

### Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Revelation

**Highlights:** Join us on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the book of Revelation. This 6-8 week class will cover key chapters and themes in this encouraging but often misunderstood book. This week chapters 2 & 3.

### Children's Sunday School

As we gather today, we will study "The Chosen King." Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.

### Middle School

February: We will be going Roller Skating towards the end of the month! Look out for more details!

### Next Food Pantry:

**February 5, 2025 1:30 to 3 pm**

January 15, 2025—Served:

16 Families=25 Adults, 6 Children

Pantry Needs: Chicken Broth, Canned Peaches

### Small Group Bible Studies:

These studies are now underway on Thursdays & Sundays. The topic for these study groups is "Called", and how God calls us to faith, to our families, our work, our community, and the church. Call the church office if interested.

### Come Explore the Bible In Ruma & Evansville, IL

**"Jesus in the Old Testament: The Book of Isaiah"** All are welcome! No cost to attend!

**Sundays at 1:30 pm, St. John's - Ruma, (2/2)** 8446 1st Road, Ruma - *light refreshments served*

**Tuesdays at 6 pm, St. Peter's - Evansville (2/4)** 900 Church St., Evansville - *light refreshments served*

*Various Presenters - pick up an info flier in the church entryway.*

### Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy

Wednesdays, 10 am in SS room at end of hall

### January 28<sup>th</sup> Voter's Meeting Highlights

- ☆ The **2025 congregational work program (budget)** was approved.
- ☆ A **job description for a possible full time DCE/Deaconess** will be brought to the next Voter's meeting.
- ☆ **Organ Repairs** were discussed, and proposals will be made at the next church council meeting.
- ☆ **Adding a cemetery fence and fundraising** for the fence in 2025-26 was discussed.
- ☆ The **5pm Lenten meal schedule** and Boards making the meals were set.
  - 3/5** Elders
  - 3/12** Finance and Education
  - 3/19** Youth
  - 3/26** Trustees
  - 4/2** Christian Caring/Cemetery
  - 4/9** Board of Communication/Ladies League
- ☆ An **audit committee** was formed.
- ☆ The Trustees are looking for someone to assist in organizing a **half day spring church clean.**
- ☆ A **committee is being formed to revise the church constitution.** The committee of three could use a couple more members.

**Copies of Voters Mtg packet available in Narthex.**

*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.*

## **Special Service Order Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany** **Sunday, February 2nd 8 am & 10:30 am, and Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm**

### Sunday, February 2 Life Sunday

8 am Divine Service

9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall

-Youth Bible Study in Loft

-Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

4-5 pm Brownie Scouts in Fellowship Hall

6-8 pm Annual Family Bowling

### Monday, February 3

**Count Team 2: L. Schmidt; T. Search;**

5:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

6:30 pm Divine Service

### Tuesday, February 4

7:15 am Men's Bible Study

9 am Comforts of Love Quilters

### Wednesday, February 5

10 am Ladies Bible Study

6 pm Junior Confirmation

6:30 pm Handbell Choir

### Thursday, February 6

11:30 am Ladies League

6:30 pm In Home Bible St, at Mancarella Home

### Friday, February 7

6:30 pm Sievers Bible Study Group Fellow

### Saturday, February 8

### Sunday, February 9

8 am Divine Service

9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall

-Youth Bible Study in Loft

-Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

4-5 pm Brownie Scout

### Pre-Service Music

**Ringing of the Bells, Greeting, Announcements, Sharing the Peace**

**Entrance Hymn** LSB 802

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Invocation, Confession, Absolution, Introit,**

**Hymn of Praise** LSB 906

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

**Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Epistle** Ephesians 5:6-13

**Holy Gospel** John 1:1-14

**Nicene Creed, Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** LSB 849

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

**Sermon "Keys to Life"** John 1:4

**Presentation of Offerings**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Sacrament, Invocation, Confession, Absolution**

**Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei**

**Distribution & Distribution Hymn(s)** LSB 622

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

**Post Communion Collect, Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn** LSB 861

"Christ Be My Leader"

**Postlude**

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



### Today We honor The Sanctity of Life

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is participating in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser on behalf of Life Network of Southern Illinois to protect the sanctity of human life. Please bring your filled baby bottles back to the church office in the next few weeks.

**In addition, after each service we will be receiving a free will offering on behalf of Eve's Restoration Ministry.**



**Eve's Restoration Home-** Has as its mission 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. Recently this organization received its 501(c)3 non-profit organization status. The hope is that it will open in 2027-28.

You can help with this ministry in the following ways...

**Pray.** Pray for guidance during this process.

**Donate:** Consider a One Time, or Recurring Donation. All donations are tax deductible. Contact us or check out our website for ways to donate.

**Join A Committee.** Have a talent that would aid in our mission? Be a part of the start-up process and beyond! Some of these committees include a St. Paul's congregational committee that is set up to assist in getting the word out and raise funds within our congregation. Other committees include a fund raising committee, and soon a committee to help locate and procure a home for this organization.

**Sign up in the church entryway to receive regular updates on this ministry.**

**Save the date:** the **annual youth group Rummage sale** will be Saturday, March 15, 8am-noon.

Any and all items welcome. Exceptions: NO TVs, computers or clothing.

Please save your items to benefit the youth traveling to New Orleans for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July. 1-2 helpers needed please to assist Randy Moeckel in moving any furniture donations for the rummage sale. Contact Lillian Koenigstein 618.541.4657 if you can help.

#### Thank you for serving!

##### Sunday, February 2, 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Dave Greatting

Greeter/Usher: Jonathan Busch

Acolyte: Abbey Heck

Screens: Josh Colyer

Video: Andrew Colyer

##### Sunday, February 2, 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Toby Search

Greeter/Usher: Joydean Beatty

Acolyte: Grace Luberd

Screens: Gary Maske

##### Monday, February 3, 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Scott Peery

##### Sunday, February 9, 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Mark Eischer

Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt

Acolyte: Connor Crank

Screens: Josh Colyer

Video: Andrew Colyer

##### Sunday, February 9, 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Charlie Consolino

Greeter/Usher: Lynn McAuliffe

Acolyte: Ezra Douglas

Screens: Leah Douglas

##### Monday, February 10, 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino

Elder: Glen Grebing

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- † **Virginia Schweigert**, Theresa Mancarella's sister, recently diagnosed with cancer
- † **Emily Pruden**, upcoming surgery on Feb. 3rd at Mercy Hospital South
- † **Roger Roessler**, cousin of Sandy Roessler, recovering from a stroke
- † **Danielle Carroll**, Sandy Roessler's niece, recovering from heart attack
- † **Mona Newton**, recovering from heart valve replacement surgery
- † **Rex Hancock**, recovering from open-heart surgery
- † **Wanda Gross**, upcoming shoulder surgery
- † **Ruth Nelson**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- † **Don Greer**, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- † **Gene Haberl**, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- † **Jeffrey Starek**
- † **Sharon Helmkamp**, **sister of** Jeanine Consolino, Dealing with serious heart issues
- † **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, recovering from health issues
- † **Barb Schneider**, health issues

### **For Those Living With Cancer Undergoing Cancer Treatments...**

**Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma

**Ron Medley**, friend of Bob Thoma

**Jeff Fitzgibbons**, friend of Bob Thoma

**Scott Kensel**, brother of Jamie Moeslein

**Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan S. & Mona Newton

**Paul Schmidt**, brother of Mitzi Ottwell

**Marcy Waters**, friend of Karen Mueller

### **Additional Prayers for**

† **Lutherans for Life and their international ministry**

† **Alex Blum**, at Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio, TX

† **Life Network** in Waterloo

† **For the families of those who lost loved ones in the Wednesday DC Plane crash**

#### Our Response To His Love With Attendance

1/26/25 8 am 61

1/26/25 10:30 am 61

1/27/25 6:30 pm 25

1/26/25 Adult Bible Study 31

1/26/25 SS 17

1/20+ 1/26 Home Bible Studies 14

1/28 Men's Bible St 6

1/29 Women's Bible St 6

#### Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances

##### General Fund

Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed \$7,000

Received 1/26/25 \$13,045

##### Building Repair Fund

Received 1/26/25: \$300

**2024 contribution statements** have been mailed.

If you have any questions,  
please call Lisa Schmidt ([281-8413](tel:281-8413)).