

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

Sunday, March 8, 2020 Daylight Savings Time Begins
8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Class
2-4:00pm Elder Visits

Monday, March 9, 2020
Financial Count (Roessler, Essert, D. Nowak)
5:00pm Youth Meeting
6:30pm Communion Service
7:30pm Board of Outreach

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
7:15am Men's Bible Study at Thoma Building
9:00am Sewing Comforts
3:30pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Board of Elders

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
11:00am & 6:30pm Lenten Services
5:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 12, 2020
10:00am Pastor at Integrity
Pastor – Home Visits
5:30pm Stewardship Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2020
1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Kathy & Nancy)
6:30pm Not For Couples Only Bible Study
8:00pm-8:00am HS Youth Lock-In

Saturday, March 14, 2020
8:30am Ladies leave for Mascoutah (lower parking lot)

Sunday, March 15, 2020
8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services
9:15am Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Class
2-4:00pm Elder Visits
6:00pm Game Night



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

†For **Lorene Moehrs** who is recovering from a recent hospitalization
†For **Don Radentz** who began short term radiation for small cancer on lung
†For Cheryl Zanders who is ill
†For Judy Sifford, friend of **Sandy Roessler**, recuperating at home
†For Diane Henry, friend of **Sandy Roessler**, recuperating at home
†For **Bob Portell** recovering following shoulder replacement surgery
†For Ryan McMullen, grandson of **Ray & Alberta Spradling**, recovering from a broken shoulder
†For **Marilyn Miller** at Hyland Health Center in St. Louis
†For **Anna Moeslein Earl** who is recovering from surgery
†For Dale Hoepfinger, friend of the **Kisro family**, with serious health problems

†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
Marian Ritter
David Mehrtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense**
Shirley Kocher
Delphine Girard
Tim Barren, brother of **Jackie Haberl**

SPECIAL CONCERNS

For renewed faith during this Lenten season
For those impacted by the Corona Virus
For those who are lonely

OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS

Blind, Brody
Blosser, Samantha
Blosser, Steven
Boland, Darby
Boland, Breanne
Boland, Nicholas

Announcements
March 8, 2020

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Case for Christ Video/Study Series: Join us on Sunday mornings for six weeks starting March 8th at 9:15am as we look at a video study of a book by former journalist Lee Strobel. Strobel was formerly a staunch atheist who through his wife's silent witness and years of study and examination came to confess the crucified and risen Jesus as savior. The Case For Christ is essentially a record of his interviews with thirteen eminent scholars, each of whom is an expert in a different area relating to Jesus. Strobel examined, among other things, the life of Jesus, who Jesus said He was, who others said Jesus was and the accuracy of the Scriptures.

People of the Passion Lenten Series: Join us on Wednesday mornings (11am)/evenings (6:30pm) for a look at key figures in the passion of our Lord.

March 11th "Nicodemus, the Silent Believer"
March 18th "Peter, the Born Leader"
March 25th "Pontius Pilate, the Thinker"
April 1st "One of the Mob, the Follower" (Meal from 5:15pm-6:15pm)
April 9th Maundy Thursday "The Apostles, the Servant Leaders" (6:30pm only)
April 10th Good Friday "The Centurion, the Astonished" (12pm & 6:30pm)
April 12th Easter "The Women, the Witnesses" (8am & 10:30am)
No Sunrise Service

Pictorial Directory: St. Paul's is scheduled to do a new pictorial directory from August 2nd-8th. Sign-ups to take pictures at a specific time will be given at a later date. More information will be forthcoming.

VBS 2020 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Columbia, IL - Sunday, June 28, 2-5 pm and Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2, 9 am-12 pm

Please join us in 2020 on a rainforest adventure as we follow our leader, Jesus, and learn about Him through exploring His Word, making fun crafts, and playing games! Students and Volunteers - Register online!

<https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsColumbia/19159>

How can you help our VBS? Pray! Pray that the week would be blessed and that we would have many children come and hear the word of God!

Volunteer - We need people from Sunday - Thursday to help as small group leaders, with games, snacks, crafts, Bible accounts, Bible Challenge, worship screens and many activities for all ages PreK-grade 8. We also need people to help prep decorations and crafts for the week. Donate - Donating your treasures helps VBS prep go smoothly and helps keep our costs reasonable.

Contact Carleigh Ottwell - carleigh.ottwell@gmail.com or 618-719-9307.

Spring/Summer Worship Time Change: From May to August we are having one 9:00am worship service on Sunday morning. This will be followed by Sunday School and Bible Class. We will still have Monday worship at 6:30pm during these months.

The stewardship committee and the finance board have looked into the possibility of automatic withdrawal as another way congregational members can give of their offerings. Due to the fees incurred by the congregation with such a program and the uncertainty as to the numbers of congregational members using this program, it is the

suggestion of the finance board that individuals can use their banks "online bill pay option" to automatically and regularly send financial contributions to St. Paul's. Usually this is a free service from your bank, and the congregation does not incur any fees.

Rise Against Hunger: The plan is to do this again on Sunday, August 9th following the 9:00am service. More information will be forthcoming.

Lent in a Bag: All ages are invited to pick up this bag in the back of the church. This bag contains 6 small items to be used as symbols to focus individual, family or group meditations and conversations during the Season of Lent.

Food Pantry on March 4 served 18 households comprised of 36 adults and 6 children. One new patron signed up today; we were told by another that he is now back on his feet financially as he has a new job and likely he will not need our services any longer. Praise the Lord! We also receive prayer requests from our patrons occasionally and pass them on to Pastor Krenz for inclusion on the prayer list.

Butter Braid pickup for the congregation orders will be in the fellowship hall this Sunday, March 8th after each service. Please make arrangements with Christina Schmitt to receive your order at a later date if you are unable to be there.

SAVE THE DATE! High School Lock-In has been set for Friday, March 13th - 8PM to 8AM at the church. We will need at least 10 youth attending to hold the event. If you are interested in volunteering as a parent chaperone, please reach out to Christina Schmitt. A middle school lock-in is also tentatively planned for this fall.

The community is invited to the annual **Spaghetti Dinner** at Trinity, Millstadt today, March 8th from 10:30am - 3:00pm. See more information on the Bulletin Board.

Check us out on Facebook! A lot has changed on our page and we post updates daily. Find us by searching for [@stpaulscolumbiail](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscolumbiail).

FROM THE TRUSTEES. While the parsonage is move-in ready, we will need a crew to clean up the entire parsonage yard - trimming bushes, limbs, raking leaves, power wash driveway, etc. Dates and times will be established based on volunteer availability. Please call Steve Lake - 314-398-4784.

As of March 1st the **Historic School** is now available to rent! As always the **Historic Church** is also available. Contact Marilyn Snider at 618-974-9861.

Don't forget to order your Easter lilies. Forms are on the table by the Guest Book.

For all Parents of Children ages 2 to 11...an Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the church on Saturday, March 28th at 2:00pm. Rain date is Sunday, March 29th. Invite all your friends to join in the fun! Peanut free and Gluten free treats are waiting!!