

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

Monthly Highlights for August

✝ Celebrate the Start of Our 155th School Year!

The Blessing of the School Year & the Installation of Faculty
followed by Boxed Dinners & Ice Cream
Sunday, August 12 – starting at 10:30 AM

✝ 1st Day of School

Tuesday, August 14
Opening Chapel Service – 8:30 AM

✝ “Single-Service Summer Sundays”

continue thru Labor Day Weekend

* *We return to two worship services
(8 & 10:30 AM; with Sunday School & Bible Classes at 9:15 AM)
on Sunday, September 9*



At St. Paul, we C.A.R.E.

**We are “Cultivating Awesome Relationships for Eternity!”
And one way we do that is by
“Personalizing a Christ-Centered Education
that Develops the Whole Child.”**

On Becoming “the St. Luke’s of Leavenworth”

Dear Christian Friends!

By the end of this month, you and I will have served together in ministry for two-dozen years – my installation as your Senior Pastor was on August 28, 1994. It is with gratitude to both our Lord and to those who have been a part of His family here during these 24 years (and for the 133 years prior) that I reflect on our work together in His kingdom.

While preachers are often known to say much, I also hope and pray that much of what I’ve said (or written, or demonstrated by my actions) has furthered your life in Christ. While recently cleaning out some files, I spent some time in my “St. Paul/Leavenworth” file – where I was reminded of the words offered by one of you prior to my acceptance of the divine call extended to me in early June of 1994 ... the second such call. I’d like to share those words here, in which the writer was reflecting on the ministry of the three pastors who had served you during the two years of pastoral vacancy:

“As mighty as their work has been and will continue to be, it lacks the permanence of the vision and focus that I believe is His purpose for your leadership of St. Paul Lutheran Church & School at Leavenworth.

I commend this ideal to you – it is the one which forms my prayers.”

It was only shortly after my ministry began here that I shared a part of my vision for our ministry ... with these words: “in 25 years, we will be the St. Luke’s of Leavenworth.” For those who might not understand the context of those words, or of that vision, it is this: St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of KCK ministers to the urban core, and urban poor, of Kansas City; and has done so very admirably by adopting creative models for ministry that were needed for their continued effectiveness in leading others to a life with Christ. *(Served for many years by Rev. Mike May, who is now retired, they are served by Rev. Luke Kammrath, who continues to lead the congregation in innovative ministry. We have had the privilege of partnering with them in the past, and will do so again this month as our “Mission of the Month” designee.)*

I share all of this only to let you know that we may be becoming “the St. Luke’s of Leavenworth” ahead of schedule! The 7th Street Feast, which led the way to Paul’s Buffet; Kid’s Connection; Backpack Buddies. Yes, they are all examples of ministering to our neighborhood. Our support of many local ministries and social service agencies – the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope (the Homeless Shelter, Welcome Central and the Day Center); Unity in the Community; AAFV; Lamb’s Inn; Birthright; and many others locally ... plus those nationally or globally – are all further proof of our desire to “seek the welfare of others” as we are instructed in Jeremiah 29:7.

In the coming months, I will be sharing my vision of where we are headed in our 25th year of serving together. I think that the Lord has great plans for using St. Paul Lutheran Church & School of Leavenworth, Kansas to bring those who surround us into relationship with Him.

Our future, and the vision and focus that will drive it, is indeed now the ideal which forms my prayers ... and, I pray, yours as well!

Blessings,



“Pray for us ... that God may open a door for our message ... be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity” – *from Colossians 4:3-5* ✚

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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
Pamela Robinson, Principal
Rocky Meadows, Marketing Coordinator
Dawn Booth, Church Secretary
Chyza Nelson, School Secretary
Katherine de la Cruz, Accountant
Kayla Moritz, Extended Care Director
Roxie Summers, Kid's Connection Site Mgr.
Matthew Denney, Church Custodian
Chuck Goff & Danny Roemer, School Custodians
Michelle Denney, Worship Tech
Daniel Mease, Webmaster

Teachers

Suzie Lawson Sally Niemann
Debbie Martini Susan Wells

Aides

Monica Collins Jill Gau
SarahJo Mance Karen Jessup

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

President: Janice Denney
Vice President: Mark Klotz

Treasurer: Steve Fruechtenicht, Secretary: Barbara Regnier

At-Large Ministry Directors:

Rhonda Crute, Ed Dane, Del Housworth,
Vanda McGraw, Teri vonSeggem

Member Care Ministry Team

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



More science quotes at Today in Science History todayinsci.com

PAUL'S BUFFET VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

August 18 & September 15

Sign-up sheets are in the
Information Center. †



*Life Quotes
from
Lutherans
For Life*

"What can we say to those who miscarry a child they already know and love? They are created, redeemed, and called, and God holds them in His hands." – Rev. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org. †

Save the Date!

Peace Lutheran Church (8240 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO) presents a **Music & Memories Organ Concert** on Saturday, September 29 at 3 PM.

There is no charge for the concert – which will be followed by a Dinner and Auction (there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you so choose). All funds raised go to updating PLC Fellowship Hall

Tickets for the Dinner/Auction are \$20 each (\$150 for table of 8). Questions? Call Jan, at: 816-743-0755. †



An Update
From Our President

You Are Invited; Nay, *Beckoned!*

In my June *Seed Packet* article, we were winding down the school year; but now, it's time to start talking about the new school year: the beginning of our 155th school year. Praise the Lord for all the blessings He showers on us!

The start of school brings lots of new things. New clothes and school supplies, shiny classroom and hallway floors, new friends (and new gatherings of old friends), and new opportunities to share Christ's love with everyone we meet.

We, at St. Paul, will be new to some school families, staff, and others who will be sharing life with us as a congregation after moving to the area this summer. Typically, spring is considered a time of newness and growth; but for us, the start of the school year is like spring. *The old has gone, the new is here.* (II Corinthians 5:17b)

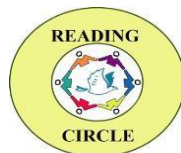
To mark this exciting time at our church and school, we are planning a start-of-the-school year blessing and celebration. And, you are invited! You are more than invited; you are *beckoned* to join in the celebration ... just as the woman after losing one of her ten coins, lit a lamp and scoured the house, and after finding the coin, calls her friends and neighbors and bids them "Celebrate with me!" (Luke 15:8-10)

Sunday, August 12 – that's the day for celebrating our School's Ministry as we begin our 155th school year. There will be a special "Blessing of the School Year" and Installation of our Faculty during the "summer single-service" worship service at **10:30 AM**, followed by a Back-to-School boxed dinner in the gym. Our senior youth will be providing activities for the children ... *and for all adults who would like to have their faces painted.* After an opportunity for the children to meet their teachers and drop off their supplies in the classroom, the afternoon will conclude with ice cream for everyone.

Join me, staff, and leadership along with the school families as we celebrate this ministry and the Lord's hand in it!

Janice Denney, President ☩





Three sisters about to celebrate their parents' 40th Wedding Anniversary find themselves at their father's funeral and mother's murder trial in "One Last Dance," a tale of family secrets, scandals and passion by Eileen Goudge. The Seagrave sisters are emotionally unfulfilled despite their accomplishments: Daphne, a novelist married to a doctor, cannot forget her childhood sweetheart; while homespun cafe entrepreneur, Kitty, yearns to adopt a child; and newly divorced

real estate agent, Alex, is drowning in mounting debt. When their mother shoots their father without explanation or apology, the daughters investigate the rumors and suspicions they have ignored all their lives to confront the truth about their philandering parent. In the small town where they grew up, the Seagraves were a picture-perfect family and their father a respected pillar of the community. Frustrated by the lies of old friends and their mother's stubborn silence, the sisters gain support from Daphne's ex-boyfriend (now the prosecuting DA), Alex's patient ex-husband and Kitty's energetic young lover.

In a mixture of soap opera and modern romance, Goudge occasionally overdoses on inner torment, but she explores intense family relationships, and the reader will keep turning pages just to make sure the heroines find the happiness they deserve. Join us in August for this book.

For September, we are reading a book by first-time novelist, Becca Mease – a retelling of Job's story through his wife's viewpoint. Those who regularly attend the Reading Circle already have this fictionalized account of Job's wife's view of their family's ordeal (the rest of us await their reviews!).

The Reading Circle meets at 10 AM the **2nd Saturday** of each month (except December) at the Kansas Country Store, 728 Cherokee St., in Leavenworth. *Questions? Book suggestions? Contact Becca Mease (547-0763; rmease@kc.rr.com).* †

LOCAL YARD/GARAGE SALE

Hosted by Carolyn Donald & Barbara Regnier

August 11 – 8 AM til 12 Noon

1218 Kiowa St (Leavenworth)

Lots of STUFF! (& *maybe a little bartering!*)

Need more info? Call Barbara, at: 913-547-1185

Hiring: Part-Time Lawn/Maintenance Position @ Lv County Council on Aging

Interested persons may pick up an application at the COA – 1830 S. Broadway; Leavenworth.

For more detailed information, call Scarlet, at: 913-684-0777.

STEWARDSHIP IN REVIEW

Date	Worship Attendance	Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	Offerings
07-01-2018	90	12/29	6889.60
07-08-2018	98	12/24	9370.60
07-15-2018	98	10/23	14181.96
07-22-2018	90	15/24	3288.60

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

Follow-up on Financial Plan Question

If you were at the Voters' Assembly in May, you may recall there was discussion about the new process of including all school fees (except the annual enrollment fee) into a single tuition amount – now known at the Parental Education Investment. This meant that book and material fees typically collected and deposited into the book fund each year are now included in tuition and accounted for as school tuition income. That raised questions, including: how the book fund will be replenished moving forward; did this action result in an overstating of income; and did this discovery result in a material misrepresentation of the financial plan? At the meeting, I shared that the amount of in question was somewhere between \$25,000 and \$40,000. I also said this issue would be addressed.

The book fund is used for a variety of purposes including the purchase of new curriculum, consumables (workbooks and materials needed each year), and classroom supplies. The fund is also used for school expenses and projects not included in the annual financial plan. This is a discretionary fund available to the school's administrative team. While the book fund is included in the asset section of the treasurer's balance sheet, the expenses are not recorded in the income/expense statement. The School Ministry Team reviews the income and expenses of the book fund on a regular basis.

To "grow" the book fund, money will be transferred to the fund in September. The amount transferred from our general operating fund will reflect the amount we would have collected in book and material fees based on last year's rates and this year's number of students at the time of the official state census in September. The fee is based on the grade level and, based on current enrollment projections, will likely be somewhere around \$20,000. The amount transferred will show on the income/expense statement as a reduction of tuition. This plan for handling the transfer of funds has been shared with both the School Ministry Team and the Ministry Directors – and you will see the final figures at our next semi-annual Voters' Assembly on November 18, following the late worship service.

If there are further questions, please contact me (Janice Denney, President) or the Church Office. Thanks for your continued support of the ministries of St. Paul Lutheran Church & School! ☩

The logo for the Voters' Assembly, featuring the words "Voters' Assembly" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. The text is slightly shadowed and appears to be floating above a light blue gradient background.



Technology is wonderful. I don't understand it, and it doesn't always work for me (my cell phone won't ring right now, it just buzzes even when it isn't on silent), but I know it's a mile ahead of the old phone that used to hang on the wall of our farm-house and ring a special ring on our 14-family party line. I know how to scroll past all of the political stuff (*wow, people can be arrogant and mean in their opinions!*) and I love to see photos of the two great-great nephews and one great-great niece in two homes in Illinois. The puns fly fast-and-furious from friends from coast-to-coast – and I even learned from a great tutorial How To Fold A Fitted Sheet.

Last month I saw a familiar name in a comment under a friend's post from the Wichita area: Hartung. That was my Mom's maiden name, so I asked the friend who the posting person was and learned that she's related to friend Mary on the husband's side. BUT she is also related by marriage to my Mom's family, and through posts I have become e-mail acquainted with cousins and half-cousins in north-central Missouri that I haven't known very well in my lifetime. So now I receive even MORE great mail that brings a smile to my face.

One cousin wrote the following notes that might apply to married men reading this page:

... A wise man once said nothing.

... Never make a woman mad. They can remember stuff that hasn't even happened yet.

... Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License agreement. In the end, you have to ignore everything and just click "I agree."

Then he added these statements that apply to anyone, anytime, anywhere:

... Some things are better left unsaid. And I usually realize it right after I say them.

... Been there, done that. Then, been there several more times because apparently I never learn.

... Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Remember when you were young and you were pretty certain that you'd know EVERYTHING when you got older? *Ha!* I'm always learning. THIS month I learned that heat exhaustion caused by dehydration can happen even when you haven't been outside working in the heat, or walking in the heat, or sitting in the heat. It can catch up with you, even in the middle of the night. So hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Medical people aren't kidding when they say that a lack of plain old water can lead to disorientation, dizziness, nausea, and clammy skin.

And, this month, I learned what the inside of The Little Bar looks like, and that the proprietors are fine, friendly, kind folks. Only took us 56 years to investigate the landmark so close to our house!

Are you getting rather used to only one service on Sunday morning? Are you going to be ready to go back to two after Labor Day? I even have time to start the Sunday crossword puzzle before leaving for worship this summer! And you still have a month to come to adult Bible Study to share one of the best books I've ever read: "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart." Of course, the Bible in all of its translations and paraphrases is the best book of all: use these hot, old summer days to spend a little more time reading it in your cool, air-conditioned house.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

With summer more than 2/3 over, and the start of the school year coming up soon, it's time to welcome everyone back from vacation trips and meet those who are new to St. Paul. The Stephen Ministry of St. Paul is here to serve you.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Stephen Ministry, here is a brief introduction:

- Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. (This could be anything such as illness, death in the family, family crisis, a recent move, birth of a child, job change, and so on.)
- Stephen Ministers have undergone more than 50 hours of training before they begin serving and then they receive “continuing education” throughout their time of service. They meet together with other Stephen Ministers and Leaders monthly to support one another in their ministry.
- Strict confidentiality is practiced.
- A Stephen Minister is assigned to a person who has requested the service of a Stephen Minister. This can be done by contacting Pastor Ed or one of our Leaders. (*See the listing below.*)

Over the years, our church has trained quite a few Stephen Ministers. Our currently active Stephen Ministers are: Velma Bass, Pam Floetke, Helen Genter, Lynn Genter, Margaret Hanawalt, and Eric Rathburn. We still have a number of trained Stephen Ministers at St. Paul who have gone to the “inactive” status. Thank you to all those who have served over the years!

There are still 4 weeks left of our study of the book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. Please join us at 9:15 AM during the Bible Class hour on Sunday mornings in the Church Basement as our Stephen Ministers lead the discussion on this excellent book.

If we can be of service to you – to lend a listening ear, or to answer your questions about becoming a Stephen Minister – please contact Pastor Ed (913-758-7624; pastor@splcs.org) or one of our Leaders: Helen Genter (913-775-0710; lgenter63@gmail.com) or Eric Rathburn (913-221-2411; rahtburneric@gmail.com).

There are many Scripture references about helping one another, but one seems to be used more than others when we think of Stephen Ministry:

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2



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

The afternoon group of our LWML will meet on Wednesday, August 1, at 1 PM in the Church Basement. Janet Jackson-Knight is our hostess for the afternoon – she will also lead our Bible study: “Be Still and Know That I Am God,” by Jean McCain. Roll Call will be answered by a Scripture verse about learning (knowledge, training, etc.). Mites will be received for missions and Jennifer’s Jar will be available for LeadAChild support.

Since it is “Back to School” month, we will bring school-type gifts (no crayons: markers are the “in” thing) for Kid’s Connection. Sharon Adams has been authorized to buy 10 backpacks: we will place our gifts (wrapped snacks are also good) in them for delivery.

All of the women of the parish are included in our invitation to attend the “Bountiful Buffet” at Trinity Lutheran Church on Monday, August 13, at 6:30 PM. Past experience tells us that the evening is well-named: the buffet tables sag in the center! The guest speaker for the evening will be from CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates. Please let President Velma (913-682-8942) know by Sunday, August 5, if you will be able to attend.

You are welcome to join us at all of our meetings and activities. Try us: you might like us! ☩



Dear Fellow Members,

When we last “talked” money as a congregation at our Voters’ Assembly on May 29, we were projecting a Financial Plan deficit of roughly \$150,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018. Preliminary figures are now in for June, and our yearly deficit stands at \$128,610.82. Final numbers for 2017-2018 will not be available until our annual Financial Review is conducted (our Accountant, Katherine de la Cruz, has started that process with our outside auditors).

Thank you for your support of God’s work here at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School.

Steve Fruechtenicht, Treasurer ☩

A HUGE (indoor) FLEA MARKET!

August 4 – 9:30 AM til 12 Noon

at the EAGLES (20th & Cherokee Sts., Leavenworth)

“U-price-it” items

Biscuits & Gravy, etc. for sale (indoors)

‘Golf Ball Drop’ game (outdoors) ... and more activities!

= All proceeds will benefit the COA Senior Express transportation service of the Leavenworth County Council on Aging



"SINGING THE FAITH" WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, August 25

Time: 9 AM til 3:15 PM

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church (901 SW Fillmore; Topeka)

Cost: \$25, Lunch Included

For more information on this Worship Conference, go to St. John's website: www.stjohnlcmstopeka.org. To respond if you are attending, or for any further questions, please email Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org) by August 19. Payments can be made when you arrive. ☩



Are you getting your college student ready to start classes at Northwest Missouri State University next month? Did you know that in Maryville, MO the Lutheran Campus Center & Hope Lutheran Church are open and ready to welcome all students? Check us out at www.MaryvilleHopeLLC.org. The members of Hope Lutheran Church are ready to be your college church and church family. The Lutheran Campus Center is open and ready to be your place for fellowship, bible studies, study groups, friends and fun! ☩

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for the generous gift to Cornerstone! The mission of our God is bearing fruit in Buda, TX and we are glad to be part of that work.

Last weekend we celebrated a baptism. We're talking with another person who has said they would like to be baptized. We are planning a confirmation later this month. Plus, we have friends and neighbors disconnected from church who are joining us in small group gatherings where they are hearing the gospel each week.

Your gift will help cover costs of ministry, and allow our team to continue learning alongside your pastor and leaders involved in Discipleship to Missional Communities. The tools and encouragement received through that learning community have been invaluable in supporting our lay leaders as neighborhood missionaries. We look forward to reconnecting with brothers and sisters from St. Paul in Omaha this fall.

May God richly bless you as we all find our roles in his great work. We pray together, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done" . . . in Leavenworth and Buda and all places in between!

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Behrens".

Matt Behrens, Pastor
here for you



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

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 Jim & Nancy Varley	30	Larry & Diana Hahn
11	Cliff & Laura Cribb		
13	Jarrold & Lyndsey Laramore		
15	Levi & Sara Denney		
18	Justin & Kara Malto Pastor Ed & Becca Mease Al & Teri vonSeggern		

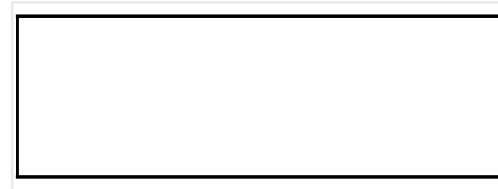


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Communion Served 1st & 3rd Sundays of each Month

AUGUST 2018

Adult-Staffed Nursery provided!