

Sunday, September 6
9 am Divine Service
10:15 am Adult Bible Class, SS Pre-school thru High School

Monday, September 7 Labor Day
Count Team 1: M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger
Church Office Closed
No Evening Service

Tuesday, September 8
7:15 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Circuit Pastors Mtg in Waterloo

9 am Quilters
4:30 pm Board of Trustees
6:30 pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, September 9
4 – 5:30 pm Food Pantry Open
4 & 6 pm Jr Confirmation

Thursday, September 10
11 am Constitution Mtg
5:30 pm Eve's Restoration Mtg

Friday, September 11
LWML District Convention in Edwardsville
6:30 pm Pastor Siever's Bible Study

Saturday, September 12
LWML District Convention in Edwardsville

Sunday, September 13
8 am Divine Service
9:15 am Adult Bible Class, SS Pre-school thru High School
10:30 am Divine Service

Eve's Restoration Ministries TRIVIA NIGHT St. Paul's Lutheran Church
That's Entertainment! **Thursday, September 24, 2026**
6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) \$25/per person or \$150/per table of six
Pick up a registration form in the foyer today!

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

The Stewardship Committee presents

"Ask the Expert?" Wills & Estate Planning Evening - Sunday, October 18 6:30 – 8 pm (No Cost)

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 (Alan Stumpf), a financial professional (Billy Onder), to include someone from the church's endowment fund, and Pastor Krenz. 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). Sign Up in church entryway.

Fall Service Times
Sunday, September 13th
We will return to the 8 am and 10:30 am Service times.

Next Pantry: September 9 4 - 5:30 pm
Pantry Needs: Granola Bars, Peanut Butter
Sept 2 Served: 20 Families = 46 A + 7 C

"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 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

will start up again **September 16 at 6:30 pm.**

Interested ringers—please join us!

Contact Mark Eischer for more info.



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.

**The Order of Service Based on Divine Service 1
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 6, 9 am**

Pre-Service Music, Ringing of the Bells, Announcements, Sharing the Peace
Opening Hymn LSB 810 "O God of God, O Light of Light" vs 1-4
Invocation, Exhortation, Confession, Absolution, Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise: This Is The Feast, Salutation & Collect, Old Testament Ezekiel 33:7-9, **Epistle Reading** Romans 13:1-10, Alleluia
Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1-20,
Children's Message, Hymn of the Day "Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966 vs 1-5
Sermon Romans 13:1-10 **"God's Gift of Authority, and Our Response to That Authority."**
Apostles' Creed, Prayer of the Church, Presentation of Offerings, Service of the Sacrament, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Words of Our Lord, Proclamation of Christ, Lord's Prayer, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei
Distribution Hymns
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623 vs 1-5
"Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845 vs 1-6
"I Know My Faith Is Founded" LSB 587 vs 1-3
Thank the Lord, Post-Communion Collect, Benediction
Closing Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849 vs 1-3

Children's Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am

In today's lesson, "A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abra takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

Adult Sunday Bible Class: 10:15-11 am

Today, we will be finishing w/ 1 Peter and discuss Matthew 18:1-20, today's Gospel reading. Job Bible Study Starts Sunday, September 13th- Please join us as we begin an overview of the book of Job. While we won't be covering every chapter in this book, we will be examining key themes from various parts of the book. This class will run from 9:25-10:10 on Sundays in the fellowship hall.

CONTACT US... Church Office: 618-281-4600
Pastor Stephen Krenz: 618-363-0121 T Secretary: secretary@stpauls-lcms

Seminary Field Workers:

Josh Gillespie (2nd Year) Sara Grace Kudray (Deaconess, 2nd Year)
Austin Kudray (2nd Year) Andrew Borseth (4th Year)

Special Prayers

- † Juanita Ritter, recently hospitalized
- † For Emily Pruden, recovery from medical procedure
- † Rose Ann Bense, recovering at Oak Hill in Waterloo
- † Ruth Ann Pettrell, Stefanie Newbill’s sister, recovering from surgery at BOM Schunkraft
- † Bob Thoma, recovering from kidney stone surgery
- † Richard Rottnek, recovery from heart procedure
- † Fred Rottneck, Brother of Richard Rottneck, dealing with health difficulties
- † Harper Graves, Great Niece of Scott & Jamie Moeslein, who has a brain tumor
- † Deanna Roessler, daughter-in-law of Sandy Roessler, health issues
- † Chris Schoenhoff, friend of Mike Arras, health issues

St. Paul’s Lutheran Columbia
Annual Church Family
Fellowship Picnic
Sunday, September 20th
at BOM Schunkraft
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



Junior Confirmation Begins

Junior Confirmation Classes begin this week- **Wednesday, September 9th**
After meeting with parents and students last week we will begin Junior confirmation classes this Wednesday at 4pm & 6pm. If you know of someone who might be interested in such classes, please call the church office. The Junior confirmation classes here at St. Paul’s start in 5th grade and continues for three years.

See You At the Pole At Flag Poles on School Campuses near you on **September 23.**
September 6th: During Sunday School, students will finish stuffing bags for See You at the Pole.

Hannah Elsey Has Accepted the Call to be our DCE

- On Monday morning Hannah Elsey informed the congregation that she has accepted the call to be our Director of Christian Education. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she transitions here to St. Paul’s. The specific date of her arrival , starting time, and installation service will soon to be decided.

Ladies League and LWML would like to Thank you for your help with the September “Undie Sunday” project! Your donations are very much appreciated and New Underwear for many will be on their way to Orphan Grain Train after this month’s meeting.

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

- Larry Sifford, friend of Sandy Roessler
- Patti French, friend of congregation
- Gwen Shreeman, niece of Janet Kenney
- Sandy Cates, friend of Susan S. & Mona N.
- Katie Pernoud, co-worker of Beth Niehaus
- Tom Crouch, brother of Diane Bierman
- Nancy Puhi, sister of Mike Arras
- David Jestus

Additional Prayers

- † The family of Susan Schillinger, Community friend of St. Paul’s, who died this past week.
- † For this year’s Junior Confirmation students
- † For Hannah Elsey & her family as she transitions to St. Paul
- † For our missionary family in Central Asia
- † For those in Nepal recovering from the recent mudslide disaster
- † For Peace in the Middle East

Prayers for Member Families

- Beatty, Joydean & Rick
- Bates, Willa
- Beatty, Mallory
- Becherer, Mel
- Beatty, Michael
- Bense, Ray & Rose Anne

Our Response To His Love W/ Attendance and W/ Our Finances

8.30.26 Sunday 9 am	111	General Fund
8.31 Monday 6:30 pm	28 = 139	Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed \$ 7,600
8.30 SS /Adult Bible Study	20	Received 8/30/26 \$ 7,024
8.30 SS Children	21	Building Fund Received 8/30/26 \$ 155
9.1 Men’s Bible Study	5	

There will be NO Monday Service on Labor Day, September 7th.

Life Network’s Annual Trivia Fundraiser September 19. at Waterloo High School
5 pm Doors Open 6 pm Start Time \$250 Table Fee/ 10 Reservations CALL: 618-939-4224

Extra Copies of the “**Back to School Prayers**” are available in the Narthex for any who want them.

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
Seminarians	Austin Kudray	Joshua Gillespie	Andrew Borseth	Austin Kudray
Greeter/Usher	Lisa Schmidt Ezra Douglas	Jonathan Busch (E) (L) (Mon)	M. Ottwell (E) S. Newbill (L) Brenda Appel(Mon)	(E) Joydean Beatty (L) Sue Champion (Mon)
Acolyte	Elijah Douglas	Collin/Alexis Grandt (E) Lennon Ottwell (L)	<i>Nathan Schmolt</i> (E) <i>P. Niehaus</i> (L)	Evy Colyer (E) B. 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)

* *Italicized names subject to adjustments due to schedule conflicts*

Back to Church October

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Your Friend in Christ,

A Potential Conversation Starter

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Sermon Schedule: (beginning September 13th)

Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am
Monday 6:30 pm

September 13th & 14th- Living and dying to the Lord Romans 14:7-8

September 20th & 21st- Living a life worth of the gospel of Christ” Philippians 1:19-30
September 27th & 28th- Pastor Troup

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