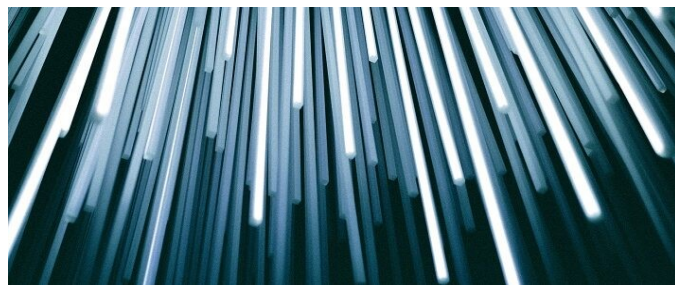




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LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION
May 1, 2022 - 9:30 am

Paul's Conversion



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

Greeting

Song

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

Prayer

Special Music

"Peal con Brio"

MS/HS & friends Bells

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Acts 9:1-19a...Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Giving it All to You"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory Hymn

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Communion

Communion Song

"Build My Life"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"We are Called"

ELW 720

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month pantry is May 7th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of pasta sauce, canned fruit, toilet paper, and bar soap.
- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see Call Process posters. We are currently in step one of the Preparation Phase: "Transition Begins." The Assistant to the Bishop working with us is Pastor Juliet Focken. Pastor Heather is serving as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **High School Summer Road Trip** With the cancellation of the ELCA Youth Gathering, we are moving forward with our own summer plans. Current 8th graders and all High School youth are invited to join us on our High School Summer Road Trip to Oklahoma City, OK July 24-28, 2022 for service learning, sightseeing, fellowship, and fun! Registration details have been emailed to parents. Contact Kelsey with questions.
- ⇒ **Knitting and Crocheting Prayer Shawls** Can you knit or crochet? Paula McDonald is looking for a group of individuals willing to make prayer shawls that she can distribute to members and friends during prayer. Reach out to Paula for more information at 402-210.6040.
- ⇒ **Thank You** to [Great Harvest Bread-Rockbrook Village](#) for kindly donating the bread for communion. Let's show them our support!
- ⇒ **Good Soil** Join us after worship today for a fun spring event for all ages! We'll begin with devotions, and then people will have the chance to plant flower seeds, paint pots, help plant our community garden, or snack and fellowship.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Good Soil Event

Monday, May 2

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 5

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 6

6:00 pm Pantry Prep
7:30 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, May 7

8:00 am Food Pantry
12:30 pm Girl Scout Event

Sunday, May 8

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Patti Evans as she recovers from a stroke. Gail Ginger as she deals with medical concerns. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Meredith Gardner, Wes & Terri Grunke's daughter; Gaylen & Billy Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother's; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Pat Roberts, Walter Robert's sister; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Dan & Ellen Gitt, Eric Gitt's father and mother; Samantha Freehling, Julie Noteman's great niece; Bill Grunke, Weston Grunke's step brother; Jimmy Moran, 10-year-old son of a friend of Troy Schnack; Josh Prochotsky, Paula McDonald's nephews son; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley, Julie Noteman's brother and sister; Aaron McDonald, McDonald's grandson.