

††† **Our Week at St. Paul's** †††

Sunday, December 9, 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

Monday, December 10, 2018

Financial Count (Schmidt, Rahn, B. Pulcher)
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end
7:00pm Communion Service

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

7:15am Men's Bible Study
9:00am-12:30pm Pastors' Circuit Meeting – St. Paul's
9:00am Sewing Comforts
3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

11:00am Advent Service
10:00am Pastor at Garden Place
5:30-6:30pm A.A. Meeting – Preschool area-East end
7:00pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 13, 2018

10:00am Pastor at Integrity

Friday, December 14, 2018

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

Saturday, December 15, 2018

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

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



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**)

Delma Arbeiter	Karie Vielus	George Hand	Jeanine Manning
Joy Bretz	Asa Haudrick	Aaron Ritter	Angie Dixon
Karen Sweet	Trudy Penno	Janice Mann	Betty Pierson

†For **Joe Starek** recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
†For Carol Helmkamp, cousin of **Stefanie Newbill**, awaiting surgery on Dec. 10
†For **Lorene Moehrs** who is recuperating from surgery at Memorial Hospital
†For William Chandler, brother of **Marge Drexler**, recuperating from surgery and coping with a blood disease and pneumonia
†For Rich Lovan, father of **Krista** Thompson, with on-going knee issues after surgery
†For Jean Landgraf who was diagnosed with cancer

†For those receiving cancer treatments:

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

†For the celebration of **Lee & Marilyn Kisro's** 60th wedding anniversary

†For the birthdays of **Sandy Roessler**, today, and **Melissa Roessler** on Dec. 5
(See altar flowers notice)

†For Gary & Stephanie Schulte, LCMS missionaries in West and Central Africa

†For St. Paul's Sunday School & upcoming Christmas program
†For Columbia Middle School
†For humility

“ENDURING SERMON SERIES”

Dec. 16 /17 “Enduring Through the Healing Savior” Luke 7:18-28

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

For those in care facilities:

Delma Arbeiter – Freeburg Care Center
Pauline Greatting & **Ellavee** Pulcher - Integrity, Columbia
Edna Poenitske - Oak Hill, Waterloo
John Hertz; **Rick** Meyer – in Belleville
Robert Melliere– Legacy, Waterloo
Maurice Schneider & **Elvera** Schuchert– Garden Place, Columbia
Mildred Zavadil – Laclede Groves
Janet Bense – Edwardsville Nursing Home & Rehab

Announcements
December 9, 2018

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

Name Tags: Thank you to everyone for wearing your name tags. These name tags assist me, my wife, and especially our newer members in knowing the body of Christ here at St. Paul's. Call the church office (281-4600) if you need a new name tag. Pastor Krenz

Advent Services-Join us this Advent on Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm as we look at the great songs sung by "key" characters in the Biblical Christmas account.

December 12th- Advent 2 "Simeon's Song": The Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:21-35
December 19th-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. This week we are looking at the prophecies of Christ found in the Psalms. On December 16th and 23rd we will look at the prophecies found in Isaiah and the minor prophets.

There is a sheet in the Narthex for members' email addresses. If the office does not have your correct email address, please sign up! Pastor Krenz will soon send out a weekly devotional and congregation members update via email.

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.

The Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex. As in other years, requests for gifts for the children of our regular food pantry families are on the tree. Please take an ornament and grant a gift request of one of the children. We will distribute the presents at our regular Food Pantry on 12/20, so 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 to **help fold bulletins** once a month on a Friday afternoon and 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!!

I want to extend a big, warm, hug and THANK YOU to the Historic Board, Alberta Spradling and all the ladies that joined us for tea and treats this past Sunday afternoon. The historic school was so beautiful and just the perfect spot to visit and get to know so many of you. I appreciate such a kind welcome and the time you all took out of busy holiday schedules. I praise God for the dear people He has given me the opportunity to know here at St. Paul's. I look forward to our long and happy friendships in Christ. Together in His service, Lisa Krenz

All children age 3 to 8th grade are invited to participate in this year's **Christmas program**. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 a.m. Rehearsals will be during the Sunday School hour on December 2, 9, and 16. It is important that all children who are participating in the program to be at Sunday School on those days. If you have any questions, please call Helen Nowak at 618.281.4875.

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.

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

The Lutheran High concert choir, wind ensemble, strings, and band (including the bands of area Lutheran grade schools) will perform their annual **Christmas concert, "Christmas Through the Ages,"** on Sunday, December 9th beginning at 4pm. Please come out and support our students and teachers in their annual offering of holiday music.

The **Gateway Ringers** will present their annual Christmas program of handbell music, called "Traditions of Christmas" here, at our church, on 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.

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