



THE PROCLAIMER

October, November,
& December 2023

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to hear, share, and proclaim the Word of God.

FABULOUS GIFTS OF FALL

After experiencing a brutal, terribly hot and dry summer, I sit in AWE of what our great God can do. "Round and round the seasons go, fall comes...leaves blow and the gifts of the season, God will show." We are experiencing a time in St. Paul, when God's people of all ages bask in the glow of God's amazing grace and sweet love as we wait upon the Lord to reveal His plan for the next Pastor to move our much-loved Body of Christ forward. We look backwards momentarily and give thanks for all the blessings we experienced and learned from during the years that Pastor Fred and Kathy were with us. We look to the present and give thanks for our Church Council, our Transition Team, the presence of Pastor Ward and Ron Birk to lead worship, and ultimately the Call Committee that will help us to find the person that God directs our paths to. That is our way of looking forward, but in this beautiful NOW, with cool breezes, welcome rains, and leaves of all colors falling, I think God is inviting each of us to find the place where we can give our individual gifts of love, worship, and service. It is my prayer that we will invest our time and talents in making the present a beautiful path that will lead us into an incredible future in the Kingdom of God.

As in our daily lives, in the time of Harvest, there is much work to be done. Take a moment, as I tell you about some of the Fantastic Spiritual opportunities for growth at St. Paul. First, I am so very blessed by the large number of adults who meet for Christian Education every Sunday morning. I also love the participation of our men with Men's Breakfast and the gathering of 2 groups of ladies for Bible Study. One of my favorite places to be is in downstairs Sunday School with the children. And when we have Youth Group, I am completely blessed by the young people that gather. Working in the background of these events are our hard-working committees. Thanks be to God!

Here are a few things that are taking place on our lovely campus:

1. On Wednesday nights at 5:30, after very busy days, we have 4 students studying Confirmation. Kinley Wenzel, Kinsley

Atchison, and Anden King (second year students) are joined by T Martin Parrish (first year student) to study the basic parts of our Christian faith that Martin Luther shared so many years ago and still are vital to faith formation. This group of amazing young people teach me as well as me instructing them.

2. We have a very special group of children and young adults that participate in the activities I mentioned. We have over 30 to 40 children and teenagers that we hope will take advantage of the ways to grow that St. Paul offers. We are not in a wait and see mode while calling a Pastor...we are moving ahead, so come and join us. Please pray for and get to know these kids. You will receive a special gift from knowing them.
3. It is my plan to get Children's Church going after our summer break. We hope to have our kick-off in October. You will be informed of this in the week's schedule in the bulletin.
4. There are some other children/young people activities I would like to get started but we need willing workers. Please contact me if this is something that you would be interested in. In closing, as I sat in St. Paul on Sunday, October 1st, I was overcome with love and gratitude for my Church home. Dressed in it's finest by the Altar Guild, fall was on full display. Deuteronomy 33: 13-14 says what I want to say, "May His land be blessed by the Lord with the dew of heaven's bounty...with the bountiful harvest from the sun and the abundant yield of the seasons."

In Christ's love, Ann Mahnken



MEXICAN PILE-ON LUNCHEON

The Mexican Pile-on Luncheon will immediately follow the Worship Service on Sunday, October 29. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex for donations of food for the Pile-on. Thank you for helping us make this event a success!

MASON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Mason Ministerial Alliance is asking congregations and faith-based organizations to pray for each other during the year, on a rotating basis monthly. For October 2023, we are all asked to pray focused prayers for River of Life. For November 2023, we are all asked to pray focused prayers for Church at the Camp. For December 2023, we are all asked to pray focused prayers for St. Joseph Catholic Church.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOV. 5

On All Saints Sunday, November 5, as we come forward to receive Holy Communion, a member of our congregation will read aloud the names of loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant! You will be invited to share names of your loved ones who have died in the faith so their names may be read.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARY NEWS

The 2023 Journey to Bethlehem Drive-Thru Christmas Luminary is scheduled to be held December 10. The location is Fort Mason City Park, and the time is 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM. More details will be shared as they become available. Admission is free.

PREPARING FOR THE 2024 MINISTRY PLAN

It is time for all Standing Committees to prepare budget requests for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee will begin work on the 2024 Ministry Plan at a meeting in October. Committees should submit their budget requests to the Church Office or Del Roy Reichenau, Stewardship Chair, by no later than Wednesday, October 11. The 2024 Ministry Plan will be submitted to the Congregation Council at their November meeting.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Each Christmas season the Altar Guild uses poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. As in past years, you are invited to purchase a poinsettia(s) in love or memory of a loved one.

Order envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin on Sundays, December 3rd and December 10th. Please fill out the information on the envelopes, place your payment in it and insert it into the marked box in the narthex. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 13th.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 offering envelopes will be available to members on Sunday, December 17th. Envelopes will be placed on the table in the narthex. If you would like to use the envelope system and haven't in the past, please let the church office know.

THANK YOU FOR GIFT GIVEN IN HONOR OF PASTOR FRED'S RETIREMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
Congregation in Mason, Texas
Dear Pastor Fred Krebs,

May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

From the heart of the Lutheran Church of Peru (Iglesia Luterana del Peru) we raise our hands in deep gratitude for the generous offering you have made to our church. We confirm that we received said funds on September 11, in the amount of \$1200.00 US.

This coming Saturday, we will meet as a Board of Directors to decide which of our ministries, which are currently facing great needs, will receive these funds. These times, marked by the pandemic, have reduced the ranks of our faithful and unemployment in our country has gained strength, leading many to work long hours and in adverse conditions to support their families. This has meant that many brothers and sisters find time to congregate scarce. However, in this new stage of the ILP, under the direction of our presiding pastor, Pastor Ofelia, we are restoring the vital work of our church ministries. Your contribution is a response of our Lord's love at a crucial time.

Despite the challenges, we continue to move forward, carrying out the mission that the Lord has entrusted to us. We are in the process of preparing a report on the use of the donations we have received from your generosity this year, which will be delivered to you in the coming months.

We renew our gratitude for this valuable offering that, in the eyes of God and for us, is immeasurable.

In the unbreakable love of Christ,
Wendy Leyva
Treasurer
Lutheran Church of Peru - ILP

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports will be due in the church office on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. All committees and organizations of the church are expected to turn in reports. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

The monthly calendar is available upon request by print or email. You may also view our calendar on our website or church app. Please notify the office for more information, stpaulmason@gmail.com or 347-5582.

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Tallon Eckert
 4 Bobby Capps
 5 Dreu Bearden
 6 T McIntosh
 10 Raina Todd
 12 Brooke Stockbridge
 13 Reubin Ake
 Mac Reichenau
 14 Justin Yonker
 15 June Durst
 Denver Stockbridge
 18 Jenna Jacoby
 Hudson Terrell
 20 Geraldine Geistweidt
 22 Connie Smith
 23 Jaxson Reichenau
 24 Ron Birk
 26 Amy Capps
 Baylee Owen
 Walt Reichenau
 27 Janette Tomlinson
 30 Sherry Ake

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Garrett Allen
 Chel Terrell
 4 David Bartlett
 Kim Hengst
 Gwen Stockbridge
 Lisa Atchison
 5 Cason Jacoby
 9 Roddie Stockbridge
 11 Kenley Stockbridge
 14 Rodee Brooks
 Knox Wenzel
 Stone Wenzel
 18 Grant Nobles
 19 Rylee Owen
 20 Jo Ann Lindemann
 21 Nancy Brown
 Sue Stockbridge
 22 Linda Geistweidt
 24 Angela Gammill
 Chance Stockbridge
 25 Luke Gillespie
 26 Jimie Langehennig
 Krystal Eckert
 27 Kay Yonker
 28 Tanner Reichenau
 Reegan Evans
 30 Judy Lehmberg
 Dan Barton

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kinsley Atchison
 Cindy Bowden
 2 Bridget Langdale
 3 Paulette Keller

5 Lynda Harris
 Nicholas Gierisch
 7 Ty Allen Martin
 8 Reece Evans
 9 Bonnie Schmidt
 11 Christian Gammill
 12 Sherry Martin
 16 Zachary Langehennig
 23 Mike Parrish
 25 JESUS
 26 Carolyn Loeffler
 28 John Preston Parrish

If your birthday or a family member's birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please let Deb Probst know @ 325-597-2832 or dcpobst@hotmail.com. Thank you for helping us with this project.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Date Change: Fish Fry Trailer Reserved for July 30th for the annual fish fry fundraiser and celebration for the Krebs.
- Mexican Pile On luncheon will be held on October 29, funds designated to the St. Paul General Fund.
- Transition team established. Members are Jerry Bearden, LeEster Burch, Merlina Gamel, Bridget Langdale, Matt Schmidt, and Gayland Thorn.
- Pastor Mark Ward will serve as our Supply Pastor.
- Transfers were made from Zesch Interest Fund to the General Fund towards Ministry Plan expenses (\$8,000 1/1/23-9/30/23).

PROCLAIMER PUBLICATION

The Proclaimer will be published 4 times each year in January, April, July and October.

OFFICE HOURS

St Paul Lutheran Office hours are Monday - Wednesday with the times remaining the same, 8:30 - 4:00 and lunch hour from 12:00-1:00. For emergencies please contact Jeff Owen at 347-7535.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE

Congregational Giving: \$ 17,249.85
 Expenditures: \$18,296.93

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY

Congregational Giving: \$13,888.74
 Expenditures: \$16,573.33

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Congregational Giving: \$24,248.25
 Expenditures: \$22,472.79

YEAR TO DATE - SECOND QUARTER MINISTRY PLAN CONTRIBUTION

GOAL: \$198,846

YEAR TO DATE - SECOND QUARTER MINISTRY PLAN ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

\$158,441.51

STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORY
FOR OCTOBER

Lay Reader: Jerry Bearden
Communion Assistants: Deb Probst & Del Roy Reichenau
Council Rep. on Duty: Cindy Bowden
Bell Ringers: Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff
Speaker System: Bob Vacek and Mark Lehmborg
Ushers: Mike Parrish, Youth, Carolyn Loeffler, and Bert Mahnken
Property Person on Duty: Gayland Thorn
Altar Guild:
Flower Chairman: Nancy Brown
Parament Chairman: Debbie Nebgen
Communion Chairman: Sherry Schmidt
Memorials: Church Office 347-5582 or Linda Geistweidt 347-6236

We wish to thank those who have so graciously contributed their time and talents toward the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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FOR DECEMBER

Lay Reader: TBA
Communion Assistants: Helen Habecker
Council Rep. on Duty: Josh Brooks
Bell Ringers: Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff
Speaker System: Bob Vacek and Mark Lehmborg
Ushers: Mike Goff, Josh Brooks, Cynthia Bauer, and Jerry Bearden
Property Person on Duty: Committee Members
Altar Guild:
Flower Chairman: Sherie Clarkson
Parament Chairman: Connie Smith
Communion Chairman: Bonnie Schmidt
Women's Bible Study:
Morning Bible Study (First Wed. of Month at 10am)
Bible Study Leader: Bridget Langdale
Hostess: Sheri Clarkson
Location: 305 Spruce St
Memorials: Church Office 347-5582 or Linda Geistweidt 347-6236

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rev. Fred Krebs Pastor
Mrs. Heather McFarland Church Administrator
Mrs. Ann Mahnken Youth Coordinator

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FOR NOVEMBER

Lay Reader: Jaxson Reichenau
Communion Assistants: Harold Albers and Carolyn Loeffler
Council Rep. on Duty: Cathy Grace
Bell Ringers: Mark Lehmborg & Mike Goff
Speaker System: Bob Vacek and Mark Lehmborg
Ushers: Mark Lehmborg, Nicholas Gierisch, and youth
Property Person on Duty: Walt Reichenau
Altar Guild:
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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
luke
2:11

*Wishing you the comfort of His love,
And the presence of His peace.*

*Merry Christmas
From the Staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church*

