

December 13th 9 am—11 am  
BREAKFAST WITH MARY AND JOSEPH.  
We are collecting non-perishable food items/free will offering to benefit St. Paul's Food Panty.



**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
**Christmas Program Participants:**  
If you know of any children who would like to participate in our annual Christmas Children's Service

on December 21st, please have them come to the practices during the Sunday School hour in December. (9:15—10:15 am)



Pastor and Lisa Krenz cordially invite members and friends of the congregation to their home (239 Elizabeth Drive) next Sunday (December 14<sup>th</sup>) anytime from 4pm-6pm. Refreshments will provided. Feel free to park on both sides of the street and even in their driveway.

Thank you to the youth for setting up the Christmas tree, those who helped decorate the windows in the sanctuary at church with the manger scenes from various congregational members, and to Alice Jestus for decorating the windows in the fellowship with nativity sets.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT Lay Leader Training**  
**Join us for a Carload Conference**  
**on Lay Leadership Training! [sidlcms.org/events](http://sidlcms.org/events)**  
**January 17th or February 7th**

Send your lay leaders to gain skills and expertise at our Lay Leader Training! These workshops will cover areas that assist youth leaders, school boards, Sunday school teachers/ superintendents, trustees, treasurers, evangelism committee members, and congregational presidents in carrying out their assigned duties. The day begins with Matins at 9am and wraps up at 2pm. Lunch is provided as part of registration. Find more information and registration at [sidlcms.org/events](http://sidlcms.org/events)

Save the date today:

**Saturday, January 17th, 2026**

(Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1300 Beltline Rd. Collinsville, IL 62234) and

**Saturday, February 7th, 2026** (Trinity Lutheran Church 201 S. Pleasant Ave Centralia, IL 62801).

BREAKFAST WITH  
*Mary + Joseph*



Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025  
9am - 11am  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
227 N GoodHaven St  
Columbia, IL 62236

Scan code to register - or fill out form on back and return to our church office



*Grateful  
thankful  
& Blessed*

**Who Can You Invite to Worship This Christmas?**

Lifeway Research recently shared a study of U.S. adults who don't typically attend church, and found that 56% of them are likely to attend at Christmastime if someone they know invites them! Half of those who don't attend church were likely to come if someone simply invited them! We know this to be true not just from research, but from the Scriptures because we have a God who seeks out the lost sheep. Our Christmas service times are:

**Advent Services Wed: 11 am & 6 pm**

**12/10 "Reflected Light"**

**12/17 "Healing Light"**

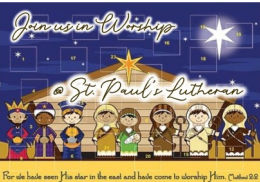
**12/21 "Eternal Light" \* Sunday, 8 am**

**Children's Christmas Service, 10:30 am**

**Christmas Eve: Wednesday, 12/24 @ 3pm or 6 pm**

**Christmas Day: Thursday, 12/25 @ 9 am**

**New Year's Eve: Wednesday, 12/31 @ 5 pm**



*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.*

**Sunday, December 7**

8 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
SS Children =Children's Christmas Program Youth

10:30 am Divine Service  
5-7 pm Grades 5-7 Youth Christmas Party

**Monday, December 8**

**Count Team 1: M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger**

5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Divine Service

**Tuesday, December 9**

7:15 am Men's Bible Study  
9 am Pastors Circuit Mtg @ St. Paul's  
9 am Quilters  
6 pm Elders @ Boccardi's

**Wednesday, December 10**

11 am Advent Service Week 2  
4 - 5:30 pm Food Pantry Open  
4 pm Jr Confirmation  
6 pm Advent Service Week 2  
6:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Jr Confirmation

**Thursday, December 11**

Set Up for Breakfast with Mary & Joseph

**Friday, December 12**

Set Up for Breakfast with Mary & Joseph

**Saturday, December 13**

9-11 am Breakfast w/Mary & Joseph  
5-9:30 pm Youth Grades 8-12 Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 14**

8 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
SS Children =Children's Christmas Program Youth  
10:30 am Divine Service  
Noon - 5 pm Fellowship Hall Rental - Schickedanz  
4-6 pm Open House at Pastor & Lisa Krenz' home

**Based on Divine Service I**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

12/7 at 8 or 10:30 am AND 12/8 at 6:30 pm

**Pre-Service Music**

**Anthem** St. Paul's Adult Choir (10:30 am)

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

**Opening Hymn** LSB 344

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

**Invocation, Advent: Candle of Love**

**Confession, Absolution, Introit**

**Kyrie, Salutation, Collect/Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Anthem** St. Paul's Adult Choir (Sunday)

**Epistle** Romans 15:4-13, **Alleluia Verse**

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

**Apostles' Creed, Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** LSB 333

"Once He Came In Blessing"

**Sermon** Romans 15:4-13

**"Advent Encouragement & Endurance"**

**Presentation of Offerings**

**Anthem** St. Paul's Adult Choir (8 am)

**Prayer of the Church, Service of the**

**Sacrament, Proper Preface, Sanctus,**

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

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

**Distribution Hymns**

"When All The World Was Cursed" **LSB 346**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" **LSB 341**

**Post-Communion Cantic**

**Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect,**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** LSB 354

"Arise, O Christian People"

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**Please join us for Advent services ...**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 10th 11a or 6p** Reflected Light Philippians 2:14-16  
**Wednesday, Dec. 17th 11a or 6p** Healing Light 2 Peter 1:16-19  
**Sunday Dec. 21st-22nd \*8 am; 6:30p** Eternal Light Daniel 12:1-3

**Please pick up a copy of any of the Advent materials for children, families & adults. Advent Devotionals:** Last week I forgot to put in the narthex the new adult Advent Devotional "A Grand Miracle, Daily Devotions for Advent". Feel free to pick one up for yourself and for any other who might be interested in such a devotional. There are numerous other Advent devotionals for children, youth, and young adults in the church entryway.

**Adult Bible Class:** Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 in the church fellowship hall for a verse by verse look at the book of Luke. This week we are covering sections of Luke 9 and 10.

**Sunday School:** For the next three weeks those in Sunday School will be practicing from 9:15-10:15 for the children's Christmas service which will take place at 10:30am on December 21st.

**Youth**  
**8th -12th grade**  
**Sundays:**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am**  
**Meet In the Loft upstairs**



**DCE Call Process:**  
The call committee has met once with Jeffrey Fick from the Southern Illinois District Office to go over the process for calling a DCE. At that initial meeting we received documents on how the call process works. The committee is now reviewing those documents. In addition, Scott Perry and Pastor Krenz have received access to a data list of DCE names in the LCMS system. Due to the holiday schedule both for committee members and those DCE's we would consider calling, it was decided to wait until January 8th for the committee to meet again. After that meeting we plan to share additional information on the calling process. The DCE call committee is made up of Scott Peery (Elder and chair), Becky Stevens, Patrick Grandt, Mitch Essert, and Carleigh Ottwell.

**Thank you** to everyone who walked in the parade with the church's float Saturday in the Bright Night Christmas Parade. Special thank you to float assistants Deb Eischer, Sandy Louis, and Dianne Miller. Shout out to Mel Stuckmeyer for the trailer, David Greatting for his pickup truck and Mark Eischer for his audio technology expertise. And to Deb & Sara Eischer for hosting the meal after.



Thank You! To our volunteers...

**Sunday, December 7 8 am**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: David Greatting**  
**Greeter/Usher: Jonathan Busch**  
**Acolyte: Colin Grandt**  
**Screens: Josh Colyer**  
**Video: Aiden Colyer**

**Sunday, Dec 7 10:30 am**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Toby Search**  
**Greeter/Usher: Joydean Beatty**

**Acolyte:**  
**Screens: Gary Maske**

**Monday, Dec 8 6:30 pm**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Scott Peery**  
**Greeter/Usher: Ruth Nelson**

**Wednesday, Dec 10 11 am**  
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**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Mark Eischer**

**Sunday, December 14 8 am**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Mark Eischer**  
**Greeter/Usher: Lisa Schmidt**  
**Acolyte: Alexis Grandt**  
**Screens: Josh Colyer**  
**Video: Aiden Colyer**

**Sunday, Dec 14 10:30 am**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Charlie Consolino**  
**Greeter/Usher: Doug Tolbird, Ezra Douglas**  
**Acolyte: Elijah Douglas**  
**Screens: Leah/Ava Douglas**

**Monday, Dec 15 6:30 pm**  
**Organist: Jeanine Consolino**  
**Elder: Glenn Grebing**  
**Greeter/Usher: Brenda Appel**

**Prayer Requests**

**Special Prayers**  
† **Wayne Rehmer**, brother of Wanda Gross, who will be having shoulder replacement on Monday due to a fall on the ice.  
† **Barb Goshen**, recovering from shoulder surgery  
† **Glenn Grebing**, recovering from recent hospital stay

**Additional Prayers**  
† **Camilla Beverly Murray**, (name spelling correction) born 11/25 to Ryan & Kathleen Murray and Grandparents Cindy & Larry Murray  
† **Beverly Pulcher**, recovering from foot surgery  
† **Matthew Scholz, Lisa Schmidt's son-in-law**, Recovering from recent surgery  
† **Mitzi Ottwell, recovering from hip surgery**  
† **Janice Mann**, recovering at home from fall  
† **Jeffrey Woodson** (Friend of Carleigh Ottwell) As he recovers following treatments for Sickle cell anemia.  
† **Barb Schneider**, on hospice care  
† **Joe Locastro**, cousin of Charlie Consolino, recovering from a double lung transplant  
† **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, health issues  
† **For the DCE Call search process**  
† **Unity Lutheran School in E. St. Louis**

**Prayers for our Homebound**  
**Gary Crawford (home)**  
**Don & Pat Gruber (home)**  
**Larry Kremmel- (home)**

**Please Note:**  
**we will have one 9am service on Dec 28th at 9 am and NO service on Monday, December 29th.**

**For Those Living With Cancer / Undergoing Cancer Treatments...**  
**Bill Haas**, Uncle of Bethany Niehaus  
**Harold Thoma**, brother of Bob Thoma  
**Jeffrey Gruber**, son of Don & Pat Gruber  
**Kip Quevreaux**  
**Nancy Puh**, sister of Mike Arras  
**Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma  
**Tara Menard**, granddaughter of Bob & Pat Gruber  
**Gwen Shreeman**, niece of Janet Kenney  
**Virginia Schweigert**, Theresa Mancarella's sister  
**Tony Tumminia**, friend of Scott Moeslein  
**Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan S. & Mona N.  
**Katie Pernoud**, co-worker of Beth Niehaus,




Support Eve's Restoration Ministries through a **GIVING TREE**. It will be located in the narthex from **Nov 28th through Dec 31st**. Please consider participating by choosing an ornament with a specific dollar amount as your gift. This will go help with 2025 goal of raising \$55,000.



**Giving Intention Forms:**  
The "Giving Intention Form" along with a stewardship note can be found in each of your mailboxes at church. Prayerfully consider your 2026 congregational commitment. Once you figure that out, we invite you to place your giving intention form in the Stewardship box in the narthex. These forms will be collected through December 22nd. Extra forms can be found in the church entryway.

*Sanctuary Flowers this week are given in Memory of Bob Schaefer by Sandy Roessler and family.*



**Next Pantry:**  
**December 10th 4—5:30 pm**

**Pantry Needs:**  
**Canned Fruit and Cereal**

**Served 12/3: 21 families (A:45 C:13)**



**December 13th 9am—Noon**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt**  
**\$14/\$15 /pound**



Our Response To His Love With Attendance			Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances		
11/30/25	8 am	52	<b>General Fund</b>		
11/30/25	10:30 am	48	<b>Weekly Budgeted</b>		
12/1/25	6:30 pm	n/a	<b>Amount Needed \$ 7,000</b>		
12/3/25	Advent 11 & 6	38	<b>Received 11/30/25 \$ 5,971</b>		
		138			
11/30	Children & Youth	18	<b>Building Repair Fund</b>		
11/30	Adult Bible Study	11	<b>Received 11/30/25: \$ 1,135</b>		
12/2	Men's Bible Study	N/A			
12/3	Women's Bible Study	N/A			