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Saturday, October 15, 2022





For the eighth year in a row, St. Paul's is hosting **The Gathering**: a time of faith formation, inspiration, joy, fellowship, and sharing. We all need encouragement now and then, right? We know that God has given each of us incredible gifts to use in this world but sometimes we can be discouraged and feel as though we can't make a difference. This year's **Gathering** is meant to support and encourage you to live a life of influence and make an impact.



MASCOT, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND FAMILY MAN

We are excited to welcome as our guest speaker this year Mr. Dan Meers. Dan Meers has been KC Wolf, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, for more than 30 years. In 2006 he was selected as the first NFL mascot inducted into the Mascot Hall of Fame. Dan travels throughout the United States and the world entertaining thousands of people both in and out of costume. He has performed in over 40 states and 12 different countries. He is in high demand not only as a mascot but also as a humorous and motivational speaker to audiences of all ages. His enthusiasm, optimism and love for life are contagious and make Dan an inspiration to all those he meets. Be it young or old, executive or blue collar, his audiences walk away with a smile and a renewed spirit to live life to the fullest. Whether you're a Kansas City Chiefs fan or not, you'll enjoy Dan Meers as he shares his unique wit and wisdom about life.

Schedule for the day:

- 9:30 am Welcome & Music
- 10:00 am Presentation by Dan Meers
- 11:00 am Music by Fred Kennedy, Ben Van Dyke, and Jim Bahrenburg
 - 12:00 noon Lunch: walking tacos free-will donation
- 1:00 pm Canvas painting w/ Paint the Town (\$20/person, please RSVP)

The morning will be kid-friendly, but childcare will still be available. Please RSVP for childcare through the church office so we know how many to plan for.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

What's Sprouted?

I think it's a safe bet to say that every single one of you knows what it's like to wait for a seed to sprout. Maybe you've placed the seed or seeds with great care and precision, or maybe you've just tossed them into the air, but now you wait to see what it might produce. It's exciting to think and wonder about what might bloom from your efforts.

I have been doing a lot of thinking and reflecting lately about our ministry here together, and I've been wondering what has sprouted among us and in you. Especially when thinking back to our Ministry of Graceful Endings series.

Do you remember that? We spent a number of months discussing what it means to be called at the end of our lifetime and how we might prepare for our death. We talked about heaven and dying, insurance and powers of attorney, hospice and grieving. We had some wonderful and informative presentations and dealt with some significant topics. But before we could wrap our series we up were interrupted by the pandemic, and it felt like all of these efforts came to an abrupt halt.

So, I wanted to ask: has anything bloomed from those conversations since then?

Have you sat down with our "Making Wishes Known" document to think about some of your wishes and leave behind important knowledge? Have you had a discussion with your family or next of kin to make sure they know your intentions? Have you checked on insurance, advanced directives. or funeral prearrangements? Have you written down your favorite hymns or scripture passages and made a copy for the church office?

We often think that it's too morbid and scary to talk about, or even think about, these kinds of topics. But with the human death rate running right at 100%, we know that death is inevitable and that there are ways to faithfully prepare for it. If I can ever answer questions, offer support, provide some of the resources we used, or simply be a listening ear about any of these things please never hesitate to reach out to me. And as we do all this, we also give thanks for the sure and certain hope of new life to come thanks to God's promise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.



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CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer! Hannah Schlesselman and Colby Schweitzer were united in marriage on Saturday, September 3rd. We wish them all of

God's blessings.



Best Wishes to Mr. and *one flesh*." Mrs. Triplett! Tammie Heimsoth and Steve Triplett were united in marriage on Sunday, September 18th. We wish them all of God's blessings.



<u>THANK YOU</u>

I would like to thank everyone who helped put up and take down the church stand. It made for another successful year.

Bruce Wienberg



ADDRESS CHANGE

Colby & Hannah Schweitzer 17365 Elm Branch Road Windsor, MO 65360



<u>USHERS</u>

There is a need for ushers for 2023. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft or Kelly Viebrock.



SENIOR SUNDAY PICTURE



If you would like a copy of the group picture that was taken after the Senior Sunday service on

September 18th, either print or digital, please contact the church office.



AED TRAINING

A couple years St. Paul's ago, purchased an AED (automated external defibrillator) machine to have on hand in case of a medical emergency. We have many members who, through their professional life, are trained to use this device. But it would also be good to have other members who know how to use it. If you are willing to participate in a training for this device, please let the office know so we can plan a training session. Thank you.





DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS		August	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
	ELCA	2,740.00	7,400.00	(4,660.00)	37.03%
	World Hunger	1,416.37	2,000.00	(583.63)	70.82%
	Oaks	2,236.50	2,500.00	(263.50)	89.46%
	Seniors of North Benton County	3,786.50	2,500.00	1,286.50	151.46%
	CC Food Pantry Donations	1,060.00	1,500.00	(440.00)	70.67%
	Other	725.00	-0-	725.00	100.0%
TOTAL BENEVOLEN	CE	11,964.37	15,900.00	(3,935.63)	75.25%
HOME PURPOSE					
	Home Purpose	114,519.44	201,106.00	(86,586.56)	56.95%
	Building Fund 5%	7,639.98	10,584.00	(2,944.02)	72.18%
	Debt Repay	7,777.50	14,000.00	(6,222.50)	55.55%
Total Offering		129,936.92	225,690.00	(95,753.08)	57.57%
Building Use		1,510.00	2,000.00	(490.00)	75.5%
Preschool Tuition		2,250.00	4,500.00	2,250.00	50.0%
Fair Stand, net		-0-	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
Float		-0-	750.00	(750.00)	00.0%
Interest		596.47	-0-	596.47	100.0%
Miscellaneous		2,576.00	-0-	2,576.00	100.0%
Total Income		148,833.76	252,840.00	(104,006.24)	58.87%
Total Expense		158,639.56	243,840.00	(85,200.44)	65.06%
Net Income		(9,805.80)	9,000.00	(18,805.80)	108.95%

The above information include only those funds for which a budge is adopted. Home Purpose, Building and Debt repayment.

Balances - August 31, 2022

	Home Purpose	Building	Debt Repayment	Memorials	Crisis	Seminary
Cash Balances	77,846.76	36,787.74	1,324.61	32,768.45	1,248.81	8,888.22
Indebtedness			18,000.00			
Net Assest	77,846.76	36,787.74	(16,675.39)	32,768.45	1,248.81	8,888.22

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Schlesselman

Notes: Home Purpose cash balance includes \$8,515.82 in Community of Calling funds

• submitted by Emily Kullman, Congregational Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on September 13, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Pastor's Report:

♦ <u>Activities</u>

CCI Coaching, Clergy Bible Study, Evangelism Meeting, CCACA Meeting, Ambrose Communion, LINC meeting, Worship and Music meeting, Synod Zoom session, acolyte training, wedding and rehearsal, fair stand work, preschool orientation.

Works of the church

September 3: presided the wedding of Hannah Schlesselman and Colby Schweitzer.

Past Events

August 4-6: set up and helped run the clothing drive and sale.

August 14: outdoor worship service at Lake Creek Methodist pavilion.

 <u>Upcoming Events</u>
September 16: YABS
October 2: Osage Conference Gathering at St. Pauls
October 15: The Gathering

Parish Ed:

We need one more Sunday School teacher for 4th - 6th grades. Sunday School begins on September 18th.

Property:

Property Committee is to schedule a work day this fall to address building concerns.

Old Business:

The Property Manager position is still open and we are looking for volunteers.

Lake Creek Lamplighters 4H Club will finish the mulch in the front of the church on October 2.

New ice cream freezer arrived in time for the fair and worked well.



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COUNCIL MINUTES

New Business:

Advent Dinner date is set for Sunday November 27, 2022 immediately following worship.

The church was approached by the R-1 school to use the Fellowship Hall as an emergency evacuation site. Council agreed this was a good idea.

Budget committee will need to meet and get budget requests in order.

Nominating committee will need to meet and prepare names to ask for volunteer opportunities.

<u>Adjournment</u>: Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:11pm. The next meeting will be October 11th at 7:30pm.

EVANGELISM MOMENT

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

~Matthew 28:18-20





Tom Oelrichs, ·····	President
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Emily Kullman, ·····	Secretary
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Darin Oelrichs, ·····	······ Parish Education
Steve Oelrichs, ·····	Worship & Music
Don Harms, ·····	······Property
Scott Gerken,	
Stephen Zeller, ·····	Pastor

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.



CENTRAL STATES SYNOD CONFERENCE GATHERING

What does it mean to be the church today? We have experienced tremendous change and challenges learning Central States Synod Conference to do things differently while keeping the central things central and adjusting to the new landscape of our society. The Synod also adopted a new mission statement recently: United with Christ in baptism. Traveling the way of Jesus. Joining God's reign of justice and radical love for the world. What does it mean to embrace this mission as a synod?

You are invited to join other church from the Osage Conference of the

Central States Synod and Synod staff for conversation and learning about these questions. We will gather on Sunday, **October 2nd,** from 3:00-6:00 pm, here at St. Paul's. We hope you can join in this conversation!

<u>"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"</u>

The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th** and **31st** in the church basement at 9:00am.



FIRST BIBLES



St. Paul's has a longstanding tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are entering the second grade. These

Bibles are purchased through a memorial gift that was given many years ago. One of the promises made at the service of Holy Baptism is the responsibility to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." Parents and sponsors made a promise to do just that, but we as a church made a promise to support them in doing so. On Sunday, October 9th, parents of second grade children will present a Bible to their child. If you have a child that age and have not received a letter, or have a child who has not received a First Bible, please let Pastor Stephen know.

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COMING EVENTS!

AMBROSE

Pastor Stephen will be offering communion at Ambrose Park on Thursday, October 20th, at 3:00pm in their small dining room. All are welcome.

SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Newsletter Committee will meet on Deadline Wednesday, October 26th at 3:00pm. Please turn in all articles no later than Monday, October 24th.

REFORMATION

On Saturday/Sunday, October 29th/30th we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ-the good news-that makes us free!

REFORMATION + Sunday +

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Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit

would continue to unite the church in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for that day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

BE SURE & WEAR YOUR RED

ADVENT DINNER

Mark the date for our annual Advent Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, November 27th after worship.

FIRST COMMUNION

We are getting ready to hold this year's First Communion class this fall. Typically at St. Paul's, those in the 4th grade are invited to take their

First first communion, but Communion ultimately



that decision is up to parents and families as to whether you

want to do it earlier or later. If you have not received an email from Pastor Stephen about this and would like to participate this year, please reach out to him ASAP so that we can make the necessary plans.



"WRAPPING" OUR NEIGHBORS IN LOVE (AND QUILTS)!

Our "One Stitch at a Time" guilters are nearing the culmination of a year of quilting. On Saturday, October 29, they will be delivering approximately 100 guilts to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. From Jefferson City, a U-Haul will be taking our guilts to St. Louis, where a semi will be waiting to take them to Minneapolis to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. There were several months of uncertainty as to how to get our guilts to Minneapolis as the drop-off in Columbia closed. But through much planning and hard work the Jefferson City site "stepped up to the plate".

The focus of need for the Lutheran World Relief agency for the past six months has been to provide aide and assistance to the refugees from the Ukraine. They have been supporting six housing centers in western Ukraine and also in Poland, who shelter families fleeing bombs, violence and uncertainty. The quilts and personal care kits are so needed as most arrive in these refugee centers with only the clothes on their backs.

Therefore, not only will our quilts be sent to the Ukraine, but also our personal care kits. There will be an "ingathering" of Personal Care Kits at St. Paul's for the next four weeks

(September 25 – October 23) of the following items:

One light-weight bath-sized towel (20" x 40" or 52" x 27"), which can be easily hand-washed and air dried. A dark color is recommended.

Two or three bath-size bars of soap (4 - 5 oz. bars). Any brand and in the original wrapping.

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. (OR multi-packs may be used by sealing each individual toothbrush in a businesssized envelope.)

One sturdy wide-toothed comb (NO picks or fine-toothed combs!) Please remove the packaging.

One metal nail clipper or toe nail clipper (attached file is optional). Again, please remove the packaging.

All items should be new and in good condition. Do NOT donate items with any religious symbols,

messages, or our church's name. Also, do not donate any items decorated with the U.S. flag, any patriotic or military symbols, or reference to the armed forces (including camouflage).





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You may assemble your own personal kits (directions are available at a table in the Gathering Space) or simply donate the requested items and the committee will assemble the kits Your donations can be for you. dropped off in the boxes or set under the display table in the Gathering Space.

With last year's donations, we were able to assemble about 70 personal care kits. So let's up our goal to at least 80 kits!!



Our many quilts and personal care kits will remind our neighbors in the Ukraine and elsewhere of God's loving presence in a world filled with much suffering for so many.

"For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.



ALL SAINTS WORSHIP

As part of our worship on All Saints (November 5th & November 6th) we will read the names All Saints of those saints of St.



Paul's who have died during the past year. At another point in the service we will read a longer list of the saints who have played a role in our lives. If you would like the name of that saint (family member, friend, mentor, etc.) read during this service, please give those names to the church office by October 17th.

THRIVENT CHOICE

For information on Choice Dollars Thrivent.com/choicedollars visit or 1-800-847-4836 call and say, "Thrivent Choice".



A special thank you to those who have already given their Thrivent Dollars to St. Paul's. This month is.....Gale Logan and Shirley Logan.

Heavenly Father.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke)

Joann Brauer

Lyle Browning

Jeremiah Crider

Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke)

Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Bill Hampton

Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman)

Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling)

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

Reagan Phillips

Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) Esther Schlesselman

Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan)

Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash)

Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives)

Clyde & Phyllis Ulm (friends of Lois Barr)

Glen Webb

Hear our Prayers.....

Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (Ambrose Park #4) Kathy Hallauer (Loving Arms #205) Irene Viebrock (Homebound) Luella Viebrock (GSCC #305) Marie Viebrock (GSCC #219) Florence VonHolten (GSCC #302) Cecelia Wiedemann (GSCC #310) ٠

	MILI	TARY
	Lt. David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke) Public Affairs Officer USS Makin Island (LHDS) Unit 100222 Box 20	Cpt. Joseph Strathman 3930 Allure Lane Valdosta, GA 31602
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Thank you for your service.....



A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS



BIRTHDAYS:

- 10/1 Christina Donnell 10/1 Diann Holsten
- 10/1 Kyle Oelrichs
- 10/2 Cooper Loughery
- 10/3 Gunner Theisen
- 10/4 Jentry Kyle
- 10/4 Nick Smith
- 10/6 Jerome Goosen
- 10/6 Randy Oelrichs
- 10/7 Wayne Oelrichs
- 10/7 Owen Smith
- 10/7 Nathan Vanderlinden
- 10/10 Brad Akin
- 10/11 Dewey Jobe
- 10/13 Alyssa Barbour
- 10/13 Sherry Charbonneau
- 10/13 Logan Hughes
- 10/13 Emily Kullman
- 10/14 Laura Akin
- 10/14 Shirley Bergeson
- 10/14 Logan Jackson
- 10/15 Damon Hall
- 10/15 Noah Kelly
- 10/15 Michael Warden
- 10/16 Bradley Bergeson
- 10/17 Norma Schlesselman
- 10/17 Caleb Schlesselman
- 10/18 Paul Kelly
- 10/19 Grant Barbour

10/19 Del Holland 10/20 Susan Kyle 10/20 Tonya Viebrock 10/22 Rylee Fairchild 10/22 Korbin Kyle 10/24 Chase Moellman 10/24 Lynn Schear 10/24 Heather Vanderlinden 10/25 Amanda Bartlett 10/25 Morgan Trotter 10/26 Elliott Oelrichs 10/26 Chad Schlesselman 10/27 Eugene Oelrichs 10/27 Hannah Schweitzer 10/29 Paula Kappleman 10/30 Jim Barnes 10/30 Dennis Moellman 10/30 Jami Tatum 10/30 Jeri Tatum 10/31 Shirley Newman 10/31 Linda Oelrichs



BAPTISMS:

- 10/1 Lois Barr10/1 Bryan Bergeson
- 10/1 Amanda Oelrichs
- 10/1 Cora Oelrichs
- 10/9 Sara Keith
- 10/10 Ainsley Cook
- 10/10 Robert Farrington

10/11 Rodger Luetjen 10/14 Kaci Barnes 10/16 Russ Oelrichs 10/16 Linda Turley 10/16 Austin Weinberg 10/17 Layne Keith 10/18 Becky Burns 10/18 Susan Rusk 10/18 Chester Schlesselman 10/18 Kolton Smith 10/18 Nick Smith 10/19 Maesyn Hiatt 10/19 Edwyn Rehmer 10/20 Paula Harms 10/20 Grea lves 10/21 Donnie Brown 10/21 Angelia Isabell 10/23 Eric Luetjen 10/24 Pastor Stephen Zeller 10/25 Jerome Goosen 10/25 Lauren Jackson

- 10/26 Addison Burns
- 10/27 Easton Oelrichs
- 10/27 Gunner Theisen
- 10/28 Kelli Crawford
- 10/29 Nora Mullins
- 10/30 Vaneeta Rehmer
- 10/30 Morgan Trotter
- 10/31 Randy Oelrichs



♦ A Time To Celebrate......

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

10/1	Josh & Katie Jackson·····06
10/1	Bruce & Rachel Wienberg
10/4	Scott & Victoria Gerken ·····14
10/5	Brendan & Darian Rusk ······03
10/9	Larry & Debbie Vaughan ·····29
10/15	Sean & Michelle Loughery ······11
10/16	Darin & Tara Oelrichs······01
	Brian & Amy Ipsen·····25
10/19	Travis & Sabrina Rodewald03
10/24	Josh & Blair Olson·····07
	Todd & Judy Smith ······35
10/28	Nick & Kristen Moellman·····22
10/29	Cody & Tasha Broaddus·····15
10/29	Levi & Mindy Fox ·····11

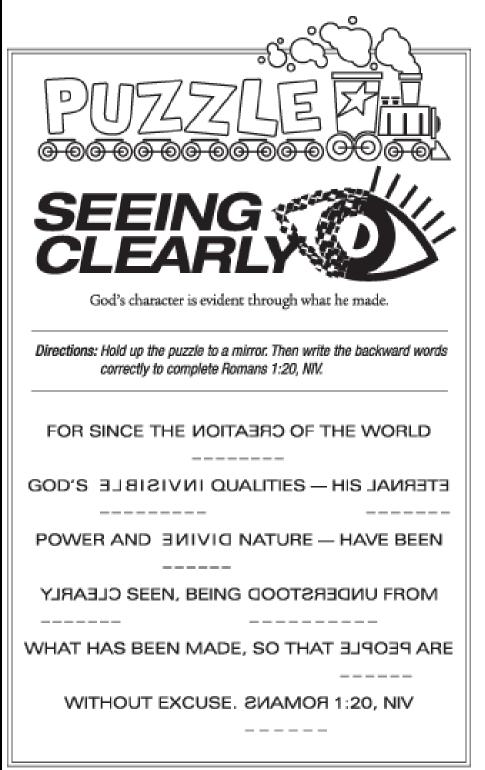


PHONE AND ONLINE SCAMS

We've been hearing from numerous synod offices, as well as other churches and pastors, that there are many scams happening using their names. They report that people will receive an email or a text message asking for help or asking to purchase a gift card, telling the person to send a picture of that gift card to them. Please know that Pastor Stephen nor St. Paul's will contact you through email or text about purchasing a gift card. If an email, phone call, or text message seems suspicious, please reach out to us for any clarification. This is true not only with church communication but through many other areas as well. There are many people trying to take advantage of your kindness, so please be extra vigilant in these matters. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you have any questions or concerns.



OCTOBER ACTIVITY PAGE



Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans





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St. Paul's Mission Statement

"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday Holy Communion by Stations Confirmation Sunday NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ZIP + 4 U.S. POSTAGE PAID COLE CAMP, MISSOURI 65325 PERMIT NO. 4

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Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening 5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship + + + + + + Every Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M. - Worship

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