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Worship with Us...

Worship Hours Sept.13 - May
Sundays 8 am & 10:30 am
Mondays 6:30 pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 SEPTEMBER		1 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters Pre-School Open House	2 Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm 6 pm Confirmation Mtg with families	3 Ladies League 11:30 am	4 2 pm Nexus Nursing Home Bible Study	5
6 9 am Divine Service 10:15 am SS and Bible Study for all ages	7 Labor Day Count (Team 1) No Service	8 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters Pastors Circuit Mtg – Waterloo 9-4 pm 4:30 pm Trustees 5:30 pm Eve's Restoration Mtg 6:30 pm Elders	9 Jr. Confirmation Food Pantry 4—5:30 pm	10 11 am Church Constitution Mtg 5:30 pm Eve's Board Mtg	11 6:30 pm Pastor Sievers Bible Study	12
13 8 am Divine Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service	14 Count (Team 2) 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Service	15 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters	16 7:30 am Rotary Bus. Mtg Jr. Confirmation Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	17	18 2 pm Nexus Worship 3:30 pm Garden Place Worship	19
20 8 am Divine Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service Annual Church Picnic Following late service	21 Count (Team 3) 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Service	22 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Youth Mtg	23 SYATP Meet Me at the Pole 7:15 am Columbia School Jr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	24 Eve's Restoration Trivia Night	25	26
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September Servants	9/6 Sun 9 am	9/13 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 9/14 Mon 6:30 pm	9/20 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 9/21 Mon 6:30 pm	9/27 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 9/28 Mon 6:30 pm
Elder	D. Greatting/ T. Search	M. Eischer (E) L. Ottwell (L) Glenn Grebing (Mon)	S. Moeslein (E) C. Consolino (L) Bob Thoma (Mon)	D. Greatting (E) T. Search (L) Scott Peery (Mon)
Organist	Jeanine Consolino	Sarah Koester	Jeanine Consolino	Jeanine Consolino
Greeter/Usher	Jonathan Busch Ezra Douglas	L. Schmidt (E) (L) (Mon)	M. Ottwell (E) S. Newbill (L) Brenda Appel (Mon)	(E) Joydean Beatty (L) Sue Champion (Mon)
Acolyte	Elijah Douglas	Nathan Schmoll (E) Lennon Ottwell (L)	Collin/Alexis Grandt (E) P. Niehaus (L)	Evy Colyer (E) Brooke Quevreaux (L)
Screens	Josh Colyer	Kaylee G (E) Campbell Ottwell (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Gary Maske (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Dane Quevreaux (L)
Video (E)	Ava Douglas	Kyva Meyers (E)	Aiden Colyer (E)	Aiden Colyer (E)

*Blue font denotes to be determined.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday



		1 Hailey Frazer JT & Loren lorio ♥ Judith Schwartz Tony Troup Xander Heck	2 Caitlyn Bradley Jacob Dinkelman Liam Mastrantuono Mark Vieregge	3 Jeff & Janet Kenney ♥ Mitch Essert	4 Amanda Ford	5 Austin McCann Carl Bierman Krista Thompson
6 Forrest Greatting Scott & Kimberly Gross ♥	7 Gene & Jackie Haberl ♥	8 Beverly Pulcher Dalton Kritz Isaac Douglas Joseph & Gennifer Luberda ♥ Matthew Clyde	9 Terry Kempf	10 Brady Luther Brady Rhen Kirmess Jeff & Robin Phelps ♥ John & Becky Wallace ♥ Ryan Murray	11 Collin Schmidt David & Connie Gummersheimer ♥	12
13 Allison Ford	14 Aiden Colyer Amanda Douglas Carrie Fransson Darryl Byerley Mikaela Thompson Robert & Jan Glaenzer ♥	15 Harper Herbeck Sydney Luedeman	16 Flynn Reichert	17	18 Aaron & Calli Frazer Neil & Jane Hunt ♥	19 Franklin & Karen McCann ♥
20 Derek & Bethany Niehaus ♥ Doris Mathews Eric Hofstetter John & Aimee Ebersohl ♥	21 Avery Stevens Greg & Terri Grohman ♥ Karen McCann Ryan Degenhardt & Jeanne AuBuchon ♥	22	23 Carter Wallace Laura Roessler Sylvia Ebersohl	24	25 Charles Ford Phyllis Peters	26 Michelle Magnuson
27 Ashton Haskell Gary Camp	28 Ava Douglas Charles & Leah Farris ♥ Ed & Tami Williams ♥ Michael Heise Tami Williams	29 Joey Dinkelman Travis & Kristy Busch ♥	30 Adysen Lyon Joydean Beatty			

Great Truths about life from little children...

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

When your Mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.



My Summer 2027 Sabbatical

At our recent congregational voter's meeting, the congregation approved a 10-week sabbatical for me during the summer of 2027. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I believe this sabbatical will be helpful and to give you a general idea of what it will look like.

By next summer, God willing, I will be beginning my 32nd year of pastoral ministry. I am thankful to say that I do not feel burned out in my call to serve as your pastor. At the same time, I recognize the need to gain some additional skills, insights, and perspectives that will help me faithfully and effectively lead the congregation during what, God willing, will be the next five to seven years of full-time ministry.

The sabbatical will include several opportunities for learning, reflection, and renewal. While the details are still being worked out, I anticipate attending seminars and workshops related to pastoral care, sermon preparation and delivery, church administration, effective Bible class teaching, outreach, and additional ways of involving members more fully in the life and ministry of the church.

I also hope to devote approximately two weeks simply to visiting members of St. Paul's, perhaps visiting with two members or families each day. In addition, there will be time for rest, relaxation, and family. My son is getting married next summer in North Carolina, so Lisa and I will be taking some extra time before and after that ceremony, to assist with wedding needs and have time with extended family.

I will be working with the Board of Elders over the Coming months to develop the sabbatical plan. More specific details will be shared with the congregation early next summer, including who will provide pastoral care and leadership while I am away, how my vacation time will fit with the sabbatical, specific costs, and other practical matters.

My hope and prayer is that this sabbatical will ultimately be a blessing not only for me, but for St. Paul's. It will give others opportunities to step forward and serve while I am away, and I pray that I will return refreshed, renewed, and even better equipped to serve our Lord and His people in this wonderful congregation.

I am grateful for your support, your prayers, and The privilege of serving as your pastor. I look forward to sharing more with you as the plans for this special time take shape.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Krenz



UPCOMING EVENT: TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

\$25/per person or \$150/per table of six

Get together with some friends for a fun evening supporting Eve's Restoration Ministries!



OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL

for 2026 is \$88,000; we are 57% there! Would you consider being a monthly donor? For \$30 a month, you can be a sustaining partner of Eve's Restoration Ministries and help bring hope and healing to mothers and children impacted by foster care.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

Our organization is looking for dedicated individuals to join us. Will you consider joining the Eve's Restoration Ministries' Committee of St. Paul's or the Eve's Board? Please reach out to Amanda Douglas at 314-221-6700 for more information.



O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! "



St Paul Church Choir will start

up again on **Monday, Sept. 14 at 5:15 PM.**

All voices are needed and welcome to this fun group! Please text Karen Shimkus at 618-540-0810 with any questions.



Handbell Choir

HANDBELL CHOIR

will start up again **September 16 at 6:30 pm. Interested ringers—please join us! Contact Mark Eischer** for more info.



Fall Service Times

On Sunday, September 13th we will return to the 8 am and 10:30 am Service times.

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor." He replied, still focused on the plaque.



We are **excited**, **refreshed**, **renewed** and **ready** for a new school year!

Our preschool class is full, and we are excited to welcome our new families and get to know each of our students. Our first day of preschool is **Tuesday, September 8!**

September is always such a special time as we begin a new year filled with new friends, new routines, new adventures, and lots of opportunities to learn and grow. We are looking forward to creating wonderful memories together while helping our students grow in confidence, independence, kindness, and love for one another.

Most importantly, we are excited for another year of sharing God's love with the little ones entrusted to our care. We pray that this school year will be filled with laughter, learning, friendship, and many opportunities to let God's light shine!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give you **hope** and a **future**."

JEREMIAH 29:11



Here's to a wonderful new school year! We can't wait to see what God has planned for our preschool family!

..... > Shelly Augustin, Director <

"Pastor, what is this?" he asked the pastor...

The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked

"Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:15?"



Back to Church October

Do you have a friend, a family member, or an acquaintance who at one time participated in the life of the church but lately that is not the case. The Board of Elders is inviting members and friends of the congregation to first pray for friends, family, and others who are missing out on all the blessings God's Word gives through the weekly regular worship services. It may surprise you to note that according to an article titled "Coming Home" written by Thom Rainer and Sam Rainer is in "Outreach Magazine" 41% of the formerly churchd said that they would return to the local church if a friend or acquaintance invited them. Let us pray for such opportunities. If they return in August or September, that is fine too 😊



WHO WILL YOU
INVITE?

Hannah Elsey has received a call to be our Director of Christian Education (DCE).

At our July Voter's meeting a call was issued from our congregation to Hannah Elsey to be our DCE. Recently she and her husband Samuel visited our congregation from their home in Wichita, Kansas. They have a five-year-old son named JD who is starting kindergarten this year. Please keep her in your prayers, as she considers whether to accept the call to serve in this position.

Adult Bible Education

August Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

1 Peter- Please join us Sundays, in the fellowship hall for verse-by-verse Bible Study of 1 Peter. On Sunday, September 20th, we will begin a class that will cover key insights from the book of Job. Class will go from 9:15am-10:15am.

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 now the Holy Spirit used Isaiah not only to predict with amazing detail our Savior's birth, death, & resurrection, but also to warn & comfort God's people. For more info or to order your \$12 study guide, call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097).

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We have been looking at Isaiah and the Weekly Scriptures in the Worship Service.

Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am

Ladies – We begin our class on September 9 at 10 am!!! We are going to study the books that King Solomon wrote- There is some home study soeee if you wish to join us, please call Nancy Radentz at 618-340-2995 to receive the first week lesson. Would love to have you join us!!

Junior Confirmation Begins

On Wednesday, September 2nd at 6 pm Pastor Krenz would like to meet with all confirmation parents (grades 5-7) and students to discuss the particulars of this year's confirmation program.

The **first class** is scheduled to begin on

Wednesday, September 9th.

There are a couple of options on times for this class (2:30pm Columbia Schools are getting out early), 4 pm, & 6:30 pm).

If your child is going to be part of the confirmation program this year, please let Pastor Krenz know your preferred time on Wednesday.

Pre-School - High School Sunday School:

**Time Change to 9:15am
on September 13th**

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

youth
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

September 6th:

During Sunday School,
finish stuffing bags for
See You at the Pole.



See you at the Pole on September 23.

OOPS – Participate in BFW Month

For the past two years, your Board of Christian Outreach has encouraged you to reach out and invite a friend to worship with you on an October weekend. Happily, a few of you have done so. This year your BOCO is partnering with your Board of Elders and making the entire month of October a **BFW** or a **Bring-A-Friend-to-Worship** month with special emphasis on personally inviting as many of you inactive members as possible to receive Word and Sacrament with us some Sunday morning or Monday evening. So, if you know an inactive member, please personally (not just send a card or letter) invite him or her to worship with you in October. If the answer is NO, ask if you can invite them again some other time? Or, if you are one of our inactive members (you be the judge of what that means), don't be surprised or say NO if someone from church invites you. Or, just take this newsletter article as a sincere invitation from your BOCO and Elders and join us for worship sometime in October. We miss you, we'll be glad to see you, and we all know what the Bible says "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God" is true.

That's this month's OOPS
from your Board of Christian Outreach. Please try it!



The Stewardship
Committee presents



Wills and Estate Planning Evening

Sunday, October 18 6:30 – 8 pm (No Cost)

Approximately 70% of Americans do not have a will or estate plan. Typical goals in estate planning include:

- ▶ Guardianship for minor children,
- ▶ Provide for spouse and children,
- ▶ Selecting an executor,
- ▶ Finalizing a power of attorney for health care and finances, and
- ▶ Managing your assets if you become ill.

St. Paul's will be having a will planning workshop. The workshop is called Ask the Expert. The panel of "Experts" include, an estate attorney, a financial professional, to include someone from the church's endowment fund, and Pastor Krenz.

Are you one of the 70% in society that haven't put a plan together? Do you have a will, however it has been years since you reviewed it? Attendees will receive a free will guide and many other resources will be available. This workshop is for you, your spouse, and other family members(All ages, 20's and beyond).

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church -Columbia
Opportunities to Give**

Memorial Outdoor Bench

-Powder-coated steel bench with a donor plaque (@ \$2,500)

Preschool Ministry Support

-General support for our Preschool program (3 & 4 year olds)

Youth Ministry Support

-General support for our middle school and high school youth program, activities, and mission trips

Building Repair/Renovation Support

-Support for unexpected and planned projects as our church building ages

Cemetery Grounds Support

-Support for beautification projects at our cemetery

Music/Ministry Support

-Support for music, organ, and handbells, etc.

General Mission Support

-Support for special future mission/Christian Outreach projects

Food Pantry

-Continued Support for local food needs in our community



While giving one's offerings to the general congregation budget is of first importance when considering where one should give, there are opportunities to give to the following areas within the congregation. If a donation is made toward one of these areas, please make the check out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and in the memo, put the particular area where it is going. (See list)



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

Our August 6 meeting was called to order at 11:30. We said the common table prayer and enjoyed our lunch. Thank you to Nancy Radentz and Kathy Stechmesser for being our hostesses. The desserts were yummy, and the decorations took us to India. Our guest speaker, Cindy Troup's daughter-in-law, Kristen Troup, told us about her recent mission trip to India. The trip was organized with Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo. The group had a very positive experience, and she brought many pictures to share with us.

Attendance, acceptance of Minutes, correspondence, and financial report were given.

Standing committee reports were given.

Card Ministry--sent our Thinking of you/Get Well, baptism, and sympathy cards to members.

Comforts of Love-- completed 12 quilts and Orphan Grain Train volunteer picked up 65 quilts.

LWML NEWS

☆ Finance report was given by Wanda for Rose Anne.

☆ The SID convention was discussed. 6 members will attend.

☆ We voted on the Mission Grants, and the votes were tallied and the ones with most votes were sent in. A report on which received most votes was sent out with the minutes from the meeting.

☆ Also discussed were the donations to the high school and mission grant offerings. It was voted on that \$100 would go to Metro East High School and \$100 to the convention Mission Grant donation. Checks have been sent in.

☆ There will be a Zone meeting at our church on August 13.

☆ LWML Sunday in October will be on October 11--this is what Pastor thought would be best.

Monthly mtgs are on the first Thursday of the month, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. If you have questions please contact Jane E Stumpf at 314-852-8776.

Quilters-Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am -10:30 am

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

Thank you for all your support!

Questions?

contact Wanda Gross or Marilyn Snider.

Old Business

UNDIE SUNDAY will end last Sunday in August, and we will sort the items at our September meeting and send to Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you to Wanda Gross and Marilyn Snider for cleaning the kitchen in preparation for Mitzi Ottwell to paint. Thanks again Mitzi for her never-ending work around the church.

New Business

Wanda Gross mentioned she thought our group might purchase a 3-step ladder with wider steps to be used in the kitchen area and to reach boxes in the storage area. Motion was made and was approved.

Marilyn Snider said Becky Stevens extended an invitation to our ladies to tour the Lutheran Church International Center in St. Louis. She is a tour guide and would love to take us around the facility. This was tabled for future discussion.

We sang Happy Birthday to Kathy Stechmesser, Wanda Gross, Mitzi Ottwell, and Donna Stine.

Vice President Susan Housewright had a devotion, "Begin with God. He Helps Us Cast Out Worry."

This title is supported by many Bible verses; she mentioned 1 John 1:9, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:13-19, and Matthew 6:27. God is our source of strength and peace, and that by trusting His promises, we can replace worry with confidence.

Next meeting is September 3. Hostesses are Mitzi Ottwell and Sue Nolte. Our speakers will be Kendra Nowak and Michelle DeBourge talking about women in the military.



*Member Spotlight***Jane Stumpf**

I have been a member since 1990 when I moved to Columbia after getting married. At the time it was the only Lutheran church I was aware of in Columbia. I grew up in St. Paul's Lutheran in Troy, IL so I figured St. Paul's Columbia would be good also.

I graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in '74. I worked at Belleville Memorial for 2 years and I worked at Mercy for 46 yrs. I am now a retired RN.

I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, and spending time with friends. I am now involved with the Nurse Honor Guard of STL. My son, Ethan, is a Captain in the USAF. Hopefully I will see him at Thanksgiving. He was involved in Scouting and is an Eagle Scout. So, I was involved in Scouting from his Tiger to Eagle. I continue to be Committee Chair for Troop 357.

What I like best about St. Paul's—The message and mission, the Pastor, the people, and friends I have made.

I was past president of Women's Ministry and am the current president of the Ladies League/LWML. I volunteer at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays.

I have several Bible verses that have helped me through the years. My confirmation verse, Romans 1:16. This verse at my graduation from nursing school and said at my wedding, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. This verse in general, Jeremiah 29:11. Two of my favorite hymns are *How Great Thou Art* and *On Eagles Wings*



St. Paul's Lutheran Columbia
Annual Church Family Fellowship Picnic
Sunday, September 20th
at Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park
following the 10:30 am Service



Sign Up in the Narthex
to let us know
how many are coming
And if you will bring
a dish or game to share.

The church is providing Sandwiches,
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and Drinks.

– Board of Stewardship

Columbia Days Parade *Sat, Aug 15, 4pm*

Thank you! To all those who assisted with our congregational float in Saturday's Columbia Days Parade.

We were able to hand out candy and 800 fliers w/ "Back to School Prayers" and information on the church. We also handed out a similar amount of coloring pages and crayons for Preschool.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

FOOD PANTRY

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Food Pantry Needs...

Granola Bars, Potato Sides, Chili

Sept 2 (1:30-3pm),

Sept 9 (4-5:30 pm),

Sept 16 (1:30-3pm)

Newsletter Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)
For October Newsletter: September 24th





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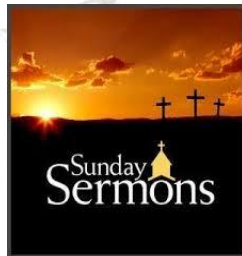
Annual Church Picnic
September 20
Ask An Expert –
Wills & Estate Planning
October 18th 6-8 pm
Reformation Service
w/ Circuit Congregation
October 31 (Hosted at St. Paul's)

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another". Romans 12:4-5

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"There is no such thing as a one-man band". Those sentiments are also true for the church which includes this congregation. It is good for us to remember the above words as in the next couple of months our church activities increase, the inactive members are encouraged to return to public worship, and new officers and board members are going to begin their service. All organizations function better when each part works together, but life in the church is so much more. We literally belong to one another not in a organization kind of way but in a organism kind of way, and the oneness we have in Christ is what keeps us together. What a blessing to be part of the church!

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Krenz



September 6th & 7th– Romans 13:1-10

'God's Gift of Authority, and Our Response to That Authority,

September 13th & 14th– Romans 14:7-8

'Living and Dying to the Lord,

September 20th & 21st– Philippians 1:19-30

'Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel of Christ,

September 27th & 28th– Pastor Troup

Sundays 8 am Divine Worship Service ✝ 9:15 am Bible Study ✝ 10:30 am Divine Worship Service
Mondays 5:15 pm SPLC Choir Rehearsal ✝ 6:30 pm Divine Worship Service
Wednesdays Time:TBD Jr Confirmation ✝ 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word & Reflect Christ's Love to All!