

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

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

Monday, March 16, 2020

Financial Count (Stechmesser, M. Roediger, McCann)

6:30pm Communion Service

6:30pm Women's Ministry

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Election Day

5:00am – 8:00pm Fellowship Hall Election Polling Place

7:15am Men's Bible Study at Thoma Building

3:30pm Confirmation Class (**upstairs**)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

11:00am & 6:30pm Lenten Services

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

1:30 – 3:30pm Food Pantry

5:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Pastor – Home Visits

4-8:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-off

Friday, March 20, 2020

1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Dorothy & Marianne)

10:00am – 7:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-off

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00am – Noon RUMMAGE SALE

11:30am-Noon (Bag-a-Bargain)

10:00am Singers Rehearsal

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services

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

2-4:00pm Elder Visits

Potluck Dinner – after 10:30 service



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 **Delphine Girard** on hospice care at Integrity

†For Rev. Herb Mueller now residing at Integrity Health Care in Columbia

†For **Ray Bense** who is recovering at home following hospitalization

†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**

Richard Cullen, friend of **Marge Drexler**

Paul Wortman

Marian Ritter

David Mehrtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense**

Shirley Kocher

Tim Barren, brother of **Jackie Haberl**

SPECIAL CONCERNS

For renewed faith during this Lenten season

For those impacted by the Corona Virus

For the family of Jared Reddick, a Columbia police officer, who went to his eternal rest after battling cancer

OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS

Bradley, Charles

Brelji, Carla

Bradley, Rebecca

Broadhurst, Connie

Bradley, Caitlyn

Burke, Stephanie

Announcements

March 15, 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 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

*ON APRIL 9TH OUR MAUNDY SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE HISTORIC CHURCH ON LIBERTY STREET IN COLUMBIA.

Pictorial Directory: St. Paul's is scheduled to do a new pictorial directory from August 4th-8th. Sign-ups to take pictures at a specific time will be given at a later date. More information will be forthcoming.

Precautions: Due to the Coronavirus concerns we are implementing a few things here at St. Paul's. First, temporarily we are going to stop the "official" sharing of the peace that occurs at the beginning of the service. Second, following the service Pastor Krenz will not be shaking hands...but rather give everyone a "holy hi" 🙌. Third, just prior to the distribution of the Lord's Supper those distributing the elements will sanitize their hands. If future worship services need to be cancelled, the congregation will be informed via email/web site/ Facebook, along with signs on the entry doors of the church. Pastor Krenz and the Board of Elders.

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

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.

Thrivent Members – Please consider directing your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to our church and preschool. In March the church received \$559 and the preschool received \$177.

PORTALS OF PRAYER APRIL – JUNE ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

YOUTH NEWS:

Butter Braid Orders Are Ready for Pickup

Please make arrangements with Christina Schmitt to receive your order if you did not make it on March 8th.

8th-12th Grade Lock-In - Friday, March 13th - 8PM to 8AM at the church

We will need at least 10 youth attending to hold the event.....so friends are encouraged to come! *A 5th-7th grade lock-in is also tentatively planned for this fall.

HUGE Spring Rummage Sale - Setup will be held on March 19-20 / Sale on March 21st - 8AM - 12PM ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Event and fundraiser hosted by the Youth Group

Next Youth Sunday - Sunday, April 5th at 8AM and 10:30AM services

Join us on Easter Sunday for a continental breakfast including Games and Crafts for Sunday School children. Sunday, April 12th - 9AM-10:15AM in Fellowship Hall

Event and fundraiser hosted by the Youth Group

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. This usually is a free service from your bank and the congregation does not incur any fees.

Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for 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.

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.

New Deaconess Student: Alicia Benning, a first year Concordia Seminary Deaconess student was recently assigned to do her seminary field work here at St. Paul's. She grew up at Trinity Lutheran Church in Havel, IL and last year graduated from Concordia University St. Paul with a Church Music major and two minors in Education and Lutheran Theology. The hope is that Alicia can begin to assist here at St. Paul's starting in two to three weeks. She will also be our field worker here the 2020-21 academic year. Be sure to welcome Alicia.

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