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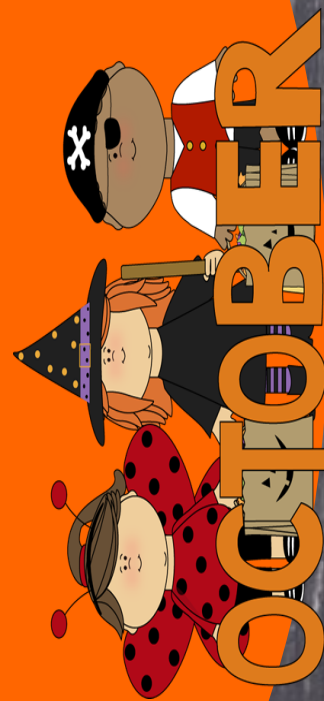


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5 Kent & Pam Haberl ♥ Steven Howell	6 Michael & Denise Nowak ♥ Terry Aldridge	7 Anthony Douglas Reed Greatting Tom & Sherry Smith ♥	1 Dean Lyon Patricia Gruber	2 Diane Busch Matthew Louis	3 Mike Zavadil	4 Elijah Douglas
12 Brett Luther Brooke Quevreaux Lyle Jahr	13 Dan Schwartz Kaitlyn Koenigstein Kevin Koenigstein Zachary Mathews	14 Adeline Chandler Stephanie Althoff-Lammert Terri Grohman	8 Josh Colyer Ken & Michelle Mathews ♥ Kristopher Kirmess Neil Hunt	9 Randy & Cynthia Hill ♥ Tyler & Haley Herbeck ♥	10 Mike Roediger Payton Roland Ricky Gulin	11 Denise Grider Derrick & Katie Rule ♥ Joe Rahn Karl Nowak
19	20 Cyndee Luther Kristopher & Bria Kirmess ♥ Mitch & Carol Essert ♥	21 Robert Glaenzer	15 Craig Story Judith Kellenberger	16 Alan & Michele Colbert ♥ Brittany Russell Brock Kleinschmidt Ray Bense	17 Anthony & Amanda Douglas ♥ Bill & Barb Goshen ♥ Lori Camp	18 Andrew Watts Madeline Nowak Toby & Gina Search ♥
26 Andrew Colyer Dallas Eytchison Glenn & June Grebing ♥ Jackie Haberl Jessica Womack Tori Locke	27	28 Rex & Carole Hancock ♥ Robert & Penny Rauh ♥ Ty Camp	22 Brynlee Rule Dennis Everding Heinrich Theiss	23	24 Darby Boland Jeremy & Stephanie Duvall ♥	25 Evelyn Gross
			29 Ashlynn Magnuson	30 Rebecca Byerley	31 Dallas & Jana Eytchison ♥	





Catechism Ponderings - The Second Commandment

"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God."

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. When someone is mentioned in a conversation but neither person can recall their name, the topic often shifts until the name resurfaces. This is just one example of how names are very important.

Our God has gifted us with his name. In our baptism we are named in him, and in our public worship we begin with His name in the Invocation, and close with our Lord's name in the Benediction. In the Old Testament there are around 20 names for God, and in the New Testament there are around 200 names and titles attributed to Jesus. Those with demons are freed when the name of Jesus is spoken, and we know that at the end of time "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11.

It is for this reason we are to use his name in ways that are helpful like praying, praising, and giving thanks. At the same time, we are not to use His name as a throw away term (cursing) or in any deceptive way.

Thanks be to God for this gift of His Name!

An Additional Full Time Church Worker?

On Sunday, September 28th a congregational meeting took place that discussed the potential blessings and challenges of having another church worker here at St. Paul's. The tentative plan is to decide on whether to call such a person at the October Voter's Meeting.

A full job description can be found in the church entryway/narthex for this position. Below is a summary of that job description.

Why the Position?

To better serve the youth who are pre-school through college in our congregation.

To better reach out to young families in our community.

To assist in all aspects of Christian Education in this congregation.

What will this person do?

To plan and coordinate monthly youth events for Pre-School through High School

To help restart the Little Lambs program.

To provide spiritual counseling to youth as needed.

To help support families in passing on their faith to their children.

Work with Pastor in starting additional home and midweek study groups.

Work with circuit LCMS congregations in coordinating and planning youth events.

To help plan and coordinate congregational service and mission projects locally and beyond.

Our Mission

Statement:

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.

Amanda Douglas

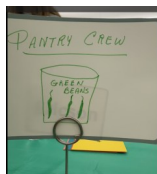
314-221-6700 or

**evesrestoration-
home@gmail.com**

*Are you interested in
showing your personal support
to this mission?*

*Attend one of our exciting
upcoming events!*

Together, we can empower
mothers to rebuild
and reunite their families!



Have you had a chance to attend one of the trivia nights for Eve's Restoration Home? The Food Pantry Crew had a swinging good time at the most recent one. Watch for the next Trivia Night to come next Spring.



Progressive Dinner Hop

Saturday, October 11th at 4:00pm

Hosted by:



Appetizer
Faith Oakville
6101 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129



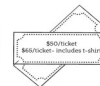
Entrée
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Dessert
Trinity Lutheran
503 E. Washington St.
Millstadt, IL 62250

Each ticket includes a 3 course meal
and activities throughout the night.
Please review the registration site for
more information.

To purchase tickets, please contact
evesrestorationhome@gmail.com or
scan the QR code.



SET APART TO SERVE



**Preschool News October 2025**

Fall has arrived, and we're bringing the sights and colors of the season into our classroom!

☆ Each center will take on a touch of autumn as we explore God's creation through a nature walk, seasonal art projects, and hands-on sensory activities.

☆ The children will experiment with fall colors in their artwork, observe and investigate natural treasures in our science center, and enjoy autumn-themed sensory bins that engage the senses and encourage fine motor development.

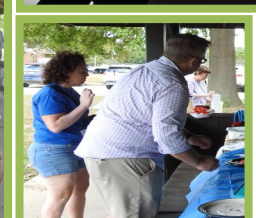
☆ Our dramatic play area will shift from an apple orchard to a pumpkin patch—always a preschool favorite! With plenty of activities still to come, we're excited to see how the season inspires even more play, creativity, and discovery.

Our preschool is proud to take part in the Scarecrow Crawl again this year. Stop by Main Street in October to see our creation and cast your vote.

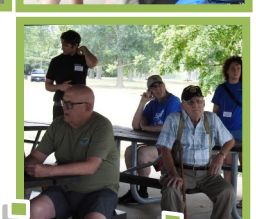
♥♥ Many thanks to the Neihaus family for the much needed sprucing up of the playground last month. It looks great!

**October Jesus Lessons**

- ☆ Isaac Blesses His Sons
- ☆ Jacob's Journey & Dream
- ☆ Joseph's Coat & Dreams
- ☆ Joseph Forgives & God Provides



45 to 50 joined us on Sunday, 9/21 for our annual Church Picnic. Thank you! to all who provided food and special thanks to the Stewardship Committee for organizing this fellowship.



2025 Church Picnic



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule

SS hour is 9:15 to 10:15 am.

During the month of October, the Sunday School children will

be learning about important moments in Jesus's early life. The stories of His birth, boyhood, and baptism all fulfill God's divine plan for Jesus' life as our teacher, friend, and Savior.

Luke 2:1-40

The Temple Testimonies - Jesus' Birth and Presentation

Luke 2:41-52

His Father's House - Boy Jesus in the Temple

Matthew 3

The Pointing Prophet - John Points to Jesus

John 2:13-22

A Temple Cleaning - Jesus Clear the Temple

On August 17, we celebrated our new Sunday School year with a "Sunday School Kick-Off". Children of all ages gathered in the fellowship hall for a fun game of Hang-Man, sweet treats, and a movie called "Miracles".

Special thanks to Jeanine & Charlie Consolino for organizing and providing the snacks! God bless our Sunday School children, their families and teachers!



Adult Bible Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We have been looking at the Weekly Scriptures in the Worship Service.

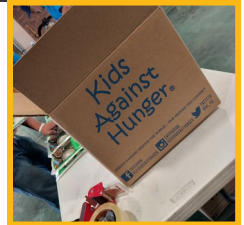
Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

10 to 11 am Wednesdays - SS room at end of hall
Study this year: **Book of Hebrews**
Call Nancy Radentz or email her for more information. 618-340-2995 donan9@sbcglobal.net
There is some home preparation with this class.

youth SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth 8th -12th grade
Sundays: 9:15—10:15 am
In the Loft up-

Shout out to our youth group helping pack meals at Christ Community Lutheran Sept. 7th for Kids Against Hunger!



Our next LYA (Lutheran Young Adults) event is Saturday, October 4th at 3:30p!

Join LYA and pick some apples at Eckerts in Belleville on Saturday, October 4th at 3:30p. After apple picking, people are welcome to hang around at the Eckerts Cider Shed (same location) for food/drinks/music. Meet at the entrance to the pick your own fruit ticket booth.

LYA is a group of Lutheran young professionals from the STL Metro East area. We get together for fellowship and something fun each month. We are a cross section of congregations in the area, but we all share in the timeless truth that we are saved by grace through faith alone and this is not our doing; *it is a gift of God* (Eph 2:8). -Rev. Joshua A. Kintz, Associate Pastor



Fall LCMSU / Young Adult Conference

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Join us at University Lutheran, Champaign, IL, on Saturday, October 25th, for a one-day free conference.

Register:

<https://uniluchampaign.org/fall-lcmsu-conference/>

Fridays, Once a Month : NUMBERS 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 **October 10th**.
Pastor Sievers: 314-882-2097

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

Luke/Learning to share our faith- Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 as we continue to walk through the book of Luke, and spend the last 20 minutes of class dialoguing on ways we can share our faith. Come one come all.



OOPS - We're Already Doing IT!

Let's encourage and support intentional outreach not just among ourselves, but elsewhere too! That's this month's OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.

Oops---We're already doing that!

In our annual church budget, we presently include \$\$\$ support for the following missions/ministries: **Life Network, Unity Lutheran School, St. Paul's Lutheran High School, Eve's Restoration, Together in Mission (Hoech), and Czech Republic Mission (Kaster).** We also periodically invite these missionaries or reps from them to visit with us on a Sunday morning to report on the Holy Spirit's progress through their mission efforts. As you make your offerings, please keep this blessed fact in mind. **WELL DONE, THOU FAITHFUL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAMILY!**

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

From Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster...

Thank you so much for welcoming us to your congregation. We are grateful for the opportunity to share with you the work that is happening here with the help of your generous support. We praise God for your partnership. We also thank you for the love offering you gave to us. It really helped with all of our travels during our Home Service. God's blessing as you serve Him.



OCTOBER 2025

1. INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY
2. DAY OF NON VIOLENCE
3. BOYFRIEND DAY
4. TACO DAY
5. WORLD TEACHERS DAY
6. MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL
7. FLOWER DAY
8. PIEROGI DAY
9. SNEAKERS DAY
10. WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
11. SPREAD JOY DAY
12. FARMERS DAY
13. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
14. DESSERT DAY
15. GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY
16. SPIRIT DAY
17. PASTA DAY
18. WORLD MENOPAUSE DAY
19. SWEETEST DAY
20. CHEFS DAY
21. APPLE DAY
22. COLOR DAY
23. MOLE DAY
24. UNITED NATIONS DAY
25. FINE ART APPRECIATION DAY
26. PUMPKIN DAY
27. BLACK CAT DAY
28. CHOCOLATE DAY
29. CAT DAY
30. CANDY CORN DAY
31. HALLOWEEN

More National Days at
www.ListOfNationalDays.com

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

emotionally sharing how frustrated he was that his home budget predictions for groceries weren't covering the cost. "Every week my wife keeps begging me for more money to do grocery shopping. I just snap back at her that I didn't budget for that five years ago. A budget is a budget."

We all probably can see the silliness of this story. Yet it points to how we can allow our plans to be fashioned in cement to such an extent that they aren't keeping up with the reality of today, or even the changes that might happen in the future.

In estate planning, it never works to create a plan and then believe that it will stay in place without any changes needed for thirty years. Families change. Economics changes. Health changes. Ministries I wish to support can change too. Because of all this change, our estate plans must keep up.

Is it time for you to begin a review of what your plans were in the past, seeing if they are aligned with present realities? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

October 2025 Newsletter Article

Fred was perturbed. His friend Mike asked what was wrong. Fred, a retired accountant, began



LADIES LEAGUE LWML

Our monthly meeting was held on September 4th. Nancy Radentz lead us in a devotion entitled "In Times of Need What Should We Do?" followed by the common table prayer. We enjoyed our lunches and the harvest apple theme desserts and décor. Our hostesses were Wanda Gross and Rose Anne Bense.

LWML news and committee reports were given during our business meeting. After the meeting we sorted and boxed up the in-gathering donations for the St. Louis's tornado victims. Thank you to all who donated and thank you to Carol Ericson, Sue Nolte, and Mitzi Ottwell who helped transport a car and truckload of items to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Louis. They were very grateful.

We will be meeting next month on October 2nd at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Our lunch will be ordered from Café on the Abbey. Sandy Roessler has the list of who and what was ordered. Pastor Krenz is our speaker. Deb Eischer and Cindy Troup are our hostesses.

ALL ladies of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.

They are on the first Thursday of the month, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.

For more information about Mailbox Membership or other events, contact Jane Stumpf 314-852-8776.

LWML UPCOMING EVENTS (Call Jane Stumpf for more information.)

- 1) District Fall Retreat at Trinity, Edwardsville on October 11 9am-3pm.
Registration should have been turned in.
- 2) Zone Fall Workshop at Holy Cross Wartburg will be on November 15.
More info TBD.

Monarch Jewelry

**There is a small box in the Narthex for used or broken jewelry.
These pieces of donated jewelry will be given to Monarch Jewelry,
a faith-based ministry.**



**Join us on Sunday,
October 5th for
Lutheran Women on
Mission Sunday.
Comforts of Love Quilts
will be on display in the
Sanctuary.
Information about the
mission of the Ladies
League and LWML will
be available.**

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

*Member Spotlight*

Sandy Roessler



Tell us about your family?
My husband Bob, passed away 25 years ago.

I have three children, a daughter Angie (husband Danny McMullan) Son Rob and wife Melissa, and son Brad and wife Deanna. I have seven grandchildren. Crystal, Alicia, Sara, Colin, Olivia, Trey and Tanner. I have eight great grandchildren, Quintin, Payton, Mason, Maddie, Josalynn, Jackson, Jamie & Kellan.

What do you do when you are not at church?
I keep pretty busy volunteering and working a few days a month. I like to watch my grandkids play sports when possible and I also enjoy going out to eat with my friends.

What committees and groups have you been involved in over the years?
I have served as the Finance Board Secretary; I have also served on Food Pantry; Ladies League; Handbell Choir; and Quilters. St. Paul's is my second family. Everyone means a lot to me and I would be lost without everyone here.

What Bible verses or hymns have influenced your faith life?
My favorite Bible Verse is John 15:12 "Love each other as I have loved you."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church**FOOD PANTRY** Ministry

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Current Pantry Needs:**Oatmeal, Pasta Sides & Snacks**

MONTHLY: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 1:30 -3 pm 2nd Wednesday: 4-5:30 pm
 Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

October Wednesdays:**October 1, 8 & 15****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!
 Thank you for all your support!

Questions? contact Marianne May or Marilyn Snider.



Mark your
 Calendars...

**Sunday,
 November 2nd
 Fall Back** one
 hour for Daylight
 Savings Time.

Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)
**for November 2025 Newsletter:
 October 20th.**

**OCTOBER ELDERS SCHEDULE**

	Sunday 8 am		Sunday 10:30 am	Monday 6:30 pm
October 5 and 6	David Greatting	&	Toby Search	Scott Peery
October 12 and 13	Mark Eischer	&	Charlie Consolino	Glenn Grebing
October 19 and 20	Scott Moeslein	&	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma
October 26 and 27	Scott Moeslein	&	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma

Monday evenings at St. Paul's...
5:15 pm Adult Choir (starts 9/8)
6:30 pm Divine Service



Wednesday evenings at St. Paul's:
4 & 6 pm Jr. Confirmation

**& 6:30 pm
 Handbell Choir**





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Pastor Stephen Krenz	618-363-0121
Josh Gillespie	405-570-5464
Austin Kudray	586-295-5524

"17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Friends and Members of St. Paul's, God's Gift of Treasure

There are over 2,000 verses in the Bible that directly speak of money. Many of Jesus parables and teachings cover financial issues (The Rich Fool, The Shrewd manager, The Rich man and Lazarus, The valuable pear, etc.). Jesus spoke about "treasure" because like today, it was a topic that occupied the hearts and minds of believers—shaping both their personal priorities and their life in the church. Like all blessings, money and possessions are gifts from God. Yet it's important to remember that the longing for wealth can subtly take root as the foundation of our sense of security—replacing trust in God with trust in material things. This is called idolatry, and repeatedly the Scriptures warn us about such misplaced trust.

While few of us would consider ourselves to be rich, if you receive an income of over \$33,706 (the median income in the United States), you have more than 96.3% of people in this world (This is according to an April 2025 Money Ninja Article by John Pham). The above 1 Timothy verses remind the "rich", which includes most of those reading this newsletter, to put their trust in God rather than uncertain things like money. These verses also show us that God provides our finances for our enjoyment. To truly enjoy money and possessions, according to these verses, is to recognize and trust the divine giver of all things and to use those funds to be rich in good deeds and willing to share. Thanks be to God for the gift of treasure!

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Krenz**

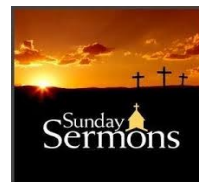
Sunday Sermon Schedule: 8 am & 10:30 am & Monday 6:30 pm

October 5th & 6th Women in Mission Sunday- "Fuel for our Faith and Witness' Romans 10:11-17
Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

October 12th & 13th "Lessons from the Book of Ruth" Ruth 1:1-19a

October 19th & 20th Guest speaker- Rev. Dr. Joshua Cook

October 26th & 27th- "Our Fortress of Strength" Psalm 46



Fall/Winter/Spring Weekly Worship Schedule thru Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday Worship

Monday Worship

Bible Studies & Education

8 am Divine Service
10:30 am Divine Service

6:30 pm Divine Service Sunday: 9:15 am Adult Bible Study, SS Hour, Youth

Tuesdays: 7:15 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays: 10 -11 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays: 7 pm Junior Confirmation

2nd Friday/Monthly: 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study Group

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Teach Christ's Word & Reflect Christ's Love to All!*