



The Epistle May 2022

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

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Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

As children the front of the line in school was a place of privilege, the teacher usually had to make sure everyone had a turn. But the front of the line did not have any real power, the teacher decided where to go, when to start, and when to stop. This is how the Church should be with Christ as our head, our teacher at the beginning of the line. Instead of squabbling over who gets to go first or who is the most important we should speak the truth in love and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. In the Church we are still like children continually growing up in the faith and knowledge of our savior. And what are we to build up to? Love. We are to love God and love our neighbor. We are approaching the summer when children don't have school, but we still will have Church and I pray I will see you there. I also pray for all as school finishes and a blessed Summer. God's blessings.

Speaking Christ, Michael Ewert

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Summer Worship Change:

Starting **June 5th** (Pentecost Sunday) through the month of **August** we will have

one Sunday morning worship service at 9 am,
along with the 6:30 pm Monday night service.

At the last Board of Elders meeting it was decided to go with one service at 9am June through August. Sunday School and adult Bible classes are scheduled to run from 10:15am-11am. We will still have the Monday 6:30pm service. It is hoped that the one service will help enhance congregational fellowship, and give a fuller sanctuary during a season of the year when church attendance tends to diminish.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

Our mission is to Proclaim Christ, teach Christ's Word and reflect Christ's love to all!



May 19 will be our Last day of Preschool for this school year. It will be a Fun-filled day including our Graduation & Advancement ceremony, singing program, refreshments, bounce house & outdoor fun activities for our preschool students and their families.

We express our special thanks to:

all who have supported our program this year the preschool families for their commitment and support to our program. St. Paul's Lutheran Church for financial and prayer support. Thrivent members who have donated their Choice Dollars to our preschool. Don Radenz for his dedication to the church and preschool Pastor Krenz for sharing God's word with the children each month at Chapel

Registration is currently underway for the 2022-23 school year. We have some spots available in our 2-day class for children who are 3 and potty trained. If you know of anyone looking for a loving, quality, Christ-centered Preschool, please pass along our number: 281-4190.

**The 2022-23 school year begins
Tuesday, September 6.**



Blessings for a safe and happy summer!

Shelly Augustin, Director/Teacher



Are you Ready to A.C.C.T.?

Hello Fellow St. Paul Members,

My name is Amanda Douglas. My husband and 7 children are newer members of St. Paul and usually attend the 10:30am service. I have been communicating with Pastor Krenz for the last few months about a ministry that I have been thinking and praying about for the last several years. The ministry idea is an LCMS residential facility for women struggling with life controlling issues (such as depression, anxiety, self-harm, eating disorders, and drug addiction) that would be called A.C.C.T. Ministries (Answering Christ's Call Today). I believe there is a huge need for facilities where women can live, work, and get back on their feet. There is an even bigger need for these types of sanctuaries for women, that also give them the hope of the true Gospel that is found in Christ Jesus. A place that would provide a temporary home that allows these individuals to not only thrive physically, but spiritually as well. There are very little LCMS programs of this kind in the country. I would love for St. Paul to help spearhead this ministry. Over the next year others will be contacted on the District and Synodical level to see if something like this can get off the ground. If filling this kind of need is of interest to anyone in the congregation feel free to reach out to me through email douglasfam07@gmail.com or Pastor Krenz. Thank you!

Sam Wegner will be our 2022-23 Director of Christian Education Intern:

As you may have heard Sam Wegner, our summer DCE intern in 2021 will be here as a year long intern starting in June of this year. We are excited to have Sam among us, and we pray that it will a good experience for all involved. Please keep her in your prayers as she transitions following her graduation in May to life here at St. Paul's.



How did having a DCE Intern come about?

We recently completed the congregational Re:Vitality (Future planning) program, and toward the end of that process it became evident that an intentional and consistent ministry to youth and young adults was a congregational need. In the recent past, volunteers have dedicated a good deal of time and energy to this work. They did a great job, but there is only so much a lay volunteer can give to this very important work. Rather than call a full time DCE or Deaconess, it was felt that an intern might be a good way to "try out" this type of ministry.

What will Sam be doing?

Sam will work with the youth committee and the Board of Elders to help implement a program for middle school and high school youth. Secondly she will work with young adults ages 18-35. Depending on her time, Sam may also lead regular Bible Studies, help organize service projects, work with the board of outreach, and be part of the various women's ministries in the congregation.

What is the cost to the congregation?

The January Voter's meeting approved a total cost of 31,000 with 40% of the funds coming from the general budget and 60% from the recent Schneider Endowment fund. This cost includes and 1,100 dollar a month stipend along with providing an apartment and utilities.

Where will Sam be living?

The present plan is to get Sam an apartment in the Columbia area.



LWML/LADIES LEAGUE MAY

At our April meeting, the devotion and prayer was led by Nancy R. Our activity was a craft led by Wanda G. and Marilyn S. The craft was decorating a Spring Jelly Bean Jar with the note telling "The Story of the Jelly Beans – He is Risen." For the "What's Your 80" (anniversary of the LWML) we are sending cards to congregation members who are over 80. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for information on how you can help us with several service projects in honor of the anniversary. We added another goal to present to the Re-Vitality group. It is to start an LWML Mailbox-Member program. We continue to pray for our Confirmation Prayer Friends, as well as our Ladies League friends.

Our May meeting will take place on May 5th in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to share with the group. The officers will set up for the lunch and will appreciate all help! Our speaker this month is Amanda Douglas who will present a women's ministry vision that she has for this area.

You are welcome to visit, join, or serve with us anytime. We offer a variety of devotions, Bible studies, crafts, and service activities that can help equip you in your faith life. If you need more information, call Wanda at 618-281-4691.

LWML News

Thanksgiving for 80 years (1942-2022) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Dates to note:

- 1) LWML SID 41st Biennial Convention at Christ our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville on 9/16-17;
- 2) LWML CID/SID Joint Retreat at Camp CILICA in Central Illinois on 10/7-8.

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

Did you hear about ...

VBS?

The Tree of Life VBS 2022
June 13—17, 9 am—12 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Student Registration
& Volunteer Sign Ups
Found @ stpauls-lcms.org

<https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsColumbia/23475>

It's coming June 13th through the 17th!

Mother's Day, Spring...

*—Remember with
Attar Flowers!*

The WOMEN's Ministry generally 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.

**WOMEN'S
MINISTRY**



Worship/Sermon Themes -May 2022

"Psalm Promises and Proclamations"

- May 1st "Confirmed to Speak of His Greatness" Psalm 145:5-7
 May 8th "Lead and Restored by the Good Shepherd" Psalm 23
 May 15th "A life of praise" Psalm 98:2-6
 May 22nd "He will sustain you" Psalm 55:4, 16-18
 May 29th "The Blessings of Unity" Psalm 133



Easter Sunrise Service



Sunday Adult Bible Study Class

On May 1st, our field worker, Daniel Thoeke, will lead us in a class on the post resurrection appearances of Jesus. Please join us in the fellowship hall.

Adult Information Class:

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of the congregation and/or learning more about what the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches please join us starting Wednesday May 18th at 6pm for the first of 10 classes. Please contact Pastor Krenz via text/phone 618-363-0121 or email pastork@splcolumbia.com to sign up or ask questions. Do join us!

Back to Church in April and May It has been two years since the pandemic began, and every aspect of life has been impacted including lower weekly worship attendance. Through the months of April and May (The end of Lent and start of Easter) we are encouraging members and friends of the congregation to return to weekly church and Sunday School/Adult Bible Class. While this is always the Lord's desire for his people (3rd commandment and Hebrews 11:25) we hope this special emphasis might be the nudge God uses to make this happen. If you haven't been to church in a while, now is the time to return. If your worship participation has been sporadic, now is the time to make it more regular. If you would like a fresh start at life, coming back to church is a great way to make that happen. The Lord has graciously brought us through these last few years and coming back to church is a great way to receive the Savior's blessings and to thank him for his continuous care.





The Sunday School Corner:

5/01 A Revealing Restoration - Jesus Appears in Galilee

5/8 Called Christian

5/15 A Jail Bail

5/22 On Your Feet

5/29 Ascension Sunday The Gentile Cause

What a beautiful day for an Easter Egg Hunt!
Thank you for all the fun!



Youth Ministry Update



Pictured are 8 of the 18 people who helped with the youth group rummage sale that was held on April 2. Proceeds will be used for Youth Group activities including airfare and other expenses to send 7 youth and 5 adults to the National Youth Gathering in Houston this July. The youth say "Thank You!" to everyone who donated, shopped and/or helped make it possible.



Friday, May 6th from 7:00 PM to 7:00AM





Gateway Grizzlies Fellowship Event:

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:45 pm** for a night at the ballpark.

This ticket includes an all you can eat buffet.

Due to a generous donation, we can have up to 50 people attend free of charge.

However, we are asking that each person attending bring at least \$10 that will go toward the LCMS Mission to **Support Displaced Ukrainians.**

Signup Sheets are in the narthex.

-The Board of Stewardship

2022 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE – BLESSED FOR LIFE

- Blessed with the gift of life.
 - Blessed by God for one's entire life.
 - Blessed to be a blessing to others.
- Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference
October 21-22
All day Friday until Saturday at noon.
Rock Island, Illinois
(Quad Cities)



Blessed For Life

"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2

OOPS for May 2022 — Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion

OOPS – Be a Canvasser for the Day

Our next Community Canvass is slated for Pentecost Day, June 5, 2022—what a great Lord's Day for an outreaching event, don't you think?

Canvassers will meet at a church at 2 p.m. for instructions, be paired up, canvass their designated area for about an hour, return to church for sharing and refreshments, and be on their way by 4:30 p.m.

Canvassers will leave door hangers when no one is home and offer refrigerator magnets to residents willing to answer several simple survey questions.

At our first canvass last November, our canvassers reached 110 homes, made 37 (none negative) personal contacts.

Somewhat surprisingly, all 13 canvassers were connected to either our Board of Christian Outreach or Board of Elders.

Although several did sign up, not a single member of the congregation-at-large responded to the call for canvassers.

Hopefully, a few more of you will sign up this time to be a Canvasser-for-the-Day so we can tell even more souls in our Columbia community our St. Paul's Lutheran church family cares about them and would love to serve them in the Name of Jesus in any way we can—which is what the message on our door hanger says.

Just another OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.



ASK THE PASTOR

QUESTIONS · ANSWERS · TRUTH

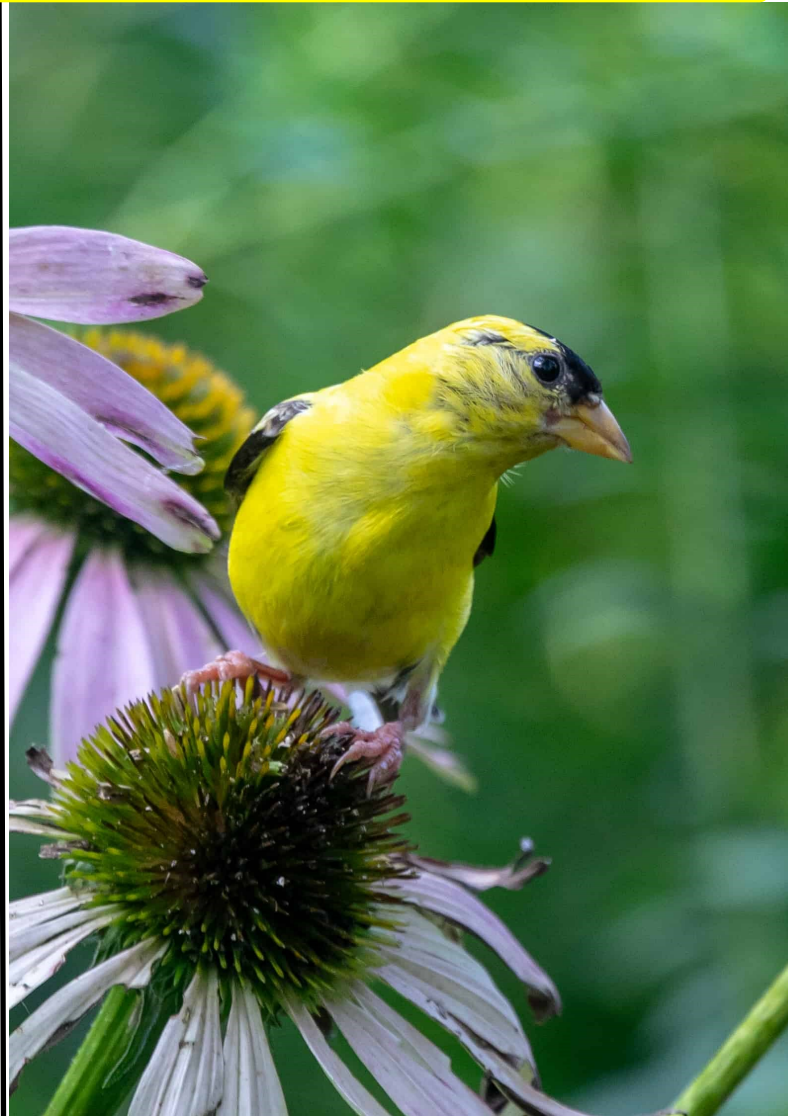
If someone is a Christian and commits suicide, will that person go to heaven?

We know that faith in Christ saves, and unbelief condemns (Mark 16:16, John 3:16-19). While we know it is true that suicide is against the 5th commandment (Thou shall not kill), it doesn't necessarily mean that the individual who commits this act is an unbeliever. The LCMS web site, on Frequently Asked Questions, responds to this very question in the following way....

Since the spiritual condition of an individual upon death is known only to God, our theologians have proceeded cautiously in making judgments in this regard.

If you have a question that you would like addressed by Pastor Krenz in future newsletter articles, please send it to

Pastork@splcolumbia.com.



**Our Food Pantry
is open on the
1st & 3rd
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.



**Comforts of Love Quilters
Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at 9 am
-All are welcome! Join us!
We have SEW much fun!**


The ladies are in need of sheets, tablecloths, and light weight blankets for completing the quilts. Thank you for your support.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 Julie Arbeiter Patsy Powell	2 Caroline Herbeck Wes Mahnken	3 Sue Dillard Carol Essert Andrew Holman Gene & Brenda Henckler ♥	4 Nicholas Bierman Jordan Colyer Nathan & Stacey Filipiak ♥	5 Debra Dietz Adaline Hudacek Michele Nelson Wanda Portell Heather Quevreaux Jason & Lori Woodcock ♥	6 	7 Paulette Kremmel Richard Pulcher Quintin Roland Mike & Gail Zavadil ♥
8 Steve Dinkelman	9 Sarah Fulk Silas Smith	10 Tom Eytchison Rex Hancock Ariana Hudacek Joe Starek Mel Stuckmeyer	11 	12 Ryan Greer Stephen Krenz Baillie Potts	13 Mike Louis Seth Schwartz Nicole Zavadil	14 Kip & Heather Quevreaux ♥ Dan & Judith Schwartz ♥
15 Tucker Herbeck Ervin Riebeling, Jr	16 Ray & Mary Clyde ♥	17 Jeremy Grueninger Todd Hale Robert & Melissa Roessler ♥	18 Mallory Beatty Graycie Luberd Juanita Ritter	19 Susan Champion Charles Farris, III Lisa Krenz	20 Tom McLaughlin	21 Tricia Dinkelman Angela Dixon Michael Gorges Kylie Hofstetter Cameron Nowak Lennon Ottwell
22	23 Charles Consolino John Grohman	24 Callahan Rule	25 Marianne May Jane Stumpf	26 	27 Owen Lambert Melodye Stamm	28 Chelsea Linderer Terry & Debbie Aldridge ♥
29 Taylor Bierman Kinley Kritz Reagan Mathews	30 Colin Grandt	31 Don & Nancy Radentz ♥ Dale & Cindy Schickedanz ♥	♥ Anniversary			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Divine Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Confirmation @ 10:30 Service Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing)	2 Financial Count (Team 1) Noon Columbia Clergy Mtg Divine Service 6:30 pm	3 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am	4 Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level)	5 Ladies League 11:30 am	6 2 pm Bible Study @ Integrity Health Care High School Youth Lock-In Fri 7pm-Sat 7am	7
8 Mother's Day Divine Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing)	9 Financial Count (Team 2) BOCO Mtg 5:50pm Divine Service 6:30 pm	10 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) 10:30—12:30 Circuit Mtg Quilters 9 am 5:15 pm Board of Trustees 5:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Elders Mtg	11	12 6:30 pm Board of Education	13	14
15 Divine Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing)	16 Financial Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	17 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 5:15 pm Board of Trustees	18 Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Adult Information Class 6:30 pm	19 9 am Newsletter Folders Board of Communication	20 2 pm Worship @ Integrity Friday Night Adult Bible Study w/ Ken Sievers	21
22 Divine Service 8 & 10:30am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15am Fellowship Hall Youth/Sunday School 9:15am (Youth Rm/S S Wing)	23 Financial Count (Team 1) Women's Ministry 6:30 pm Divine Service 6:30 pm	24 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am	25 Adult Information Class 6:30 pm	26	27 2 pm Worship Service at The Sheridan in St. Louis	28
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Worship with Us...

**Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Mondays—6:30 pm**



**Summer Worship Service Schedule - June 5th thru August 28th
Sundays @9:00 am and Mondays @6:30 pm**



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