

Welcome both members and visitors to worship.

If you are a visitor and do not have a church home, we invite you to consider this congregation as a place for you to grow through God's Word in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) with any questions on this congregation, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and/or the process of church membership.

If you are a visitor, feel free to leave us your address in the attendance folder. It is also in that folder you can see our belief and practice concerning the Lord's Supper.

Confirmation

- This morning at the late service six individuals will take part in the rite of confirmation. Over the last three years they have memorized over a hundred Bible verses, have taken an overview of the Old Testament, the gospel of Matthew, and a number of the letters of Paul. In addition they have delved into the 6 chief parts of the catechism. As these confirmands publicly confess their commitment to Christ and his church, continue to encourage and pray for them.

Sundays, Adult Bible Class (9:15—10:15 am)

Join us for Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall as we continue with the church in Thessalonica as they receive Paul's letters to them. In this series we have been exploring the instructions given to the church, the themes that Paul addresses, and the everyday application of the Thessalonian discourse, both 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Pastor Krenz will continue this series though the month of May.

Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am Children's Sunday School

This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"

St. Paul's Pre-School-Contact Shelly Augustine at 618-910-0764 to receive Information and a Registration Form about our Pre-school. ***Last day of 2023-2024 Pre-school: Thursday, May 16th.

Pick up a copy of **Eve's Restoration Ministries Prayer Request Sheet** in the church foyer. Next board meeting will be Thursday, May 16th at 5:30 pm.

Next Food Pantry: May 8th 4-6 pm 5/1 served: 25 adults, 1 child, 17 families

Current Needs: Canned Tomatoes, Cereals, Pasta Sauce

Board of Outreach will meet Monday, May 13th at 5:30 pm.

Board of Stewardship will meet Tuesday, May 14th at 1:30 pm.

Board of Communications will meet Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 pm.



Grizzlies Game is Wednesday, May 29th.

Voters Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, April 23rd at the annual spring congregational voters meeting ...

- it was decided to fix the Louvers on the bell tower at a probable cost of around \$15,000, but it could go up to \$27,000.
- It was also voted to offer a contract to Deaconess Rachel McCloskey for 10-12 months in 2024-25. Her work would primarily be with youth in the congregation, but like our most recent DCE intern her work would also involve work in a variety of ministries here at St. Paul's. She will be offered a full time position, but depending on her circumstances she may only work for a year. Rachel is getting married this summer to a 4th year Concordia Seminary student.

- Helen Nowak also gave an update on moving and revamping the library to one of the Sunday School classrooms.

- Seventeen members were released from membership due to inactivity for at least 5 plus years.

- **Upcoming summer events include ...**

Grizzlies game on May 30th,

VBS June 10th -14th,

Congregational Picnic at the city park on July 14th,

Rise Against Hunger on August 11th.

Youth Events:

May 5th- Confirmation

May 31st- Honoring our Seniors during each church service

May 29th- Grizzlies Game

June 10-14th- VBS

July- Potential event at historic sites in Perry County



2024 VBS Celebrate the Savior!

June 10th-14th, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

VBS is rapidly approaching! We are just over one month away and have various needs for our programming. Please reach out to Carleigh if you are able to help with our Games or Bible Exploration/Science Lab sites.

We are also looking for a few folks who would be willing to form a decorating committee for the 2024 VBS. The theme is Celebrate the Savior! and we would love to have St. Paul's looking like a fun and inviting party that celebrates God's love for us. Interested? Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We will meet soon after Easter to plan. Volunteers and Students can register at:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsColumbia/28392>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- † **Bev Pettit, Laverne Ritter's daughter**, recovering from hip surgery
- † **Lawrence & Carol Osick**, Brother & Sister-in-law of Laverne Ritter, recovery following a car accident
- † **Scott Peery**, recovering from Heart bypass surgery
- † **John Kirk**, recovering from hip surgery
- † **Gary Crawford**, recovering at home following Heart surgery
- † **Darlene Bergman**, (mother of Kathleen Bergman) friend of Susan Housewright, who is in the hospital
- † **Larry Sheets**, brother-in-law of Luci Washburn, recovery from knee replacement surgery
- † **Brenda Richter**, friend of Mary Clyde, for healing
- † **Roy Hallauer**, brother of Luci Washburn, recurrence of cancer
- † **Kelly Gregoire**, friend of Mitch & Carol Essert & Jeff & Ginger Crank, health concerns
- † **Barb Schneider**, health issues

For Those Living With Cancer

Undergoing Cancer Treatments...

- Don Greer Sr.**, Father of Don Greer
- Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Jeff Fitzgibbons**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Scott Kensel**, brother of Jamie Moeslein
- Monica Shannon**, friend of Douglas family
- Pat Marshall**, Jackie Haberl's sister

- Mary Schmidt**, member
- Ron Medley**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan Stemler & Mona Newton
- Ken Walker**, friend of Carole Hancock
- Shawn Malone**, friend of Sandy Roessler

Additional Prayers for:

- † **A recommitment to one's confirmation vows**
- † **The Drum family**, Friends of the Ottwells, recovering from a recent automobile accident
- † **Eve's Restoration Home**—as they begin the process of becoming a 501c3 organization
- † **For Campbell Ottwell, Kaylee Grandt, Ava Douglas, Brooke Quevreaux, Conner Crank, and Graycie Luberda** who will be confirmed on May 5th at the 10:30 am service



*The Sanctuary flowers
are given by
families of today's Confirmands.*

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances

General Fund

Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed \$7,000

Received 4/28: \$4,007

Building Repair Fund

Received 4/28: \$170

Our Response To His Love With Attendance

4/28	8 am	65	
	10:30 am	45	
4/29	6:30 pm	<u>20</u>	
		120	
4/28	SS - Children & Youth	15	
	Adult Bible Study	18	
4/30	Men's Bible Study	6	

Sunday, May 5th Confirmation Sunday (10:30 service)

8 am Divine Service
 9:15-10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
 -Youth Bible Study in Loft
 -Sunday School in Children's Wing
 10:30 am Divine Service, The Rite of Confirmation
 4 pm Brownie Scouts

Monday, May 6th

Count Team 2- L. Schmidt; T. Search; E. Heise
 6:30 pm Divine Evening Service

Tuesday, May 7th

District Pastor's Conference at Holy Cross, Collinsville
 7:15 am Men's Bible Study
 9 am Quilters
 5:30 pm Youth Ministry
 6:30 pm Board of Education

Wednesday, May 8th

4-6 pm Food Pantry Open

Thursday, May 9th

11:15 am Pre-School Chapel
 6 pm Colossians Bible Study (Location TBD)

Friday, May 10

6:30 pm Pastor Seivers Bible Study Group

Saturday, May 11th

Sunday, May 12th Mother's Day

8 am Divine Service
 9:15-10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
 -Youth Bible Study in Loft
 -Sunday School in Children's Wing
 10:30 am Divine Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter Order of Service DS I

Sunday, 5/5 8 am & 10:30 am and Monday, 5/6 6:30 pm
Pre-Service Music
Ring of the Bells, Greeting, Announcements
Opening Hymn
 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477
Invocation, Confession of Sins, Absolution
Salutation, Collect (Prayer of the Day)
Introit, Kyrie
Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" LSB 155
Salutation and Collect
First Reading Acts 10:34-48
Epistle 1 John 5:1-8
Alleluia, Verse
Holy Gospel John 15:9-17
Apostles' Creed
Childrens Message
Hymn of the Day LSB 700
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Sermon "Abide in My Love" John 15:9-17
Rite of Confirmation LSB 272
Presentation of Offering Hymn of Confirmation
"Love in Christ is Strong and Living" LSB 706
Prayer of the Church
Sacrament, Preface & Proper Preface
Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini "The Peace of Our Lord"
Agnus Dei
Distribution & Distribution Hymns
"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770
"Shepherd of Tender Youth" LSB 864
"Thank the Lord" LSB 165
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction
Closing Hymn LSB 605 "Father Welcomes"

Sunday, May 5th 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: David Greatting
Greeter/Usher: Scott Moeslein
Acolyte: Brock Kleinschmidt
Screens: Kyva Meyers

Sunday, May 5th 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Toby Search
Greeter: Mitzi Ottwell
Acolyte: Ezra Douglas
Screens: Josh Colyer
Video: Aiden/Andrew Colyer

Monday, May 6th 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Glen Grebing
Greeter/Usher: Kevin Miller
Acolyte:

Sunday, May 12th 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Mark Eischer
Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt
Acolyte:
Screens: Josh Colyer
Video: Aiden/Andrew Colyer

Sunday, May 12th 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Bob Thoma
Greeter/Usher: Carole Hancock
Acolyte: Brooke Quevreaux
Screens: Dane Quevreaux

Monday, May 13th 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Roger Stechmesser
Greeter/Usher:
Acolyte:

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