

September 2019

# THE MESSENGER



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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"A Place of Grace  
and a  
Source of Hope!"  
... for 131 years!!

## Time to Learn!

*ESV Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

### September Events:

- Holy Communion—  
Saturday-Sunday,  
Sept. 1, Sept. 14 & 15,  
Sept. 28 & 29
- Women's Bible Study,  
Sept. 3 & 17
- Men's Bible Study,  
Sept. 9 & 23, 7:00 PM
- Unified Boards and  
Parish Directors,  
Sept. 8 beginning at  
1:00 PM
- Rally Sunday BBQ,  
Sept. 8, 11:15 AM
- Friendship Circle,  
Sept. 24 at 7:00

My elders were right, time goes faster as you get older! The summer break has come and gone! Now it is time to get back to the classroom, both at school and at church. Let the learning begin.

It is interesting to me how studies show much of an individual's personality, behavior and values are formed at a very young age. Our children are watching us all the time, and making sure our actions match our words. A lot of their values and behavior are formed before they leave elementary school. After those years we are simply reinforcing what they have learned and maybe digging a little deeper into specific subjects.

St. Paul offers an education that lasts far beyond childhood, far beyond adulthood, way beyond into eternity. I know there are many choices to be made and conflicting opportunities when it comes to Christian education. The simple fact remains that many of the options in today's world offer finite satisfaction and last for a finite time. The education in Scripture your children, and you, receive will last through all stages of life and, again, on into eternity.

I am looking forward to the resumption of our educational endeavors at St. Paul this September. We will start off with a special Rally Sunday on September 8. We will have presentation of Bibles for our third graders and installation of teachers during the worship services that weekend. A special Barbecue meal after Sunday School that day. Midweek classes will resume on Wednesday, September 11. A change this year is that I will have the opportunity to teach a combined class of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for confirmation. I believe the extra time spent studying the Small Catechism will prove beneficial and less stressful for our students.

Christian education is the best gift you can give your children. I am so happy to play a small part in that work. I also encourage you to talk with your students about their classes and what they are learning. There are also age appropriate devotional books to use with your children. I pray your children will be like the disciples. When so many were leaving Jesus due to the cost of discipleship, He looked at His disciples and asked if they were leaving Him too. St. Peter's reply is part of our liturgy, *ESV John 6:68... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,..."* And He does! Those are Words for you, your children and for me! I can't wait to learn more!

Learning, with you, in Jesus,  
Pastor Paul Tessaro

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### **Lange Elected LCMS First Vice-President**

The 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) was held July 20–25 in Tampa, Florida.

For the Kansas District, the big news from the convention was the election of District President Rev. Peter K. Lange as LCMS first vice-president, a full-time position in St. Louis.

As the Synod's first vice-president, Lange will work closely with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, who was recently reelected to his fourth term.

Lange's duties will include advising, assisting, and representing the president as needed and chairing colloquy committees for pastoral and commissioned ministry.

### **OFFICIAL ACTS** **[Since last newsletter]**

**Transfer In:** TR & Barbara Reiner from Bethesda Lutheran, Hot Springs, SD

**Profession of Faith:** Jill Alicia Newmeyer

**Transfer Out:** Mark & Sarah Swanson to Christ Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
Emily Vogel to Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines, IA  
Brian & Sarah Thomas, Samuel, Isaac, and Lorna to American Lutheran Church, Fairbury, NE

**Request taken off rolls:** Michael Shon Holte, Nicole and Mackenzie Schnell, Kevin Helms, Benjamin Peterson, Gabriel, Kaleb and Kalea

### **Rally Sunday on September 8.**

We will have presentation of Bibles for our third graders  
and installation of teachers  
during the worship service that Sunday at 9:00 AM.  
All ages of Sunday School resumes at 10:15 AM.

A special Barbecue meal after Sunday School.

Midweek classes will resume on Wednesday, September 11,  
at 6:15 PM.



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September Birthdays

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| <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Burger<br/>Jared Evans<br/>Joey Neville<br/>Jessica Underwood</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Shawn Alexander<br/>Linda Fowles<br/>Cyli Wilson</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Hiesterman</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Quick<br/>David Tessaro<br/>Kasey Waters</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Howley<br/>Willard Lenhart<br/>Kristin Pedigo<br/>Kody Schmale</p> <p>7 <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Burger<br/>Walter Lenhart</p> <p>8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Hayworth<br/>Crystal Tollefson</p> <p>9 - Maizy Gurney<br/>Connor Moody</p> <p>11 <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Desmarais<br/>Marlene Ohlde<br/>Dakin Patterson</p> <p>12 <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Jermark<br/>Sondra Matthews</p> <p>13 <input type="checkbox"/> Mariel Kolle</p> <p>14 <input type="checkbox"/> Makayla Colton<br/>Melissa Cyre</p> <p>15 <input type="checkbox"/> FeBerley Estabine</p> <p>16 <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Peterson<br/>Cobi Wilson</p> | <p>18 <input type="checkbox"/> Rachael Anderson<br/>Cliff Noffsinger<br/>Kaleb Rookstool</p> <p>19 <input type="checkbox"/> AnnaLeah Johnson<br/>Mark Wohler<br/>Wyatt Easterberg</p> <p>20 <input type="checkbox"/> Norman Kolle<br/>Claudia Williams</p> <p>21 <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Pladson<br/>Kevin Unruh<br/>Jack Wilder</p> <p>22 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Carson<br/>Natalie Waters<br/>Linda Waters</p> <p>23 <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Fosha<br/>Ryan Leonard</p> <p>24 <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Brown<br/>Amanda Harding<br/>Mary Ann Ihnen<br/>Braylee Langvardt<br/>Natasha Patenaude<br/>Diane Wendelken</p> <p>25 - Dalton Lehman</p> <p>26 <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Davies<br/>Phyllis Fritz<br/>Diana Hilton<br/>Keely Jermark<br/>Sabrina Johnson<br/>J.D. Lane<br/>Lindsey Radke<br/>Mary Rakowsky<br/>Richie Wendelken</p> |
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- 27 ☐ Angelica Echave  
Carol Pfizenmaier
- 28 ☐ Kaci West
- 29 ☐ Steve Debenham  
Edith Floro
- 30- Dierks Davis  
Madie Wohler

### September Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 ☐ David & Janet Schwab, 1973
- 2 ☐ Patrick & Connie Patenaude, 1978
- 7 ☐ Jeff & Heather Germann, 1996
- 10 - Michael & Traci Hoover, 2011
- 11 ☐ Roger & Patricia Hageman, 1993
- 12—Jacob & Cassandra Pera, 2015
- 13 - Ryan & Lindsay Hiesterman, 2003
- 14 - Tom & Andrea Cannizzo, 2002
- 15 ☐ Scott & Nikki Braddy, 2012
- 17 - Kelsey & Emily Urban, 2011
- 20 – Shawn & Kelly Alexander, 2014
- 21 ☐ Gary & Sherri Willmann, 1975
- 22 - Logan & Bethany Hamel, 2012  
Preston & Morgan Cannizzo, 2018
- 23 ☐ Gailen & Linda Franson, 1967  
Konnor & Anna Hamel, 2017
- 28 ☐ James & Shelli Franson, 1996  
Russell & Kayla Wang, 1985

Scatter seeds  
of kindness  
wherever you go

### Scripture Readings for September

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 1	Twelfth S. after Pentecost	Prov. 25:2-10	Psalms 131	Heb. 13:1-17	Luke 14:1-14
Sept. 8	Thirteenth S. after Pentecost	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalms 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-35
Sept. 15	Fourteenth S. after Pentecost	Ezek. 34:11-24	Psalms 119:169-176	1 Tim. 1:(5-11) 12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 22	Fifteenth S. after Pentecost	Amos 8:4-7	Psalms 113	1 Tim. 2:1-15	Luke 16:1-15
Sept 29	St Michael and All Angels	Dan. 10:10-14, 12:1-3	Psalms 91	Rev. 12:7-12	Matt. 18:1-11 or Luke 10:17-20

## Living to Serve

### Scripture Reading:

*"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).*

As God's people, we are urged to *"fix our eyes on Jesus"* (Hebrews 12:2). The writer to the Philippians asserted, *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 2:5). What is that attitude? When we *"fix our eyes on Jesus,"* what will we see?

We see the Suffering Servant about Whom Isaiah wrote. The One Who *"took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows"*; the One Who was *"pierced for our transgressions . . . crushed for our iniquities . . . and by [Whose] wounds we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:4, 5).

We see the Son of Man Who, in His own words, *"did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28). This is the Son of Man Who lived a childhood in obedience to His Father and to the earthly parents who were chosen for Him. This is the Son of Man Who preached and taught, Who healed the sick, confronted the wicked, and comforted the despairing. This is the Son of Man Who calls us to *"deny [ourselves] and take up [our crosses] and Follow [Him]"* (Matthew 16:24).

We follow Him in paths of service. Just as Jesus did, we serve when it might be inconvenient or when the person needing our service is unlovely. Just as Jesus did, we put others first. Just as Jesus endured the cross *"for the joy set before Him"* (Hebrews 12:2), we, too, will find joy and fulfillment in serving in Jesus' name.

**Prayer:** Lord, just as You came not to be served but to serve, grant me a serving heart. Help me to see opportunities to share Your grace and love with others. Help me to put my love for You into action. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### New Women's Bible study beginning September 3rd

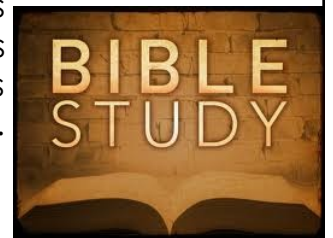
at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

First and Third Tuesdays.

Ladies, come join us in a Bible Study of the life of Joseph,

Tuesdays, Sept. 3rd and 17th, at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Led by Buena Burger.

Come and see how God was with Joseph through big family problems, being sold as a slave, thrown into prison and then being promoted to a high office and being able to forgive and restore his family. Just as God was with Joseph, He is with us through "thick and thin". Romans 8:28



### Friendship Circle

will begin our Fall schedule August 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

We will be collecting items for LWR Health kits and School kits until our September 24th meeting.

We would appreciate your donations. (Check out the table in the Narthex.)

**LWML Sunday** will be the first Sunday in October.





## **Alzheimer's Association to present programs in September at the Clay County Medical Center**

The two free educational programs will be presented as follows:

### ***Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia***

September 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Clay County Medical Center Education Center, Clay Center, KS

### ***Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior***

September 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Clay County Medical Center Education Center, Clay Center, KS

RSVP is requested to Meadowlark Hospice, 785.632.2225



### **LWML Grant #1**

for the 2019-2021 biennium is  
Water and the Word for Rural Schools in  
Kenya.

This grant will provide funds for the installation of water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand wash stations and clean water storage in Kenya Lutheran schools and orphanages.

For more information, go to  
[www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-1](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-1).

### **#1 – Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya  
(ELCK) schools and orphanages – \$80,000**

The children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water. The water they gather is not necessarily clean water. Very often, the children must leave school and walk to the local water source. Mission Grant, Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, will provide clean water and the Living Word by expanding the clean water project to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) schools and orphanages. For more information, go to  
[www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-1](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-1).

## **Thank You**

**The family of Larry Carlson  
wish to thank the  
Funeral Committee  
who prepared and served the delicious meal,  
after the memorial service.**

**Thanks to Beverly Lange  
for cleaning up the landscaping around the  
church, it was also very much appreciated.**

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS extend a cordial invitation to all the members of your congregation to attend our 37th annual "all you can eat" Church Supper on

**Sunday, September 29, 2019.**

Serving will be from 4:00—8:00 pm.

The menu will include: BBQ beef, pan fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, corn, green beans, homemade pies, homemade breads and salad bar.

Price: Adults—\$9.00, children 12 and under—\$5.00, Preschool is free.

Tickets for the supper will be purchased at the door.

Raffle tickets for the prizes are being sold in advance by the members of Trinity and may also be purchased the night of the supper. Winners will be listed in the Hanover News or contacted by phone.



*With your help, we could secure up to \$1,000 in matching funds on Gather for Good Match Day, September 19, 2019!*

Match Day holds incredible opportunity for St. Paul Lutheran Church. On that day, the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation will match donations made to our fund and we could potentially receive up to a \$1,000 match.

Here's how it works:

**Come to the event and make a donation.** Date: Thursday, September 19,  
2019 Time: Noon – 8 p.m.  
Place: Clay County Museum, 518 Lincoln Avenue

Online gifts made between Noon – 11:59 p.m. on September 19 will qualify for match dollars.  
*Please visit [www.GatherforGoodCC.com](http://www.GatherforGoodCC.com) to make online gifts.*

Individual contributions to agency funds ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 per organization will receive a local match at \$.50 per \$1, so a \$1,000 gift will receive a \$500 local match. If a donor gives a \$5,000 gift split evenly between five organizations, each group is eligible to receive a \$500 match.

Gifts can be made by cash, check, or online using a credit card. Cash and check gifts should be made in person at the event. Credit card gifts can be made online at **[www.GatherforGoodCC.com](http://www.GatherforGoodCC.com)** at a remote location, or at the event. **When donating by check, one check must be made payable to the CCCIF.** A separate form will be used to indicate which organizations will benefit.

Gifts made in person at the event at the Clay County Museum will qualify for prize money incentives for [name of your organization].

Match Day is an opportunity to grow our fund quickly, so that we can enrich our programs for even greater impact, for years to come.

Any questions, call Rita Wollenberg, Stewardship Committee 632-2475

P.S. This is a chance to multiply the difference we make, and it's truly a missed opportunity if we don't take full advantage. Your gift is vital for helping us maximize the match.



The Clay Center Community  
the Greater Manhattan Commu-

Improvement Foundation is an affiliate of  
nity Foundation.


The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization — EIN #48-1215574, incorporated in the State of Kansas.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Communion, 9:00 AM</b> Christian Education, 10:15—11:00  Deaf Ministry in Topeka, 3:00	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b> Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> Pre-School Starts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Worship Service 6:30 PM
<b>8</b> <b>Worship Service, 9:00 AM</b> Christian Education, 10:15-11:00 BBQ after SS Unified Boards, 1:00 PM Parish Director’s Meeting, 2:30 pm	<b>9</b> Men’s Bible Study, 7:00 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Senior Meal, 8:30 AM, Maury’s  Week Day School, 6:15 LYF Meeting, 6:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Worship Service, with Holy Communion, 6:30 PM
<b>15</b> <b>Holy Communion, 9:00 AM</b> Christian Education, 10:15-11:00  Deaf Ministry in Topeka, 3:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> Week Day School, 6:15	<b>19</b> <b>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Worship Service , 6:30 PM
<b>22</b> <b>Worship Service, 9:00 AM</b> Christian Education, 10:15-11:00  Apollo Super Supper Sunday, 5:30 PM	<b>23</b> Men’s Bible Study, 7:00 PM	<b>24</b> Friendship Circle , 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> Week Day School, 6:15	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion, 6:30 PM
<b>29</b> <b>Holy Communion, 9:00 AM</b> Christian Education, 10:15-11:00	<b>30</b>					

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**PRESCHOOL  
NEWS**

Preparations for the new school year are well under way. We are so excited to see all our returning and new Preschool friends! We have already received various donations from our Preschool families and we greatly appreciate their support. The Preschool Wish board is completed in the narthex if any congregation members would like to help with a few additional items that are needed. We truly appreciate all the support that we get from your on-going commitment to our young people.

During September, we will enjoy some special time with family members for Grandparent's Day! This is a wonderful event for not only our students, but for our guests as well. We play games, put together puzzles, complete a craft, and share a snack. It is so heartwarming to see the interaction of the children with their loved ones!

Thank You again for all the help, support and prayers!

Praying and Playing,

Becky, Rita, Shanna, and Susan

