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	THE	PISTLE	AU	GUST 2025		
Saturday	2	9 Fellowship Hall Rental Koenigstein	16 4 pm COLUMBIA DAYS PARADE	23	30	cation Hour
Friday	_	ω	15 2 pm Bria Nursing Home Worship 3:30 pm Garden Place Worship 6:30 pm	22	29	m Bible Study/Edu hearsal
Thursday		7 Ladies League 11:30 am	6 pm Eve's Restoration Fundraiser Mtg	21 9 am Newsletter Folders 5:30 pm Eve's Restoration Mtg	28	Service; 9:15 al prship Service; Idbell Choir Re
Wednesday		6 Food Pantry 1:30-3 pm	13 Food Pantry 4—5:30 pm	20 7:30 –8:30 am Rotary Business Mtg Food Pantry 1:30 - 3 pm 1:30 pm Stewardship Mtg	27	Fall Worship Schedule begins September 7th. Sundays 8 am Worship Service; 10:30 am Worship Service; 9:15 am Bible Study/Education Hour Mondays 5:15 pm Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 pm Worship Service; Wednesdays 6 pm Jr. Confirmation; 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday		5 7:15 am Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters 5:30 B of Youth 6:30 B of Education	12 7:15 am Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm B of Trustees 5:30 pm B of Elders	19 7:15 am Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters	26 7:15 am Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters	thedule begins Worship Service pm Adult Choir P 6 pm Jr. Confirm
Monday		4 Count (Team 1) 6:30 pm Divine Service	11 Count (Team 2) 5:30 pm BOCO Mtg 6:30 pm Divine Service	18 Count (Team 3) 6:30 pm Divine Service Newsletter Articles Due For September newsletter	25 Count (Team 1) 6:30 pm Divine Service	Fall Worship So Sundays 8 an Mondays 5:15 Wednesdays
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Why are we considering a full time Director of Christian Education (DCE)?

About four years ago we completed a long-range planning process for St. Paul's. That planning process uncovered the potential benefits of having another church worker on staff to help serve congregational youth and young adults. At the time, the congrega-



tion decided to enter the DCE intern program for two years to dip our feet in the water of what it might look like to have a full time DCE. Sam Wegner (now Davis), our first intern did a marvelous job. However, due to the lack of candidates at our Concordia's we were not able receive another DCE intern. Last year, we hired Michael Ewert to help with the youth while he served his final year as our seminary field worker. It is now time for us to consider the calling of a full-time DCE at our congregation. Below are the potential benefits of having such a worker.

- -Over 150 youth are on our membership rolls here at St. Paul's. There is a possibility these young people could be better served with a DCE coordinating ministry with them in mind. According to a study out of the Youth Ministry office of the LCMS, there is typically a 15 percent increase in youth retention when a full-time worker is part of their church.
- -A DCE could assist in coordinating our Sunday School, Home Bible Studies, and other studies here at church.
- -A DCE would help equip families with resources and training to help pass on the faith to the next generation.
- -A DCE could help with efforts to reach out to our growing community that has a large youth population.
- -We could possibly restart the little lamb's program and help organize yearly servant event programs.
- -This person possibly work with other LCMS churches to sponsor monthly/quarterly events.

Why would getting a church worker be a challenge?

-Can we financially afford this position over the long haul (70,000-80,000 a year)? This challenge could be lessened by using for three to four years various funds that have been left to the church for ministry and mission to help defray the costs over the first couple of years. For example, in the first year \$30,000 could be used for the DCE position, the second year \$20,000, and the third year \$10,000. The Church Council is considering hosting a congregational meeting in September where we will discuss this position in more detail, and how our congregation could best support this worker. Following this meeting a separate congregational meeting would be scheduled to vote on whether to call a full-time worker.

Our Mission Statement:

Restonation

ministries

To Provide Parenting Resources & Christ-Centered Spiritual Care in a Residential Setting, to Mothers Whose Children are Currently in Foster Care, Empowering Them to Rebuild & Reunite Their Families.

Mums Fall Fundraiser!

In August, <u>Eve's Restoration Home</u> fund raising committee will be taking orders for Mums with the plan of delivering them in September.

Support <u>Eve's Restoration Ministries</u> by purchasing beautiful mums for just \$13 each!

The mums are approximately **nine inches** and come in the following colors:

orange, red, whife, yellow, and pink.

Sign up and make your color choices in the church Narthex.
Please place your order by Sunday, August 31, 2025.
Pickup date TBA in mid-September at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Please contact Eve's at evesrestorationhome@gmail.com
for any questions.

Amanda Douglas 314-221-6700 or <u>evesrestorationhome@gmail.com</u>



Adult Bible Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We will soon be finishing our look at 2nd Corinthians. After this we will be studying the Old Testament.

Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

Ladies! We are at it again. A Bible study just for you. Beginning September 17. 10 to 11 am each Wednesday. Study this year begins with the book of Hebrews, Call Nancy Radentz or email me if you are coming and I will send you the first week's lesson. There is some home study required. 618-340-2995 donan9@sbcglobal.net. GIVE US A TRY. I BELIEVE YOUR FAITH WILL BE STHRENGHTENED!!

Fridays, Once a Month: NUMBERS is NEXT in 2025 You are invited to tackle the Old Testament book of NUMBERS one Friday night each month. Our next meeting will take place on August 15th. Discover how our gracious Heavenly Father uses numbers & other gifts to sustain, guide, & forgive His Chosen People during their 40 years of struggling & wandering in the wilderness & promises to keep us safe & saved today too. Please call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097) so he can get your \$10 study guide to you beforehand.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 10:15 am—11 am

The August Sunday Adults Bible Class **Study: Psalm Schedule (10:15-11am)** (see front page)

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Adult Information class:

This class is for those interested in learning more about Christian basics from a Lutheran perspective, and for those who desire membership in the congregation. If you or someone you know is interested in this class, please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121.

Suggested Summer Bible/Catechism Reading Plan

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61	1-Aug	The Nature of the Sacrament Of the Altar Part 1	Psalm 102	Psalm 103	Luke 1
62	2-Aug	The Nature of the Sacrament Of the Altar Part 2	Psalm 104	Psalm 105:1-22	Luke 2
63	3-Aug	The Benefits of the Sacrament of the Altar	Psalm 105:23-45	Psalm 106:1-23	Luke 3
64	4-Aug	The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar	Psalm 105:24-48	Psalm 107	Luke 4
65	5-Aug	How to Receive the Sacrament worthily	Psalm 108	Psalm 109	Luke 5
66	6-Aug	Daily Prayers:Morning & Evening	Psalm 110	Psalm 111	Luke 6
67	7-Aug	Table of Duties	Psalm 112	Psalm 113	Luke 7
68	8-Aug	Appendix:Who is Jesus?	Psalm 114	Psalm 115	Luke 8
69	9-Aug	Appendix: Reading God's Word	Psalm 116	Psalm 117	Luke 9
70	10-Aug	Appendix: Simple Prayers	Psalm 118	Psalm 119:1-16	Luke 10
71	11-Aug	Salvation Outline	Psalm 119:17-32	Psalm 119:33-48	Luke 11
72	12-Aug	The Explanation of Luther's Seal	Psalm 119:49-64	Psalm 119:65-80	Luke 12
73	Aug 13	The Time between the Testaments	Psalm 119:81-96	Psalm 119:97-112	Luke 13
74	14-Aug	The Church Year	Psalm 119:113-128	Psalm 119:129-152	Luke 14
75	15-Aug	Symbols and their meanings	Psalm 119:153-175	Psalm 120	Luke 15
76	16-Aug		Psalm 121	Psalm 122	Luke 16
77	17-Aug		Psalm 123	Psalm 124	Luke 17
78	18-Aug		Psalm 125	Psalm 126	Luke 18
79	19-Aug		Psalm 127	Psalm 128	Luke 19
80	20-Aug		Psalm 129	Psalm 130	Luke 20
81	21-Aug		Psalm 131	Psalm 132	Luke 21
82	22-Aug		Psalm 133	Psalm 134	Luke 22
83	23-Aug		Psalm 135	Psalm 136	Luke 23
84	24-Aug		Psalm 137	Psalm 138	Luke 24
85	25-Aug		Psalm 139	Psalm 140	John 17
86	26-Aug		Psalm 141	Psalm 142	John 18
87	27-Aug		Psalm 143	Psalm 144	John 19
88	28-Aug		Psalm 145	Psalm 146	John 20
89	29-Aug		Psalm 147	Psalm 148	John 21
90	30-Aug		Psalm 149	Psalm 150	
	31-Aug	Catch Up Day			



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Youth Ministry

"...and we are off!
There was a recall
on van rentals across

National Youth Gathering

2025 ENDURE

the country. We are so thankful for Christina Stackle, the DCE from Peace (St. Louis). She found a bus to rent and included us in their group. We are already getting an opportunity to show our youth how we "Endure".

Summer Sunday School Schedule Sunday School
SS hour is 10:15 am to 11:15 am.

August 17 10:15 Kickoff August 24 10:15 am August 31 10:15 am September 7 9:15 am

SAVE THE DATE!

THE KICKOFF
FOR CELEBRATING
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING
IS AUGUST 17, 2025

AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE!



WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT:

A SHORT MOVIE

PLUS REFRESHMENTS!

SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX! (PARENTS ARE WELCOME)

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF

GHRISTIAN EDUCATION!





WHO'S READY FOR

Don't forget to join us at the parade!

Thank You BOCO! For sharing waters with our July 4th bikers!







An Obvious OOPS

It's almost too obvious an Outreach
Opportunity Suggestion but—why not
invite someone to worship Jesus with you
one of these Sundays or Mondays?
We encourage all St. Paul's members to
do just that on Sunday, August 24 or
Monday, August 25.

Your Board of Christian Outreach is calling it an INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WEEK-END. Don't make it too hard. It doesn't have to be someone you hardly know or someone who has a bone-to-pick with Jesus or the church they used to attend. Just make it someone you care about and would like to worship Jesus with—because you know they love and need Jesus too. It could even be a family member or a member of St. Paul's you don't often see because they attend a different service than you do. Just do it! Okay?

That's this month's OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.

AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

August 2: Coloring Book Day August 3: Watermelon Day 🖿 August 5: Blogger Day 🛋 August 8: International Cat Day August 9: Book Lovers Day August 10: Lazy Day August 11: Son and Daughter Day August 12: Vinyl Record Day August 14: Creamsicle Day August 15: Relaxation Day August 19: World Photo Day August 24: Strange Music Day 🕝 August 26: Dog Day 🛭 August 27: Lottery Day August 29: Lemon Juice Day August 30: Beach Day

AUGUST ELDERS SCHEDULE



August 3 and 4	David Greatting	&	Toby Search	Scott Peery
August 10 and 11	Mark Eischer	&	Charlie Consolino	Glenn Grebing
August 17 and 18	Scott Moeslein	&	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma
August 24 and 25	Charlie Consolino	&	Toby Search	Scott Peery
August 31	Scott Moeslein	&	Levi Ottwell	Labor Day

Sunday 9 AM

*** Summer Worship Schedule

through Labor Day Weekend ***

Sundays: 9 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult Bible Study, SS Hour, Youth

Mondays: 6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesdays: 7:15 am Men's Bible Study

*** Fall/Winter/Spring Worship Schedule

through Memorial Day Weekend ***

Sundays: 8 am Divine Service

9:15 am Adult Bible Study, SS Hour, Youth

Mon 6:30 pm

10:30 am Divine Service

Mondays: 6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesdays: 7:15 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays: 10 –11 am Women's Bible Study

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LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, & equip women to honor God by serving others

LWML August newsletter

Hard to believe it is August already, June and July flew by. Here are some highlights from the June/July meeting of the Ladies League/LWML. As always, our VP Nancy Radentz led us in thoughtful devotions. "A Piece of the Rock" reminded us of the importance of having

Christ as our life's firm foundation. "God's Kingdom Fireworks" was a reminder even with our problems God provides us daily with so much. His power is wonderful and amazing just like fireworks on the 4th of July.

Our speaker for June was Jeremy Koeber from the Alzheimer's Association. He said much has changed over the years. It is important if you are noticing changes in a person, seek advice from a Doctor, don't wait. Early detection is important: new medications and treatments are available.

July's speaker was Jenny Michaud, Monarch Development Manager. Monarch jewelry is a faith-based ministry of Crisis Aid, founded in 2011 in St. Louis. Their volunteers create beautiful pieces from donated used jewelry. All purchases fund life-changing work to help prevent sex trafficking, provides care for survivors of exploitation, and offers safe housing and support to help survivors rebuild lives. A small box will be placed in the narthex for you to donate your broken and unused jewelry.

Doing the business meeting we had reports from our standing committees about our finances, how many quilts were made, and cards that were sent out.

★ In June we discussed providing our youth going to the convention with some small gifts (chap stick, gum, stickers, etc.) for the days at the convention. This was agreed on. Lillian Koenigstein purchased the items, and our group put together bags in our July meeting for the youth.

★ In our July meeting we discussed donating money and or supplies for the St. Louis tornado victims. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Louis is collecting donations and supplies. It was decided that this would be our September service project. A box will be placed in the narthex with a list of items needed. Please support this in-gathering.

*Wanda Gross reported on a recent SID Gospel Outreach Committee meeting. She made us aware of Alleluia Cards that are available if you wish to donate to LWML in Honor of, in Memory of, or in Thanksgiving for someone. This donation, with the Alleluia Card, will keep all donations amounts in the Southern Illinois District funds instead of being shared at the National level. You can donate online by going to https://www.sidlwml or going through the SID LWML website.

Our hostesses for June were Lillian Koenigstein and Kathy Stechmesser and their theme was weddings and Dairy month. July hostesses were Nancy Radentz and Cindy Troup and the theme was 4th of July.

Our next meeting is August 7. ALL ladies of the church are welcome to attend our meetings. They are on the first Thursday of the month, at 1130 in the fellowship hall.











































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Member Spotlight

Stefanie Newbill

How I connected with St. Paul's is a long story. Bob and I got married October 9, 1991. I moved here to Columbia from Minnesota where I was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. Palm Sunday was coming up, so I came to the church. I met Gale Toolen, our secretary at the time, Pastor Theiss,

Ralph and Catherine Mathews, and Bernell Mueller. Bernell invited me to sit with her, and 25 years later, here I am.

My family is all scattered—Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Las Vegas; I do have Bob's cousin here in Columbia. I am a sports freak; I love and follow hockey, football, basketball, and baseball. I like to cook and bake, do scrapbooking, adult coloring, puzzles, playing scrabble, and going to the YMCA pool.

I love St. Paul's; it is my second family, and the members have been here for me. I love worshiping with everyone, and I am blessed to be here. I am on the Stewardship Committee, volunteer at the Food Pantry and serve on the Christian Caring Board, a member of the Ladies League LWML, and volunteer at Vacation Bible School.

My favorite Bible verses are Psalm 23 -- The Lord is my Shepard and Numbers 6:24-26 – The Lord bless you and keep you. My favorite hymn is 922 <u>Go My Children with My Blessing</u>.



Columbia Days Festival & Parade

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Amusement rides, games, food, music & more.
Celebrate the end of summer with the community!!

Date: August 17, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Address: 124 S. Metter Ave.

Columbia, IL 62236

Contact: 6182817144 EXT 110

Email: mrose@columbiail.gov

Cost: Free to attend

Calling all folks that enjoy parades:

We need folks to walk and hand out fliers with our float in the Columbia Daze parade on Saturday, Aug 16, inviting kids "Back to [Sunday] School." Sign-up in the Narthex please.

August

Electronics Recycling

For Columbia residents.

McDannold Drive. 8 a.m. - Noon.



August 3

Taste of Columbia

Purchase a taste booklet & sample the best food and drinks Columbia has to offer.

Historic Main Street Columbia. Time TBD

August 15 & 16

Columbia Days Festival and Parade

Amusement rides, games, food, music & so much more. Event is held both days Turner Hall and Metter Park from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Parade held on 16th Main St: Temple St. to Cherry St. at 4:00 p.m.

September 5 & 6

Songs4Soldiers

National Country and Rock & Roll artists perform to benefit combat veterans. Info at www.songs4soldiersstl.org. Concert held at Bolm–Schuhkraft Park.



Current Pantry Needs:
Oatmeal, Pasta Sides & Fresh Produce

Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

August Wednesdays:

August 6; August 13; August 20 1st & 3rd Wed - 1:30-3pm 2nd Wed - 4-5:30 pm



Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am -10:30 am

Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!

The <u>Comforts of Love</u> sewing group needs a few more helping hands to tie comforts which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, or Lutheran Disaster Response Team. There are no special sewing talents required, just a willingness to help provide items for warmth and comfort to those in need.

Thank you for all your support!

Questions? contact Marianne May
or Marilyn Snider.

Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)

for September 2025 Newsletter: August 18th.





The Epistle

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"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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Psalms are widely considered the prayer book of the Bible. They cover a wide range of human experiences lived under the God who created and redeemed us in Christ. In the month of August, we will be studying and meditating on Psalms of instruction, comfort, lament, praise, and prophecy in our adult Sunday morning Bible class and as the devotion in my weekly email. Have a blessed August!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Krenz

Psalm Sunday morning Bible Study Schedule (10:15-11am)

August 3rd- Psalms of Instruction/Wisdom: 1, 49, 111, 127

August 10th- Psalms of Comfort: 23, 27, 46 August 17th- Psalms of Lament: 6,13, 28, 42

August 24th- Psalms of Praise: 100, 103, 148, 149

August 31st- Psalm of Prophecy: 2, 22, 110, 132:11-18









Official Acts of the Church

New Membership Transfer: Janet Kenney July 29 Maria O'Guin July 29



Sunday Sermon Schedule: 9 am & Monday 6:30 pm

August 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} - "Out with the old. In with the new" Colossians 3:1-11 August 9^{th} and 10th "Proper Seeking" Luke 12:22-34 August 16^{th} and 17^{th} "Strength for the Christian Journey" Hebrews 12:1-3 August 24^{th} and 25^{th} "Rethinking the order of things" Luke 13:30 August 31^{st} and September 1^{st} "The Practical Look of Love" Hebrews 13:1-9

