


Choir- Mark Eischer recently gave an update on potentially getting the choir going again. If you are interested, please sign up on the back table. Karen Shimkus, from Holy Cross in Collinsville is willing to help direct the choir, as long as we have enough participants. The tentative plan is to practice on Monday nights after worship, and then sing for the Reformation service at the end of October. Feel free to talk to Mark Eischer for further information. Once we find out who is interested in the choir, the first practice date will be set.

Handbell ringing is fun, challenging, and promotes mental sharpness. We'd love to have you join us! Questions? Talk to Mark Eischer. 

New Youth Director: This week Michael Ewert will in addition to his Seminary Field Work duties, will be our part time Youth Director. He can be reached at (414) 795-8527 or mew3rt@gamil.com.

Life with God Class: (Adult Confirmation)

Those interested in becoming members of St. Paul's or learning what we lean on invited to participate in a 10-week class **starting Sunday, September 8th at 4pm** that reviews the foundational truths of Biblical Christianity as proclaimed and believed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in Columbia, Il. Free childcare will be provided. If interested, please text, or call me at 618-363-0121 or sign up in the church entryway. Pastor Krenz

Eve's Restoration Home- Kick Off Celebration!

Join us for a meal & fellowship. Hear from our Board of Directors about our exciting plans to restore families impacted by foster care. November 7th, 2024. More details to come! Interested in staying up-to-date on our progression? Sign up for our newsletter by emailing: evesrestorationhome@gmail.com Feel free to email, call, or text Amanda Douglas with any questions! 314-221-6700

Lutheran Older Adult Retreat

October 23-24, 2024 Pierre Marquette Lodge, Grafton, Illinois
Registration & Retreat Info on Board by mailbox area.



Life Thoughts in the Church Year September 1 Pentecost XV (Proper 17B)
The Lord Jesus insists that visible qualities like age, appearance, and ability do not subtract value from life or impart worth to it. (Mark 7:18-23). Rather, invisible sinfulness disqualifies us all from both bodily rights and spiritual privileges. But invisible forgiveness—and God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling—delivers sanctity to every member of our race. May this truth proceed forth from our hearts and out of our lips!

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✝ Field Worker Andrew Borseth (405) 519-2957 or Andrew.m.borseth@gmail.com

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.

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 1st at 9 am

Sunday, September 1st
9 am Divine Service
10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
 -Youth Bible Study in Loft
 -Sunday School in Children's Wing
4 pm Wedding Service of Loren and JT
Monday, September 2nd Labor Day
Count Team 1 -M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger
NO Divine Service
Tuesday, September 3rd
7:15 am Men's Bible Study
9 am First Day of Pre-School
9 am Quilters
5:30 pm Board of Youth
6:30 pm Board of Education
Wednesday, September 4th
1:30—3 pm Food Pantry Open
4 pm Jr. Confirmation
6 pm Jr. Confirmation
Thursday, September 5th
11:30 am Ladies League
Friday, September 6th
6:30 pm Pastor Sievers Bible Study**
 **This is the Corrected Date.
Saturday, September 7th
Sunday, September 8th
8 am Divine Service
9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
 -Youth Bible Study in Loft
 -Sunday School in Children's Wing
10:30 am Divine Service
4 pm Life With God Class
4—5 pm Brownie Scouts in Perry Hall

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Based on DS I
Sunday, September 1st 9 am

Pre-Service Music
Ringling of the Bells, Greeting, Announcements
Opening Hymn LSB 121 vs. 1-4
"Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"
Invocation, Confession, Absolution,
Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise LSB 155
"This Is the Feast"
Salutation, Collect (Prayer of the Day)
Old Testament Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
Epistle Ephesians 6:10-20 Alleluia
Holy Gospel Mark 7:14-23
Apostle's Creed
Children's Message
Hymn of the Day
"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" LSB 575
Sermon Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
"Christian Distinctiveness—The God Who is Near"
Presentation of Offering
Prayer of the Church
Sacrament, Preface & Proper Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Words of Our Lord,
Proclamation of Christ, Lord's Prayer
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei
Distribution & Distribution Hymns
"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LSB 589
"Not What These Hands Have Done" LSB 567
"Thank the Lord" LSB 165
Post Communion Collect
Salutation & Benedicamus
Benediction
Closing Hymn LSB 521 vs. 5-6
"Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"

Thank you for serving!

Sunday, September 1 9 am
Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: David Greatting
Greeter/Usher: Toby Search, Marianne May
Acolyte:
Screens: Gary Maske
Video: Karen Mueller

Monday, September 2
NO Service on Labor Day

Sunday, September 8th 8 am
Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Mark Eischer
Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt
Acolyte:
Screens: Josh Colyer
Video: Aiden or Andrew Colyer

Sunday, September 8th 10:30 am
Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Toby Search
Greeter/Usher: Lynn McAuliffe
Acolyte: Graycie Luberda
Screens:

Monday, September 9th 6:30 pm
Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Scott Peery
Greeter/Usher: Ryan Peery
Acolyte:
Screens: Kyle Peery

We are in need of a few people to help greet and hand out bulletins for our services. Please call the church (618-281-4600) office to let us know if you could help meet this need.

at 4pm and 6pm we will begin our 2024-25 Junior confirmation classes. This three year class is open to students 5th-8th grade, and covers the six chief parts of the catechism. Please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121 if you have any questions.



Coming Soon!! Ladies Bible Study with Nancy
Class begins on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10 am.** Meet in Sunday School room at far end of hallway. Class lasts one hour. There is some home preparation with this class. We will be studying Corinthians this year. Come, try us out!!

Worship Schedule:

Monday, September 2nd there will be NO worship service.

Fall through Spring Worship Schedule: Just a reminder that on Sunday, September 8th we will be returning to the 8am and 10:30am Worship schedules.

Adult Bible Class Catechism Insights: This Sunday 10:15 am We will be looking at what the Catechism says on the Lord's Supper. Next week we will begin our new class on 1 John.

2024/25 Children's Sunday School (9/1 10:15-11)

Beginning September 8th... The Sunday School theme for this quarter is "**God Restores His People**". This unit covers the Old Testament starting with the account of God's provision for Elijah and concluding with God's people waiting for the coming Savior. We were excited to welcome the children back with a special Sunday School "Kick-Off" on August 18th. Students brought friends to Sunday School and after a short lesson we joined the adult Bible study participants for a game of Charades and donuts. We hope to see more friends join us in the weeks to come! Please take some time to pray about making Sunday School a priority for your child/children as they grow in their faith. Sunday School will be in full swing beginning on September 8th from 9:15-10:15. We can't wait to share the good news of JESUS with them!

High School Bible Class: This Sunday Andrew Borseth, our seminarian will be leading our 8th grade- High School class which means upstairs in the youth room.

9/8 New Adult Bible Class 9:15 am

Starting Sunday, September 8th our adult Bible class will begin a six week study of 1 John. In addition to this study we will spend the last 1/3rd of the class looking at a particular world religion. On September 8th and 15th that religion will be Islam.

Junior Confirmation Classes: On Wednesday, September 4th

PRAYER REQUESTS

- † **John Busch**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- † **Jean Kirk**, recovery from knee replacement surgery
- † **Emily Pruden**, health concerns
- † **Sharon Finke**, mother of Tricia Dinkelman, recovering following her recent hospitalization
- † **Debbie Christ**, cousin of Sandy Roessler, health issues
- † **Krista Thompson**- Recovering from back surgery.
- † **Pat Grueber**, health issues
- † **Susan Housewright**, recovering at home
- † **Ross Besch**-A friend of Debbie Jordan, recovering from an auto accident
- † **Barb Schneider**, health issues

For Those Living With Cancer Undergoing Cancer Treatments...

- Larry Sifford**, friend of Sandy Roessler
- Mary Schmidt**, member
- Ron Medley**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Shawn Malone**, friend of Sandy Roessler
- Scott Kensel**, brother of Jamie Moeslein
- Don Greer Sr.**, Father of Don Greer
- Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Jeff Fitzgibbons**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan Stemler & Mona Newton
- Ken Walker**, friend of Carole Hancock

Additional Prayers for

- † **For Loren Koenigstein and JT Iorio who will be married here at St. Paul's this Sunday afternoon.**
- † **For our Country as it prepares for the Presidential election**
- † **For Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo & St. John Lutheran Church in Red Bud as they look to fill their Pastoral vacancy.**
- † **Thanksgiving for the gift of employment as we celebrate Labor Day.**
- † **For Michael Ewert as he begins his role as Youth Director this week.**
- † **For those who travel.**

Next Food Pantry: September 4th 1:30-3 pm

Current Needs:
peanut butter, chili, and brownie mix

Upcoming Meetings

- 9/3 5:30 pm Board of Youth
- 6:30 pm Board of Education
- 9/5 11 am Ladies League



Alter flowers given in celebration of the marriage of Loren Koenigstein and JT Iorio on Sunday, September 1, 2024, Daughter of Kevin & Lillian Koenigstein And Son of Joe & Amy Iorio.

The Congregation is welcome to attend the wedding of Loren Koenigstein and JT Iorio this afternoon at 4 pm.

Life Network Trivia Night- Sept. 21 5-9 pm
Call 618-939-4224 to reserve a table
\$200 / 10 people per table max
Waterloo High School Cafeteria

Our Response To His Love With Attendance		
8/25	9 am	94
8/25	6:30 am	22
		116

8/25	Adult Bible Study	11
8/27	Men's Bible Study	7

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances	
<u>General Fund</u>	
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed	\$7,000
Received	8/25: \$5,302

<u>Building Repair Fund</u>	
Received	8/25: \$181