

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠  
Kenesaw, NE

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Guest Organist: Betty Bittfield

Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Jenna Jaeschke

Divine Service 10:00am

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**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Pledge** - *In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest field, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.*

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**LWML Sunday**

**October 4, 2015**

**"Seek First the Kingdom of God"**

**Divine Service, Setting Four p. 203**

**Opening Hymn p. 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

**Confession and Absolution p. 203**

**Litany for LWML Sunday**

P: Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we gather to worship You this day, many of us have worries. May our hearts be open to trust You.

**C: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.** *(Philippians 4:6)*

P: Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we gather to sing praises to You this day, many have distractions. May our eyes be opened to focus on You.

**C: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.** *(Isaiah 41:10)*

P: Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we gather to hear Your Word today, we are clinging to so many things! May our hands be opened to let go of the things of this world while clinging to You and Your Word!

**C: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?** *(Matthew 6:26)*

P: Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we gather to receive Your forgiveness, our minds are elsewhere. May our mouths be opened to shout hallelujahs to You for Your mercy and grace!

**C: Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.** *(Matthew 6:31-32)*

P: Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we gather to receive Your body and blood today, may our hands be folded in prayers of thanksgiving to You for Your forgiveness!

**C: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.** *(Matthew 6:33)*

**ALL: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy! Guide us through the power of Your Holy Spirit, as we seek to put You and Your eternal Kingdom first in our lives! Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis p. 204**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 205**

**Old Testament Isaiah 49:8-16**

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for He

who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up.

Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me.

### Epistle I Corinthians 4:1-13

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the filth of the world, the refuse of all things.

*Alleluia and Verse* p. 205

### Holy Gospel Matthew 6:24-33

(Jesus said) "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day p. 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering and Musical Offering

◆ Service of the Sacrament p. 208 ◆

*\*Parents are welcome to bring their children to the altar for a blessing\**

Communion Hymn p. 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Nunc Dimittis *Song of Simeon* p. 211

Post Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus and Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn p. 644 "The Church's One Foundation"



### St. Paul's Mission Calendar

**Today** 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
 ♦ 10:00 AM Communion Worship (common cup)  
 After worship Board of  
 Evangelism/Stewardship

**Mon.** 9:00 AM Bible Study

**Wed.** 10:00 AM Worship at Premier Estates  
 3:30 PM Midweek  
 7:00 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Choir

**Thurs.** 2:00 PM Pastors' Conference, Christ Lutheran

**Tues. - Thurs.** Preschool

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**LWML Celebration Sunday!** Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout the community and the world. Today the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Together, we offer our praise using the theme "Seek First the Kingdom of God," based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33, in worship and invite you to learn more about the missions and ministry of the LWML.

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**New Members:** Today, we welcome new members into the fellowship of St. Paul's, Joel and Nicole Ferguson, and their newborn son, Ryder. Also received as a member is Gale Torske, who was baptized into Christ's family on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, in a private baptism. We are so pleased to have them as part of our St. Paul's family. May God richly bless each of them!

**✠ Mark 10:6** "But from the beginning of creation. . ." In recent years our country, along with most all Christian nations of Europe, has lost its way when it comes to marriage we have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world is from His hand.. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual; things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life. [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

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**Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes are available in the entry area if you are interested in being a part of this mission ministry. You can also use your own shoebox if you would like. Information on how to pack your box can be found at [www.samaratanspurse.org](http://www.samaratanspurse.org) Please return your filled box to the same area by the second week of November. Thank you.



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### What Children Teach Us

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that. My kids say, "Hi, God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to heaven yet. I would miss my mommy and daddy."

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

No wonder God loves the little children.

Author Unknown

Board of Evangelism/Stewardship will meet today after services in the fellowship hall.

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**Reformation /Heritage Sunday**

**Oct. 25th**

10 AM Special Worship Service

**"It's STILL About JESUS"**

German Food themed Potluck Dinner following the service. Brats, drinks, and table service will be provided. All types of food are welcome. Join in the fun & try something new! Synod plans for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation to be revealed.

*Everyone Welcome!*

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**Life Chain: Today, October 4, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. in Hastings.**

A peaceful and prayerful gathering to remind the community and its leaders that we care about the plight of the pre-born children slaughtered through daily abortion. St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Kenesaw is assigned to the block along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Burlington and Lexington Streets.

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**Fall Carnival!** It's the time of year to prepare for St. Paul's Annual Fall Carnival, October 31<sup>st</sup>. As in past years we rely on donations of pop (16-20 oz. bottles) and bags of candy to pass out to the children as prizes. If you'd like to help, please leave donations in the box provided in the entry way.

Thank you and God Bless!

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**Our Expression of Love**

**Sept 27, 2015**

Attendance 144

Current Envelope	\$1,235.00
Current Plate	648.88
Mission Envelope	5.00
Russian Orphanage	28.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,916.88</b>

# St. Paul's LYF Annual Fall Carnival

Sat., Oct. 31st  
6:00 - 8:00 PM



Fun, Games, Prizes, Candy  
Come for a hot dog, chips, and drink!

**Everything's FREE!**

*Remember it is a church sponsored event,  
so please ensure costumes are appropriate.  
Get in the spirit of the reformation!  
Come as a monk, medieval maiden, knight, etc.*

**See you there!**

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**November Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to be in  
mailboxes Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please place any news items,  
articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room. Advent  
begins November 29<sup>th</sup> Thanks!

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***Please remember these people in your prayers -***  
Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- Oct. 4 Julie Fischer
- 5 Peggy Saddler
- 8 Chelsey Jacobitz
- 10 Tracey Denkert; Janice Harms

**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels,  
Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside



**About the Cover:** When asked about divorce, Jesus affirms the Creator's design for one man and one woman to remain married for life. Christ opposes fickle relationships because of the permanence of God's act in marriage: "They are no longer two but one flesh." Christ joins husband and wife as one, making them a picture of His unwavering commitment to His Bride, the Church.

