



# The Epistle February 2022

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*

## Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the great outreach arms of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are its schools. As of 2021 there are 1700 early childhood centers, 828 elementary schools, 97 High Schools, 7 Universities, and 2 Seminaries connected to LCMS throughout the United States. This congregation has had an early childhood center for over 30 years, and after not having students last year due to the pandemic, once again fifteen three and four-year old's are receiving the blessing of a Christian pre-school. Both Shelly Augustine and April Shrader do an excellent job as director and assistant director in our pre-school teaching these little ones a variety of skills, and the love of Jesus. While we have many excellent public and parochial schools in the Columbia area, it is a blessing to have the Lutheran School option. Green Park Lutheran Elementary School, Abiding Savior Lutheran Elementary School, and Lutheran South High School are each only a twenty-minute drive from Columbia. Christ our Savior Lutheran School is a bit farther away in Evansville, IL. Its size and lower tuition costs might be a good fit for some families. This year our congregation has pledged its support in our budget to Christ our Savior Lutheran School in Evansville, IL, Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis, IL, and Concordia Lutheran School in Concordia, Mo. Lisa and I have personally seen the positive impact of Lutheran Schools in our family, as both of our children were able to benefit from pre-school to college Lutheran education. What a blessing for this congregation to be part of the Lutheran school ministry.

**Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Krenz**



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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:**  
*Our mission is to Proclaim Christ, teach Christ's Word  
and reflect Christ's love to all!*



## NEW MEMBERS

**Welcome Hezekiah Douglas!  
By Baptism**

**Hezekiah Andrew Douglas, January 16, 2022  
Child of Anthony & Amanda Douglas.**



## New Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study:

Daniel Thoeke and Michael Ewert, our two first year seminary field workers, will be leading a **four week study** titled "**Christian Foundations**" starting **Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This class will meet in one of the Sunday School rooms. A **sign up** for this class can be found in the church entryway (narthex). The first two classes are titled "The Word of God" and "Law & Gospel."



## BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER!

Life Sunday was January 23. Please support Life Network of Southern Illinois with the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Please contact Kevin Koenigstein for details and your baby bottle.

# VBS

## June 13-17



## Preschool News (618-281-4190 Shelly)

In honor of Lutheran Schools Week, the preschool class will be singing **in church** on **Sunday, January 30** at the 10:30 am service. The Children are very excited and looking forward to singing for you. We hope to see you there!

**The Lord watches over you. Psalm 121:5  
[God] cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7**

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## **Pandemic Protocols**

**As of the end of January those entering the church are encouraged to wear masks. When sitting in a pew, Bible class, or meeting, individuals are able to remove their masks. Watch weekly bulletin and weekly email for changes to these protocols.**





## LWML/LADIES LEAGUE FEBRUARY

At our January meeting, Pastor Krenz presented a topic entitled “**All Things Epiphany – Christmas for the Gentiles.**” Ruth N. and Marilyn S. were our hostesses for the meeting. Business discussed included forming several new committees, paying dues, goals for our group to present to the Re-Vitality group, inviting more ladies to our meetings, and reaffirming our project of praying for Confirmation Prayer Friends, as well as our Ladies League friends.

Our February meeting will take place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Helen Nowak is planning an activity/topic for our meeting. Stefanie N. and Jean K. will be our hostesses at this meeting.

You are welcome to visit, join, or serve with us anytime. If you need more information, call Wanda at 618-281-4691.

### LWML News

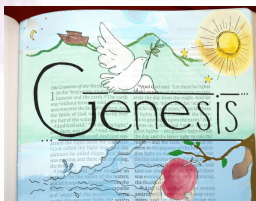
This year, in Thanksgiving for 80 years (1942-2022) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, group, zone or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. Our group is starting to think about how we can celebrate or what we can do for this 80<sup>th</sup> celebration.

### Dates to note:

- 1) Tentative date for **SID Spring retreat at Good Shepherd**, Collinsville on **3/26/22**;
- 2) **LWML SID 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention** at Christ our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville on **9/16/17**;
- 3) **LWML CID/SID Joint Retreat** at Camp CILICA in Central Illinois on **10/7-8**.

### Women's Bible Study of Genesis

will continue with Nancy Radentz thru the third week in February, meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays, at 10 am.



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The WOMEN's Ministry meets on the third Monday of each month.

Please join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall where we are meeting so that we can socially distance.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



In December our Sunday School shared with the congregation the wonderful story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you to all the parents, children, and members of the congregation who were involved in putting together a successful Christmas Program!



We are in the midst of the season of Epiphany.

This is a time where we focus our attention on uncovering the amazing truth of our salvation. We would encourage you to engage with our children on some of the following topics in the coming weeks as they begin to know/see more clearly who Jesus is:

- Everyone, including little children, is important to Jesus (Luke 18:15-17)
- Jesus' mission is focused on the cross (John 12:1-8)
- Jesus is the promised King of all people (Matthew 21:1-11)
- Jesus' love enables us to trust Him for all things (Mark 12:41-44)

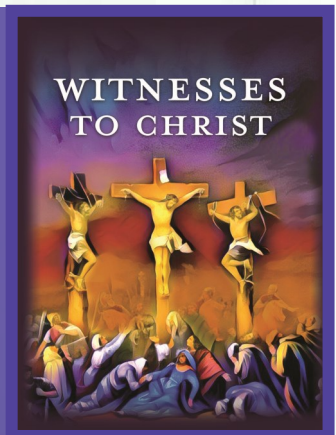
### Sunday Adult Bible Study Class:

The book *"The Spirituality of the Cross"* will continue to be our topic through February 6<sup>th</sup>. The February 13<sup>th</sup> class is TBD. Starting February 20<sup>th</sup> through the end of March we will be looking at the books of Jonah and Ruth. Come one, come all at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

### Mid Week Lenten Series:

This year our midweek Lenten series is titled ***"Witnesses to Christ, People of His Passion"***. Each week we will travel through the gospel of John and hear from those closest to Jesus and various villains who journeyed with the Savior to the cross.

Local pastors will be filling the pulpit each week. **Lent begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Ash Wednesday service.** While Ash Wednesday will have two services (11am and 6:30pm), one 6:30pm service will be held each of the following five weeks.



### Worship/Sermon Themes-February 2022

February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> "Caught to Catch" Luke 5:1-11

February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Guest Pastor

February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> "Death Loses" 1 Corinthians 15:26

February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> "Listening to the Chosen One" Luke 9:36





## OOPS for February 2022

### Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion

**PRAYING**—talking to our Father in Heaven—has an important place in our relationship with Him and each other. Through His Word and Sacraments, He talks to us and through our praying we talk to Him. That's how and why our relationship with Him goes and grows, Isn't it?

Many of you, we know, are very faithful in your praying. Thankfully, not a day goes by without you're having at least one prayer conversation with your Father in Heaven. But how often do you ask Him to give you **today** an **opportunity** to have a **spiritual conversation** with **someone** out there—at home, at work, at school?

Very few of you most likely, since a recent survey by the Barna Group produced in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries reports "**three out of every four Christians admit to having fewer than 10 spiritual conversations with anyone over the past year.**"

Maybe a good way to change that would be for Christians everywhere to start **PRAYING DAILY FOR AN OPPORTUNITY** to have a **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION** with someone. Why don't you consider doing that?

That's this month's **OOPS**  
(Outreach Opportunity Suggestion)  
from your Board of Christian Outreach.

## Community Canvass Report

### – November 7, 2021

#### Canvassed Area

The following streets/apartments in Columbia Lakes Subdivision were partially canvassed--Columbia Lakes Apartments, Overview Drive, Micah's Way, Deercreek Court, Robert Drive, Lakeshore Drive, and Lakeside Drive

#### The Numbers

Canvassers – 13 (6 ½ teams)      Personal Contacts – 37  
Info/hangers – 73      Outreach Total – 110      Referrals – 3

#### The Answers to our Survey Questions

##### ***What are two or three ways the pandemic has impacted you and your family?***

Doing alright (11), separation from family, people in general (7), brought us closer (3), working from home (3), hate the masks (3), life upset (2), boredom, COVID death in family, can't attend college in person,

##### ***From your perspective, what are our community's key needs?***

Lower taxes (3), family/youth activities (3), more businesses (2), dog park (2), skate park, local physicians/health care access, public transportation to St. Louis, get everyone vaccinated, pandemic to end, a Chic-Filet restaurant.

##### ***What are some good things about the congregation you are presently attending?***

Don't have a church home (3), am not active (3), pre-school, school, religion classes (2), very welcoming, family orientated, traditional worship, serves the community, convenient location, services available on line, don't believe in corporate worship.

## TOUR GERMANY'S LUTHER SITES AND OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

You are invited to experience central truths of the message salvation on a tour to Germany in summer 2022 which will feature both the Oberammergau

Passion Play and sites associated with Luther's Reformation. Pastor Kirk Clayton of Zion Lutheran Church, Mascoutah, IL will be leading a tour called "**Reformation and Redemption Oberammergau Tour**" from **June 28-July 9, 2022**. Don't miss the chance to visit prominent Reformation sites, including Wittenberg, Eisleben, Eisenach and the Wartburg Castle, Erfurt, Worms, and Augsburg among others. Also, you won't want to miss the Oberammergau Passion Play! Join in before reservations are completely full for this tour! For more information about this special opportunity go to <https://reformationtours.com/package/rkc22/> or contact Pastor Clayton directly by email at [Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org](mailto:Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org). Act now to be included in this wonderful opportunity!





FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE  
HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON,  
THAT WHosoEVER  
BELIEVETH IN HIM  
SHOULD NOT PERISH,  
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.  
JOHN 3:16

## FoodPantry

Our Food Pantry is open on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
from 1:30-3:00pm. Call 281-4600  
for assistance on all other days.

<http://stpauls-lcms.org/>  
or call the church office  
@ 618.281.4600.



## Youth Ministry Update



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the  
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The annual **Youth Group Rummage Sale** will be **Saturday, April 2.**

Please save your items to benefit the youth of our congregation to attend the National Youth Gathering this July in Houston TX.

**Any and all items** are gratefully accepted, but No clothing, computers or TVs please. **Drop off will be Thurs, March 31, 4-8pm and Fri, April 1, 10am-7pm.** If congregation members need help getting their items to church, we can possibly arrange for pickup.

Contact Lillian at 618.541.4657 for more information.





# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Anniversary</p> <p>6 Steve &amp; Gale Toolen ♥</p> <p>7 Ryan Schwartz Sam Woodcock</p> <p>13 Misty Wilson</p> <p>20 Kelci Hofstetter</p> <p>27 Jan Glaenzer</p>	<p>Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</p> <p>7 Dave Greeting Danielle Schwartz William Dietz</p> <p>14 Alex Idoux</p> <p>21 Audrey Krump Carol Ericson (29th)</p>	<p>1 Collins Ackerman</p> <p>8 Brantley Toolen</p> <p>15 Ray Champion</p> <p>22 Nelson &amp; Joan Mathews ♥ Penny Rauh Percy Mueller</p>	<p>2 Laura Camp</p> <p>9 Steve Lake Christopher Hancock Quin Ramsey</p> <p>16 Bill &amp; Cyndee Luther, Jr. ♥ Catherine Mathews</p> <p>23 Leah Farris Paige Bierman</p>	<p>3 Mark &amp; Susan Nolte ♥</p> <p>10 Debbie Mahnken Patrick Tygett</p> <p>17 Larry Kremmel Dorothy Tomlinson Lisa Schmidt Scott Heck</p> <p>24 Mark &amp; Ellen Heise ♥</p>	<p>4 Donna Lake</p> <p>11 Chloe Hrabusicky Taylor Holten</p> <p>18 Stacey Filipiak</p> <p>25 Randy Moeckel Aimee Ebersohl Christopher Clyde</p>	<p>5 Rick &amp; Ruth Stemler ♥ Karen Mueller</p> <p>12</p> <p>19 Norma Feldman Daniel Zavadiil Nathan Schmoll</p> <p>26 Scott &amp; Heather Heck ♥ Matthew Collet Eric Upson</p>



# FEBRUARY





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*** Dates, times, &amp; locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: stpauls-lcms.org then click on the "calendar" tab. ***</p>	<p>February 21</p> 	<p>1 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) 6:15 pm Confirmation Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Ladies League 11:30 am 6:30 pm Board of Education</p>	<p>4 2 pm Bible Class @ Integrity</p>	<p>5 Elder Visits 3 pm</p>
<p>6 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing) Adult Info Class 4:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Financial Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm (Sanctuary) 5 pm Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>9 Ladies Bible Study Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz 6:15 pm Confirmation Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10 Daisy Scouts 6:15 pm</p>	<p>11 Friday Night Adult Bible Study w/K. Seivers</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Divine Service 8 &amp; 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing)</p>	<p>14 Financial Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am Confirmation 3:30pm (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>16 Ladies Bible Study: Genesis 10 am w/N. Radentz Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) 6:15 pm Confirmation Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>17 5:30 pm Youth Mtg</p>	<p>18 Lifeline Screening @ St. Paul's 2 pm Worship @ Integrity</p>	<p>19 Elder Visits 3pm</p>
<p>Pastor is on vacation: Feb. 12-14th</p>	<p>21 Financial Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm Women's Ministry 6:30</p>	<p>22 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 3:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>23 6:15 pm Confirmation Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Daisy Scouts 6:15 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Elder Visits 3pm</p>
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# Out and About in Our Community...

**St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville** is once again hosting a **series of six presentations on the Bible**. This series will feature the **Husband and Wife Couples of the Bible**.

**Tuesday, February 8**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "Adam and Eve", presented by Rev. Scott Hojnacki from Trinity Lutheran, Prairie.

**Sunday, February 13**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 pm. The topic will be "Abraham and Sarah", presented by Rev. Joseph Schlie from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Missouri.

**Tuesday, February 15**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "Isaac and Rebekah", presented by Rev. Cliff Adair, Retired pastor.

**Sunday, February 20**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 pm. The topic will be "Jacob and Leah & Rachel", presented by Rev. John Lukomski, Retired pastor.

**Tuesday, February 22**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "Zechariah and Elizabeth", presented by Rev. Mark Nebel, St. John's Lutheran, Red Bud.

**Sunday, February 27**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 pm. The topic will be "Mary and Joseph", presented by Rev. Timothy Sims, St. John's Lutheran, Chester.

**For more information, please call Jill 618-282-2985.**



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**Shoes:** New or gently used shoes for children and adults. Need to be closed-toe - either sneakers, flats, or boots (no heels). For adults, small to medium/average sizes are preferred. For unboxed shoes, please tape the size to the bottom of the shoe.

**Warm coats:** For both children and adults. For adults, medium sizes are preferred, although all sizes will be accepted.

**Warm comforters (like bedspreads) & blankets:** Need to completely cover full-size and twin-size beds. Please - no throws or smaller blankets.

The need is immediate and on-going. Items will be accepted and appreciated until further notice.

Questions: Contact Laura Brink at [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org) or 314-249-9219. A list of drop-off sites for collection of these donations is on the next page and can be found at [www.cfna-stl.org](http://www.cfna-stl.org).

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**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY**

**Monday, February 21**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Monday, February 14**

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