

March—April
2021

The Epistle



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Notes from Pastor Krenz

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Dear friends and members of St. Paul's,

Easter is just around the corner, so allow me to share a few resurrection thoughts.

The resurrection of Christ is true. When the Scriptures speak of the resurrection of Jesus it is not proclaimed in a symbolic way. It is not a mere metaphor for new birth. We believe, teach, and confess the truth that Christ literally and physically shattered death by rising from the grave. Why does that matter? The true/real Jesus now lives to intercede on our behalf (Hebrews 7:25).

The resurrection of Christ is tied into our baptism. The benefits of the resurrection are given through the water and Word of Baptism. Baptism connects us in a real way, to the death and resurrection of Christ. "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4

No resurrection, no faith. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians that if Christ did not rise from the dead, his followers are to be pitied more than any other people. If Christ did not physically rise then all our religious acts would be utterly worthless and a colossal waste of time. (1 Cor. 15:7). As those who by faith are attached to the resurrection of Christ, we can be assured the devil, the world, and our old nature will not have the final say.

We look ahead to the last day. The Scriptures certainly attest to our going to heaven after our final breath here on earth. Jesus told the thief on the cross "Today you will be with me in paradise". Yet the Bible also speaks of Christ physically coming again to judge the living and the dead. We do not know when he will come, but when he does the final resurrection to life will take place for all believers and creation itself will be changed. This future reality changes the way we view our present reality, especially when various calamities shake us to the core. Rather than being the sign of God's failure to care for the world, these are the signs that Savior is soon on the way (Matthew 24:80). What a glorious day that will be!

Have hope filled Lenten and Easter season.

~Pastor Krenz



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Member Highlights

Mark & Deb Eischer



Deb and Mark knew Pastor Theiss and his family from Lutheran High School South where their kids were all classmates. St. Paul's liturgical worship tradition and pastoral care were the main factors that drew them here. They have been members here since 2013.

Deb is from Northbrook, Illinois and Mark is from Frankenmuth, Michigan. Deb taught Family & Consumer Science (Home Ec.) at Lutheran High School South. She retired in 2013. Mark is the announcer for "The Lutheran Hour" radio program. They live in Oakville, Missouri and have three children and one grandson. Their daughter Liz is on staff at the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida. Her husband Andrew is a field producer for the Golf Channel. Their son Austin will be 2 years old in February but he already understands the difference between a driver and a putter. Their daughter Sarah lives in the Ballwin/Valley Park area and is a graphic designer for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Their son John is an electrical engineer with Applied Research Labs at the University of Texas in Austin.

Deb and Mark say they have not experienced a lot of change in the time they've been here. They are thankful for the continuity of Word and Sacrament ministry from Pastor Theiss to Pastor Krenz. Like everyone else, they are trying to adapt to the ongoing changes and disruption brought about by the pandemic.

Mark has served on the Board of Elders for several years now. Deb sews together fabric panels for the Quilters. We are part of Pastor Sievers' Bible Study group.

This verse has influenced the Eischer's faith life: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). Mark's confirmation verse is "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

Mark likes hymns by Paul Gerhardt and Steven Starke, also "Lord, Let at Last Thine Angels Come" and "Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won." Deb's favorite hymns are "The Church's One Foundation" and "Now Thank We All Our God."

Chloe Hrabusicky



Chloe lives in Smithton, IL. Her mom grew up in Columbia and her grandparents still live here, so she has been very familiar with Columbia her entire life and loves the town!

Growing up, Chloe was raised Catholic and went to grade school at St. John the Baptist and graduated from Althoff Catholic High

School. She attended Concordia University Chicago and earned a Bachelor's in Elementary Education (2016-2020). During her time there, she became familiar with the Lutheran church and found herself closer to God in a way she never imagined possible. During her junior year she took Confirmation classes and was confirmed by Pastor Jeff at the University. She also became friends with Anna Krenz that year. The first thing she found out about Anna was that she was moving to Columbia and her dad was a pastor. Chloe talked to Pastor Jeff about it and found out he and Pastor Krenz were close friends. She decided to attend services at St. Paul's over Christmas break and felt immediately at home and has been coming ever since!

Chloe's favorite Bible verse, also her confirmation verse, is Revelation 21:5 "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" Chloe believes this verse is a powerful reminder that through Christ we are made new!

In her free time, Chloe enjoys reading, watching TV, exploring the St. Louis area, hiking, crafting, and spending time with family, friends, and her cat Ruth.

UPDATED GRAVESITE PRICING & BURIAL FEES

Points of Contact

Randy Moeckel	618.558.5402
Gina Search	618.719.6483

Gravesite Pricing

St. Paul's Members:	\$600
Other LCMS churches:	\$800

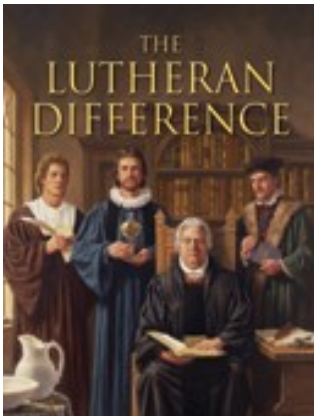
Burial Fees*

Funerals, M—F:	\$850 (\$425)
Funerals, Sat:	\$900 (\$450)
Cremation, M—F:	\$400 (\$200)
Cremation, Sat:	\$450 (\$225)
Infant Burial:	\$175 (\$100)

*includes grave opening/closing fee



The Lutheran/Christian Difference



Baptism

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

Who or what gives us our identity? The answer to this question gets at the heart of who we are, and how we view ourselves. At various times we may view our identity through the lens of a job, our family, our skill set or lack thereof,

health, financial status, intellect, and the list go on. Our Savior would have us find our identity to Him, and for that to happen He must come down and enter our world. We know He did just that through His birth, perfect life, death, resurrection, and Ascension. Yet, for us to access the forgiveness, life, and salvation He won for us we need something called faith or trust. How does one get faith? That happens through His Word, and a key way

His word of promise lands in our life is through the gift of Baptism. When Martin Luther was troubled, he would often console himself with these words. *"But I am baptized"*. He did not say "I was baptized" (past tense), but rather he spoke of his baptism in the present tense. Through faith in Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit working through the promised Word of Baptism rejoice he is so gracious to give you such an identity.

About this column.: The purpose of this column is to state clearly what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutheran Christians. Using the word "Lutheran" in the title does not mean to denigrate other Christians, for much of what will be stated finds an "amen" in many Christian circles. Rather, it is intended to bring out our Lutheran/Biblical heritage in order to bring more depth of understanding to your God-given Christian faith.

Lutheran/Christian Resources to strengthen your faith:

- KFUE Radio 850 AM
- The God Whisperers Podcast
- Being Lutheran Podcast
- Issues Etc. Podcast

Historic Church & School

First, a few notes of thanks. . . .

Thank you **Rick Gullen, Rex and Carol Hancock, Kevin Miller, Helen, Karl, Kendra, and Maddie Nowak** for trimming the shrubbery and cleaning up other yard debris around the property in December. It is great to see the windows again.



Thank you **Steve Lake** for mowing and trimming the property. There isn't much grass, but it does require regular attention.

Thank you **Marianne May** for maintaining the flower beds. Her green thumb and dedicated work around the historic buildings and the main church are greatly appreciated.

Stop by the historic buildings sometime to take a look. They were beautifully restored and are certainly an asset to St. Paul's. To see the inside of the buildings, call **Jean Kirk** (618.281.5294) or **Marilyn Snider** (618.281.7264).

Keep these buildings in mind if you are planning an event. In April, we have a confirmation luncheon and our second wedding scheduled. We continue to have a number of rentals for other small gatherings as well. Consider renting one or both of the buildings for your next event or family gathering. We also rent the spaces by the hour for monthly club/organization meetings.

Restroom facilities and a full kitchen are available in the school. Maximum occupancy limits are 60 for the church and 40 for the school. Consider COVID-related precautions when planning your event.

Sunday School News

We did not meet in-person in January, but offered videos on YouTube. A special thank you to Alicia Benning and the Koenigstein Family for putting these together. If you haven't seen them yet, check out the link on our church website - they are pretty good! In February we resumed in-person classes as well as parent-led Sunday School at home.

Lessons for March:

- 7th - The Provided for Prophet - God Provides for Elijah
- 14th - The Consuming Fire - Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
- 21st - The Whirlwind Ascent - Elijah is Taken to Heaven
- 28th - Healing Waters - Namaan and Elisha



If you are interested in teaching or want information about the parent-led lessons, contact Karen Mueller at 618.806.4369.

Save the Dates! VBS 2021: Sun., June 20 - Thurs. June 24

Board of Finance

Thanks be to God! Weekly offerings have been coming in regularly. Along with large gifts from the Estate of Maurice and Myrtle Schneider and proceeds from the parsonage sale, our accounts are overflowing at approximately \$500,000!. We have established a committee to develop a strategy for uses for these wonderful gifts and will present our ideas to the voters this fall. If you have ideas for how to use these funds, contact one of the following committee members: Mary Colyer, Jackie Haberl, Steve Howell, Kevin Koenigstein, Pastor Krenz, Lisa Schmidt, Bob Thoma, or Luci Washburn. The committee plans to meet once a month through the middle of the summer.

Cousins Baptized in January



Demi Lee Roediger and Flynn Patrick Reichert were baptized on January 3rd. They are pictured here with their parents, the Reicherts on the left and the Roedigers on the right. These precious little ones are the grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Roediger.

Easter Lily Order Form

Place your order for Easter lilies by March 15th. These will be displayed in our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fill out this form and include \$8.50 for each plant ordered. Place your order form along with payment in an envelope marked **"Easter Lily"** in the offering drop box or send to the church office. Make check payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church." Questions? Contact Kathy Stechmesser, 618.281.4670. Thank you!!

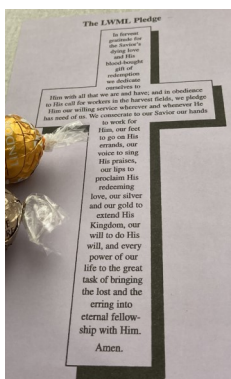
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_____ \$8.50/lily Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Circle One: In memory of _____ In honor of _____ In thankfulness for _____

LWML/Ladies League

Our January 7th meeting featured a Bible study from the LWML Quarterly entitled "Gold, Frankincense, and ME!" presented by Wanda Gross. At our February 4th meeting Pastor Krenz presented a Bible study entitled "God's Mission in the Book of Jonah." We received new Confirmation Prayer Friends in January and will draw names for a new Ladies League Prayer Friend



each month.

On March 4th, Nancy Radentz will present "Getting to Know Us."

Come prepared to share something about yourself or your life (funny, hobby, travel, personal) and we'll see where we go!

In April we will meet on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month, so mark your calendars for April 8th! Ruth Nelson will discuss world missions.

The 2021 LWML 39th Biennial Convention registration is open. The convention will take place in Lexington, KY on June 24-27, 2021. Pastor Krenz is planning to attend. For more information go to lwml.org/2021-convention.

We continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks and mask. All ladies are welcome! Questions? Contact Wanda: 618.281.4691.



In order to encourage everyone to be 'more intentional' in reaching out to others in Christian love and care, the Board of Christian Outreach is providing specific outreach suggestions in each newsletter. OOpS stands for **O**utreach **O**pportunity **S**uggestions

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT!

One reason faithful Christians often say they don't intentionally share their faith with others is because they simply "Don't know how to do it!" If that's one of your reasons, our we encourage you to sign up to attend one of the **THINK AND TALK MORE ABOUT JESUS workshops** that Pastor Sievers will facilitate here at St. Paul's this spring and fall, pandemic permitting. Why? Because if you attend one of these workshops, you will learn how to have a "spiritual conversation" with others when the opportunity arises and the Holy Spirit rises in you to take advantage of it. And, that's this month's **OOpS!**

Sign Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the fund for new outdoor signs. Over \$12,000 was donated specifically for this project with the balance covered by a gift from the Schneider Estate. A special thank you to Carol Ericson and Levi Ottwell who will be maintaining the messages on the Route 3 sign.

Lenten Services & Devotions

This year's Mid-Week Lenten service theme is "Return from Exile" and will connect major Old Testament events to the blessings of Christ. Wednesday services are at 9:30 a.m. (masked) and 6:30pm services and will include the Lord's Supper. Holy Week Services times are noted below and on the calendar.

- Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday. Heart to Heart: Sackcloth and Ashes to Robes of Righteousness
- Feb. 24th Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven.
- Mar. 3rd Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion
- Mar. 10th Out of Egypt: Through the Water"
- Mar. 17th Tree to Tree; The Tree of life to the Cross"
- Mar. 24th Death to Resurrection: The Wilderness to the promised Land
- *Apr. 1st Maundy Thursday. Meal to Meal: The Passover to the Lord's Supper. 6:30 p.m.
- *Apr. 2nd Good Friday. Sin Bearer to Sin-Bearer: The Day of Atonement 6:30 p.m.
- *Apr. 4th Easter. Welcome Home! 6:30, 8, & 10:30 a.m. (masked)

*No registration required for any services starting April 1st or thereafter.

Lenten Devotionals. "Return to the Lord" Lenten devotionals that are available to pick up on the narthex table. Feel free to take extras for friends and family.



New digital sign on Route 3



Refurbished sign on Bottom Avenue

Meet Our Missionaries—Life Network of Southern Illinois

Life Network of Southern Illinois is a pregnancy resource center that was established in 1993. It is committed to reaching out to men and women that find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy by providing accurate information and resources regarding life in the womb, STIs, and parenting. They have offices in Waterloo (618.939.4224) and Red Bud (618.282.4225) and a 24/7 helpline (800.712.4357).

When faced with an unexpected pregnancy, many consider abortion as the only option with little consideration of the devastating consequences. At Life Network, they believe that ALL life is precious and that they have been called by God to do all they can to protect that life.

Life Network's mission is to offer compassion, love, and TRUTH to everyone that walks through their doors. Our community is filled with young people facing difficult decisions due to poor choices they have made. A crisis pregnancy or an STI was not part of their plan and they desperately need guidance and hope. Life Network's greatest desire is that their clients see the love of

Jesus and in turn, they will find the hope that He offers. When that happens, they know that children will be saved.

Making the decision to keep a baby is just the beginning. Life Network supports their clients throughout pregnancy and beyond. Their Learn & Earn BrightCourse Program consists of Parenting and Life Skills classes and one-on-one mentoring. It is unique in that it requires client participation; they must complete sessions/lessons to earn material necessities for their babies. It encourages responsibility and accountability of the client while establishing a relationship with a counselor. Life Network also offers limited ultrasounds, STI testing and treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea, peer counseling, pregnancy tests, adoption resources, post-abortion counseling, and most importantly the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! More information can be found at mylifenet.org or supportmylifenet.com.

Join us for Life Network's annual fundraiser (information below). This event is free to attend and always has amazing speakers. For more information or to RSVP, call or text Karl Nowak at 618.792.6582.

DEFEND RESCUE DELIVER

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, March 18th & Friday March 19th

The Falls Banquet Center
300 Admiral Weinel Blvd., Columbia, IL

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. William Lile

Speaker & Founder of ProLife doc.org

*An opportunity to make a financial contribution
will be extended.*

RSVP by March 12th
Karl Nowak 618.792.6582

*DEFEND the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain
the rights of the poor and oppressed. RESCUE the weak
and needy; DELIVER them from the hand of the wicked.*
— Psalm 82:3-4

LIFE AFFIRMING PRAYER VIGIL

SID Advocates for Life invites Lutheran churches, youth groups, schools and organizations to attend a life affirming prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights. Prayer will be led by a district pastor. Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we pray for unborn babies, their mothers and fathers, Planned Parenthood employees, and our government. As always, we pray for an end to abortion and for all to be saved by the mercy of Jesus Christ.



SATURDAY

MARCH 20 | 10 AM-11 AM

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

317 SALEM PLACE | FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208

PARKING: TUCKER-ALLEN BUILDING NEXT TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

CDC COVID-19 GUIDELINES OBSERVED

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1	Crystal Craft	19	Jack Russell	2	Ron Newton	16	Alexander Magnuson
	Melinda Floarke		Aaron Frazer		Cindy Schickedanz	17	Katherine Hirsch
	Aaron Haberl	20	Tatum Search	3	Jean Kirk		Michael Hofstetter
2	Jonathan Busch		Turner Search		Remington Schmitt		Chad Phelps
	Keegan Hale		Deborah Eischer	4	Brianna Kirkiewicz		Barbara Ries
	Ellavee Pulcher	21	Thomas Henerfauth		Katie Stahr		Katelyn Williams
3	Lloyd Pulcher	22	Kevin Miller	5	Scott Gross	18	Virginia Jeffrey
4	Gabriel Caldwell		Daniel Voekel	6	Raina Roessler		Andrew Nowak
	Michele Colbert	23	Arthur Woodcock	7	Erin Schmoll		Reagan Schmoll
9	Brenda Appel		Michelle Kleinschmidt		Tricia Voekel	19	David Newton
	Dean Lungwitz	24	Zachary Simmons	8	Jacob Grueninger		Kaytlin Schmidt
	Ashley Reichert		Abbey Heck		Gary Maske	20	Kaitlyn Grohman
10	Seth Degenhardt	25	Connor Holten		Mona Newton	21	Camille Frazer
11	Connie		Alexis Caldwell	9	Ryan Lammert		Terry Riebling
	Gummersheimer	26	Barbara Goshen		Jan Starek	22	Julie Russell
	Hannah Nowak		Diana Schwartz	10	Mark Bierman	23	David Grueninger
	Tanner Search		Darlene Jacobs		Nicolas Monte	24	Walter Byerley
12	Dixie Arras	27	Loren Koenigstein	11	Matthew Foster		Mark Heise
	Campbell Ottwell		Aaron Rahn		Scarlett Ray	25	Breanna Chandler
	Amanda Ray	28	Robert Rauh, Jr.	12	Stephen Ericson		Michelle Weller
13	Cynthia Hill		Kyle Riebling		Shari Hofstetter	26	Anna Krenz
14	Charles Bradley		Kaylee Grandt		Grace Nowak	27	Justin Andracssek
16	Brett Aldridge	29	Sandra Louis		Ethen Schwartz		Rebecca Bradley
	Michael Ratley, Jr.	30	Toni Fulk		Paul Theiss	28	Bethany Brandt
17	Gennifer Lubarda			13	Rockdale Dinkelman		Jacob Starek
18	Charles Bequette, Jr.			14	Susan Nolte	29	Julie Greatting
	Robert Schaefer			15	Breanne Boland	30	Thomas Dillard, Sr.
	Thomas Dillard, Jr.				Kenly Essert		Lillian Koenigstein



3	Stephen & Donna Lake	11	Donald & Patricia Gruber
10	Larry & Cindy Murray	16	Michael & Debra Roediger
11	Dennis & Bonnie Everding	17	John & Deborah Caldwell
		22	Marilee & Robert Schueler
		26	Doug & Julie Stinemetz



Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.

Voter's Meeting

This is a brief synopsis of the January 19th Voter's Meeting. Some committee reports may not be listed if they had no updates. For a full set of minutes, contact the church office. For questions about the content of this or the full minutes, contact Emily Pruden (Voter's Assembly/Congregational Secretary) or Kevin Koenigstein (Congregation President).

Membership Changes

Transfer In: Rev. Ray & Melissa Holman and son, Andrew, from St. John's, Baldwin, IL.

Transfers Out: Donna Donovan to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, St. Louis, MO.

Baptisms: Demi Lee Roediger and Flynn Patrick Reichert (1/3/2021)

Funeral/Deaths: Ellen Schorr, Elvera Schuchert, & Delma Arbeiter

Lutheran Church Extension Fund. 2.0%

Youth Ministry. 6 youth went to Eureka, MO for Polar Plunge on Jan. 30th. Planning for 2022 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Rummage Sale tentatively planned for April 17th.

Endowment Fund Balance, \$73,279.77

Board of Communications. Diane Bush agreed to maintain brochure board. Still looking for assistance with Facebook.

Board of Christian Caring. Thank you to the Columbia scouts for changing plans for Scouting for Food drive at last minute.

Board of Stewardship. Meeting in February to review gifts and talents survey.

Board of Education. Preschool to restart March 1st if all staff vaccinated. Would like to upgrade bathrooms. Alisha will do online Sunday School lessons in January. Will restart in-person in February. Pastor to start in-person adult class in February. Women's Ministry to resume Joy Bible study in Feb/March.

Board of Trustees. Ice/snow removal contract renewed. Parking lot restriping in spring. Purchasing 2 new folding chair storage racks. Telephone system replaced after 5 years

Board of Finance. General fund balance is \$315,104; includes \$200k invested in the LCEF. The Building Repair Fund balance is \$203,259; includes \$150k invested in the LCEF.

December/January Finances

Fund	Receipts	Expenses	Total
General	\$56,559.84	\$50,770.33	\$117,956.57
Building (incl. sign)	\$6,335.15	\$6,019.25	\$56,249.81

Cemetery Board. New asphalt road in the cemetery.

Board of Elders. Church service to continue as follows: 2 services on Wednesday, one at 11 on Saturday and two on Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30, likely through the end of March and then will evaluate. Lent Services on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. (masked, with communion) and 6:30 p.m. (communion will be determined) and not have the shortened Wednesday services. TBD if 2 or 3 Easter services; if only 2, then sunrise would be eliminated. Submitting application to continue seminary worker(s) for next year. New Elder Patrick Grandt started. Elder lists being updated; expect shift in member assignment. Updated master list in the church office, Elder and Pastor visits continue on Sundays, either list review, phone calls. Bob Thoma will be the Elder that will service on the Finance oversight committee for the funds received from parsonage/Schneider estate.

Treasurer's Report. General Fund balance is \$315,104. Building Repair fund balance is \$203,259.

2021 Budget Updates. Board of Elders: Change Office Supplies to \$5,500. Board of Trustees: Change Office Equipment to \$4,500 and Telephone to \$3,500. \$600 in Christian Outreach.

2021 Audit Board Members. Approved Bob Thoma and Lilian Koenigstein.

LCMS Update. District National Convection and Southern Illinois Convention postponed until summer of 2022.

Stephanie Newbill is new Board member for Christian Caring.

The Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 6:30pm in Sanctuary.

LCMS Foundation

GIFT PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY & MINISTRY

When you go to heaven, what will happen to those material blessings? How do you pass on those blessings? How can you make the best gifts of those blessings to the family you love and the ministries you care about? The ministry of the LCMS Foundation can help answer these questions. We have a Gift Planning Counselors who can help you through the process of planning how to distribute your earthly blessings by helping you structure the type and timing of your estate gifts so that those gifts will bless them – and so that your generosity accomplishes the stewardship goals God has placed in your heart. Scott Radden, the LCMS Foundation's Gift Planning Counselor for the Central and Southern Illinois Districts, will give a brief presentation on how he can help you transfer the blessings that God has given you on to heirs and ministries. Scott will provide a no-cost/no-obligation **presentation at 6:30 p.m. April 18, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall.**

We have a generous God who loves and blesses us during our lives on earth. He gives us material wealth to manage. As faithful Christian stewards, we respond to His generosity with generosity of our own.

Youth News

A little cold and rain didn't scare our youth away from having a ton of fun at Hidden Valley in January. Can you see their smiles under those masks?



Youth Bible study meetings are continuing in 2021. We meet every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room upstairs.

Upcoming Life Nights.

All 5th-9th grade students are invited to an evening of food, devotion, and activities in the fellowship hall on the following Sundays:

March 21st, 5—7 p.m.
April 11th, 5—7 p.m.



Our Spring Rummage Sale is back! Save your items to benefit the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston and other activities. Start saving your items to donate! We will accept everything EXCEPT for clothing, computers, and TVs.

Due to COVID, the sale will operate a bit differently this year. At this time, all dates are tentative. Watch e-mail, Facebook, and the bulletin for updates and further details.

Tentative Dates:

Drop-off - Thursday, April 15, 4 pm - 8 pm
Drop-off - Friday, April 16, 10 am - 7 pm
Sale - Saturday April 17, 8 am - ?

If you can help before or during the event, contact:

Christina Schmitt 314.807.2200

or

Lillian Koenigstein 618.541.4657

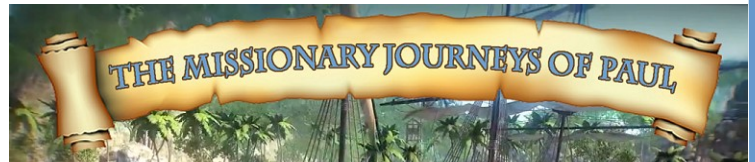


The 2021 flower calendar is posted near the stairs leading down to the Fellowship Hall. Directions for ordering are next to the chart. Questions? Call Kathy Stechmesser at 618.281.4670 or the church office at 618.281.4600.

Odds & Ends



Check the literature display across from the mail boxes. Recently a number of new booklets were added including titles on why bad things happen, helping your child through faith conversations, facing loss, dealing with grief, and a few on health conditions including Alzheimer's Disease, and depression. These and many other titles are free for the taking. If there is a topic you'd like to see, let the office know.



To the Ends of the Earth: Through the month of March the Sunday morning adult Bible class will be covering Paul's Missionary Journeys from the book of Acts. The class meets in the Sanctuary from 9:15—10:15 a.m. If you would like to access the class online, contact Pastor Krenz.



The handbell choir is back up and ringing! Ringers old and new are welcome to join our group on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact deaconess field worker Alicia Benning at 217-710-5865 for more information.

Check this out — literally! Visit our newly relocated lending library in the atrium near the stairwell. We have a wide variety of books for all ages. There is a little bit of everything from cookbooks to Biblical commentary, and lots of stuff in between. The check-out sheet and a basket for returns is on the cart next to the book shelves. More items are added regularly so be sure to check back now and then to see what is new. Questions? Contact Helen Nowak, 618.281.4875.



The food pantry is in need of the following:

- Breakfast items
- Canned fruits (all kinds)
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Pasta Sauce

Items can be dropped off in the bins outside the main church entrance or inside at the foot of the stairs near the lower entrance.

Our Re:Vitality group has been drafting purpose and mission statements. They will share both of these statements with various groups to obtain feedback. The final drafts will be presented at the Voter's Meeting on April 20th.



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>7</p> <p>Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (masked) (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing)</p> <p>Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Financial Count (Team 3)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex)</p> <p>Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Board of Elders 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LENT SERVICES 9:30 am (masked) & 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Confirmation 5:30pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Handbells 7:30pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Board of Stewardship 5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Communion Service 11am (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (masked) (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing)</p> <p>Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Financial Count (Team 1)</p> <p>Women's Ministry 6:30pm (Bride Room)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex)</p> <p>Columbia Clergy Mtg 1:30pm (Zoom)</p> <p>Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LENT SERVICES 9:30 am (masked) & 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Food Pantry 3:30 pm (Lower Level)</p> <p>Confirmation 5:30pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Handbells 7:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Board of Comms 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Communion Service 11am (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (masked) (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing)</p> <p>Elder Visits 2pm</p> <p>Youth Life Night 5th—9th grade, 5-7 pm (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Financial Count (Team 2)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex)</p> <p>Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LENT SERVICES 9:30 am (masked) & 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Confirmation 5:30pm (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Handbells 7:30pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Communion Service 11am (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>28</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (masked) (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing)</p> <p>Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Financial Count (Team 1)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>			

April 2021

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<p>4 Communion Service 6:30, 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary) Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing) Elder Visits 2pm</p>	<p>5 Financial Count (Team 2)</p>	<p>6 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Trustee Mtg 5:30pm (Narthex) Elder's Meeting 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>7 Communion Devotional 9:30 am & 5:30 pm (Sanctuary) Food Pantry 3:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6:15pm (Sanctuary) Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>8 Ladies League 11:30 am (Fellowship Hall) Board of Ed 5:30pm (Zoom) Stewardship Board 6:30pm (Narthex)</p>	<p>9 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm (Narthex) Pastors Circuit Mtg 9:30am (Sugar Loaf)</p>	<p>10 Board of Comms 9 a.m. (Zoom) Communion Service 11 am (Sanctuary) Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>11 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary) Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rom/Sunday School Wing) Elder Visits 2pm Youth Life Night 5th—9th grade, 5-7 pm (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>12 Financial Count (Team 3)</p>	<p>13 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Church Council Meeting 6:30 (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>14 Communion Devotional 9:30 am & 5:30 pm (Sanctuary) Confirmation 6:15pm (Sanctuary) Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>15 Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off 4—8 pm (Lower Level)</p>	<p>16 Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off 10am—8 pm (Lower Level)</p>	<p>17 Communion Service 11 am (Sanctuary) RUMMAGE SALE 8am—?? (Lower Level)</p>
<p>18 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am (Sanctuary) Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Room/Sunday School Wing) Elder Visits 2pm Lifetime of Giving Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>19 Financial Count (Team 1)</p>	<p>20 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) Voter's Meeting 6:30pm (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>21 Communion Devotional 9:30 am & 5:30 pm (Sanctuary) Food Pantry 3:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6:15pm (Sanctuary) Handbells 7pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Communion Service 11 am (Sanctuary)</p>
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Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday
6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m.
8 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (masked)