

²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:27-29

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Biblical expert here at the beginning of the Good Samaritan story thought he had God's law all figured out. However, as he expounded on

His initial statement to love God with His whole being and to love His neighbor in a similar way, he tried to put limitations on those expectations. When he inquires as to "Who is my neighbor?" he really is asking, "Who is not my neighbor?" The Biblical expert was mirroring what humanity does with God's law. It looks for loopholes or a way to diminish its impact. Yet the truth is we are to love all people, including our enemies (Luke 6:27). When God sent forth Jesus, He knew that we diminish godly expectations and as a result we dimmish those people around us. Thank goodness Jesus came to be our Good Samaritan. He knows everything about you, and still He comes to bandage you up with His healing forgiveness and righteousness. We dimmish, but God expands. What a wondrous love is this.

Have a Blessed July, Pastor



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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!



Welcome...

Sylvia Mastrantuono, Baptized May 8, 2022

Jackson Linderer, Baptized June 5, 2022

Dashiell Schickedanz, Baptized June 12, 2022





Something from Sam...

This past month has been filled with energy and excitement! Between getting settled in Columbia and here at St. Paul's, to the action-packed days of Vacation Bible School, to looking ahead and setting goals for the youth program in the year to come, June has been a busy and joy-filled month! As I begin my work here with you all, I can't help but remember the words St. Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-5 (CSB): "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day."

Together in our partnership in the Gospel, we work toward the



goal that Paul describes in the following verses: "And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment" (v. 9). Throughout all of our lives, from cradle to grave, the Holy Spirit is at work to teach us and help us grow in love, knowledge, and wisdom. We are never too old or too young to be students of the master teacher, Jesus!

Making a Commitment to Save "Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's swelling, but a foolish man devours it" -Proverbs 21:20

Perhaps you had parents who encouraged you to save your money. Now, as an adult, you realize how wise they were. Scripture also encourages you to save. The verse printed above points our that only foolish people save nothing for the future. In Proverbs 6:6-8 we read, "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest." Even the ant saves. Saving money rather than borrowing makes economic sense, because you are earning money on your savings rather than paying it out on interest charges. In our lifetime, you will save money for many purposes. Saving may help you fund



education for yourself and/or your family and help you pay for emergencies. Saving may keep you from being a burden to others. Saving may enable you to give to those in need. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, wrote, "Christians should make as much as they can, save as much as they can, and give as much as they can."

So how do you save as much as you can? In order to save, you need to make a commitment to save, set saving goals, and develop discipline to make it happen. Start saving today; you can't afford to procrastinate! It also makes good sense to save money systematically through regular automatic deposits into savings accounts. The systematic approach keeps you committed to saving. Examples of systematic savings are retirement accounts at work or accounts you set up on your own. Saving money in retirement accounts is likely to provide you with tax advantages as well.

Don't allow yourself to say that you don't have enough money to save. It is very important to put money aside for your future regardless of the amount. As Solomon wrote, "...whoever gathers little by little will increase it" (Proverbs 13:11) Application: After giving God His share of my income, I will set goals that motivate and encourage me to save. I commit to

save \$_____% per week. If my work offers a 401 (k) plan, I will save ____% of my income which is \$____ per pay period. **Prayer:** Dear good and gracious Heavenly Father, I pray that You will grant me the discipline and commitment I need to develop a savings program. Amen. The Epistle

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LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

We opened our May meeting with a devotion and prayer led by Nancy R. Our guest speakers were Michael Ewert and Daniel Thoelke. Michael gave a brief description of the history of philosophy (his major in college) and how it relates to our Christian life. Daniel played the piano, led us in singing some hymns, and explained about the origination of some of the songs. It was great to learn more about our seminary students. We are truly blessed to have them serve here at St. Paul's!







We are continuing our "What's Your 80" (anniversary of the LWML) by sending cards to congregation members who are over 80, gathering masks for Unity Lutheran School (have been delivered), and quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for information on how you can help us with a personal care kit service project in honor of the anniversary!

The July meeting will take place on July 7th in the Fellowship Hall beginning with lunch (bring your own lunch) at 11:30 a.m. Nancy R. and Kathy S. will be our hostesses. Rev. Ray and Melissa Holman will speak to us about Christ our Savior Lutheran High School where they both teach. You are welcome to join us at any meeting! Call Wanda for more information at 618-281-4691.

LWML News

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

Dates to note:

 LWML SID 41st Biennial Convention at Christ our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville on 9/16-17. Helen Nowak and Nancy Radentz will be our delegates and Marilyn Snider and Wanda Gross will be our alternates. If any LWML member is interested in going, contact Wanda or there are forms and information on our bulletin board.
LWML CID/SID Joint Retreat at Camp CILICA in Central Illinois on October 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.

Exciting New Program... Ladies League / LWML Mailbox Member Program Check your church mailbox for your first invitation.



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Altar Flower Calendar Chart : How to donate flowers for the sanctuary... Sign your name on the Chart by stairs to the basement. Call Memory Lane (618-281-4538) to order flowers -Tell Pam what you would like and the Sunday requested, and she will give you the price. Pay Memory Lane directly. Pam will deliver flowers to church for the Sunday you chose. You may take flowers home after Sunday services, or leave for Monday service and then pick up.





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The **WOMEN's Ministry** generally meets on the **third Monday of**



each month. Please join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars: We have tentatively set aside Sunday, August 7th for our 4th annual Rise Against Hunger assembly event.

This event is open to members and friends of the congregation/

community. Watch bulletin and August newsletter for more details.



OOPS for July 2022 Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion

An Enticing OOPS from Martin Luther

Mention the name "Martin Luther" to a bunch of lona-time Lutheran Christians and the "Here I Stand" picture of him boldly confessing his faith in the Word of God quickly comes to mind. But, he was very much an outreaching "man in motion" in his daily life. In fact, he literally caught his "death of a cold" in February of 1546 while reaching out to a Christian couple who were having serious marriage problems. He once wrote, "We have no other reason for living on earth than to be of help to others. If this were not the case, it would be best for God to kill us and let us die as soon as we are baptized and have begun to believe. But He permits us to live here in order that we may bring others to faith, just as He brought us. But as long as we are on earth, we must live in hope. God gives no one His grace so that it may lie down and be of no benefit, but so that it would give a good return, and through knowledge and outward public demonstration entice everyone to God."

So, how are you right now, through knowledge and public demonstration "enticing" others to God? That's the question the Word of God once moved Martin Luther to ask and this month moves your Board of Christian Outreach to ask. Oh, by the way, Jesus is listening hopefully for your answer.

> This is this month's OOPS (Outreach Opportunity Suggestion) from your Board of Christian Outreach.

Comforts of Love Quilters Tuesdays in the Preschool Room at 9 am -All are welcome! Join us! We have SEW much fun! The ladies will be meeting in the Pre-School area this summer, and they are in need of sheets, tablecloths, and light weight blankets for completing the quilts. Thank you for your support.





Summer Sunday Morning Bible Study

1 Corinthians Bible Class: Join us on Sunday mornings in the summer from 10:15am-11am as we see how the apostle Paul conveys God's expectations and promise to a divided and troubled congregation.

July Worship Themes

July 3rd - Pastor Krenz "Sowing and Reaping" Galatians 6:6-10

July 10th & 11th - Pastor Holman "Unique God, Unique People" Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18

"What does loving Jesus look like" Luke 10:38-42

July 24th & 25th - Pastor Krenz "The Look of your Rescue" Colossians 2:6-15 July 31st & August 1st - Pastor Krenz "Dying to Live" Colossians 3:1-11

Quarterly Voter's Meeting (New Business Minutes) St. Paul's Lutheran Church April 26, 2022

New Business

<u>Lift Proposal:</u> The drawings are completed and the bid process is ongoing. Hopefully, we will have contractor bids in May and we can call a special Voter's meeting in June to get the project underway.

DCE Intern: Sam Wegner will be our DCE intern starting June 1st. Someone from the church council needs to sign the lease in addition to Sam Wegner. After some discussion, Kevin Koenigstein, congregational church president, will sign the apartment lease which will be for one year.

Kevin Koenigstein appointed Steve Ottwell to the Board of Trustees for the remainder of this year.

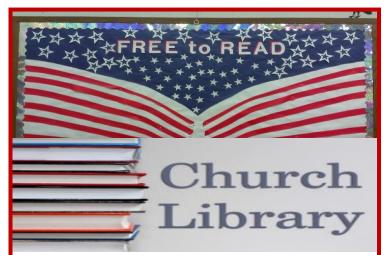
Kevin Koenigstein discussed a proposal by Amanda Douglas for a women's mental health group home as stated in the past newsletter. Kevin indicated that this project is too much for a congregation of our size, but this could be the start of a Synod level project in which our congregation could participate.

Pastor Krenz gave the closing prayer.

Patrick Grant motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gene Haberl. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2022.

Respectfully submitted Lillian Koenigstein, Acting Secretary



St. Paul's Library

Stop by and take a look at the collection of books and materials located in the atrium. It is small but home to a lot of good books which cover a wide variety of topics...fiction and non-fiction. There are also a few items on CD (and tape). If you do not have a CD player, one can be provided for you.

The check out system is simple... honor system. Sign your name with the item and date you check it out, and then the date it is returned. Place returned book in the basket provided.

Questions? Call or ask Helen -618-281-4875.









Vacation Bible School Summer 2022





Thank You! I wanted to send a huge THANK YOU to our VBS volunteers and supporters this year. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to run and prepare our sites, and to lead children to each station. We can't have our programming without their help! Thank you also to those who lent us decorations for the building to create our "garden" theme. I also need to thank those that helped us with their time, talents, and treasures with our pizza luncheon on Friday. Thank you also to our congregation for your prayers regarding this ministry of our church. This year, St. Paul's VBS reached 44 children from 24 families in our community and surrounding areas. Thanks be to God that we have this opportunity to serve and minister to our community! - Carleigh





Elders, Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Screens, and Video July & August (+Labor Day Weekend) Serving Schedule Please let the office know if you are not available on the dates that are assigned. Let us know if you are able to trade with someone. Thank you for your help!

Sunday, July 3, 9 am E: Greatting/Consolino G/U: McAuliffe/ Beatty A: Tanner Roessler S: Josh Colyer V: Andrew Colyer	E: Eischer/Ottwell G/U: Schmidt/Grebing A: Connor Crank S: Karl Nowak	Sunday, July 17, 9 am E: Grandł/Search G/U: Busch/Search A: Graycie Luberda S: Josh Colyer V: Andrew Colyer	Sunday, July 24, 9 am E: Greatting/Consolino G/U: Stuckmeyer/Hancock A: Brooke Quevreaux S: Dane Quevreaux V:	Sunday, July 31, 9 am E: Eischer/Ottwell G/U: Luedeman/Search A: Ava Douglas S: Chloe Habrusicky V: Karen Mueller
Monday, July 4, 6:30 pm NO EVENING SERVICE	E: Roger Stechmesser U: Dave Greatting	Monday, July 18, 6:30 pm E: Bob Thoma U: Lee Kisro A: Reagan Mathews	Monday, July 25, 6:30 pm E: Roger Stechmesser U: Marvin Luedeman A: Drake Luedeman	Monday, August 1, 6:30 pm E: Scott Moeslein U: Kevin Miller A: Tanner Roessler
Sunday, August 7, 9 am E: Greatting/Consolino G/U: McAuliffe/Beatty A: Aiden Colyer S: Josh Colyer V: Andrew Colyer	Sunday, August 14, 9 am E: Eischer/Ottwell G/U: Schmidt/Grebing A: Sylvia Ebersohl S: Campbell Ottwell V: Karen Mueller	Sunday, August 21, 9 am E: Grandt/Search G/U: Busch/Search A: Kaylee Grandt S: Kyva Meyers V: Josh Colyer	Sunday, August 28, 9 am E: Grandt/Search G/U: Stuckmeyer/Hancoc A: Brooke Quevreaux S: Dane Quevreaux V: Josh Colyer	Sunday, Sept 4, 9 am E: Greatting./Consolino G/U: McAuliffe/Beatty A: Aiden Colyer S: Josh Colyer V: Andrew Colyer
Monday, August 8, 6:30 pm E: Bob Thoma U: Kevin Miller A: Tanner Roessler	Monday, August 15, 6:30 pm E: Roger Stechmesser U: Dave Greatting A: Will Kleinschmidt	n Monday, August 22, 6:30 pr E: Scott Moeslein U: Lee Kisro A: Reagan Mathews	n Monday, August 29, 6:30 p E: Bob Thoma U: Marvin Luedeman A: Drake Luedeman	Monday, September 5, Labor Day - NO EVENING Service

We would like to add Greeters/Ushers to our current list, as well as a few more Screen and Video Operators. Students that will be taking Confirmation Classes this fall - please let us know your availability, so you can help serve the church in this way. See Pastor Krenz or Josh Colver, or call Dianne at the church office, 618-281-4600 if you can help us out! Thank you.



Zion Evangelical Church 117 W. White Street, Millstadt

618-660-4255 for more information Concert free of Charge

City of Columbia



Monday, July 4th

American Legion Park 11 am to 11 pm

Food, Games, Fireworks at sunset! Fun for the whole family!

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In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." One way that our conaregation has sought to fulfill Jesus' command is through the blessing of having a Preschool.

aul's Lutheran Church Pre-School

The preschool has been a part of the ministry of the congregation for 30 years now! To mark this special occasion, on Sunday, September 11 the church and the preschool will be formally **celebrating the Preschool's** anniversary. On that day after the 10:30AM worship there will be a meal, slideshow, and a recognition of current and previous staff and alumni. We invite you to join us as we mark this amazing anniversary. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks and months!

P.S. If you have any old pictures of the preschool, please send them to the Church Office so they can be included in our slideshow!

Youth Ministry Update

National Youth Gathering

July 9-13, Houston TX Please Be in prayer for those going to Houston....

Adults: Pastor Krenz, Loren Koenigstein, Jeanne AuBuchon, Sam Wegner, and Kevin Koenigstein Youth: Kaitlyn Koenigstein, Gehardt Theiss, Hayden Theiss, Heinrich Theiss, Joe Caya, Alex Blum, Seth Degenhardt



Sundaes on Sunday: Youth & Family Ice Cream Social

Calling all Middle and High School youth and their families! Join us for ice cream, games, and fellowship on Sunday, July 24th from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll also be discussing upcoming events and ideas for the youth program over the next school year! Parents and siblings are encouraged to attend.

Youth Sunday will be on Sunday, July 24th. Contact Sam Wegner at the church office (618-281-4600) or email crf_wegnersm@cuchicago.edu to help with the service.





Question: Why go to church?

This common question can be addressed in several ways



including "God says so". Bible passages like "Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy", and "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing" (Hebrews 10:25) clearly reflect God's desire for us regarding public worship.

Then there is the "gift approach". Rarely has a child said "Mom, do we have to open our Christmas presents?" What God has in store for those who receive his gifts in the Divine Service goes beyond your typical blessings. These gifts include His Word, His meal, His forgiveness, His love, along with support from the body of Christ. In this world of conflict, he brings peace. In this world of retribution, he brings forgiveness. In this world that is dying, he brings life.

Maybe our question "Should I go to church" should be rephrased to "Do I have to receive the Lord's gifts?" The answer to that question will lead us in a good direction. - Pastor Krenz

(These answers were taken from the FAQ section on the LCMS web site)

If you have a question that you would like addressed by Pastor Krenz in future newsletter articles, please send it to <u>Pastork@splcolumbia.com</u>.

GoFundMe Allison's Comeback:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Psalm 33:12



A GoFundMe account has been set up to help defray expenses for needed out of state rehab for Allison Ford, who experienced complications following brain surgery. Go to google and type in <u>Fundraiser by Andrew Ford : Allison's Comeback (gofundme.com)</u> to assist in her expenses.

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. The Food Pantry served 23 families in June.

http://stpauls-lcms.org/ or call the church office @ 618.281.4600. Thank you Gateway FS for your donation to help our Food Pantry!



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