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February 2025

Join us in Worship

@ *St. Paul's Lutheran*

Sundays @ 8 am & 10:30 am

Mondays 6:30 pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February						
<p>2 Life Sunday 8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) -Installation 2025 Officers/Boards 9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall -Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm -Sunday School - SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service 4—5 pm Brownie Scouts Annual Family Bowling 6-8 pm</p>	<p>3 Count (Team 2) 5:15 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Divine Service</p>	<p>4 7:15 am Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters 5:30 B of Youth 6:30 pm B of Ed</p>	<p>5 10 am Ladies Bible Study Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm 6 pm Jr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>6 Ladies League 11:30 am Home Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7 2 pm Bible Study at Bria Nursing Home 6:30 pm Pastor Sievers Bible Study</p>	1
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Laura Camp	3 Mark & Susan Nolte	4 Donna Lake	5 Karen Mueller Rick & Susan Stemler	6 Ryan Schwartz	7 Leah Douglas Sam Woodcock	8 Brantley Toolen
9 Christopher Hancock Quinn Ramsey Steve Lake	10 Debbie Jordan Patrick Tygett	11 Chloe Hrabusicky Taylor Holten	12	13 Misty Wilson Scott Peery	14 Danielle Schwartz Dave Greatfitt William Dietz	15
16 Bill & Cyndee Luther	17 Dorothy Tomlinson Larry Kremmel Lisa Schmidt Scott Heck	18 Stacey Filipiak	19 Daniel Zavadil Nathan Schmoll Norma Feldman	20 Kelci Hofstetter	21 Alex Idoux	22 Nelson & Joan Mathews Penny Rauh Percy Mueller
23 Leah Farris Paige Bierman	24	25 Aimee Ebersohl Christopher Clyde Randy Moeckel	26 Eric Upson Matthew Collet Scott & Heather Heck	27 Jan Glaenger	28 Audrey Krump Carol Ericson	

FEBRUARY



Did you know?

From February 20 to 22nd Kevin Koenigstein and I (Pastor) will represent our congregation at

the triennial Southern Illinois District Convention at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL. As I've noted in my sermons in January, as believers in Christ we have been called to both faith in Christ and to his church. This connection to the church shows itself not just in our interactions with each other on a congregational level, but also with other congregations who jointly confess together the Word of God and the confessions that correctly affirm that Word. These confessions are found in the Book of Concord, which includes the small catechism.

For over 180 years, this congregation has been part of what is now known as the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod (Synod means to walk together).

Today in the LCMS there are 1.7 million congregational members in over 5800 congregations throughout the United States. The Missouri Synod operates two seminaries, six universities, and a radio station. In addition, there are over 90 High Schools, 800 elementary schools, and 1600 pre-schools throughout the Synod. It is a rich blessing to be connected to all Christians, and it is an especially great blessing to join with fellow believers in the LCMS to clearly confess Christ and jointly share in God's mission to bring Christ to the world.

Look for information online from these local and national Pro-life organizations.

Life Network in Waterloo- Life Network of Southern Illinois is a pregnancy resource center committed to providing accurate information and reliable resources to women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy, issues related to parenting/health education and offering STI testing, consultation and treatment for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. We realize that you might have a lot of questions and we want you to know that you are not alone. Since 1995, our trained staff and volunteers have provided loving, non-judgmental support to thousands of clients.

Feminist for Life-This organization assists in making the case that being pro-life is to be pro-woman.

Lutherans for Life- Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We do this through our quarterly journal, "LifeDate," countless resources produced for local congregations, Life Sunday materials, speaking and preaching, online Chats 4Life, Frontline conference calls, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Life Advocates, as well as national and regional conferences.

Illinois Right to Life- Illinois Right to Life is a nonprofit organization that educates on the beauty and value of all human life regardless of a person's size, gender, race, age, or disability. We use a grass-roots approach to build a culture of life in Illinois that welcomes and loves all human life from conception through natural death.

National Right to Life- The strength of National Right to Life is derived from our broad and diverse base of dedicated people, united to focus on one issue, the right to life itself. Since our founding in 1968 as the first nationwide right-to-life group, we have been entirely dedicated to defending America's first right: life.

Eve's Restoration Ministries- This new organization started out of our congregation by Amanda Douglas seeks to honor life by helping woman in foster care get reunited with their children. To accomplish this task the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the clients will be addressed.

Secular for Life (Atheists for Life)- While obviously we wouldn't agree with the atheist part of this organization, the rational arguments they make for life can be quite compelling.

Adult Bible Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We are studying the Old Testament, Epistle & Gospel readings for the following Sunday.

Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

In February we continue our study on Wednesdays, at 10 am In the SS room at the far end of hallway.

Fridays, Once a Month : NUMBERS is NEXT in 2025

You are invited to tackle the Old Testament book of NUMBERS one Friday night each month. Our next meeting will take place on February 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Discover how our gracious Heavenly Father uses numbers & other gifts to sustain, guide, & forgive His Chosen People during their 40 years of struggling & wandering in the wilderness & promises to keep us safe & saved today too. Please call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097) so he can get your \$10 study guide to you beforehand.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:15 am

Revelation Highlights: Join us on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the book of Revelation. This 6-8 week class will cover key chapters and themes in this encouraging but often misunderstood book.

Small Group Bible Studies: Starting Thursday January 23rd & Sunday, January 26th we began a four week Home Bible Study series titled "Called". As people called by God to be connected to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are also called into a number of stations in life. These stations include being part of a family, a church, citizens in your community, and the call to work. We hope to have 2-3 groups of at least five people who can both participate in these Bible Studies and once or twice host a study in your home. Please talk to Pastor Krenz if you are interested. Sign up sheets are in the church entryway. Feel free to invite those who are not part of St. Paul's to participate.



February 2025 Preschool News

Preschool is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year! If you know a family looking for a nurturing, high quality, Christ-centered preschool experience, have them contact our Director, Shelly Augustin for more details. 618-281-4190

February Jesus Lessons

- 10 Men with Leprosy
- Jesus Feeds 5,000
- Mary & Martha
- Zacchaeus



Special thanks to Steve Ottwell for visiting with the kids as Santa during our Christmas Celebration!



Kummage Sale

St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia IL
227 Goodhaven - Rt 3 & Bottom Ave
(across from Walgreens)

Sat March 15, 8am-noon

Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Youth Group

Bag-a-Bargain all day!

\$5/bag (bag provided)

Half price 11:30 - 12:00

(furniture negotiable)

Cash Only Please

Gratefully accepting any & all donations

Exceptions: NO computers, TVs, car-seats or clothing

Drop-off at lower parking lot

Thur Mar 13, 4-8pm

& Fri Mar 14, 10-7pm

Questions: Lillian 618.541.4657

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Youth Ministry Happy New Year!

I hope your Christmas was a blessed time for you all! As the year is beginning we have several events planned and are ramping up to the National Youth Gathering this Summer! Here are some events coming up:

1/26 Ice Skating in Forest Park

Sunday, January 26th afternoon we will be headed to Forest Park to ice skate! Please RSVP to Michael by January 23rd. We may also need chaperones to transport students to and back, please let Michael know if you are interested. There is no cost for the students or chaperones.

National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

The LCMS National Youth Gathering is this July 19-23 in New Orleans, LA. We have had a great time going as a group in the past! We will have a brief information meeting on the 26th going over basics and necessary steps. Please RSVP and indicate what date works best for you. If you are unable to attend the meeting please still use the link to show interest in coming to NYG.

February:

2/2 Annual Family Bowling

Join the fun at the Annual Family Bowling Night on Sunday, February 2, 6-8pm, at West Park Bowl. \$10/adult and \$5/student or child includes 1 large one-topping pizza, pitcher of soda or beer, and shoe rental. Other menu items available separately. 6 people maximum per lane and \$ collected that night. Checks payable to church. We will have youth lanes and family lanes. Please arrive by 5:45 to get shoes and pizza ordered before bowling starts at 6 pm. Sign-up soon in the Narthex so we can add more lanes if needed/available. Spectators are welcome free of charge. Feel free to invite non-church members and youth. Deadline to sign-up is Mon, Jan 27.

Movies and Mugs

Bring your mug for Hot Chocolate and a Movie! We will have a time of fellowship and a hot chocolate bar. More details to follow!

March:

3/15 Annual Youth Rummage

The rummage sale needs all hands-on deck! If students want to attend NYG, their help is required and at least one of their adults. We usually make money to help assist in funding the National Youth Gathering Trip! We need at least 6 adult helpers.

Setup is:

3.13 Thursday after school till 8 pm or so March 14 Fri after school for kids, 9 am adults till done (about 8:30/9:00)

Sale day: Saturday, March 15 at 7 am till done about 2:30/3 pm, Donuts juice and lunch will be provided. Folks don't have to be there all these times. It's a lot of fun!

In addition 1-2 helpers needed please to assist Randy Moeckel in moving any furniture donations for the rummage sale. Contact Lillian Koenigstein 618.541.4657 if you can help.

Blessings and stay warm!
Speaking Christ,
Michael Ewert



CHILDREN'S Sunday School In January...

SS hour is 9:15 am to 10:15 am.

Have you ever judged a book by its cover?

Or made assumptions about a new acquaintance based on their clothes or job?

Those very books or people may lead us to many potential positive experiences, new ideas, or even friendships if given a chance.

This month, the children will learn this very lesson from God in the book of 1 Samuel when they meet Samuel, King Saul,

a shepherd boy named David, and his best friend Jonathan.

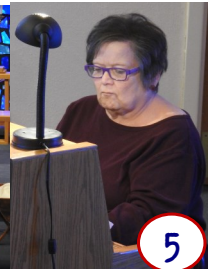
God uses ordinary, unassuming, small people to do great things for His glory. These Bible stories serve as a great reminder and prayer to open our eyes to see past the outside and stay focused on the heart.

- Samuel 8:4-9; 2:10-17**
- 1 Samuel 17:2-11**
- 1 Samuel 1-19**
- 2 Samuel 7:18-29**
- Psalms 24**

A note for all 1st-5th grade Sunday School parents -

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities for your child/children/family to serve, connect, and socialize! Our first event will be happening in March with more information being communicated as it becomes available.

For more information, contact Karen Mueller (618) 806-4369.



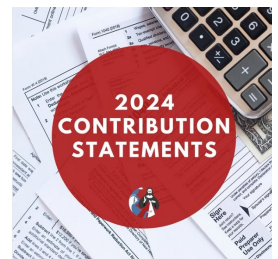


If You're Happy – OOPS – Keep Showing It!

Have you noticed how **HAPPY** (BLESSED is a much better translation of the Greek word) we are as a church family right now? Have you noticed how often our **JOY IN JESUS** breaks out these **HAPPY** days in our words and deeds and facial expressions as we worship, meet, greet, and go about our old and new church tasks? Has it always been this **HAPPY** way here at St. Paul's? I suspect, not! So, why are we so **HAPPY** right now as a church family? Bottom Line - Because of **Jesus** and because of the **HAPPY** work of the Holy Spirit in us!
 "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (clap, clap)" begins the familiar children's song. Verse after verse, it concludes with the encouraging refrain, "If you're happy and you know it, then you're your life will clearly show it." **OOPS** – Just another **HAPPY** outreach opportunity suggestion from your **HAPPY** Board of Christian Outreach.

**Just another OOPS
 from your Board of Christian Outreach.**

2024 contribution statements have been printed and are available to be picked up after church services in the narthex. Statements not picked up by January 27th will be mailed via USPS.



MONTHLY: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 1:30 -3 pm 2nd Wednesday: 4-5:30 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
FOOD PANTRY Ministry

Compassion help blessing grace
 afflict community generosity
Jesus
 comfort kindness
 love peace hope

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

**Current Pantry Needs:
 Chicken Broth, Canned Peaches**

Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

February Wednesdays: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19
 1st & 3rd Wed - 1:30-3pm 2nd Wed - 4-5:30 pm

Elder Schedule FEBRUARY 2025

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
February 2 3	Dave Greating	Toby Search	Scott Peery
February 9 10	Mark Eischer	Charlie Consolino	Glenn Grebing
February 16 17	Scott Moeslein	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma
February 23 24	Scott Moeslein	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma



LWML Mission Statement

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

LWML/Ladies League – February 2025

Newly elected President Jane Stumpf opened our regular monthly meeting the first Thursday in January; Vice President Nancy Radentz opened with a devotion, "Living in Prayer," Fifteen members and Pastor Krenz were in attendance. We enjoyed the lunch we each brought. Our January Hostesses, Mary Clyde and Judy Ostendorf, provided festive New Years table decorations and yummy desserts.

Our **Guest, Mark Eischer, talked about Lutheran Hour Radio** which began in 1930 and the delivery style of the radio speakers throughout the years. He even provided some tapes of early speakers and some history of the time.

The following committee reports were given:

Comforts of Love-Nine were put together last month. It was decided that all finished quilts since last donating to Lutheran World Relief would be donated in March to the Lutheran Disaster Response Team. They will have a speaker at our Zone Prayer Service here in March.

Altar Cloths- Special thank you to Helen Nowak for making the advent banners and to Dorothy Tomlinson for continuing to change out the altar clothes.

Funeral Lunches- One luncheon held in December.

Flower Chart- Someone is signed up for the 3rd Sunday in January. We are looking for someone to chair this committee; it is open to anyone in the congregation. A description of duties will be made available. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Thank you to Kathy Stechmesser for her years of chairing this committee.

Confirmation Friends- we continue to pray for them.

Card Ministry Project- Eighteen cards were mailed to members last month.

Mailbox Members- Mailbox Members received monthly minutes, Mite Calendar, Devotional, and a personal greeting. Donna Lake and Pam Haberl joined Mailbox Members.

Decorating Committee- will take down Christmas decorations.

LWML Finance Report was given, and we all said the LWML Pledge.



LWML and Other Upcoming Events

- 1) **The Zone Board will meet** at Our Savior, Freeburg on Thursday, February 13, 2025. All local LWML Presidents are to attend. Anyone else may attend but cannot vote.
- 2) **We will host the Metro South Zone Prayer Service** and workshop at our church on March 22, 2025. Registration will begin at 9 am and end after lunch. A member of the Lutheran Early Response Team will be our guest speaker, and Pastor will conduct the Prayer Service. A planning committee was formed and will meet in January.
- 3) **The SID Spring retreat** will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Steelville on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The registration deadline is March 19. Contact Jane Stumpf or Marilyn Snider if you want to register and possibly carpool.

Meeting ended with prayer.

☆ **Next Meeting will be held on February 6 at 11:30 am** with Mike Roediger sharing highlights of his trip to Egypt. Our hostesses will be Marilyn Snider and Jane Stumpf. We invite and welcome any new members to our meetings.

Boy Scout Troop 320 hosting..
SPAGHETTI DINNER for a CAUSE
 A Fundraising effort to help feed the Less Fortunate
February 1, 2025 - Immaculate Conception Church
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL lower level
\$10/person —kids under 5 eat free!
Carry Outs Available
(Dinner includes Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, and dessert)



Disaster Response - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod—California Wildfires

www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response?erid=5d9a83bb-5197-4eca-9c94-7d4062e0f55a&trid=5d9a83bb-5197-4eca-9c94-7d4062e0f55a



Member Spotlight Paul and Marilyn Snider



Tell us about how you got connected to St. Paul's? How long have you been members?

Marilyn has been a member here at St. Paul's since she had her records transferred in 1971 from Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia where she was baptized and confirmed. Paul was raised in the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon, but he has attended St. Paul's since their move to Columbia in 1968.

Tell us about your family; what are your interests; what you enjoy doing outside of church?

Marilyn was the Columbia High School Principal's Secretary for 34 years, retiring in 2004. Paul taught Drivers Ed, History, and Health at CHS for 35 years, retiring in 1998. Marilyn enjoys crocheting and crafting; they both love to read and watch movies, but most of all, they enjoy being with family. They have a son, Robb, and a daughter, Hilary, who were both confirmed at St. Paul's. Robb has two sons, Mathew and Patrick, and the two of them provided five Great Grandsons. Hilary and her husband have three children, Caleb, Evan, and Maren.

What do you like best about St. Paul's Lutheran Church?

They like the consistency of how the services are held and include Bible teaching of the Law and Gospel. Many hymns are familiar, and they enjoy the vocal and bell choirs. Pastor is knowledgeable and approachable. All combined, leaves a peaceful feeling.

What committees and groups have you been involved in over the years?

It has changed over the years by what activities they were involved. When their children were growing up and they were working, they were involved more with the youth activities. Since then, Marilyn has helped with the following Boards/Committees: Outreach, Finance, Cemetery, Food Pantry, Preschool, Ladies League, voters meetings, and various office work over the years. Paul helps her when needed as she keeps herself very busy.

What Bible verses or hymns have influenced your faith life?

Hymns "Up From the Grave He Arose" "Be Still My Soul" "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Bible Verse -

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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Worship Schedule Fall/Winter/Spring

Sundays: 8 am Divine Service
9:15 - 10:15 am Adult Bible Study, SS Hour, Youth
10:30 am Divine Service

Mondays: 6:30 pm Divine Service

Sunday am Bible Study Schedule: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Adult Bible Class
Children's Sunday School
High School

Tuesdays: 7:15 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays: 10 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday evenings at St. Paul's: 6 pm Jr. Confirmation & 6:30 pm Handbell Choir



Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am - 10:30 am

Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!

The Comforts of Love sewing group needs a few more helping hands to tie comforts which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, or Lutheran Disaster Response Team. There are no special sewing talents required, just a willingness to help provide items for warmth and comfort to those in need.

Thank you for all your support!

Questions? contact Marianne May or Marilyn Snider.

Monday evenings at St. Paul's...

5:15 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm Divine Service

Looking for Choir Members

If you or someone you know is interested in being part of our choir, please join us on Monday nights at 5:15pm in the church balcony. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen Shimkus, our choir director, at 618-540-0810.



Deadline for Submissions (articles, photos, calendar updates, etc.) for March 2025 Newsletter: Feb. 17th





The Epistle

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Pastor Stephen Krenz 618-363-0121 Andrew Borseth, Seminarian (405) 519-2957 Michael Ewert, Seminarian, Youth Director (414) 795-8527	

"For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb."

Psalm 139:13

"Saying that there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers."

Mother Teresa

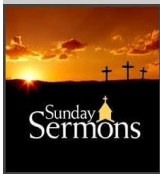
Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

On Sunday/Monday February 2nd and 3rd we will be celebrating God's gift of life from its God given start in the womb to its natural end. According to Guttmacher Institute in 2023 1,037,000 abortions were performed in states without total abortion bans. According to a Focus on the Family Advocacy Team about one in four women will have an abortion before the age of 45. Over sixty percent of these women are in their twenties, while adolescents make up 12% of those getting an abortion. In a 2015 research survey with 1,038 women that had abortions 70% had a Christian religious preference and 43% were going to church regularly once a month at the time of her abortion.

This reality, as uncomfortable as it is, is very relevant in our area as in 2019 a 18,000 square foot abortion facility was built in Fairview Heights. What are we as the people of God to do? In 1 Corinthians 12:33 the apostle Paul describes the church as being made up of a body and *"the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor"*. Those that are most vulnerable include the unborn, those with little to offer at the end of their life, and those who feel they have no other option but to end a life. It also includes those who struggle with guilt because of their past decisions. As a church our mission is to offer the truth of God's Word which includes the forgiving love of Christ. What a joy to know that we have a life-giving God, who sent forth Jesus that all sinners might have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10) May God grant us faith, conviction, and wisdom when it comes to the sanctity of human life.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Krenz**

Sermon Themes for February 2025



- February 2nd and 3rd **Life Sunday** "Life Shines in Darkness" based on John 1:1-14
- February 9th and 10th "A Can't/Can Do Attitude" Isaiah 6:1-8
- February 16th and 17th "Resurrection Reminders" 1 Corinthians 15:1-20
- February 23rd and 24th "Revelations that Redefine" Luke 6:27-38 Seminarian, Andrew Borseth



We will celebrate Sanctity of Life on Sunday, February 2, 2025.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is participating in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser on behalf of Life Network of Southern Illinois to protect the sanctity of human life.

Please bring your filled baby bottles back to the church office in the next few weeks.



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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
*Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word & Reflect Christ's Love to All!*