

◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....

PASTOR'S PAGE

A REFORMATION REMINDER

The last Sunday of October is always commemorated as Reformation Sunday. It's a reminder of the anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses and setting in motion events that became the Protestant Reformation. Rev. Martin Luther was known for MANY things, but one of those many things is his composition of the hymn, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. His inspiration for that hymn came from Psalm 46:

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.



In a world that is filled with so much uncertainty, so much pain and violence, so much fear, so much... you fill in the blank... we need to constantly be reminded that God IS our refuge and strength. Our annual recognition of the Reformation is our reminder that the only truth that can truly set us and this world free is the Word of God.

IN THE CHURCH

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.



REFORMATION

On **October 25th and 26th** we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! 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



Reformation Day

ALL SAINTS WORSHIP

As part of our worship on All Saints (**November 1st & 2nd**) we will read the names 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 26th.



FIRST COMMUNION

As one of our two sacraments, Holy Communion is important to our life of faith. Here at St. Paul's we traditionally offer First Communion Instruction to youth in the 4th grade, but the decision to participate earlier or later is ultimately up to each family. Pastor Stephen is planning a class for sometime in October. If you would like to be a part of it this year, please let him know ASAP.





COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE

Saturday worship begins at 5:30pm in the Chapel. There will be no service on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Welcome!



"ONE STITCH AT A TIME"

They will meet on Monday **October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Please, feel free to join them!



FLU SHOT CLINIC



The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 9th**. It will be held at St. Paul's under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept medicare and medicade. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.

ASK THE PASTOR

Another gathering to "Ask the Pastor" will be held on Thursday, **October 9th**, at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Missouri Made Shop & Café in downtown Cole Camp where dinner and drinks are available for purchase. This is a casual gathering meant for fellowship, discussion, and asking the questions that sometimes keep you up at night. Or, really, asking anything that's on your mind! We hope to see you there!



ESTHER CIRCLE



The Esther Circle will meet in the home of Janice Gerken on Monday, **October 20th** at 7:00 pm.

SUNBEAM

The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 29th** at 3:00pm.



HOPE5ONE

This year's benevolence recipient is Hope5one, a faith-based, 501c3 nonprofit organization in Benton County, MO whose mission is giving hope and freedom from human trafficking. Human trafficking comes in many forms: from kidnapping people off of the street, to luring vulnerable children and young adults through their own cell phone or computer. It is vitally important that each of us learns about the prevalence and impact of human trafficking.

On Sunday morning, October 12, the founder and director of Hope5one, Connie McCray, will return to St. Paul's to share about what her organization is up to. (Spoiler alert: it is A LOT of incredible work!) Immediately following the worship service,

Connie will offer a brief presentation (20-30 minutes) about Human Trafficking and their fight against it.

You are highly encouraged to stick around and hear what she has to say. We are excited to be able to support such a wonderful - and local - organization!

**WE'RE HIRING!!**

We're looking for some great employees to support our ministries here at St. Paul's!

Church Secretary: We're continuing our search to replace Shirley upon her desired retirement. This is a part-time, 18 hour/week position. The scheduled hours can all be done within the school day making this a great opportunity for someone while their child/children are in school. Please talk with Pastor Stephen or Jake Jackson if you are interested. Candidates do not need to be a member of the church.

Daycare Aids: Our Little Blessings Daycare is seeking a full-time or multiple part-time candidates to serve as an aid in the daycare. On-call substitutes are also needed. For questions or more information please talk with Janice Gerken or call the daycare office, 660-668-3537 ext. 2.





PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

There are **less than three weeks** remaining in our collection of items for **Personal Care Kits**!!



Noting the number of donations in the Link on Sunday, it is obvious we are **falling short of our goal of sending 60 Personal Care Kits** to Lutheran World Relief on October 18. The following items are needed:

- * 2-3 bars of soap to equal 8-9 oz.
- * 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
- * 1 bath towel, dark color (20"x40" or 52"x27")
- * 1 toothbrush (NO toothpaste)
- * 1 nail clipper

Thank you for remembering our neighbors in need!!



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CHILI COOK-OFF

It's fall, y'all, and that means it's time for another St. Paul's Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Luther League. Think you have an awesome chili recipe? We would love for you to bring a Crock-Pot full of it for a little friendly competition! The Luther League invites you to join the fun on Sunday, **October 19th**, following worship in the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. In addition to chili, there will be hotdogs, dessert, and drinks. See you there!



**CHILI
COOK-
OFF**

CHRISTMAS PHOTO SCENE

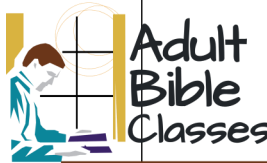
We're still a few months off, but the Evangelism committee has begun talking about the possibility of doing another Christmas photo scene here at church. Last year's effort was a huge hit and enjoyed by many in our community. While we have some thoughts and ideas, we know there are lots of other creative people in our church and would love any thoughts and ideas that YOU might have! Or, does a member or someone you know have another large item that could be the photo centerpiece instead of a camper this year? Let Pastor Stephen or one of the Evangelism committee members know any ideas you might have.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A wise person will hear and increase learning, and a person of understanding will attain wise counsel (Proverbs 1:5). According to King Solomon and Proverbs, only an unwise person stops learning--the more effort we put into hearing and learning, we then gain a better understanding and wisdom. The book of Proverbs is meant to enrich our lives with wisdom and understanding. It contains 31 Chapters of prudent sayings which is framed as a Father's advice to his son.

This fall the Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Proverbs and will strive to increase our learning and understanding of this book that reveals God's perspective on life showing what He values and how He desires for us to live. Please join us in the chapel each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. to dive into this book of wisdom. Just bring a Bible and be ready for some great discussion. Hope to see many of you there.

**FREE YOGA CLASS**

Every Monday at 6:30pm at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.

**ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS**

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, can do it in two easy steps.

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



That is it!! Easy, right! We will appreciate any deer you could provide. Good Luck





THANK YOU

Thank you, Thank you - to all



who helped bring our church float, "The Road Home", down the parade route this past weekend. **THANK YOU** to the many ladies who sorted, pleated and fluffed the many flowers. You gals were so willing when the appeal was sent out to drop things at home and come to help with flowers. **THANK YOU** to Greg and Phillip for both working on the float frame and, in particular, covering the "Little Blue Truck" with cardboard, and Cody Mullins, who helped with gridding the cardboard. **THANK YOU** to Dennis, Pastor Stephen, and Gale for all the work done in *building the frame for the truck* (awesome!!!), the lighting, and the sound effects. It was the *work of many hands* to get this float completed!! **Thank you!!!**

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Jacob and Alyssa Fowler on the arrival of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth. She was born on Wednesday, August 27th. Grace Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Bruce and Rachel Wienberg and great-granddaughter of Robert and Sharel Wienberg.



THRIVENT

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

Donation to date:

\$35,078.00

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





◆ Send a note.....

NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Kris Barnes
(friend of Julie Cronin)

Jon Beckman

Ashley Campbell

Joe Campbell

Scott Cash

Cliff Eckhoff

Ron Eickhoff

Joseph Fuelling
(nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Adam Gumbel
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

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

Larry Haase
(brother-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Gordon Ives

Greg Ives

Norene Ives

Joyce Jones
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Hazel Karstons

Susan Kyle

LaDonna Logan

Marvin Logan
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

David Mobely
(brother-in-law of Randy Healan)

Randy Oelrichs

Jackie Ross
(sister of Randy Healan)

Jason Sash

Kylie Simon

Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield
(friends of Melisa Balke),

Carmilla Swaim & husband
(friends of Debbie Eckhoff)

Jack Tatum

Nathan Vanderlinden

Larry Vaughan

Judie VonHolten



Nursing Home

Vern Dean Bohling (Ambrose Park #4)
Marie Viebrock (GSCC #203)
Florence VonHolten (GSCC#207)





MILITARY

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Capt. Ashlie Colston

(daughter of Jon Beckman)

Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton

(son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and
grandson of Judie VonHolten)

Whiteman Airforce Base

Private Braydn Hood

(grandson of Connie Gerken)

National Guard

MSgt. Jason Ostberg

(son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen)

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San Antonio, TX 78245



Thank You for Your Service!

Lt. Col. Ron Poe

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SSG Nick Smith

Whiteman Airforce Base

Major Joseph Strathman

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Kelly Viebrock, *Property*

Roy Wagner, *Property*

Stephen Zeller, *Pastor*



◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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	Matt Smith
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	Sherry Charbonneau
10/13	Logan Hughes
10/13	Emily Kullman
10/14	Laura Akin
10/14	Logan Jackson
10/15	Damon Hall
10/15	Noah Kelly
10/15	Michael Warden
10/17	Caleb Schlesselman
10/17	Norma Schlesselman
10/18	Leighton Alcon
10/18	Paul Kelly
10/19	Clay Jackson
10/20	Susan Kyle
10/20	Tonya Viebrock
10/21	LaDonna Logan
10/22	Rylee Fairchild
10/22	Korbin Kyle
10/23	Scarlet Theisen
10/24	Lynn Schear
10/24	Heather Vanderlinden

10/26	Chad Schlesselman
10/27	Hannah Schweitzer
10/29	Paula Kappleman
10/29	Sarah Keith
10/30	Dennis Moellmann
10/30	Jami Tatum
10/30	Jeri Tatum
10/31	Shirley Newman
10/31	Linda Oelrichs

BAPTISMS:

10/1	Amanda Oelrichs
10/1	Cora Oelrichs
10/7	Allen Rehmer
10/10	Ainsley Cook
10/10	Robert Farrington
10/11	Rodger Luetjen
10/16	Russ Oelrichs
10/16	Austin Wienberg
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	Greg Ives
10/21	Donnie Brown
10/23	Eric Luetjen
10/24	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
10/31	Randy Oelrichs

 BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS





SPECIAL OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/1	Josh & Katie Jackson	09
10/1	Bruce & Rachel Wienberg	31
10/4	Scott & Victoria Gerken	17
10/5	Brendan & Darian Rusk	06
10/9	Larry & Debbie Vaughan	32
10/15	Sean & Michelle Loughery	14
10/16	Darin & Tara Oelrichs	04
10/18	Brian & Amy Ipsen	28
10/19	Travis & Sabrina Rodewald	06
10/24	Todd & Judy Smith	38
10/29	Levi & Mindy Fox	14

Anniversaries
OCTOBER



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Council Minutes **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

PASTOR'S REPORT

Upcoming Events

Aug. 17: Back to School Blessing
Sept 4-6: Cole Camp Fair
Sept 14: Sunday School &
Confirmation Begins

Activities: VBS, CCACA Fish Fry, Baptism meeting, Mid-MO Bible Camp, Worship & Music Meeting, Float work, GSCC Worship, Clothing Drive/Sale and Evangelism Meeting.

Vacation Dates:
August 12th.

Continuing Education: CSS Fall Theological Conference on October 15th & 16th.

Mid-MO Bible Camp: We paid for 7 campers; 5 members and 2 guest. Pastor and Kim joined for two

evening campfires this year.

Baptism: On Sunday, July 27, Korbett Dieckman son of Nicholas and Adrienn Dieckman was baptized here at St. Paul's.

VBS: Was July 7-11, had a smaller turnout but everything went well. Thanks to Emily Kullman for leading and all who helped!

Clothing Drive & Sale: A huge thank you to so many who poured hours and days into helping with this year's Clothing Sale. St. Paul's carries much of the work between the use of the building and so many members volunteering their time. Thank to Russ Oelrichs who continues to be the point person for this event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Stewardship:
No meeting this month.

Evangelism:
Will meet next week.

Parish Education:
Sunday School will begin on September 14th.

Worship Attendance (in person):

July 12: 11	July 13: 154 (VBS Celebration)
July 19: XX	July 20: 105
July 26: 17	July 27: 135 (Baptism)
Aug. 2: 16	Aug. 3: 97
Aug. 9: 10	Aug. 10: 113

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COUNCIL CONTINUED

Property:

Cross Repair: Is still in progress.

Siding/addition on storage building: May need to have permit/variance before work can begin.

Propane Tanks: Hope to move after the fair. Then they will decide on pre-buy.

Back Property: Clean up on property behind church is almost complete.

Ellevette Removal: We will need to get in touch with the State Elevator inspector for removal. We have 2 years to complete the project.

Worship: Committee has planned services.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Damage: repair is still pending.

Luetjen Property/ Removal of Houses: Lot has been cleared off. Rock is needed for the parking lot, discussion by council was about what size rock to use and how much is needed.

Daycare: Preschool teacher has been hired and is ready to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Secretary Position: Is still open.

Constitution: The committee will meet again after the fair. We hopefully will have info for the annual meeting.

Credit Card: Use at the fair stand was discussed by the council and all agreed. The Fair Stand Committee will make the final decision.

Insurance Co. Inspection: After the building was inspected it was found that the fire extinguishers all need annual maintenance. Jake will call Bud's to take care of that. Also it was noted we need smoke detectors throughout the building. More discussion is needed to determine how many and where to place them.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:53pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:00pm.



DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS	July	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Target %
					Note A
ELCA	3,475.00	7,400.00	(3,925.00)	46.96%	
World Hunger	1,925.92	2,000.00	(74.08)	96.3%	
Hope 5 one	3,476.25	1,500.00	(1,523.75)	69.53%	
CC Food Pantry	1410.00	1,500.00	(90.00)	94.0%	
Seniors of North BC	700.00	-0-	700.00	100.0%	
Other	210.00	-0-	210.00	100.0%	
Total Benevolence	11,237.17	15,900.00	(4,662.83)	70.67%	
OFFERING					
Home Purpose	133,645.72	223,913.00	(90,267.28)	59.69%	66.67%
Building Fund 5%	7,034.02	11,785.00	(4,750.98)	59.69%	66.67%
Total Offering	140,679.74	235,698.00	(95,018.26)	59.69%	
Building Use	1,683.00	2,750.00	(1,067.00)	61.2%	
Fair Stand, net	-0-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.0%	
Float	-0-	800.00	(800.00)	0.0%	
Interest	10,502.44	-0-	10,502.44	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	25,843.92	-0-	25,843.92	100.0%	
Total Income	189,946.27	260,148.00	(70,201.73)	73.02%	
Expenses	Note B	554,407.05	260,148.00	294,259.05	213.11%
Net Income		(364,460.78)	-0-	(364,460.78)	

Cash and Investment Balance - August 31, 2025

Home Purpose	Building	Memorial	Crisis	Little Blessings	Seminary
Note C		Note D		Note E	
57,853.39	67,152.70	20,282.56	2,897.30	107,956.12	8,888.22

Note A: As of August 31, 66.67% of the year has elapsed, however, offerings as a percent of budget are only 59.69%. This indicates that offerings are approximately \$15,630 short of budgeted amounts. The month of August 2025 shows some improvement, since July 31, 2025, we were at \$29,000 short of budgeted amounts.

Note B: Includes \$253,802.85 in roof replacement expenses and \$12,800.00 for parsonage window replacement (both of which were paid from insurance proceeds) and \$82,162.58 in property acquisition costs. Additionally, property liability insurance premiums of \$44,789.90 were paid which is an increase of \$24,000 from 2024.

Note C: Includes \$2,809.93 of Communities of Calling Funds.

Note D: Includes restricted amounts of \$15,000 for Little Blessings and \$1,610.69 for Sunday School.

Note E: Includes \$111,161.20 in grant funds.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY PAGE

PUZZLE

Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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reway

delfis

Galatians
6:9

James 3:18

John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

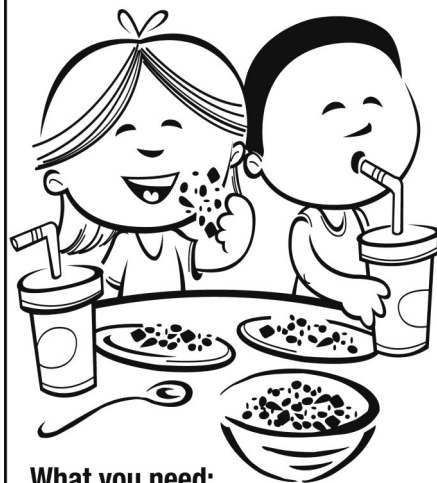
I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

St. Paul's Sunbeam



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St. Paul's Mission Statement
"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

Sunday, October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion at the Altar

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion by Stations

Sunday, October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday
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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