

**January Sermon Schedule:
8 am & 10:30 am & Monday 6:30 pm**

January 11th & 12th Romans 6:1-11

"The blessed gift of dying and Rising with Christ"

January 18th & 19th John 1:29-42a

"The blessed call to bear witness to Jesus"

January 25th & 26th 1 Corinthians 1:18

"The blessed folly and power of the cross"



It's time for the Annual Family Ministry Bowling night!

Sign up now in the Narthex to guarantee a spot.

Mark your calendar and invite a friend! \$10 per adult, \$5/ student. Family lanes & youth

lanes available. At Westpark Bowl, Columbia on **Sunday Feb 1, 6pm but arrive at 5:45** for

lane assignments and to get your shoes.

Payment at the event includes shoes and one large pizza and pitcher of soda per lane.

Other menu items available for purchase separately. Indicate on the sign up sheet if your student wants to be on the youth lane(s) or as a family lane.



Everyone is invited to a **hymn festival** commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25. Four SID churches named 'St. Paul' will join together for this hymn festival that afternoon:

St. Paul's Columbia, St. Paul Hamel, St. Paul's Troy, and St. Paul Wood River.

The Hymn Festival will be Jan. 25, 2026 at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Troy, 112 N. Border St., Troy, IL. Hymn commentaries will be provided by pastors of the participating churches. The organist will be Joseph Meador from St. Paul, Wood River and MELHS. The choir conductor will be Karen Shimkus from St. Paul, Troy and St. Paul, Columbia. The accompanist will be Kantor Janet Muth from St. Paul, Hamel. Singers and instrumentalists from all 4 churches and MELHS will participate. In the spirit of St. Paul, a mission offering will be collected for the Seminario Concordia El Refor- mador in the Dominican Republic, (a mission partner of the SID).



Save the date and your items:

The **annual youth group Rummage Sale** will be **Saturday, March 14, 8 am - noon**. We are asking for help from the congregation in general for

setup and particularly sale day please. It is our largest fundraiser; we usually raise about \$3,000. The next National Youth Gathering will be costly to travel to as it's in San Antonio, July 2028, so we need to build our coffers starting this year. Sign up in the Narthex please. No computers, TVs, clothing or car seats please.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT Lay Leader Training

Join us for a Carload Conference
on Lay Leadership Training! sidlcms.org/events
January 17th or February 7th

Send your lay leaders to gain skills and expertise at our Lay Leader Training! These workshops will cover areas that assist youth leaders, school boards, Sunday school teachers/superintendents, trustees, treasurers, evangelism committee members, and congregational presidents in carrying out their assigned duties. The day begins with Matins at 9am and wraps up at 2pm. Lunch is provided as part of registration. Find more information and registration at sidlcms.org/events

Save the date today:

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

(Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, IL 62234)

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

(Trinity Lutheran Church, Centralia, IL 62801).

Welcome both members and visitors to worship. If you are a visitor and do not have a church home, we invite you to consider this congregation as a place for you to grow through God's Word in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Contact Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) with any questions on this congregation, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and/or the process of church membership. If you are a visitor, feel free to leave us your address in the attendance folder. It is also in that folder you can see our belief and practice concerning the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, January 11

8 am Divine Service
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
SS Children, Youth Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service

Monday, January 12

Count Team 3: J. Rahn; D. Nowak; S. Roessler;
5:15 pm Adult Choir
6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesday, January 13

7:15 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Pastor Circuit Mtg in Sugar Loaf
9 am Quilters
5:30 pm Board of Trustees
6:30 pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, January 14

10 am Women's Bible Study w/ Nancy
4—5:30 pm Food Pantry Open
4 pm & 6 pm Jr. Confirmation
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Thursday, January 15

11:30 Stewardship Mtg

Friday, January 16

2 pm Bria Nursing Home Worship
3:30 pm Garden Place Worship

Saturday, January 17

Lay Leader Conference Collinsville

Sunday, January 18

8 am Divine Service
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
SS Children, Youth Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service

Based on Divine Service II

The Baptism of Our Lord

1/11, 8 & 10:30 am; 1/12 6:30 pm

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells, Greeting, Announcements, Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn LSB 394

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Invocation, Confession, Absolution, Introit Kyrie, Salutation, Collect/Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle Romans 6:1-11, **Alleluia Verse**

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Apostles' Creed, Children's Message

Hymn of the Day LSB 594

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Sermon Romans 6:1-11

"The Blessed Gift of Dying and Rising with Christ"

Installation of 2026 Officers & Board Members

Presentation of Offerings

Prayer of the Church, Service of the Sacrament, Proper Preface, Sanctus,

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

LSB 619 vs. 1, 2, & 5

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" **LSB 596**

"All Who Believe And Are Baptized" **LSB 601**

Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Canticle,

Post-Communion Collect, Benediction

Closing Hymn LSB 537 "Beautiful Savior"

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***** Austin Kudray - 586-295-5524 kudraya@csl.edu**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:25 am to 10:15

Do join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am as this week we look at where Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool, calls his people not to be anxious, calls us to be ready for the 2nd coming and how to handle division in the world. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and new people are always welcome.

Children's Sunday School:

Today, we will study "A Mountaintop Wonder." Jesus takes His inner circle—Peter, James, and John—up on a mountain. There, they see Jesus in His heavenly glory as Moses and Elijah appear alongside Him, discussing His upcoming departure. In his excitement, Peter offers to build three tents so they can remain on the mountaintop. Suddenly, a cloud—a sign of God's presence—appears and a voice speaks out from it: "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35).



Youth
8th -12th grade
Sundays:
9:15 - 10:15 am
Meet In the Loft upstairs

Jan 25th -Dodge Ball
w/ Waterloo Youth Group
4-8 pm

Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

10 to 11 am Wednesdays - SS room at end of hall
Wednesday, January 14th we will resume meeting with a study on some of the women of the Bible. Call Nancy Radentz or email her for more information. 618-340-2995 donan9@sbcglobal.net

Pre-School Sunday

On January 25th at the late service the Pre-School will be singing and we will have a light luncheon in the fellowship hall for Pre-school families and members of St. Paul's following the second service. A free will offering for a pre-school related item will also be taken after the service.

Fridays, Once a Month: 2026 EYES on Isaiah

Our Not-for-Couples-Only Bible Class led by Pastor Sievers will focus on the OT book of Isaiah in 2026, meeting monthly on a convenient Friday. Learn how the Holy Spirit used Isaiah not only to predict with amazing detail our Savior's birth, death, and resurrection, but also to warn and comfort God's people. **First class is February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** For more info or to order your \$12 study guide, call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097).

Life with God

A new adult membership class will start on **Sunday, February 22nd at 4 pm.** This 10 week class is for those interested in learning what Lutherans teach and for becoming part of the fellowship here at St. Paul's. Please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121 if you are interested.

Thank You! To our volunteers...

Sunday, January 11th 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Mark Eischer
Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt
Acolyte: Colin Grandt
Screens: Josh Colyer
Video: Aiden Colyer

Sunday, January 11th 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Charlie Consolino
Greeter/Usher: Lynn McAuliffe, Ezra Douglas
Acolyte: Elijah Douglas
Screens: Ava Douglas

Monday, January 12th 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Glenn Grebing
Greeter/Usher: Brenda Appel

Sunday, January 18th 8 am

Organist: Sarah Koester
Elder: Scott Moeslein
Greeter/Usher: Stefanie Newbill
Acolyte: Nathan Schmoll
Screens: Kyva Meyers
Video: Kaylee Grandt

Sunday, January 18th 10:30 am

Organist: Sarah Koester
Elder: Toby Search
Greeter/Usher: Doug Tolbird
Acolyte: Paloma Niehaus
Screens: Gary Maske

Monday, January 19th 6:30 pm

Organist: Sarah Koester
Elder: Scott Peery
Greeter/Usher: Brenda Appel

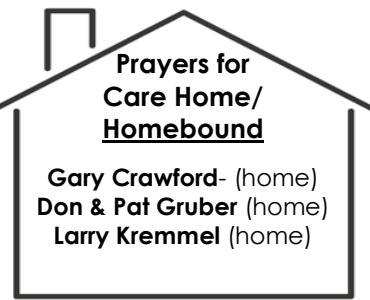
Prayer Requests

Special Prayers

- † **Eric Turner**, friend of Levi and Carleigh Ottwell, healing after surgery for a ruptured disc herniation
- † **Mary Lou Oglesby**, recovery after breaking her hip at Memorial Rehab in Belleville
- † **Joe Locastro**, Cousin to Charlie Consolino, for additional healing- back in the hospital with additional surgery is a possibility.
- † **Gary Crawford**, at Barnes
- † **Joe Starek**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- † **Rosie Pole**, neighbor of Joe & Jan Starek, having health issues
- † **Melvin Hammond**, Stefanie Newbill's brother, recovering w/ severe arm injury
- † **Scott Peery**, receiving tests this week on his heart

Additional Prayers

- † **The Kaster's Mission in the Czech Republic**
- † **Thanksgiving for the 2026 Congregational Officers and Board Members**
- † **Beverly Pulcher**, recovering from foot surgery
- † **Matthew Scholz, Lisa Schmidt's son-in-law**, Recovering from surgery
- † **Barb Schneider**, on hospice care
- † **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, health issues
- † **For the DCE Call process**
- † **For all who travel**



Our Response To His Love With Attendance

12/31	5 pm	31
1/4/26	8 am	63
1/4	10:30 am	58
1/5	6:30 pm	28
		149
1/4	SS Children/Youth	
1/4	Adult Bible Study	15
1/6	Men's Bible Study	6

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances

General Fund		
Weekly Budgeted	Amount Needed	\$ 7,000
Received 1/4/26	\$ 8,222	
Building Repair Fund		
Received 1/4/26	\$ 471	

For Those Living With Cancer / Undergoing Cancer Treatments...

Bill Haas, Uncle of Bethany Niehaus
Harold Thoma, brother of Bob Thoma
Jeffrey Gruber, son of Don & Pat Gruber
Kip Quevreaux
Nancy Puhi, sister of Mike Arras
Robert Ebner, friend of Bob Thoma
Tara Menard, granddaughter of Bob & Pat Gruber
Gwen Shreeman, niece of Janet Kenney
Virginia Schweigert, Theresa Mancarella's sister
Tony Tumminia, friend of Scott Moeslein
Sandy Cates, friend of Susan S. & Mona N.
Katie Pernoud, co-worker of Beth Niehaus.

Call Committee update:

The call committee met this past Thursday to discuss what the congregation is looking or in a DCE, set a time line for the call process, and go over information on five individuals who have already been provided to us by the District Office. Congregational members are invited over the next few weeks to share names of synodically trained DCE's with members of the call committee. Upon receiving these names the call committee will work with the District Office to see which candidates might be open to such a called position. The call committee hopes to start interviewing potential candidates sometime in February. The members of the call committee are Scott Peery (chair), Carleigh Ottwell, Patrick Grandt, Mitch Essert, and Becky Stevens. Please keep this whole process in your prayers.