

May Messages

May 3rd & 4th "Chosen To Proclaim" 1 Peter 2:9-10

May 10th & 11th- "Christianity in An Age of Spirituality" Acts 17:16-31

May 17th & 18th- "Being One" John 17:1-11

May 24th "The Gifts of Pentecost" Acts 2:1-21

May 31st & June 1st "Unpacking the Great Commission" Matthew 28:16-20



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, May 3 Confirmation Sunday

8 am Divine Service

9:15 am Adult Bible Study -Fellowship Hall
SS Children, Youth Bible Study

10:30 am Divine Service (Rite of Confirmation)

Monday, May 4

Count Team 1: M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger

5:30 pm BOCO mtg

6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesday, May 5

7:15 am Men's Bible Study

9 am Quilters

Pastors Conference in Godfrey, IL

6:30 Board of Education

Wednesday, May 6

10 am Women's Bible Study w/ Nancy

1:30 pm Food Pantry Open

6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Thursday, May 7

11:30 am Ladies League

Friday, May 8

4 pm Adult Information Class

6:30 pm Pastor Siever's Bible Study

Saturday, May 9

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8 am Divine Service

9:15 am Adult Bible Study -Fellowship Hall
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Beginning 5/31

Sundays

9 am Divine
Worship Service

10:15 am Bible
Study for all
Ages

Mondays

6:30 pm Divine
Worship Service

Summer Adult
Bible Study and
SS will meet May

31st thru July 5th

following the
9 am service

Thank You! To our volunteers...

Sunday, May 3 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: David Greatting

Greeter/Usher: Jonathan Busch

Acolyte:

Screens: Josh Colyer

Video: Aiden Colyer

Sunday, May 3 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Toby Search

Greeter/Usher: Ezra Douglas

Acolyte: Elijah Douglas

Screens: Gary Maske

Monday, May 4 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Scott Peery

Greeter/Usher: Kevin Miller

Sunday, May 10 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Mark Eischer

Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt

Acolyte: Nathan Schmoll

Screens: Josh Colyer

Video: Aiden Colyer

Sunday, May 10 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Charlie Consolino

Greeter/Usher:

Acolyte:

Screens: Kevin Koenigstein

Monday, May 11 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Glenn Grebing

Greeter/Usher: Kevin Miller

Pre-Service Music, Ringing of the Bells, Announcements, Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" LSB 475

"Baptism" Caroline Herbeck (10:30 only)

Invocation, Confession, Absolution, Introit, Kyrie,

This Is The Feast, Salutation and Collect, Prayer of the Day

First Reading Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60, Epistle 1 Peter 2:2-10, Alleluia Verse, Holy Gospel John 14:1-14

"Apostles' Creed" Alexis Grandt (10:30 only), Apostles' Creed(8 am & Monday only)

Children's Message, Hymn of the Day "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" LSB 691

Sermon Pastor Stephen Krenz "The Look of Care and Witness in the Body of Christ" Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Rite of Confirmation Adelynn Cochrane, Alexis Grandt, Caroline Herbeck (10:30 only)

Offertory/Confirmation Hymn "Thine Forever, God of Love" LSB 687

Prayer of the Church, Service of the Sacrament, "Lord's Supper" Alexis Grandt (10:30 only)

Proper Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord, Proclamation of Christ, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" LSB 619

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

Thank the Lord, Post-Communion Collect, Benediction

Closing Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660

The Order of Service Based
On Divine Service I LSB 151
Fifth Sunday of Easter/
Confirmation Sunday
May 3rd 8 am and 10:30 am
& May 4th 6:30 pm, 2026

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

Today we conclude our verse-by-verse study of Luke with a look at the resurrection in Luke 24. Beginning next week, we will start a new series titled "Christian Churches—How Are We Similar? How Are We Different?" In this class, we will explore our shared beliefs and key distinctions in comparison with the following traditions: Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Baptists, other Lutherans, Presbyterians, Assemblies of God (Pentecostal), Church of Christ, Methodism, and Anglican/Episcopalian churches.

Children's Sunday School: 9:15—10:15 am

This week's Bible lesson is "The Unknown Revealed." As Paul waits for the other disciples to join him in Athens, he spends time in discussion with philosophers and others in the marketplace. Many temples and altars fill the city of Athens, including an altar dedicated to the "unknown god." One day, Paul speaks at the Areopagus—also called Mars Hill. He uses the altar to the unknown god as an opportunity to teach the people concerning the true God.

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



The congregation is cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Kaitlyn Ann Koenigstein to Alexander Edmund Blum on Sunday, May 30, 2026 at 4 pm here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kevin & Lillian Koenigstein.

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

Life with God Classes: A new 10–12 week adult information/membership class begins **Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.** The class covers the key beliefs of the Lutheran faith. Meeting times can be adjusted to accommodate summer schedules. For more information, contact **Pastor Krenz at 618-363-012** or the church office.



Gateway Grizzlies Fellowship Event
Wednesday, May 27th at 6:45 pm

A night at the ballpark!
 (gates Open 5:45)
 Sign up in the narthex!

Ticket includes a meal.

Due to a generous donation, each of the tickets ordered are **free of charge**. However, we are asking that **each person attending bring at least \$10** that will go **toward a mission project (to be determined)**.

Sign Up Deadline: Tuesday, May 19th.



Pre-School Registration
is now open for the
2026–2027 school year!

If you know a family looking for a nurturing, high quality, Christ-centered preschool experience, they may contact our preschool Director, Shelly Augustin for more details about our program. 618-281-4190.

Sign up soon—only 4–5 spots left.

Thank you! we had over 35 people participating in our Fellowship Chili Supper Event. Thank you to Stefanie Newbill and Donna Tolbird who helped organize this event, along with many others from the Food Pantry. \$291 was collected and will be split evenly between the Food Pantry and Eve's Restoration Home.

Next Pantry: May 6th 1:30 —3: pm

Pantry Needs: Canned Ravioli/SpaghettiOs, Pasta Sides
 4/15 Served: 18 Families = 35 Adults + 11 Children



REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY! STPAULS-LCMSORG

We are in search of various items to decorate for VBS:

- Palm tree decor**
(inflatable, hangable, or attachable to a wall)
- Leaf banners/decor**
- Tropical animal decorations or stuffed animals**
- Tropical flower decor**
- banners, fake florals, flower leis
- Rattan/grass skirts**
- A large piece or small roll of kraft/butcher paper**
(ideally 4 ft by 16 ft)

If you are interested in donating or lending any of these items for VBS AND/OR you are interested in putting together decorations before **we decorate on June 6th and 7th**, or you have interest in helping to place/hang decorations on those dates,

please text Carleigh at 618-719-9307.

If lending, please just make sure to label your items in some way.
 If donating, many items can be found on Amazon or at the Dollar Tree.
 We typically decorate the Narthex, the children's room, the hallways leading to the sites, and the fellowship hall.
 We do have some things at church, but will need a few more things for this year's program.



we need egg cartons please (dozen not the 18 count)

Special Prayers

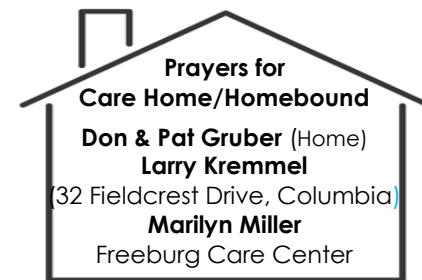
- † **Larry Sifford**, friend of Sandy Roessler
- † **David Jestus**, recovering at home from cancer surgery
- † **Marjorie Drexlar**, prayer for intense back pain
- † **Theresa Mancarella**, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- † **Paul Lemay**, Relative of Stefanie Newbill who has severe health problems.
- † **Deanna Roessler**, daughter-in-law of Sandy Roessler, having tests done
- † **Gordon Moeckel**, uncle of Randy Moeckel, on hospice
- † **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, health issues

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

- Tom Crouch**, brother of Diane Bierman
- Patti French**, friend of congregation
- Harold Thoma**, brother of Bob Thoma
- Jeffrey Gruber**, son of Don & Pat Gruber
- Nancy Puh**, sister of Mike Arras
- Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Tara Menard**, granddaughter of Don & Pat Gruber
- Gwen Shreeman**, niece of Janet Kenney
- Virginia Schweigert**, Theresa Mancarella's sister
- Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan S. & Mona N.
- Katie Pernoud**, co-worker of Beth Niehaus.

Additional Prayers

- † **Those being confirmed today:**
Adelynn Cochrane
Alexis Grandt
Caroline Herbeck



A Gift That Lives On

"As you prayerfully consider your future plans, we invite you to remember St. Paul's Lutheran in your estate or will. Such a gift is a lasting testimony of your faith and love for God's work in our community." -Stewardship Committee

Voter's meeting Recap

On Tuesday, April 28, thirty-one members gathered for our annual spring Voters' Meeting.
 ☆ During the meeting, the congregation released eighteen members due to long-term inactivity.
 ☆ A letter from Linaya Kolke was shared, informing the congregation that she has declined the call to St. Paul's.
 ☆ The Trustees presented a proposal to bring the communion rail off the altar down in front of the lectern and pulpit. A final decision on this project will be made at the July Voters' Meeting.
 ☆ It was reported that offerings are currently \$23,000 higher than at this time last year. If this trend continues, it will help the congregation better support the cost of a Director of Christian Education.
 ☆ The Audit Committee delivered its annual report and confirmed that our accounting system remains in good order.
 ☆ The congregation also discussed a potential summer 2027 sabbatical for Pastor Krenz.
 A full Voters' Meeting packet—including all board, committee, and financial reports—is available in the church entryway.

Linaya Kolke Declines the call

This past Sunday we were informed that Linaya Kolke declined the call to serve as our DCE. The call committee will soon be meeting again to start assembling names of potential DCE candidates. If congregational members or friends of the congregation know of any Director of Christian Education who might be open to call here at St. Paul's please let one of the call committee members know.

The call committee members are Scott Peery, Mitch Essert, Carleigh Ottwell, Patrick Grandt, Becky Stevens, and Pastor Krenz.

Our Response To His Love With Attendance

4.26 Sunday 8 am	88	
10:30 am	63	
4.27 Monday 6:30 pm	N/A	= 151
4/26 SS/Youth	18	
4/26 Adult Bible Study	25	
4.28 Men's Bible Study	6	
4.29 Women's Bible Study	9	

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances General Fund

Weekly Budgeted	Amount Needed	\$ 8,400
Received 4.26/26		\$ 6,686
Building Repair Fund		
Received 4.26/26		\$ 200