

the St. Paul  
**SEED PACKET**  
your monthly guide to  
sowing the seed of relationship

## Monthly Highlights for August

✝ St. Paul – Polling Place – Church Basement  
August 1 – 7 AM til 7 PM

✝ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social (on the Playground)  
August 13 – 6 PM

✝ 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School – August 15  
Opening Chapel Service – 8:30 AM



***At St. Paul, we C.A.R.E.  
We are "Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!"***

## Sizzlin Summer School Shuffle

This has been an unusual summer break! Actually, there has not been a break for the staff and leadership. The shuffle has been continuous and by the time you read this, things will have probably been shuffled again. I've already forgotten some of the side steps!

First, I would like to recognize some of our staff who have gone the extra mile to help by performing their duties, new duties, and other's duties. Susan Wells and Paula Cole were appointed by the School Ministry Team, together with Audra Madison (from the Ministry Directors) to interview for the teacher and aides' positions – and they have been assisted by Pam Floetke (from the School Ministry Team). Stacy Veneziano has been fantastic as our new Admissions Coordinator, as-well-as filling in as School Secretary when Dana Floetke was on vacation. Dana has done a marvelous job as secretary while we have been between principals – holding everything together (as good secretaries do). Unfortunately, Dana will be leaving us to take a classroom position with the Ft. Leavenworth School District. We thank her for her service and wish her God's blessings in her new position. Stacy and Dana have also been working with our Transition Team.

With that in mind, we welcome Chyza Nelson as our new School Secretary. There will be no rest for Chyza ... who, in her position as Custodian, is finishing up the annual summer ritual of cleaning, waxing, and otherwise preparing the school for the upcoming year.

There is also a change in our Extended Care leadership. Crystal Weakley and Kayla Moritz have been co-directors since the start of 2017. However, Crystal will soon be moving with her family to Augusta, Kansas, where her husband will be taking on a new ministry. Kayla will now be the Extended Care Director. God's blessing to Crystal and her family.

And of course, we will be welcoming several new teachers: so far, having contracted with Susie Lawson and Kimberly Stiansen ... with a couple of positions still pending.

Second, please be aware of our volunteers who have very busy behind the scenes by serving on various teams and committees all summer long – including the Call Committee, the Transition Team, the Interview Team, and the School Ministry Team. The hours spent by these volunteers is unbelievable – exceeded only by their dedication to the task – providing a Christ-centered education for the children of our community. Among those serving: Janice Denney, John Goodloe, Darl Summers, Pam Floetke, Monica Collins, Chuck Engstrom, Randall Hoppe, and Audra Madison. *My apologies if I've forgotten anyone!*

Denis Johnson is our lead person for our August 5 “work day” at the school. He has a list of jobs that need to be done to finish making the school ready for the first day of school only 10 days later. There will be a job for you! The more workers, the better and the quicker we will get finished. Watch the worship folder for more info – or just plan to come at 9 AM!

The School Ministry Team met with the Ministry Directors in July and will have another joint meeting in September to continue improving communication among the SMT, MD and staff. Prayerfully, we will have a called Commissioned Minister of Religion on staff as Principal by then to join us.

Finally, I have discovered that Pastor Ed works more than one day a week! He's been to most all the meetings – spending countless hours working without rest to guide us as we work toward the new school year. And besides this, he still carries out his pastoral duties tending to the St. Paul flock. Thank you, Pastor Ed!

So, it's been a busy summer. Please continue to pray for our students, their families, and our staff!

*John Denney*, Chairman,  
School Ministry Team ☩



**REFORMATION  
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***"We Sing the Faith"***

**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Reformation  
Hymn Festival**

**Sunday, October 15  
7pm**

**Helzberg Hall**

**Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts**

**1601 Broadway  
Kansas City, MO 64108**



FREE community hymn festival featuring timeless hymns  
and choir anthems interspersed with readings of Martin Luther.

Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, organist, Concordia University Nebraska in Seward  
Dr. Elisa Bickers, organist, Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS  
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Ben A. Spalding, conductor, Director of Music and the Arts, Trinity Lutheran Church

FREE reservations at [www.kauffmancenter.org](http://www.kauffmancenter.org) or by calling 816.994.7222. There  
will be a limit of four tickets per transaction and reservations will be available  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

Church Office: Mon. – Fri., 8 AM – 3 PM  
School Office: Mon. – Fri. 7:45 AM – 3:45 PM

**HOURS OF WORSHIP & STUDY**

Sunday Morning Worship, 8:00 & 10:30  
Sunday Bible Study & Sunday School, 9:15  
\* For Small Group Schedule, call Church Office

Rev. Ed Mease, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Kenton Rohrberg, Visitation Pastor

Dawn Booth, Church Secretary  
Dana Floetke, School Secretary  
Stacy Veneziano, Admissions Coordinator  
Matthew Denney, Church Custodian  
Danny Roemer & Chyza Nelson, School Custodians

TEACHING STAFF

Paula Cole  
Susie Lawson  
Sally Niemann  
Kimberly Stiansen  
Crystal Weakley  
Susan Wells

AIDES

Chancia Fairley  
Sierah Flack  
Sarajo Mance  
Kayla Moritz  
Stacy Veneziano  
Kayla Moritz & Crystal Weakley  
Daycare Co-Lead Teachers

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

President: Janice Denney  
Vice President: Mark Klotz  
Treasurer: Steve Fruechtenicht  
Secretary: Audra Madison

At-Large Ministry Directors:

Ed Dane, Del Housworth  
Mark Niemann, Barbara Regnier

Member Care Ministry Team

Velma Bass, Alan & Maggie Beisert,  
Fred & Darlene Berg, Gwen Emzen, Lynn Genter,  
Brenda Goebel, Margaret Hanawalt, Virginia Harth,  
Janet Jackson-Knight, Pat King, Becca Mease,  
Cheryl Orłowski, Tom Orłowski, Mary Rogers,  
Jeff & Judy Ronk, Angie Schwalm & Pastor Ed

The tongue is a  
small thing,  
but what enormous  
damage it can do.

–James 3:5 (TLB)

**PAUL’S BUFFET VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED**

August 19 & September 16  
Sign-up sheets are in the  
Information Center. ☩



**TriviaEvent.2017**

TRIVIA FANS – *SAVE THE DATE!*  
Saturday -- September 23, 2017  
5-7 PM  
Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
8240 Blue Ridge Blvd.  
KC, MO

The cost is only \$10 per person for this event AND childcare is available at no cost. A full table (8 people) can be purchased for the discounted price of \$70 as-long-as we pre-register by September 10. If you are interested in this fun event, contact Sally or Mark Niemann by phone at (913) 240-7267 or e-mail at: [sallyniemann618@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyniemann618@yahoo.com). ☩



*Life Quotes  
from  
Lutherans  
For Life*

“Parental love is vital. In homes where children are not adored by at least one parent (or a parent-like figure), they wither like a plant without food.” – *The New Dare to Discipline*, – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org). ☩



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sunday, August 13 @ 6:00 PM** – “Back-to-School” Ice Cream Social – come meet your teachers and bring your school supplies to your classroom!

**Tuesday, August 15 @ 8:30 AM** – The Opening Chapel Service will be at 8:30 AM  
In the Sanctuary



We are seeking elementary teachers, substitutes, and aides. If you are interested please contact the School Office at 913-682-5553. ☩



### Plans are under way for this years Christmas Market!

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28, at 7 PM, in the Lower-Level Conference Room. Many plans are under way and the coordinators have been busy with preparations for this year's event: December 2 – craft vendor applications have been mailed, musical performers contacted, and the menu planned ... but there is still much to do. The committee is seeking a coordinator for the hospitality volunteers. We would also like to have an additional volunteer to play Father Christmas. We love to have new ideas and people; if you are interested please come to the committee meeting – or contact Laura Elkins (913-351-3649) or the Church Office (913-682-0387). ☩



The **Alliance Against Family Violence (AAFV)** is a non-profit organization founded in October 1984 to assist victims/survivors of domestic violence in Leavenworth County. They will be holding their Annual **“Night of Empowerment”** fundraiser on Friday, August 11, at the Schwinn Produce Farm. At this time, they are in need of Silent Auction items and monetary donations to support the event. If you would like to help, contact Suzanne Morris (913-682-8979). ☩



In August, we'll meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon – the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple (with two chatty young daughters) move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations. Fredrik Backman's novel – “**A Man Called Ove**” – about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

September will bring us to the “**Illusionist's Apprentice**,” by Kristy Cambron. Not all illusions happen on the stage. Wren Lockhart, apprentice to master illusionist Harry Houdini, uses life on a vaudeville stage to escape the pain of her past. She continues her career of illusion after her mentor's death, intent on burying her true identity. But when a rival performer's act goes tragically wrong, the newly formed FBI calls on Wren to speak the truth – and reveal her real name to the world. She transfers her skills for misdirection from the stage to the back halls of vaudeville, as she finds herself the unlikely partner in the FBI's investigation. All the while, Houdini's words echo in her mind: *Whatever occurs, the crowd must believe it's what you meant to happen.* She knows that if anyone digs too deep, secrets long kept hidden may find their way to the surface ... and shatter her carefully controlled world.

Set during one of the richest, most vibrant eras in American history, this Jazz Age novel of illusion, suspense, and forgotten pasts will challenge us all to find the underpinnings of faith on our own life's stage.

The **Reading Circle** meets at they've 10 AM the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month – *but for this month of July, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday!* – at the Kansas Country Store, 728 Cherokee St., in Leavenworth. *Questions? Book suggestions? Contact Becca Mease (547-0763; [rmease@kc.rr.com](mailto:rmease@kc.rr.com)).* †

### STEWARDSHIP IN REVIEW

Date	Worship Attendance	Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	Offerings
07-02-2017	95	No Classes	
07-09-2017	122	<i>122</i>	
<i>07-16-2017</i>			
<i>07-23-2017</i>			

A complete Treasurer's Report is available from the Church Office.



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”  
*(Colossians 3:12)*

The above description of “God’s chosen people” is a direction for all of us Christians. It is also a part of the “position description” for a Stephen Minister. Since we are Christians, our Lord calls us to have compassion on others, show kindness and humility. We need to be gentle and patient in our relationships with others.

In Galatians 6:2, Paul also instructs us to “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Carrying another’s burdens is exactly what Stephen Ministers have been trained to do – through hours of training in listening and understanding the various life problems which people experience. Carrying another person’s burden does not suggest that we try to solve any problems, but merely that we are there to help “carry the load.” We have, no doubt, all experienced what it feels like to share a problem with someone else, only to realize that the problem no longer seems so great since we have shared it. Sometimes there are problems in our life that we would like kept totally confidential – we wouldn’t want to talk about them with just anybody. A Stephen Minister has committed to keeping all Stephen Ministry contacts confidential and would like to help “carry your burden.”

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

Through Stephen Ministry at St. Paul, we have been able to do just that – encourage one another and build each other up. Stephen Ministry has been active in our church for more than 19 years, now. We pray that it will continue to be a way to reach out to others in our church and community. Please encourage anyone you know that might benefit from having a Stephen Minister to contact one of our Stephen Ministers, one of our Leaders, or Pastor Ed for more information. We also continue to ask you to pray for our Stephen Ministers and the care receivers that they serve.

*To learn more about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister of your own, please contact  
Pastor Ed (913-758-7624; [pastor@splcs.org](mailto:pastor@splcs.org))  
or one of our Stephen Leaders:  
Helen Genter (913-775-0710; [lgenter63@gmail.com](mailto:lgenter63@gmail.com)),  
or Eric Rathburn (913-221-2411; [rathburneric@gmail.com](mailto:rathburneric@gmail.com)). †*



We're still tired, but we're sliding back into our two-person Quiet Schedule of not doing much after whirlwind visits to-and-with family. We had a happy celebration in St. Joe for Larry's birthday: it was our first-ever trip to a Hibachi Grill. Larry did just fine with the saki that the tableside chef squirted toward his mouth: the little pieces of zucchini were a different story. Almost all of them hit the floor. The rice was delicious, and those knives the chef uses are just razors in disguise!

Our "Whole Family Dinner" at The Depot on July 1 was a delight. We shared good food and laughter and conversation. And when we looked at the family photo taken by the VERY friendly waiter, there was John Denney in the background. He was in a 9x12 framed photo standing on a safe in the corner of the room, smiling at us through the whole meal. When I commented on his presence, he said he hoped he had enjoyed the meal.

Sometimes I think that our two grandsons from Ohio will remember us as "those grandparents in Kansas where we had to work so hard every time we visited." They trimmed bushes, they planted flowers, they scraped-sanded-primed-painted the deck rails, they carried junque up from the basement to the curb for garbage. I learned again that two young men (31 and 28) can put away a LOT of pizza at one sitting as long as they have a good liquid libation to wash it down.

Our daughters found old photos of us to scatter on the tables used for Adult Sunday School on June 9. The one that generated the most comments was the one where we were 'tree huggers' at the mighty oak that stands on the grounds of President James A. Garfield's library/home in Mentor OH. Some historians credit Mrs. Garfield with starting the whole tradition of presidential libraries: I believe this is the only one where the family home serves as the library, too. We toured the library and had a picnic lunch in the beautiful park that surrounds it.

It took me several days (a WEEK!) to recover from all of the activity. We celebrated our 81<sup>st</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays and our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in grand style. Thanks for all of YOUR good wishes! During the month, I retired from 25 years at the keyboard of Rotary Club 1621: they gave me good words and a HUGE bouquet with the biggest sunflowers I'd ever seen. It was a good run.

I found more words to tickle me: I've been informed that I am an ULTRACREPIDARIAN. (Pronounced ULT-ra-KREP-uh-DAIR-ee-un) I'm "a person who gives opinions and advice outside my area of expertise. A braggart. A know-it-all. A Smarty Pants." The word, which originated in 1819, has fallen out of the Webster dictionary – but a friend thought maybe we could bring it back, perhaps in my honor. (*On second thought, maybe that wasn't a friend!*)

What do THESE words have in common? Blk Flanl, The Whiffs, Ratt, Mudcrutch, Not a Planet, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Four Fried Chicken and a Coke, The Shins, Arc Flash, Three Drink Minimum ... *give up?* They are names of bands that have appeared in the Kansas City area recently. Three Drink Minimum probably gave it away: they appeared at Haymarket Square right here in Leavenworth in mid-June.

I'm writing this BEFORE we hear the good words of Rich Bimler at this year's Saints Alive After 55 gathering in Wichita. You'll no doubt hear about his "AH-HA!" moments in next month's column!

The three-day event always offers relaxation, spiritual renewal, good food and SUPER fellowship. Try it next year! The Denneys, Fruechtenichts and Genters attended, too: they'll be ready to share.



## News from our Ladies Aid – Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

Virginia Harth will host Ladies Aid when we meet on Wednesday, August 2, at 1 PM in the Church Basement. Mites will be gathered for missions (25% will go toward the new projects adopted in Albuquerque); funds will be gathered to support our LeadAChild girl (Jennifer) in Guatemala. Roll Call will be answered by a verse referring to the Law; the video Bible Study will center around “Martin Luther: The Moment 1.”

Gifts for Kid’s Connection will be gathered: backpacks, markers, colored pencils, wrapped snacks are high on the list. Times have changed: crayons are not as welcome as once they were.

We look forward to the congregation’s support of the September “Mission of the Month” – Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The first week of October will be busy as we shop, sort, pack, and deliver the kits to the collection truck in Topeka. Our gifts will be transported to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis.

Join us as we continue to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” in our 148<sup>th</sup> year! ☩

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“Bountiful Buffet”

A note received: “The women of Trinity Lutheran Church's LWML invite the ladies of your congregation to join us for supper at our “Bountiful Buffet” on August 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 210110<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Leavenworth. Everything will be provided; only your presence is requested. Our guest speaker for the evening will be a representative from Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope which is the new title for the “umbrella” for the homeless shelter Welcome center, and the soon-to-be Day Center. They will be giving us information on the shelter and the upcoming changes and improvements. It should be a very informative and interesting presentation for all of us. We are providing you with a list of requested food items that they provide to the individuals using their services. If you desire to contribute any of these items on the night of the “Bountiful Buffet,” we will have a collection area to put them and then all items will be given to the representative to take back to the shelter.”

If you will be able to attend, let either Chyza Nelson or Velma Bass know by August 1, so that an RSVP might be given to the Trinity women. *The list of requested items mentioned to be given to the shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the entry-area of the Sanctuary for your convenience.*

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Want to help plan for, prepare for, serve at, or pray for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 7<sup>th</sup> Street Feast on Thanksgiving Day? Join us and the Food Ministry Team as we begin planning on August 9, 2016, at 7:30 PM in the Church Basement. For information talk with Joey Denney (306-6651) or John Goodloe (240-3924). ☩

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Sara Denney	11	Sandy Walton	Spencer Foster
	Tim Jordan	12	Amanda Bradford	Diana Hahn
2	David Gott		Daniel Robinson	Karena Housworth
	Adrian Nelson		Patricia King	Aleigha Williams
	Ron Tucker		Harold Schermbeck	Calvin Wilson
	Kathryn Wilson	13	Zach Floetke	22 Jessica Soto
3	James Jordan		Emmett Johnson	23 Martha VanSandt
	Sue Klotz		Jeff Ronk	Wyatt Winters
4	Sharon Bates		Philip Sickler	24 Rochelle Anderson
	Amanda Holland		Nicholas Theel	Gabrielle Carnoali
	Kandy Price	14	Laura Cribb	Billy Theel
5	Connie Denney		Seth vonSeggern	25 Jake Ernzen
6	Ava Driskell		Gage Wipf	Marcaleno Trujillo
7	Edward Grace	15	Jacey McGraw	Kevin Wendt
	Larry Hahn, Sr.	16	Alan Crute	26 Jennifer Paden
8	Diane Barrett		Joe Henry	28 Catherine Davey
	Ignacio Nelson		Rick Richter	Mark Poff
9	Kent Seeler	17	Norma Poff	29 Heidi Bernardo
	Thelma Strom		Maggie Sloop	Michelle Denney
	Steve Wagoner	18	Pat Wells	30 Emilee Orłowski
10	Loren Elkins	21	Craig Bates	31 Nicole McConnell
	Dalton Flint		Bob Cassella	
	Charles Hooper			

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lynn & Helen Genter	21	Steve & Jane Wagoner
4	Tom & Cheryl Orłowski	22	Jeff & Dawn Monroe
5	Ken & Vanda McGraw	24	Alan & Rhonda Crute
6	Ron & Sharon Bates	26	Sid & Carol Brown
7	Darryl & Kathy Pagel	28	Dallas & Asher Henry
9	Travis & Edi Pettegrew	30	Larry & Diana Hahn
	Jim & Nancy Varley		
10	Lowell & Charlotte Appleby		
11	Cliff & Laura Cribb		
13	Jarrođ & Lyndsey Laramore		
14	Harold & Anna Schermbeck		
15	Levi & Sara Denney		
16	Roger & Leah Fringer		
18	Justin & Kara Malto		
	Pastor Ed & Becca Mease		
	Al & Teri vonSeggern		

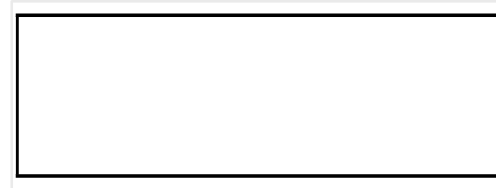


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**Sunday Worship Schedule at St. Paul**

- \* 8:00 AM – Liturgical Service
- \* 9:15 AM – Sunday School  
& Bible Classes
- \* 10:30 AM – Prayer & Praise Service

*Communion Served 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each Month*

*Adult-Staffed Nursery provided!*

**AUGUST 2017**