

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services  
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall  
9:15am Children's Sunday School – Christmas Program Practice  
9:15am High School Bible Class  
10:30am Children's Christmas Program w/Blended Service  
4:00pm Gateway Ringers Concert at St. Paul's

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

Financial Count (Roessler, Essert, D. Nowak)  
9:00am-Noon Fellowship Hall reserved – Food Baskets  
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end  
7:00pm Communion Service

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

7:15am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Sewing Comforts  
11:35pm Preschool Chapel  
3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class  
6:30pm Board of Elders at Boccardi's

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

11:00am Advent Service  
1:30-3:30pm Food Pantry  
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end  
7:00pm Advent Service

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

Preschool Christmas Program & Party

**Friday, December 21, 2018**

1:00pm Fold Bulletins (Dorothy & Marianne)  
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end

**Saturday, December 22, 2018**

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

8:00am & 10:30am Communion Services  
9:15am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall  
9:15am Children's Sunday School  
9:15am High School Bible Class



**Prayer Requests**

**God answers prayers!** Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

†For those with health issues: (names of members are in **bold type**)

<b>Delma Arbeiter</b>	Karie Vielus	<b>Betty Pierson</b>	Jeanine Manning
Joy Bretz	Asa Haudrick	Aaron Ritter	<b>Angie Dixon</b>
<b>Karen Sweet</b>	<b>Trudy Penno</b>	Janice Mann	

†For **Joe Starek** recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

†For Carol Helmkamp, cousin of **Stefanie Newbill**, recovering from surgery on Dec. 10

†For **Lorene Moehrs** who is recuperating from surgery at Integrity, Columbia

†For William Chandler, brother of **Marge Drexler**, recuperating from surgery and coping with a blood disease and pneumonia

†For those receiving cancer treatments/living with cancer

Marla Vogt	Jan Hoffman	Marian Ritter	Angie Henshaw
Gary Haberl	Mel Kienemann	John McPeak	Jean Landgraf

†For those in confirmation class here at St. Paul's: Adrianna Misra, Jason Rahn, Joseph Dinkelman, Xander Heck, Hannah Nowak, Trey Roessler, Gabby Nowak, Gerhardt Theiss, Hayden Theiss, Heinrich Theiss & Andrew Colyer

†For Parkview Elementary School

†For those who are lonely

†For the family of Jeneen Bauman, niece of **Wanda Gross**, whom God called home on Dec. 10. For safety as the family travels to northern IL for services.

**“ENDURING SERMON SERIES”**

Dec. 23 “Enduring Through the Power of Faith” Luke 1:39-45

## Announcements **December 16, 2018**

**Advent Services**-Join us this Advent on Wednesday at 11am and 7pm as we look at the great songs sung by “key” characters in the Biblical Christmas account. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>-Advent 3 “The Angel’s Song”: Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:8-20

Forward in Hope – A look at how the Old Testament proclaims and predicts the coming Savior. On December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> we will look at the prophecies found in Isaiah and the minor prophets.

Foundational Christianity: **All are welcome to join us, January-March**, during the adult bible class hour on Sunday morning for this class that covers foundations of the Christian Faith. This is for all members old and new, and visitors who would like a refresher on the Biblical basis for our beliefs. The topics covered include discussions on the interplay of Faith and the Word. The Sin Dilemma. Why do we confess the Trinitarian God? How does the Holy Spirit work? The centrality of salvation by Grace. The role of good works in our Christian life. All things Repentance. All things baptism. A Lord’s Supper primer. God and the government. Heaven and the Second Coming of Christ. God’s Will in our life and how this relates to our various callings. If you have not been involved in the Sunday morning Bible class in the past/recently, this is a great time to start/restart. It should be fun! Pastor Krenz

Weekly announcements: The weekly announcements in the bulletin can now be found on the first page of the congregational web site. Our hope is to have these up each week by Saturday.

“101 Sermon Series” Starting in January

January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany 101 Matthew 2:1-13

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: Baptism 101 Luke 3:15-22

January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: Spiritual Gifts 101 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>: The church 101 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

**Please pick up your offering envelopes** for 2019 as you leave the service today and leave your **intention slips** in the box provided for that purpose. They are both located on the table on the cloakroom side of the Narthex.

**Thursday Night and Sunday afternoon visits!** I am in the process of scheduling Thursday evening visits with congregation families, and I am planning on joining the Elders in visiting members on Sunday afternoon. If you would like to set a time for a visit, contact me on my cell phone (618-363-0121. Pastor.

**Food Pantry News:** We served 30 households last week (68 adults and 21 children). Current needs: gravy & jelly/jam, popcorn, saltine crackers.

**The Giving Tree** is set up in the Narthex. We will distribute the presents at our regular Food Pantry on 12/19, so please have your wrapped present under the tree no later than 12/16. Any questions – call Terri Timmermann at 618-570-5196. Thank you very much.

We need one or two people or couples to serve as **greeters** on the second and fourth Sundays at early service. Please call Mary Lou (281-4600) in the church office if you can help. No experience required!!

5 lanes are reserved for the **Annual Family Bowling Night, Sunday Jan 27, 5:45-8:00 pm** at West Park Bowl hosted by Family Ministry. Sign-up soon on sheet in Narthex on a table or bulletin board. Feel free to invite non-church members. \$40/lane includes 1 large pizza and a pitcher of soda. Arrive by 5:45 so we can release lanes if needed before 6:00 charges apply and to get shoes, etc. \*\*\*Order pizza at check-in when getting shoes.\*\*\*

**COLUMBIA CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**, an organization made up of the Columbia Police Dept. and Columbia School District, want to make Christmas brighter for our local children. Last year 17 Columbia families were assisted through monetary donations. Checks can be made payable to Columbia Caring for Our Community and dropped off or mailed to the Columbia Police Dept., 1020 N. Main, or the Columbia CUSD #4 District Office, 5 Veterans Parkway.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January-March are now available in the narthex.

Olive Branch Lutheran Church in Okawville will be having a **German Service** on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. The address for Olive Branch Lutheran Church is 11235 State Route 177, Okawville, IL

The **Gateway Ringers** will present their annual Christmas program of handbell music, called “Traditions of Christmas” here at our church, TODAY, December 16, 2018 at 4:00 PM. The Nutcracker ballet, Christmas TV specials, and favorite holiday movies are a part of holiday traditions. This year’s program includes songs from traditional Christmas shows like “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” “The Nutcracker,” and “The Grinch who Stole Christmas.” The concert is free and open to the public.