



The Epistle

November 2022

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21
So also, Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."
Galatians 3:6

Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

It is not a regular occurrence to have funds deposited into your bank account that you did not know were coming your way.

However, once you realize it is not a mistake or a scam, a sense of delight sets in. This gives you slight indication of why Christians for centuries have rejoiced in that central teaching of Scripture, Justification. To be justified means that we have a "right standing" before God that has been brought our way through the gospel. The gospel is the good news of Christ's death and resurrection for you. This message is then received by the gift of faith. When this happens, a great exchange takes place. Jesus takes on our sin, death, and hell, and we get His life, death, and resurrection. What a trade!! What does this mean? You can be certain of your salvation. Romans 8:1 says, "there is now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus." You can also be sure of God's attitude toward you. Romans 5:1 says "Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Reformation Day, which focuses on "Justification", informs us why Thanksgiving, the coming of Christ at Advent, and the presence of Christ at Christmas are upcoming holidays worth celebrating.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Krenz
Galatians 2:20-21

November Worship Themes

November 6 & 7	"Knowing and Seeing Him" 1 John 3:1-3
November 13 & 14	"The Ultimate Witness Protection Program" Luke 21:10-19
November 20 & 21	"The Unique Rule of Christ the King" Luke 23:27-43
November 24, Thanksgiving	"A time to pause on your journey home" Deuteronomy 8:1-10
November 27 & 28	"Cast off Darkness and Putting on Light" Romans 13: 11-14

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
Our mission is to Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word and Reflect Christ's Love to all!

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November

Worship Schedule

November 6 (Sunday)	8 am & 10:30 am
November 7 (Monday)	6:30 pm
November 13 (Sunday)	8 am & 10:30 am
November 14 (Monday)	6:30 pm
November 20 (Sunday)	8 am & 10:30
November 21 (Monday)	6:30 pm
November 24 (Thursday)	9 am (Thanksgiving)
November 27 (Sunday)	8 am & 10:30 am
November 28 (Monday)	6:30 pm
November 30 (Wednesday)	4 pm & 6:30 pm (Advent)



What? An Evening With Katie Luther
Where? St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
When? Sunday, November 6, 2022, 5 pm
Cost? Free Will Offering

Remember to sign up for dinner with Katie Luther on Sunday, November 6, 5 pm in our fellowship hall. Enjoy a delicious German meal and entertainment. Katie will be present and share how she helped the reformation cause. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be received to cover costs of the meal. All other proceeds will be gifted to Allison Ford to help cover medical expenses.

Anyone interested in making a German dessert?
 Call Helen at 618-281-4875.
 (ps. No German Chocolate Cake ;-)



Something from Sam



We've been talking a lot around church lately about the abundant gifts that our Father gives us.

In confirmation class, we recently learned about the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, which talks about a number of these gifts. Luther gives a large list of things that God continually blesses us with:

clothing, shoes, food, house, family, animals, and more!

And this is just the list of earthly gifts! Our Savior gives us a number of heavenly gifts too: forgiveness of sins, his Word to teach us, the Holy Spirit to guide us, Christian community, and eternal life!

As Thanksgiving approaches, and the world around us starts to pay more attention to the numerous blessings we've been given, take a moment to count the amazing gifts that our Father has given us today and every day.

Thanks be to God for all of his abundant blessings!

Newsletter Deadline is the third Monday of most months. Please send articles, photos, etc. to secretary@stpauls-lcms.org
 Thank you for your help!

November 14th **Early Deadline due to Holiday
December 12th **Early Deadline due to Holiday



LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

NOVEMBER 2022

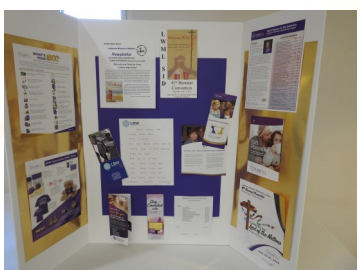


Amid pumpkins and fall leaf decorations, our October meeting began with a silent M&M Color Prayer presented by Vice President Nancy R. We then enjoyed the Box Lunches from the Café on the Abbey. After lunch, our business meeting was conducted and followed by several games (Guess the Number of Candy Corn and Bible Bingo).



Our Mail Box Member program continues to grow. We are excited to have ten members now! The members are receiving information via email, mail, or church mailbox which includes our meeting minutes, devotions from LWML, and a mite challenge calendar.

We will **meet on November 3rd beginning at 11:30 a.m.** with (bring your own) lunch. Marilyn M., Nancy R., and Doris M. will be our hostesses providing dessert and decorations. Our activity will be working on our 2023 hostess and topic service list and election/re-election of President and Secretary. Join us at any meeting or event! Call Wanda for more information at 618-281-4691.



LWML News

Thanksgiving for 80 years (1942-2022) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are continuing our "What's Your 80" (anniversary of the LWML) by sending cards to congregation members who are over 80. In addition, we have delivered 800+ masks to Unity Lutheran School, and will deliver quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. We observed LWML Sunday on October 2nd, 2022. We hope you were able to check out the displays and pick up a Mite Box and Mite box Challenge Calendar



Dates to note:

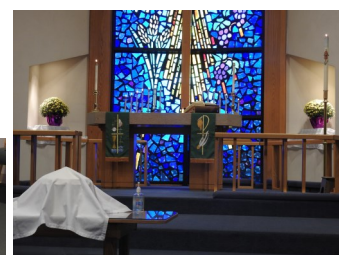
Metro South Zone **Fall Workshop at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL on Nov. 5, 2022.** There is a drop box available for donations for the homeless and a Belleville Food Pantry. Items needed as follows:

Bar Soap, Washcloth, Hand Towel, Bath Towel (lightweight), Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Travel-sized shampoo.

Kits will be assembled at the workshop.

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.



LWML Sunday 2022



OOPS – Breakfast with Mary and Joseph

This month's OOPS (Outreach OPportunity Suggestion) started with the QUESTION—**What can we do to assist Christian parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas** (it's not about Santa Claus and our gift-giving and receiving)? The ANSWER—Have a **Breakfast with Mary and Joseph** for all the pre-schoolers thru 4th graders in our church family and community. That's just what we're going to do on Saturday, December 3, from 9 to 11 AM. It's free (we have a donor) with a monetary gift to the Food Pantry suggested. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Pre-registration (call church office 618-281-4600) not required, but encouraged. Stations concept with registration, breakfast, and crafts in the basement fellowship hall, the Christmas story and pictures with Mary and Joseph in the

church proper, dress up in the narthex, and songs in the Little Lambs room. Come and go, stay as long as you like, must arrive by 11 a.m. **SPOILER ALERT**—Rumor has it that the Angel Gabriel will also make a surprise appearance!!!

OOPS

Have any pre-schoolers thru 4th graders at your home?
In your extended family?
In your neighborhood or friendship circle?

Invite them! Bring them!
OOPS!



**Just another “ah-ha” OOPS
(Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion)
from your Board of Christian Outreach.**

The **WOMEN's Ministry** generally meets on the **third Monday of each month.**

Please join us at **6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**

*****November Meeting will be**

**November
21st.**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**Comforts of Love
Quilters—Tuesdays**

**in the Fellowship Hall 9 am
All are welcome! Join us!**

We have SEW much fun! We always need material and non-white queen sized sheets. Also needed, Embroidery Thread. Thank you for your support.



Food Pantry News...We need your help!

Board of Christian Caring is looking for people with trucks or vans to help pick up food from the **Boy Scout Food Drive on November 19.** Tentatively the **pick up will be around 10:30 am.** Please let Carol Ericson or Barb Ries know if you can help. We will need about **6 trucks** if we can get them. We also will need all hands on deck for **sorting on November 19** once the food gets to the church and again on Sunday Nov. 20 We will be putting a sign up sheet in the Narthex for shifts. Lunch will be provided both days. This is our biggest donation of the year, so please consider helping! Thank you in advance!

Our Food Pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30-3:00pm AND the second Wednesday from 4 - 6 pm. Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

**FOOD
pantry**





Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1



We had a wonderful field trip to Breautigams Orchard in Belleville for pumpkin picking.

Our class will have our annual Thanksgiving Feast in November. Leading up to our Feast Day, the children will learn about Fall Harvest, Thanksgiving & family traditions, as well as the importance of giving thanks.

We are very thankful for the following:

The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department for visiting our preschool during Fire Safety Week.

Thrivent members for the generous donations of their Choice Dollars to the Preschool.

Preschool Families who have volunteered to help with our Fall Harvest Party.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shelly Augustin, Director/Teacher



Our Jesus Lessons for November:

- Daniel and the Lions
- Praise the Lord
- God Hears our Prayers
- Count the Blessings
- God Gets Ready to Send the Savior



**Youth Group at Sky Zone - Sun, Nov 13th**

Get ready to jump! All students in grades 5-

12 are invited to join us for a trip to Sky Zone in Fenton, MO. We'll meet at church on Sunday, Nov 13th at 3pm and expect to be back around 5:30pm. It should be a lot of fun! If you can make it, please contact Sam Wegner to ensure we have enough drivers at (920) 530-8638 or cwf_wegnersm@cuchicago.edu.

Youth Ministry Update**Youth Night & Christmas Tree Decorating - Sun, Nov 27th**

Help us set up the Christmas tree in church! Afterwards, stay for snacks, games, and a devotion as the season of Advent begins. All students in middle and high school are welcome! Contact Sam Wegner with any questions.

**The Sunday School Corner:**

Last month our students experienced an amazing event first-hand: In Psalm 145:4-5 it says, Psalm 145:4-5 declares, "One generation will commend Your works to the next, and will proclaim Your mighty acts—the glorious splendor of Your majesty." On September 11 our Sunday School invited Grandparents to celebrate this glorious truth. Many attended and a wonderful time was had by all.

Looking ahead, the **Sunday school Christmas Program** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 18th during the 10:30am Service**. Practices will take place each Sunday during the Sunday School hour (from 9:15-10:15am) from November 25 through December 18.

Please let Karen Mueller know if you would like to participate. Her number is (618) 806-4369.

**Galatians Bible Study:**

Sunday morning -9:15am-10:15am Thru November 20th

as we continue to look at this Epistle which helps give us a clearer understanding of what it means to be justified by Grace.

The Writing of the Reformation:

A **second Sunday morning adult Bible Study** led by our two seminarians and our DCE intern, will continue in one of the Sunday School rooms. They will discuss the writings and themes of the Lutheran Reformation, and what they mean for our faith today.

Book of Romans:

In depth Ladies Bible Study on Wednesdays w/ Nancy Radentz

10 am - 11 am.

All are welcome! Meeting in Fellowship Hall.



Altar Flowers—always
Sign Up on the chart by



a beautiful addition to our
the Church Mailboxes.



Worship



Service!





“Go ahead, interrupt me”



Over the years many a conversation has started with the following phrases. “Pastor, I know you are busy” or “I’m sorry to interrupt you.” These phrases are given out of genuine kindness, and concern of infringing on my time. However, it is my job “to be interrupted.” Granted I and others in positions like mine, may not always give off the “go ahead and interrupt me vibe” (My apologies). However even if that is the case, feel free to come by in person, email, text, or call with whatever is on your mind. If I am legitimately busy, I’ll let you know and reschedule another time for our conversation. Most problems of life do not land on our doorsteps at convenient times. When that happens, look around, God has provided people in your life who are happy to be interrupted. Included the guy writing this note ☺.

If you have a question that you would like addressed by Pastor Krenz in future newsletter articles, please send it to Pastork@splcolumbia.com.

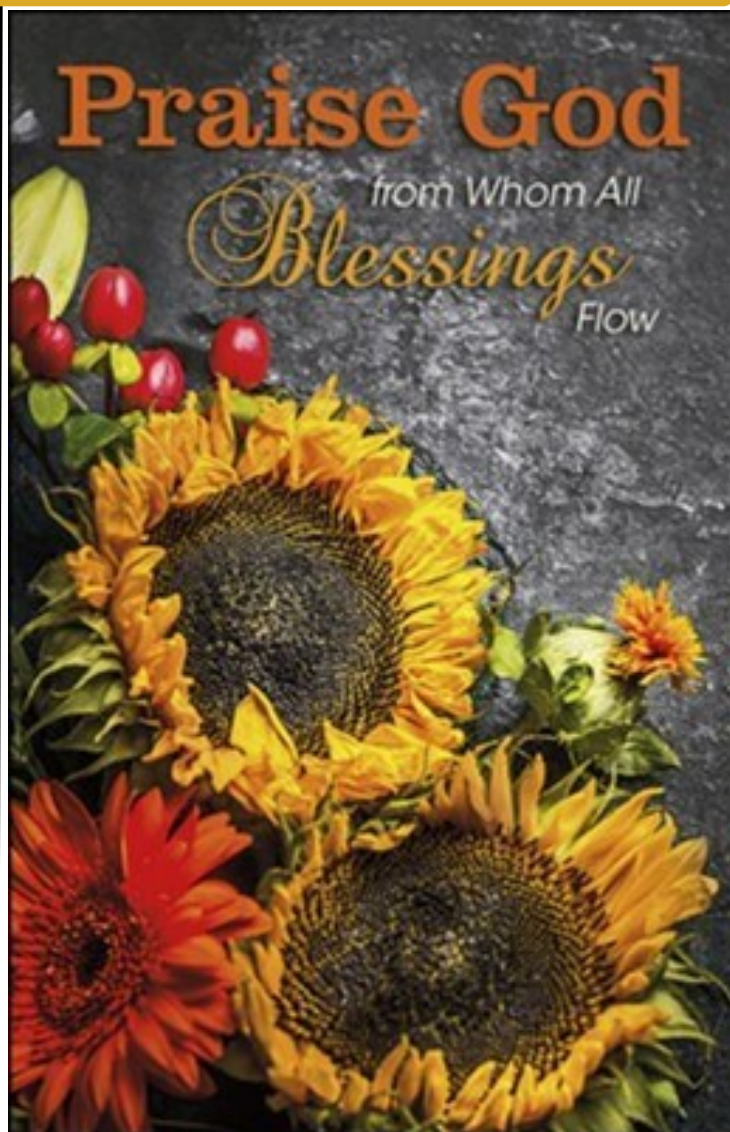


CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order by
NOVEMBER 14th!

To be guaranteed that we receive 5-bloom poinsettia plants in time for the Christmas season, we need to place our order by Monday, Nov. 14th. These will be displayed in our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please fill out the pink form (found in the narthex by 10/23) and include \$7.00 for each plant ordered. Please place your order form, along with payment, in an envelope marked **“Christmas Poinsettias”** and place in offering plate or send to the church office. Make **check payable to “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church”**.

Contact Kathy Stechmesser, 281-4670 if you have questions. Thank You.



Donations Toward *the lift project*

Thank you for your continued giving.

Please make checks out to the congregation and mark “lift donation” in the memo.



Update– Goal: \$15,000

Given to date: \$ 2035



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 William Kleinschmidt	7 Glenn Grebing	8 Brian Kremmel Jennifer Krick	9 Ron & Mona Newton ♥	10 Ray & Rose Anne Bense ♥	11 Stephanie Newbill	12 Doug Feldman Andrea Mastrantuono Nancy Mergelkamp Karl & Donna Nowak ♥
13 Jeremy Offerman Chad Sackman Doug Stinemetz ♥	14 Jamie Lyon Rick & Joydean Beatty ♥ Brian & Sierra Russell ♥	15	16 Ken Mathews Charles & Paige, Farris, III ♥	17 Mary Clyde	18 Jill Blatner Charles & Laura Ford ♥	19 Terry Woodcock
20 Paloma Niehaus Herbert & Margaret Simmons ♥	21 Jeremy Housewright Rick Rottnek	22 Hazel Herbeck Scott Moeslein Samantha Smith	23 John Caldwell Stephanie Duvall Ethan Stumpf	24 Cody Phelps	25 Bethany Grabner-brunkhorst Tammy Grueninger Haley Herbeck Raymond Holman Bailee Williams Carl & Cristi Bierman ♥ Rick & Kim Butler ♥	26 Donald Snow Melvin & Gertrude Becherer ♥ Ronald & Dorothy Tomlinson ♥
27 Mark Eischer	28 Rachel Faries Donna Frederick Ken Sievers Bill & Gloria Hertz ♥	29 Brittany Mitchell Leroy & Marilyn Kisro ♥	30 Patrick Grandt	♥ Anniversary		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am	2 Women's Bible Study w/N. Radentz 10 am Food Pantry Open 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6 pm Handbells 6:30 pm	3 Ladies League 11:30 am Board of Ed 6:30	4 2 pm Bible Study @ Health Care	5
6 Divine Service 8 am (Sanctuary) All Saints Day Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Fellowship Hall Youth Bible Study 9:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 9:15 am SS Wing Divine Service 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Adult Confirmation 4 pm Dinner w/ Katie Luther 5 pm Fellowship Hall	7 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Circuit Mtg 9am Quilters 9 am 5:15 pm Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Board of Elders	9 Women's Bible Study w/N. Radentz 10 am Reflections Memory Care Bible Stories 1 pm Food Pantry Open 4 - 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Handbells Not Meeting	10 6:15 pm Daisy Scouts	11	12
13 Divine Service 8 am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Fellowship Hall Youth Bible Study 9:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 9:15 am SS Wing Divine Service 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Youth Event to Sky Zone 3 pm Adult Confirmation 4 pm	14 Financial Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	15 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 5:30 pm Youth Mtg	16 Women's Bible Study w/N. Radentz 10 am Food Pantry Open 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6 pm Handbells 6:30 pm	17 9 am Newsletter Folders Pre-School Chapel 11:15	18 Integrity Worship 2 pm	19 Food Pantry Pick-Up/Sort from Scout Drive
20 Divine Service 8 am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Youth Bible Study 9:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 9:15 am SS Wing Divine Service 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Food Pantry Sort from Scout Drive Adult Confirmation 4 pm	21 Financial Count (Team 3) Women's Ministry 6:30 pm Divine Service 6:30 pm	22 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am	23 Women's Bible Study w/N. Radentz 10 am Handbells 6:30 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Service 9 am 	25 10:30 Worship at The Grande Laumeier Park	26
27 Divine Service 8 am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Fellowship Hall Youth Bible Study 9:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 9:15 am SS Wing Divine Service 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Adult Confirmation 4 pm Youth Night: Tree Decorating, Games, etc. 6 pm	28 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm	29 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am	30 Women's Bible Study w/N. Radentz 10 am Advent Service 4 & 6:30 pm	***Dates, times, & locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: stpauls-lcms.org then click on the "calendar" tab. ***		



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**Thanksgiving Day
Service 9 am**

Worship with US!!!

Sundays 8 am & 10:30 am Mondays—6:30 pm



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