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## NEWSLETTER

### St Paul and Hebron Lutheran Churches

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## October Birthdays

3	Dollye Novak
4	Katie Carlson
5	Phil Peterson
10	Kathryn Thurlow
11	Amber Peterson
13	Jewell Swinney
22	Betty Bevan
23	Kirsten Johnson
28	Merle Ecklund
29	Isabelle Ecklund

## Hebron News.....

**Hebron WELCA** Thurs. Oct. 19, 2:00 pm

### Hebron Council

Tana Riffel- Pres	-	924-5757
Amber Peterson	Secretary	366-6721
Tom Remy	Finance Sec	983-4828
Connie Johnson	Treasurer	983-4459
Andy Carlson		466-6571

## Anniversaries

2	Bruce & Alona Hedstrom
14	Riff & Carol Riffel
15	Ty & Amber Peterson
17	Tom & Lynley Remy

### Hebron Prayer concerns:

Glen Knuth, Robin Pritz, Tom Cain, Ethan Lif, Bob Novak, Pastor Clark Davis, Kinsley Shoup, Lisa Hanschu, Randy Mai, Jeff Peterson, Pastor Bill & Judy Peterson

**Homebound:** Naomi Nelson, Roger Peterson, Jewell Swinney, Hallie Novak, Maxine Barton

**Service Men & Women:** Joe Towey, Brett Talkington, Braden Pagenkopf  
We pray for all men and women in the armed forces serving our country throughout the world.

**Hebron Church Council** met Mon. Sept. 18, 2023, with board members Andy Carlson, Connie Johnson, Tana Riffel, Amber Peterson, and Pastor Jim Peters in attendance.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the July meeting were read by Amber and approved.

Pastor presented his report. He stated he has enjoyed the special events and celebrations of Labor Day worship at Burdick and God's Work Our Hands at St Paul. He thanked the congregation for attending the workshops with Pastor Rehwaldt. He provided dates for upcoming events: Kendall Coleman baptism and Blessing of animals on Oct. 1, and prayers for healing on Oct. 15.

Connie shared the treasurer's report.

There was discussion on the broken window at the parsonage. There is a \$2500 deductible. Will get bids to replace the glass before making the decision of turning in a claim to insurance.

Transition update – next workshop with Pastor Rehwaldt is Nov. 19, at St Paul.

Connie read a very heartfelt Thank You from Deb Wiles for the use of the church and refreshments after Stan's burial at Hebron.

A letter from the Synod was read asking for an increase in our giving to Synod. It was agreed to have the budget committee consider this for next year.

Pilsen Packrats will buy the 6 remaining old tables and take the chairs to sell at

their auction for the church. Connie is asking for help getting the tables and chairs to their auction site in Hillsboro.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting is November 20, at 7pm in the church basement.

**Bishop's On-line engagement** was held VIA Zoom on September 19. We met at St. Paul in the fellowship hall. 10 people attended. We had nachos or chips and cheese and strawberry strudel bites for dessert. Bishop shared facts about the ELCA and their vision for the future church.



When we hear the word of **God**  
it changes our **MIND**

When we speak the word of God,  
it changes our **SITUATION**

When we obey the word of God,  
it changes our **LIFE**

When we live the word of God,  
it changes the **WORLD**



**Amen**





## Hebron Labor Day Parade Float

**Hebron WELCA** met on Thursday Sept. 21, at the home of Nancy Hanson. Those attending were Betty Bevan, Delores Fisher, Nancy Hanson, Gloria Martin, Dollye Novak, and Carol Riffel. Carol opened with a devotion on a modern-day parable of Matthew 20:1-6.

Carol presented the bible study "Holy Places – Home". In baptism and communion, we receive and carry Christ in our bodies. We become holy places where Christ dwells. Home is an experience of welcome, belonging and connection that we feel with our whole selves. Home is where God comes down to earth to make God's home in our midst. As we find ourselves at home in God's love, we also love and serve our neighbors – so that together we can share the earth that is home to us all.

Carol read the minutes of the last meeting and Delores shared the treasurer's report. At Labor Day, we made \$71 on the rolls & coffee and \$175 on the bake sale.

We served drinks and cookies after the burial for Stan Wiles at the Hebron Cemetery.

Gloria thanked all that helped with the Father's Day Brunch, lunch after Stan's burial, and Labor Day.

It was decided to donate \$50 to the Council of Clubs. We will send \$150 to the Central States Synod WELCA.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Thurs. Oct. 19, at the home of Delores Fisher. Gloria Martin will lead the bible study.

## From the Pastor

I believe in the power of prayer.

Coming from a pastor, I guess that should come as no surprise. But it makes a difference to me that you're aware of this as I tell you about something I plan to offer you this month.

On Sunday, October 15, I'll be offering prayers for healing during worship at both churches. Around the middle of the service, you'll be invited, if you wish, to come forward and request specific prayers for yourself, or for someone else if that's what you would prefer. The microphone will be off and our musicians will be quietly playing in the background, so you don't have to worry about everyone hearing your request. You can also simply request a general prayer for healing and good health. Once you've done that, I'll lay a hand on your head and pray for you, and finish by anointing you with oil. By anointing I mean that I'll trace the sign of the cross on your forehead with some blessed oil.

I've made a practice of doing this every October for years and years. I don't promise any miracle cures, but on several occasions people have told me that the prayers have helped them. And, of course, any help that comes is not from me, but from the Lord. But even if nothing at all seems to happen, I still believe it's important that we pray for one another, and being held in prayer so personally and intensely is always a good thing.

I do this because I'm convinced that God wants to help us.

It's not God's will for us that we should suffer or walk around in constant pain. And when things are difficult for us, I believe that God helps us carry our burdens.

Jesus himself prayed for those who were ill or injured, often healing and restoring them in the process. And that's a big reason why I think it's wise to continue this practice. Above all, he knows what we're going through and I'm sure that he wants to help us. We can rely on his compassion. The fifth chapter of the epistle of James also speaks about the importance of praying for the sick, and for anointing them with oil.

I realize that this might seem a little strange to you and you may be hesitant to come forward. And if no one comes forward for prayers that day, I promise you that I'll be okay with it. You'll still hear from me about God's healing in the day's sermon, and the prayers that day will be a litany of prayers for healing. The sermon that day will be about half the length of what you usually get from me, to give us just a little more time for prayer.

I wanted to let you know about this in advance, so you won't be caught off guard on that particular Sunday. Please consider letting me pray for you that day. But even if you don't, know that you are still held in care by our loving God.

We'll also get to celebrate Reformation Sunday together at the end of this month, and that will be a blessing, too. God bless you and keep you this October, and always!

Pastor Jim





We encourage you to bring in pumpkins, gourds and squash for the altar area. Thank you for helping us decorate for fall .



Meals will be delivered on October 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> by St. Paul volunteers. Wanna help?? Call the church office!! We will train you!

## *Semi Annual Meeting of the Congregation*

**At St Paul will be Sunday, October 22nd immediately after worship. Please plan to attend. We need everyone's input when it comes to matters of the church.**

**We will be voting on two new council members for 2024.**

*Time to Celebrate*

## ***St Paul October Birthdays***

- 3 Evan Lawrenz
- 4 Clarendene Deatrick
- 7 Ed Perry
- 7 Pastor Jim
- 16 Hayden Mein
- 20 Jim Roberts
- 20 Galen Schneider
- 21 Aleda Koepke
- 21 Karen Donahue
- 24 Brynnley Barnes

## **St. Paul October Anniversaries**

- 6 Jeff & Dede Patterson
- 16 Tim & Myra Adam
- 26 Jay & Laurie Brunner
- 26 Steve & Kelly Donovan

## **Reminder**

*October 31<sup>st</sup> isn't just Halloween, it's also Reformation Day- the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church in Germany in 1517. His theses challenged the authority of the Cathloic Church, and sparked the historic split in Christianity known as the Protestant Reformation.*

*The grass withers, the flowers fade,  
but the word of God will stand  
forever.*



**Gold Pot Offering**

in September was \$ 56.34 and will be used to help with shipping of the quilts and Personal Care Kits our ladies made. October Gold Pot will be for Heifer International.

\$  
Treasurer's Report  
August 31, 2023

**BUDGETED Contributions:**  
**\$108,252.00**  
**ACTUAL :**  
**\$ 96,855.98**

**EXPENSESBUDGETED:**  
**\$108,252.00**  
**ACTUAL:**  
**\$ 84,146.44**

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St Paul Choir meet will meet on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.and then every Tuesday evening beginning Oct 10th at 5:30 p.m. to practice. Please join us if you are interested in being a member.

**Coming Up:**

Quilters- Tuesdays at 2:00  
Choir- Tuesdays at 5:30  
Confirmation- Every Sunday immediately following worship.

October 1  
Blessing of the Animals

October 8 & 22- 9:45  
Children's Sunday School

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Blessing of the Quilts and Care Kits

October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
Meals on Wheels

October 10<sup>th</sup>- 4:00  
Music and Worship Committee

October 15  
Service of Healing  
Gold Pot Offering

October 17<sup>th</sup>-6:00  
St Paul Council

October 19<sup>th</sup>-2:00  
WELCA at Hebron

October 28<sup>th</sup>Herington  
Fall Festival  
Trunk or Treat

October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Reformation Sunday  
St Paul semi annual meeting

**Blessing of the Animals**

October 1<sup>st</sup> at both churches during regular worship.  
See the September newsletter for all details.

**Bulletin Boards** Check out the bulletin board in the hall by the church office if you haven't yet to see pictures of all our Sunday School kids.

**Thank you** Julie Albrecht for doing the bulletin board.

And **thank you** to Dory Olsen for the bulletin board in the east entryway for pictures of God's Work, Our Hands and the one of VBS that was up before. They really add to the positive atmosphere of our church.

*" My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

1 Corinthians 15:10

**St Paul Prayer Concerns:** The family of Mike Frisbee, Beth Diepenbrock, Nita Pritz, Delores Granzow, Robin Pritz, Jason Moore, Ron Fehr, Aleda Koepke, Charlie Everhart, Alice Peterson, Bill and Judy Peterson, Bob and Hallie Novak, Hazel Wendt, Mildred Gehrke, Jill Granzow and all of our homebound.

**Confirmation Has Begun** Pastor began holding confirmation classes on September 24<sup>th</sup> with Ella Nelson and Jocelyn Lawrenz. They meet each Sunday after worship for about an hour.



**Sunday School for Pre school – 5<sup>th</sup> grade age children started on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Leaders are Andrea Nelson and Julie Albrecht. Helpers are Ella Nelson,**

**Henry Nelson and Raquel Lawrenz Please invite any kids you know to Sunday school if they do not have a church home.**

**St. Paul 2023 Council**

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|----------------|--------------|
| Dan Nelson     | 913-909-0503 |
| Megan Mein     | 913-209-2065 |
| Karen Donahue  | 785-258-4567 |
| Julie Albrecht | 785-258-0047 |
| Debbie Wendt   | 785-258-0144 |
| Roger Engle    | 785-258-2548 |
| Dede Patterson | 785-221-5586 |
| Jennie Wilson  | 785-366-3540 |

**Blessing of the Quilts and Personal Care Kits** October 8th we will have a blessing during regular worship service. Our ladies have made 55 quilts this year for the Orphan Grain Train and packed 51 Personal Care Kits. Thank you to all who donated fabric, thread and gently used sheets, towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs or nail clippers.

**CONGRATULATIONS, ELLA!**

The middle school staff members chose 7th grader Ella Nelson as the August Student of the Month. Ella participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Pep Band, Student Council, Dance, and Swim Team. Ella believes she was chosen as the student of the month because she is a kind, respectful, and responsible student and teammate. Ella also feels that she is a helpful and friendly student to all her peers and teammates. Ella is the daughter of Dan and Andrea Nelson.



**St Paul will be participating in the Herington Fall Festival on October 28<sup>th</sup> with our Trunk or Treat entry. Please let any council member know if you would like to help with this or if you would like to donate a sack of candy to pass out.**

So many tasks are done behind the scenes that we never seem to notice.

**Thank you** Conne Gentz, Karolyn Schlesener and Joyce Loe for making the quilts.

**Thank you** to all who stayed after church to attend either one or both meetings with Pastor Rehwaldt and serving on the profile committee.

**Thank you** to Craig Wendt for taking care of the outdoor sign.

**Thank you** to Gary Schubert for keeping the grass mowed.

**Thank you** Tonya Utech for the fall decorations on the tables in the basement.

**Thank you** to our song leaders, Bre Fry and Dory Olsen.

**Thank you** to all who helped with breakfast for God's Work, Our Hands.

**Thank you** to Lauren Gehrke for helping us get hooked up for the Bishop's online engagement.

**Need Your Help** It is getting to be that time of year when we need to be forming our committees for next year. As you know, there are many tasks to be done to be assured worship goes smoothly and the church is maintained. Some of the tasks that need done weekly are : Altar guild, communion assistants, greeters, offering counters, lectors, song leader, acolyte, and sound booth assistants. We have a small number of people who fulfill these responsibilities. Would you consider helping out? It would not be for every week but on a rotating basis. Some of our helpers are getting burn out. There's a sign up sheet in the narthex.

**We also are needing** a few who are willing to help with funeral lunches or dinners at church. This isn't preparing the meal but help getting it out and clean up afterwards.

**Is anyone interested in forming a social committee?** Maybe we could try to have a few activities through the year. Maybe a bus trip some where? Maybe go see a play? A bowling night? Board game evening or cards? Golfing afternoon? Any other social activities the council might approve. Please give some consideration to these things and let us know if there is any interest.

**Choir** We always encourage anyone who likes to sing to join our St.Paul Choir. You can talk to Marlyn about that and get more information.

**Fellowship Table** Help with treats on Sunday morning.

**Kansas Celts Concert** Sunday, Oct. 8, 5:30 PM at the Wilsey Christian Church. An Ice Cream Social will follow the concert. Free will offering.

**Hyllningsfest** in Lindsborg Sat. Oct. 14, with a parade at 10:00 AM. If you have never been, it is sure something worth attending. It is a community wide festival featuring Swedish folk costumes and dance, food, art, crafts parade, smorgasbord and more.

**Tshirts** Our new tee shirts seem to be a big hit and some of the people who got them wore them to deliver Meals on Wheels. What a great idea that came from Debbie Wendt. Maybe you would like to wear yours for that also. Other places might be working at F.R.E., Herington ball games, any church or synod meeting or activity. Or you might want to wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" tee shirts. Show others St Paul is active and working in the community. If you have other ideas please share them with the congregation.



# God's Work, Our Hands 9-10-2023



Top Right: Dale Kleinschmidt, Will Bernhardt and Darrel Minton serviced 16 garage doors.

Above left: Keith Albrecht weed eats at the park .

Bottom Left: Amanda Barnes pulled weeds around the ball diamond.

Below right: Dale and Marlyn, Galen and Pat, Henry, Jocelyn and Lincoln worked at Liggett Park.





The Liggett Park Crew with B. Federle, Janet Wade, Pastor Jim, and Keith Albrecht.

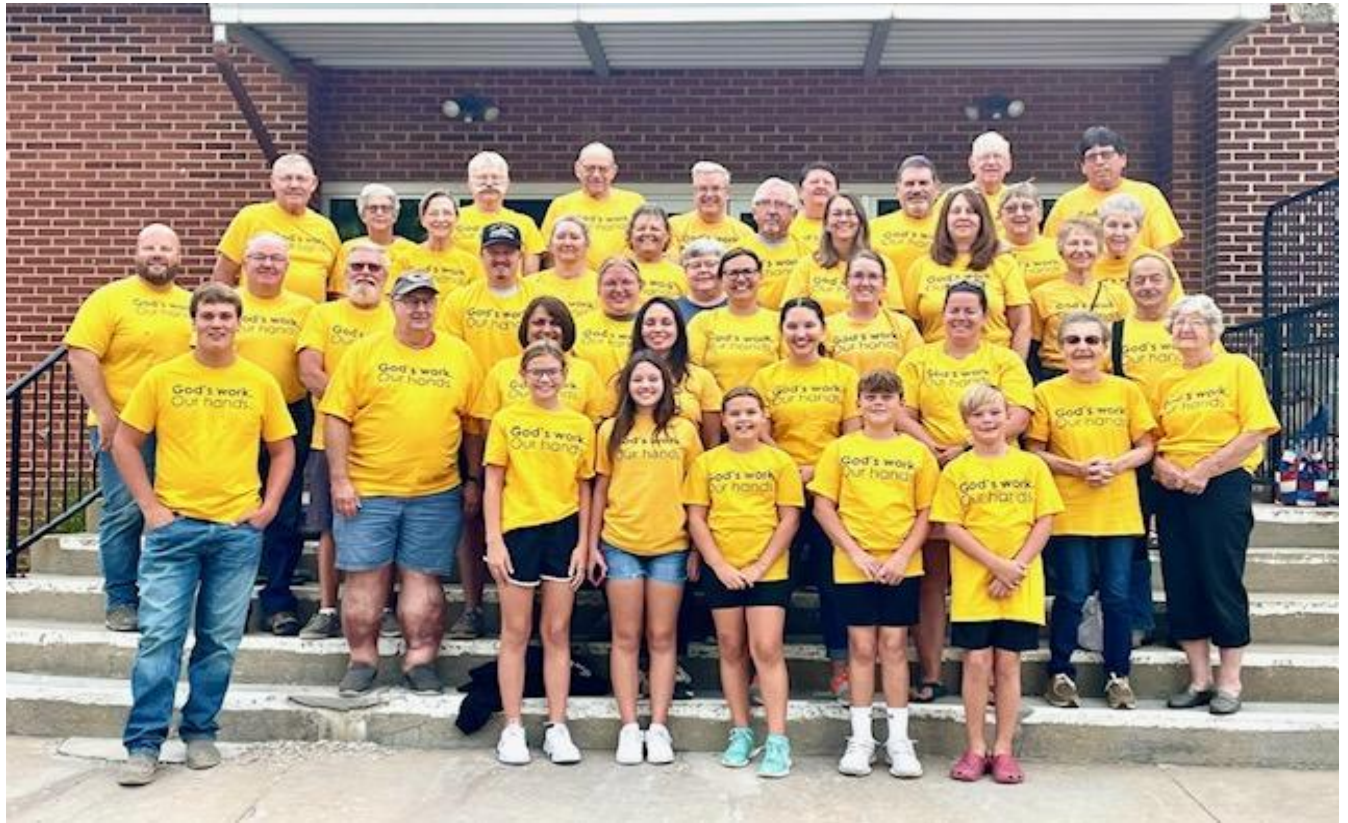
Below right: Craig Wendt, Dave Gehrke and Steve Lang work on 15 free oil changes and getting vehicles ready for winter.

Below Left: Henry and Janet work on Liggett Park corner.



Bottom Right: Dan Nelson and the kids at Rhea's cutting and hauling limbs.





***The whole gang! What a great turn out we had.***

***Keith Albrecht, Carol Miller, Karen Donahue, Vance Donahue, Frank Meyer, Pastor Jim, Steve Lang, Dede Patterson, Darrell Monton, Vicki Minton, Conne Gentz, Marlyn Diepenbrock, Debbie Wendt, Dale Diepenbrock, Craig Wendt, Dan Nelson, Dale Kleinschmidt, Dave Gehrke, Tanner Becker, Angie Becker, Cinta Becker, Shirley Meyer, Janet Wade, Andrea Albrecht, Amanda Barnes ,B. Federle, Galen Schneider, Henry Nelson, Will Bernhardt, Julie Albrecht, Vanessa , Jocelyn and Raquel Lawrenz, Megan Mein, Pat Schneider, Joyce Loe, Ella and Mae Nelson, Lincoln and Silas Barnes and we had a few absent from the photo.***



***The kids in church playing the instruments while the congregation sang the hymn "Take My Life That I May Be" The congregation always seems to love seeing the children participate.***





***Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in faith and in purity"***



# October 2023








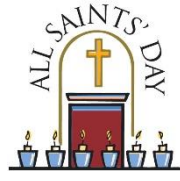
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hebron Lutheran worship =		9:30 am				
St Paul Adult Sunday School		9:30 am				
St. Paul Lutheran worship =		11:00 am				
Children's Sunday School		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays		9:45 a.m.		
1 Baptism at Hebron Blessing of the Animals Both Churches	2 Pastor out of office	3 2:00 Quilters	4 5:30 choir	5	6 Graveside Service at Sunset Hill	7 Pastor Jim Birthday
8 11:00 Blessing of the Quilts and Care Kits at ST Paul 9:45 St Paul Sun School	9 Meals on Wheels  Office Closed  Columbus Day observed Federal Holiday	10 Meals on Wheels 2:00 Quilters 4:00 Music and Worship Committee 5:30 Choir	11 Meals on Wheels 1:00 Pastor to Legacy and Council Grove	12 Meals on Wheels	13 Meals on Wheels	14 
15 Service of Healing at Both Churches Gold Pot for Heifer International	16	17 2:00 Quilters 5:30 choir 6:00 p.m. St Paul Council	18	19 2:00 WELCA at Hebron	20	21
22 9:45 St Paul Sun School St Paul semi annual meeting	23	24  5:30 choir 2:00 Quilters	25	26 	27	28 Herington Fall Festival Trunk or TReat
29 Reformation Sunday	30	31 2:00 Quilters  5:30 choir	1	2	3	4  Set clocks back when you go to bed tonight

**Confirmation- Sundays immediately after worship at St. Paul**



# October Servant Schedule

2023	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct 29 Reformation Day	Nov.5 All Saints Sunday Time Change
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Vanessa Lawrenz	Lisa Beye	Corkie Dunlap	Dale Kleinschmidt	Dede Patterson	Andrea Nelson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dory Olsen	Bre Fry	Dory Olsen	Bre Fry	Dory Olsen	Dory Olsen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Raquel Lawrenz	Hadley Friedli	Amelia Friedli	Henry Nelson	Ella Nelson Jocelyn Lawrenz	Ella Nelson
<b>Cross Bearer</b>						
<b>Greeters</b>	Debbie Wendt Conne Gentz B. Federle	Joyce Loe Jennifer Wilson Willis Bernhardt	Dede Patterson Henry and Dan Nelson	Larry & Dallas Friedli Verl & Karolyn Schlesener	Marcia Mathias Craig Wendt Carl & Deb Urbanek	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Corkie Dunlap
<b>Reader</b>	Gary Schubert	Lisa Beye	Vance Donahue	Cindy Roberts	Dede Patterson	Andrea Nelson
<b>Counters</b>	Debbie Wendt Keith & Julie Albrecht	Roger & Jayne Engle Will Bernhardt	Dede Patterson ???	Verle & Karolyn Schlesener Larry & Dallas Friedli	Marcia Mathias Craig Wendt Carl & Deb Urbanek	Rodney & Dawn Wilson Dave and Rita Gehrke
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary & Carol Schubert	Gary & Carol Schubert	Gary & Carol Schubert	Gary & Carol Schubert	Gary & Carol Schubert	Conne Gentz ??
<b>Sound Crew</b>	Jennifer Wilson Tanner Becker	Cinta Becker Tanner Becker	Angie Becker Tanner Becker	Rodney & Jennifer Wilson	Henry Nelson Tanner Becker	Dale Diepenbrock Tanner Becker

**Notice for Lay Servants:** If you can't serve as scheduled please find someone on the schedule that would trade with you.

**October 2023**

(785-258-3430)

Hebron	9:30 am	Worship
St. Paul =	9:30 am	Adult Ed.
	11:00 am	Worship



*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our  
God"*

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to make us  
woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to  
fight. On earth he has no equal.*