use calendars or other methods to help mark the days of Advent. During the past few years we have been experimenting with some fun ways to do those calendars and plan to do them again this year. We will be doing FIVE different calendars this year:

- 1) Chocolates
- 2) Kids Candy
- 3) Craft Beer
- 4) Commercial Beer
- 5) Wine



Everyone who participates will be asked to answer one question which will be compiled into an Advent Devotional booklet for each of us to use throughout Advent. How it works: if you take part in the chocolate, candy, or beer calendar, you bring in 24 of the SAME item (chocolates, candies, or beer), and in return you will receive 24 different items – one for each day of Advent in December. If you take part in the wine calendar, you are asked to bring in 4 of the SAME bottles of wine (regular sized, ~\$8-14 range) and you will receive 4 different bottles in return – one for each week of Advent. Because we need an exact count of who is participating, you must sign up to participate on the bulletin board in the link or by contacting Janice or Pastor Stephen. You will then receive more information and the question that needs to be answered. Your items must be dropped off by November 22 at the Church Office or Parsonage Garage. There is always room in the calendars so please feel free to invite a friend to participate. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you have any questions.



## DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS</b>				
ELCA	3,443.55	7,400.00	(3,956.45)	46.53%
World Hunger	2,630.53	2,000.00	630.53	131.53%
Oaks	2,092.22	2,500.00	(407.78)	83.69%
A Place At The Lake	1,805.00	2,500.00	(695.00)	72.20%
Seniors of North Benton County	1,758.68		1,758.68	
CC Food Pantry Donations	1,140.00	1,500.00	(360.00)	76.00%
Crisis	80.00		80.00	
Other	975.00		975.00	
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>13,924.98</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>(1,975.02)</b>	<b>87.58%</b>
<b>HOME PURPOSE</b>				
Home Purpose	134,220.21	189,607.00	(55,386.79)	70.79%
Building Fund 5%	7,809.22	9,979.00	(2,169.78)	78.26%
Debt Repay	10,635.00	14,000.00	(3,365.00)	75.96%
5th Sunday	9,610.00	16,000.00	(6,390.00)	
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>162,314.43</b>	<b>229,586.00</b>	<b>(67,271.57)</b>	<b>70.70%</b>
Building Use	2,715.00	2,000.00	715.00	135.75%
Memorials	6,568.54		6,568.54	
Communities of Calling	11,653.00		11,653.00	
Preschool Tuition	4,175.00	1,800.00	2,375.00	
Fair Stand, net	5,720.04	4,000.00	1,720.04	143.00%
Float	858.67	750.00	108.67	114.49%
Interest	420.05		420.05	
Miscellaneous	25,168.61		25,168.62	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>233,518.32</b>	<b>254,036.00</b>	<b>(20,517.68)</b>	<b>91.92%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>170,897.05</b>	<b>233,536.00</b>	<b>(62,638.95)</b>	<b>73.18%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>62,621.27</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>	<b>42,121.27</b>	<b>305.47%</b>

**CASH BALANCES**

	<b>Home Purpose</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Debt Repayment</b>	<b>Memorials</b>	<b>Crisis</b>	<b>Seminary</b>
07/31/2021	<b>122,407.35</b>	<b>25,937.90</b>	<b>5,711.31</b>	<b>33,729.45</b>	<b>1,282.24</b>	<b>8,888.22</b>

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

**Notes:** Miscellaneous income includes \$23,746 of the Round 2 Paycheck Program loan proceeds. The loan was forgiven in July and this amount was recorded as income. Home Purpose cash balance includes \$18,634 in Community of Calling funds. Debt on the building addition remaining to be repaid is \$45,600 due to St. Paul's Cemetery.



◆ submitted by Susan Goosen, Congregational Council Secretary

## COUNCIL MINUTES

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on October 19, 2021 at 7:30pm.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Stephen reported that his activities included Clergy Bible Studies, CCACA meeting, Ambrose Communion, Communities of Calling meeting, Campfire Conversations (x2), Confirmation Classes, Baptism prep meetings, Senior Sunday, GSCC Worship, Worship & Music meeting, "See You At the Pole", Evangelism meeting, Synod Systems Group, Staff Support meeting, Wedding rehearsals and services, Parish Education meeting, GSCC communion and visits, Systems Class, Band practice, Dean's meeting, Fall Theological Conference, First Communion Instruction, and Acolyte Instruction. His upcoming events include the Fall Festival on October 24th, First Communion on October 31st, All Saints worship on November 6th & 7th, and First Sunday of Advent on November 28th. He will have a 3 hours Continued Education Online class on November 9th for Family Systems and the monthly gathering online for Synod Family Systems Group on October 28th. On September 26th he presided over the baptism of Creed Jackson and the baptism of Layne Keith on October 17th. He presided at the funeral of

Judy Harms on October 7th. He presided at the wedding of Darin Oelrichs and Tara Weathers on October 16th. Pastor hosted a First Communion class on October 17th with 4 youth in attendance, a thank -you to Shirley Cash for helping to lead them in baking bread.

**Budget & Stewardship:** Will meet in November to discuss yearly budget.

**Communities of Calling:** Events for The Gathering were held on October 9th and 10th featuring the author Ellie Roscher. Thanks to all who attended to hear Ellie preach, teach and guide us through a conversation about tiny things that remind us who we are and who God is. Their next meeting will be in November.

**Evangelism:** The Fall Festival is planned for October 24th. They have had discussions about a "Follow the Wisemen" project and the Angel Tree. The committee would like to revitalized the Casserole Care-A-Van. Software to build a website for St. Paul's has been purchased.

**Mission Facilitator:** Janice has been posting daily on Facebook using The Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. She is posting short excerpts from the readings followed with a brief explanation of the verses selected. She



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## COUNCIL MINUTES

will be helping Pastor Stephen in November with the Advent Calendar, with follow-up and assembling the final booklet. She reports that Don Harms has finished the cabinet for the gathering space and she is looking through the church's history books for photos to be placed for display

**Parish Education:** The committee met on October 3rd, there is a concern about the low attendance for Sunday School. Second graders will receive their First Bibles. They have started planning for the Christmas Program. The VBS budget was discussed, it was suggested that they talk with the budget committee.

**Property:** They will have the man from Versailles come to look at the sidewalk boiler again before the cold weather. Kelly is looking into replacing the water fountain in the fellowship hall. Shrub and weed maintenance volunteers are needed for spring. There is a thermostat in the basement and Sanctuary that needs replacing. The fellowship wall repair is complete. The shed has had a much needed cleaning. Thank you Melisa and crew for all you did.

**Worship:** Prepared services for November.

**Old Business:** Staff support committee and the council have been in discussion for almost a year about the subject of a sabbatical for Pastor Stephen. A sabbatical is an extended leave to provide an opportunity for a rostered minister to reflect on their call to ministry and relationship to God. There will be a committee formed to approach the best way to move forward. Chairman Tom Oelrichs mentioned a possible Temple talk after church (TBA) to discuss the need for a sabbatical and what it means for Pastor and us as a congregation. Advent dinner will be on Sunday, November 28th.

**New Business:** St. Paul's was contacted by David Tucker of United Lutheran. They will be offering the church building for use to us if needed. A daycare was discussed and a committee will be formed to look into what will be needed to move forward. There will be an open house tour for all area churches on December 5th. The tour is set to end at St. Paul's for the annual concert by the German Club.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 10:21pm.





◆ Heavenly Father.....

## NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Jon Beckman  
 Marvin Bockelman  
     (brother of Margie Gerken)  
 Karen Culler  
 Katelyn Dixon  
 Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff  
 Mary Fuelling  
     (sister-in-law of Paul Fuelling)  
 Margie Gerken  
 Adam Gumbel  
     (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)  
 Bill Hampton  
 Larry Harms  
 Rebecca Heimsoth  
     (friend of Norma Schlesselman),  
 Greg Ives  
 Jeffery Jones  
     (son of Bonnie Bohling)  
 Joyce Jones  
     (sister of Connie Gerken)  
 Dieter Knowle  
     (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller)  
 Marlin & Ruth Lackas  
     (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling)  
 Marvin Logan  
     (brother of Gale Logan)  
 Ronnie Logan  
     (brother of Gale Logan)  
 Kyle Luetjen  
 Violet Luetjen  
 Rheanea Lyle  
     (friend of Judy Harms)  
 Rick Osborne  
     (friend of Gale Logan)  
 Reagan Phillips  
 Scott Robinson  
     (friend of Pastor Stephen)

Bill Russell  
     (friend of Florence VonHolten)  
 William Smart  
 Gina Smith  
 Alex Stevens  
     (friend of Tina Ives)  
 Jack Tatum  
 Kevin Tatum  
 Robin Tennant  
     (family of Debbie Eckhoff)  
 John Turley  
 Debbie Viebrock  
     (daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock)  
 Irene Viebrock  
 Milton VonHolten  
 Cecelia Wiedemann  
 Greg Wright  
     (family of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



### **\*Nursing Home\***

Vern Dean Bohling (*Ambrose Park #14*)  
 Margie Gerken (*Ambrose Park #8*)  
 Kathy Hallauer (*Loving Arms*)  
 Don Love (*John Knox #107F*)  
 Violet Luetjen (*GSCC #103*)  
 Luella Viebrock (*GSCC #305*)  
 Marie Viebrock (*GSCC #105*)  
 Florence VonHolten (*GSCC #302*)  
 Cecelia Wiedemann (*GSCC #313*)







◆ Thank you for your service.....

## MILITARY

Lt. David M. Gardner  
(son of Pam Balke)  
Public Affairs Officer  
USS Makin Island (LHDS)  
Unit 100222 Box 20  
FPO, AP 96672  
Chula Vista, CA 91915-1948

Private Braydn Hood  
(grandson of Connie Gerken)  
National Guard

MSgt. Jason Ostberg  
(son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen)  
103 Salt Marsh Way  
Panama City, FL 32404

Lt. Col. Ron Poe  
1213 Tomahawk Drive  
JBER, AK 99505

Cpt. Joseph Strathman  
3930 Allure Lane  
Valdosta, GA 31602

Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann  
(grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann)  
5970 North 11th Street  
Joint Base Lewis  
McCord, WA 98433

Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann  
(grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann)  
20 Daniel Lane  
Porterdale, GA 30014



## OFFICE HOURS AND COMMUNICATION

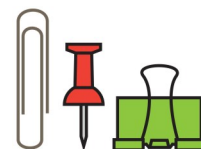
Pastor Stephen Zeller  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
205 West Jefferson Street  
P.O. Box 250  
Cole Camp, MO 65325

660 - 668 - 3537 (church office)  
660 - 530 - 0618 (fax)  
660 - 668 - 3446 (basement)  
660 - 668 - 3446 (fellowship hall)  
660 - 668 - 0881 (Pr. Stephen's home)  
301 - 787 - 7993 (Pr. Stephen's cell)

### Office Hours:

Tuesday 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Wednesday 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 12:00pm  
Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm

StephenPZeller@gmail.com  
E-Mail: office@stpauls.me  
Website: www.stpauls.me







## COMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE



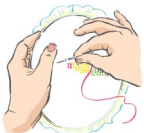
Don't forget on those weeks that you have a Sunday morning commitment, Saturday worship begins at 5:30 pm and all are welcome!

### HEALTH SERVICES

The Benton County Health Department will be here every Thursday from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health needs.



### "ONE STITCH AT A TIME"



The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to change your clocks. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, **November 7th.**



### ESTHER CIRCLE



Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **November 15th** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman. The study will be Jochebed and Miriam in Book II.

### SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **November 24th** at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, November 22nd.



### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Join us for Thanksgiving Worship service on Wednesday, **November 24th** at 7:00pm. Thankoffering boxes will be collected, as well as food donations. Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Cole Camp Food Pantry.



## COMING EVENTS



### ADVENT DINNER

Our annual Advent Dinner will be held on Sunday, **November 28th** after worship, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for us as a congregation to celebrate the start of the Advent season and share in a festive program. Everyone who can is asked to bring a dish to share, but the meat will be provided.

### ANGEL TREE

Each year we assist the Benton County Heath Department with providing Christmas gifts for families in our area. We also provide gift bags for the residents of Ambrose Park. If you would like to help with any of these gifts, our Angel Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space sometime in mid-November. That tree will have ornaments listing the gifts are needed to donate. The gifts will be due by Sunday, **November 28th**. Keep an eye open for the Christmas tree, and thank you for your help!



### SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Coming in **Lent 2022**

**(March)**, St. Paul's is excited and honored to host an exhibit of 17 illuminated prints from the Saint John's Bible. The



Saint John's Bible is a work of art and a work of theology. It is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. This contemporary Bible was created by a group of 23 scribes, artists and assistants under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office at the House of Lords. For five weeks, St. Paul's will have on display 17 of the prints. We'll be opening the building for the wider community to experience this powerful exhibit. We hope and anticipate that many individuals and groups will come to see these prints. We will be incorporating the prints in our worship and education opportunities. If you'd like to volunteer to be a docent, being present while visitors come to see the prints, let us know! This is an incredible opportunity for immersing ourselves in God's Word.





## MISCELLANEOUS

### TAKING A LOOK BACK

In 1908 the black altar hangings were purchased.

In 1932 we sold subscriptions to "Farmers Wife Magazine."

In the late 1940's the Luther League purchased the food stand from MFA of Cole Camp. There were no scheduled shifts. Everyone worked every day -- ALL DAY.

In 1942 the first float representing the church was built by the Luther League. Frederick Grabau's car was covered with chicken wire and stuffed with tissue. The League continued building a float yearly until 1957 when the congregation joined the construction.

submitted by Lois Viebrock



**Tom Oelrichs**, *President*

**Kelly Viebrock**, *Vice-President / Property*

**Norma Schlesselman**, *Treasurer / Stewardship*

**Susan Goosen**, *Secretary*

**Nancy VonHolten**, *Worship & Music*

**Melisa Balke**, *Evangelism*

**Darin Oelrichs**, *Parish Education*

**Don Harms**, *Property*

**Allen Oelrichs**, *Property*

**Stephen Zeller**, *Pastor*





## OUR CHURCH

### THANK YOU

Thank you, St. Paul's, for all the wonderful cards and gifts you shared with us during Pastor Appreciation month. We certainly feel loved and appreciated in this place, and feel the same thing towards you all as well.

Thank you!

~Pastors Stephen & Kim



Thank you to our St. Paul's Lutheran Church family for all the prayers lifted to our Heavenly Father for our parents, Merlin Balke and Shirley Boose. It is by God's grace and your prayers that they both are well again.

Jerry and Melisa Balke



**VETERANS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11th**

### WISE MEN

At the sign of a star in the sky the wise men began their travels to see the baby Jesus. At the start of the Advent season, keep your eyes out for the sign of some wise men nearby!



### COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR



Starting on Sunday, **November 7th**, All Saints Sunday, we will return to monthly communion at the altar. As always there is an option to receive communion either in the front pew behind the organ, at the base of the chancel steps, or in your own pew. Please let Pastor Stephen know if you have any questions or concerns.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are planning to welcome a group of new members to St. Paul's in the next couple of months. If you are interested in joining the membership of this church, we would love to have a conversation with you. Please speak with Pastor Stephen to let him know of your interest.





◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

## SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

11/1 Lexi Goyette  
 11/1 Mac Harms  
 11/1 Sally Viebrock  
 11/1 Wanda Viebrock  
 11/1 Linda Wagner  
 11/2 Violet Luetjen  
 11/2 Angela Viebrock  
 11/3 Amelia Hiatt  
 11/3 Dara Osoego  
 11/5 Chris Kappleman  
 11/6 Mary Haluptzok  
 11/6 Matthew Hamilton  
 11/6 Sharel Wienberg  
 11/7 Brian Randall  
 11/7 Kolton Smith  
 11/8 Cassi Hilton  
 11/9 Tiffinay Nash  
 11/9 Glen Webb  
 11/12 Macy Luetjen  
 11/13 Victoria Gerken  
 11/14 Ami Dieckman  
 11/14 Pamela Eckhoff  
 11/14 Anthony Kreisel  
 11/15 Konway Kruep  
 11/16 Randy Schlesselman  
 11/17 Jarrett Prince  
 11/18 Marcy Cash  
 11/21 Stephanie Randall  
 11/21 Haylea Smith  
 11/22 Reganne Poe  
 11/23 Theila Luetjen  
 11/24 Cathy Bailey  
 11/24 David Bauer  
 11/24 Nova Harris  
 11/24 Charlotte Zeller  
 11/26 Arlene Schlesselman  
 11/26 Irene Viebrock  
 11/27 Frederick Goosen  
 11/28 Chris Balke



### BAPTISMS:

11/3 Miranda Gerken  
 11/4 Vivian Crawford  
 11/4 Emily Kullman  
 11/5 Julie Cronin  
 11/5 Kyle Oelrichs  
 11/6 Norma Schlesselman  
 11/8 Sherry Charbonneau  
 11/8 Logan Hughes  
 11/12 Katelyn Schlesselman  
 11/13 Laura Akin  
 11/13 Ryan Akin  
 11/13 Logan Jackson  
 11/13 Joyce Schlesselmann  
 11/14 Larry Brauer  
 11/15 Colleen Baker  
 11/15 Katie Jackson  
 11/15 Macy Luetjen  
 11/15 Tyler Rusk  
 11/16 Alyssa Barbour  
 11/16 Del Holland  
 11/16 Violet Luetjen  
 11/16 Dee Rehmer  
 11/16 Glen Webb  
 11/17 Susan Kyle  
 11/17 Caleb Schlesselman  
 11/19 Mac Harms  
 11/21 Grant Kullman  
 11/21 Lynn Schear  
 11/22 Amanda Bartlett  
 11/22 Shirley Newman  
 11/22 Hannah Schlesselman  
 11/22 Sharel Wienberg  
 11/23 Ronald Oelrichs  
 11/25 Matthew Hamilton  
 11/25 Noah Kelly  
 11/25 Linda Oelrichs  
 11/27 Melisa Balke  
 11/27 Mindy Fox  
 11/27 Brian Isabell  
 11/27 Chris Kappleman  
 11/28 Wayne Oelrichs







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## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

11/1	Dustin & Dana Goosen .....	07
11/5	Lenny & Kathy Gerken .....	45
11/7	Rocky & Diana Goyette .....	07
11/8	Phil & Mary Haluptzok .....	19
11/12	Anthony & Anna Bray .....	10
11/14	Frank & Ruth Ann Kreisel .....	51
11/15	Greg & Debra Anderson .....	41
11/17	Richard & Geraldine Pabst .....	63
11/26	Huth & Esther Schlesselman .....	32
11/29	Milton & Jeannette VonHolten .....	57

### WITH SYMPATHY

DEATH IN OUR



CHURCH FAMILY

Our thoughts and prayers surround the family and friends of Judy Harms who passed away on Sunday, October 3rd. We give thanks for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ as we mourn those who have died.

### NEW BIRTH

Congratulations to Nick and Meghann Smith on the arrival of their son, Owen Rae. He was born on Thursday, October 7th. Owen Rae is the brother of Lane and Kolton.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Oelrichs! Darin Oelrichs and Tara Weathers were united in marriage on Saturday, October 16th. We wish them all of God's blessings.



### BAPTISMAL GRACE

On Sunday, October 17th, Layne Max-Gregory Keith was washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Layne is the son of Randy and Sarah Keith.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, October 31st we rejoice with four young Christians who received their first Holy Communion. We pray that partaking of our Lord's body and blood will be a regular practice throughout the lives, of Grady Elliott, Logan Jackson, Grant Kullman and Jace Tinney. Congratulations!





### **FIRST BIBLES**



On Sunday, **October 31st** nine of our young people received their First Bibles from our congregation. They are Matthew Eckhoff, Tristen Fox, Miranda Gerken, Freddy Goosen, Lexi Goyette, Hudson Kullman, Mason Randal, Lane Smith and Kelsey Viebrock.

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

On Saturday, **November 6th** and Sunday, **November 7th**, we will be remembering those who have joined the Church Triumphant. We will remember....



Opal Donnell.....12/01/2020  
 Terrie Luetjen.....12/26/2020  
 Leo Dillon.....02/14/2021  
 Evelyn Viebrock.....05/05/2021  
 Judy Harms .....10/03/2021

And all those families and friends  
 who have lost loved ones.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Cole Camp Food Pantry  
 417 - 912 - 1538

Christina Donnell  
 203 North Market Street  
 Lincoln, MO 65338

Darin & Tara Oelrichs  
 206 South Keeney Street  
 Cole Camp, MO 65325

Chad & Katy Schlesselman  
 18939 Brockman Avenue  
 Cole Camp, MO 65325

Nick & Meghann Smith  
 15430 Highway B  
 Cole Camp, MO 65325



### **USHERS**

There is a need for ushers for 2022. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft.







## ALL ABOUT THANKOFFERINGS

### **Thankofferings:**

#### **Our History**

Beginning in the late 1800's, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their home as a visible reminder of blessings received throughout the year. The women would daily add coins to those boxes noting their particular blessings. With the money collected from the Thankoffering boxes, women's groups would fund needs in their churches as well as in their local communities. Eventually, the concept of an annual church service to celebrate their giving was developed.

### **Thankoffering:**

#### **Continuing the Tradition**

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings in a tangible manner to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in gathering as a community to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Our thankoffering boxes have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say "thank you" to God in both significant and ordinary ways. Today at St. Paul's, the presenting of these boxes of thankoffering is part of our annual Thanksgiving service.

Here at St. Paul's the thankoffering boxes were distributed earlier this

year. However, if you did not receive one or have misplaced your thankoffering box you may find boxes at the usher's stand. You may bring your thankoffering box to worship at our Thanksgiving service on Thursday evening, November 24 or you may bring your box to church any Sunday throughout the month of December.

Your thankofferings will be donated to the Women of the ELCA (Churchwide) in support of their many ministries. The Women of the ELCA are facing many financial challenges following two decades of reduced revenue for the organization. This year, the Women of the ELCA have reduced their budget by 31%, which has a major impact on staffing. This year, only two of the ten staff members are working full-time, and the remaining eight positions have been reduced to 20 hours each week. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action – spiritually, mentally, and even physically.





## AND THERE IS MORE....

### SHARE THE HARVEST

The Cole Camp Food Pantry is once again participating in the Share of the Harvest program. If you would like to donate your deer to the pantry, you can do it in three easy steps.

1. Harvest a deer.
2. Take your deer to Kemp's Butchering, north of Sedalia.
3. **Please** specify it is for the Cole Camp Food Pantry.



That is it!! Easy, right! Any deer you could provide will be appreciated. Good Luck!

### WELCA QUARTERLY MEETING

Janice called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved. The treasure's report showed a balance of \$3,117.56. Ruth Ann reported that 115 quilts had been tacked and will send 30 quilts to Oaks. They will also be calling 'Place at the Lake' to see if they could use quilts. Reports on the WELCA Convention and Cluster meetings were given. Plans for Christmas events to take place. Christmas church tour, gifts to various people and etc. Janice was again elected as president and Rhonda as treasurer. The next meeting will be January 5, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 



## OAKS INDIAN MISSION



Oaks Indian Mission has long been a recipient of our benevolent giving. Reviewing our financial reports, it was noted that the first mention of the Oaks Indian Mission in our benevolence was in 1968. That year our Christmas Eve offering was divided between the Martin Luther Home and the Oaks Indian Mission. Such a practice continued until 1980, when each entity had a separate designation in the financial report. In 1985, each entity had a proposed budgeted amount for our benevolence. Throughout the following years to the present, St. Paul's has exceeded the proposed budgeted amount for Oaks Indian Mission. Based on the financial reports, St. Paul's has donated approximately \$89,000 to the mission at Oaks. In addition, we have also donated clothing, household furnishings, and other smaller items for their store at the Oaks site.

Oaks Indian Mission has a long and interesting history which began in 1801. Over the years, the history of Oaks focuses on three chapters of their existence:

### **1801-1898 – The Period of the Moravian Missionaries**

The Moravians emigrated from Europe to work among the Cherokee people of the Carolinas and Georgia. When the resettlement of the Cherokee (Trail of Tears) began in 1834, the Moravians left their Georgia homes for Oklahoma (not yet a state) to search for a good site for resettlement for the Cherokee nation. They found such a site, which was just north of the present city of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. They named this site New Springplace.

### **1898-1926 – The Period of the Lutherans**

In 1892, a Danish missionary, Niels Nielsen, spent the summer at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, learning the Sequoyah Syllabary allowing him to write, but not speak the language of the Cherokee. In September of that year, he opened his first school with eight children. Over the next ten year, he established a number of preaching stations and schools. In 1902, the Moravian Church Board invited him to go to Oaks, Oklahoma. At which time, the Moravian Mission passed its heritage onto the Danish Evangelical Lutheran.

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## OAKS INDIAN MISSION

Rev. Nielsen found missionary work among the Native Americans to be slow and somewhat trying. It was in 1898 that he baptized his first convert, a girl of 16. A church was established there in October 1903, named the Eben Ezer Lutheran Church.

### **1926-1980 – The Period of Oak's Indian Mission Children's Home**

The Oaks Mission as a Children's Home was established in 1926 and is located approximately 65 miles east of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Until 1977, the children of the Mission were treated without regard for individual needs. They were housed, fed, clothed, supervised, and sent to school. This approach to the care of these children was referred to as "boarding school provision". In 1979, the children were assessed according to four related sets of needs: pre-delinquent, in need of supervision, deprived, and boarding.

In 1980, the name of Oaks Indian Mission was changed to Oaks Indian Center. This was also the time when the dormitory setting was eliminated and cottage living was put in place. Cottage living is comprised of several self-contained homes with cottage parents and their children. The

cottage parents provide a loving home atmosphere where "family" is the focus of attention. In this home-like setting, they serve children, ages 7-17, from over twelve different tribes.

In January, 2004, The Board of Directors, voted to change the name back to Oaks Indian Mission to better relate to and focus on their mission and heritage. Their mission is to care for abused, neglected, or abandoned Indian children, guiding them on a path that will allow them to live fulfilled and successful lives.



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# St. Paul's Sunbeam



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**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

All Saints Sunday  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

Christ The King  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

Thanksgiving  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

First Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening  
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning  
10:00 A.M. - Worship

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