



Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

✠✠✠ Our Week at St. Paul's ✠✠✠

Sunday, December 22, 2019

**9:00am Children's Christmas Program and
Communion Service – One Service Only Today**

Monday, December 23, 2019

**Financial Count (Stechmesser, M. Roediger, McCann)
No Worship Service**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00am Christmas Day Communion Service

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Friday, December 27, 2019

1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Barb & ?)

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Service

9:15am Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Class

✠For **Barb Ries** who is recovering at home from a stroke

✠For **Luci Washburn** who is awaiting results of a lung biopsy

✠For Jean Cowick, friend of **Judith Kellenberger** for healing

✠For Marian Ritter who is living with cancer

✠For **Edna Poenitske** recuperating at Oak Hill from a broken femur

✠For **Pat Tygett** recovering from eye surgery

✠For Karen Gummersbach, cousin of **Scott Moeslein** for healing from a stroke

✠For Dale Hoepfinger, friend of the **Kisro family**, with serious health problems

✠For **Gail Morrow** who is recovering from surgery at home

✠For Don Mertens, son-in-law of **Ellavee Pulcher**, recovering from a stroke

✠For those undergoing cancer treatments/living with cancer

Carol Toenjes, sister of **Mike Arras**

Jean Landgraf, friend of the congregation

Jan Hoffman, friend of **Sandy Roessler**

Betty Pierson

Rev. Herb Mueller, former member of St. Paul's

Rev. Matt Friz

Carrie Yates, friend of **Donna Lake**

Jared Reddick, a Columbia police officer

Richard Cullen, friend of **Marge Drexler**

Paul Wortman

✠For Rev. Kip & Ivy Hoech, LCMS missionaries in Central Asia

✠For those who grieve the loss of loved ones

✠For those who struggle with addiction

✠For those in college

✠For friends and family of Leroy Gummersheimer who passed away last week

✠For the family of Jan Crawford who died this past week

It is our great privilege to go to the throne of our gracious Savior on behalf of all those in need of prayer. We hope that those listed above will also be part of your daily prayer life. Please call the church office to add and remove names from the prayer list.

Announcements

December 22, 2019

Prayer Bible Class: Our new topic for the Sunday morning Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 will cover “All things Prayer”. Our weekly Bible Study/Discussion on this topic will be as follows. December 29th-What is Prayer? January 5th Why pray? January 12th “How to Pray” January 19th “Praying the Lord’s Prayer, part 1”. January 26th “Praying the Lord’s Prayer, Part 2”. If you have wanted to grow in your prayer/devotional life, this is just the class for you. A great way to start the new year!!

Why is there no 11pm Christmas Eve Service? As you may have noticed in the Christmas Schedule we are having only one Christmas Eve Service at 5pm. The decision to not have the 11pm late service this year was made due to lower attendance at the 11pm service in recent years. In addition, if we would have had the 11pm service, our organist, Jeanine, would have played three Christmas Eve Services including the Christmas Day service. While she was willing to do this, it was felt having one less service would still adequately serve the members and friends of St. Paul’s. We hope that members and friends of the congregation still be able to receive Christ and his gifts in public worship at the **5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** and the **9am Christmas Day Communion Service**. Pastor Krenz and the Elders.

Core Planning Group: The core planning group for the Re-Vitality process will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm. This will be the first of a possible nine month planning process. So far we have eight people who have agreed to be part of this core planning group, if you would like to be part of this long-range planning core group contact Kevin Koenigstein. One of the first tasks of this group will be to review the surveys that were taken in October/November of this year.

Monday Service Update: There will be no Monday services on the 23rd and 30th of this month.

St. Paul’s Singers will meet after the 9:00 service today, Sun., Dec. 22 (approx.10:30am) to practice singing for the Christmas Eve service.

Please join us downstairs in the church fellowship hall for doughnuts, fruit, and other light refreshments following this morning’s service.

Adult Confirmation Classes: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what the Lutheran Church teaches and is interested in joining the church, please come to our new 10 week adult information class on Sunday, January 19th at 4:30pm. Contact Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) or the church office if you are interested.

Installation of all 2020 officers and board members has been set for Sunday, January 12th at both Sunday Services.

Please pick up your 2020 contribution envelopes in the narthex today.

Portals of Prayer January through March are available in the narthex.

Save the date: the youth group's annual rummage sale will be Saturday, March 21, 8 am - noon. Drop off Thursday (3/19) 4-8 pm, Friday (3/20) 10-7 pm. No computers or televisions please. Any questions please ask Lillian Koenigstein or a youth group student.

Six lanes are reserved for the **Annual Family Bowling Night**, Sun., Jan. 26, 5:45-8:00pm at West Park Bowl hosted by Family Ministry. Audience members welcome. Sign up soon on the sheet in the narthex. Invite non-church members and youth. \$40/lane payable that night includes 1 large pizza and a pitcher of soda. Other menu items available. Arrive by 5:45 so we can possibly release lanes if needed.

Cynthia Hill is renting the **Historic School** for the next six months for her retail shop “A Fresh Look by Cynthia”. She sells cabinetry and resale items. The business phone is 618-719-2330. Hours are M-T-W by appointment only; Thur-Fri 9:30-5:30pm; Sat. 10am-4pm. The Historic Church is still available to rent for special occasions.

The **Gateway Ringers** will present “Christmas Is Coming” today, Sun., Dec. 22, at 3:00pm at the Kirkwood Baptist Church, 211 N. Woodlawn Ave.

Zion, Belleville invites all to attend “**Handel’s Messiah**”, today, Sun., Dec. 22, 3:00pm, 1810 McClintock Ave.

All are invited to a Christmas cantata featuring “**What Child Is This**” presented by the musicians of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Collinsville, on Sun., Dec 29, at 3pm. For more information call 618-344-3151.

St. Paul’s Remaining Holiday Worship Schedule

Tues., December 24	Christmas Eve <i>Candlelight Service “Immanuel – God With Us”</i>	5:00pm
Wed., December 25	Christmas Day (Communion) <i>“The Good News of Peace and Comfort”</i>	9:00 am
Tues., December 31	New Year's Eve <i>“Oh God our Help in Ages Past”</i>	5:00pm