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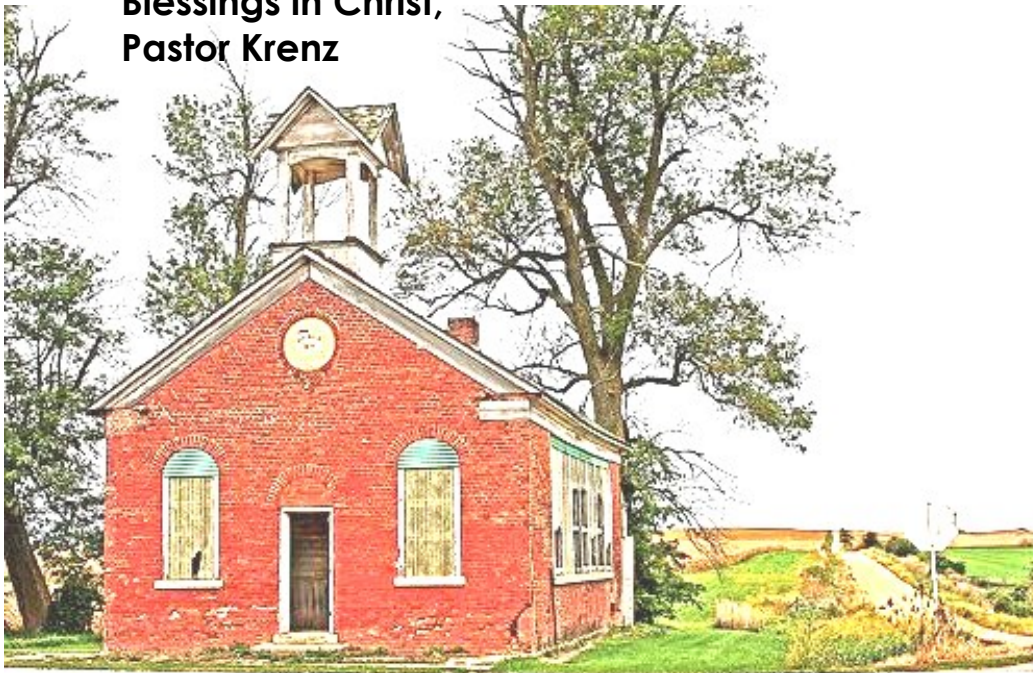
*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. -2 Peter 3:18
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, - 2 Timothy 3:16*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

School is upon us, and even for those who do not have children or grandchildren attending classes, this time of year still has a school rhythm to it. Here at St. Paul's we have many opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the study of God's Word. In this newsletter you will find a brochure with all our fall/winter educational classes. I invite you to look over this brochure and consider participating in one or more of the classes. We are richly blessed to have Sam Wegner and our two Seminary students, Michael Ewert and Daniel Thoeke, assisting us in many of these classes. By all means, take advantage of their insights, as they lead both youth and adult classes.

We have morning classes and evening classes, and even a Thursday evening "outreach class" on the book **Mere Christianity** by C. S. Lewis. May the Lord help each of us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Blessings 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!

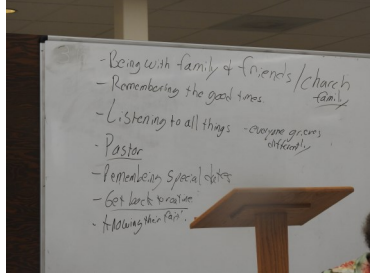


The tentative starting date is **Wednesday, September 7th at 6pm.**





LWML/LADIES LEAGUE SEPTEMBER 2022



Our August meeting began in a lovely decorated summertime setting with a devotion by Nancy R. entitled "Life is a War." After lunch, Pastor Krenz led us in a beneficial and caring topic entitled "Helping Others through Grief." We are continuing our "What's Your 80" (anniversary of the LWML) by sending cards to congregation members who are over 80 (35 cards sent so far this year), delivered 800+ masks to Unity Lutheran School, and quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. There are boxes available in the narthex and fellowship hallway where you can drop off items for the personal kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are near our goal of 80 kits! Thank you for your help for this cause and to reach our goal.

Our group is gathering school supplies for Christ our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, IL which the delegates and alternates will take to the SID convention in September. There is a box for donations in the church kitchen (collecting paper plates, napkins, paper towels, reams of paper, monetary gifts).

Our other fairly new venture is the Mail Box Member program. We are excited to have eight members! The members are receiving information via email, mail, or church mailbox which includes our meeting minutes, devotions from LWML, and a mite challenge calendar. This month the members also received a special mailbox treat!



We will meet on September 1st beginning with lunch (bring your own lunch) at 11:30 a.m. Sandy R. and Kathy S. will be our hostesses. We will be assembling the personal kits for Lutheran World Relief on this day. You are always welcome to serve, meet, or visit with us! Call Wanda for more information at 618-281-4691.

LWML News

Thanksgiving for 80 years (1942-2022) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We voted for the SID mission projects at our last meeting which will be again voted for by Helen and Nancy.

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.



Every year our Lutheran Women's Missionary League sponsors a special in-gathering of items designated for Lutheran World Relief for distribution to foreign missions. In past years we have assembled school supply kits, sewing kits, and hygiene products. We are to do **80 personal care kits** to acknowledge the **80th anniversary of the founding of LWML**.

The List of items requested is:

1. **Tooth Brushes** - Adult size
2. **Nail clippers** - attached file optional
3. **Combs** - Sturdy, no fine tooth or picks
4. ~~Bath towels - 52x27 or 20x40, dark colors preferred~~ Completed
5. **Soap** - 2-3 bars, Bath Size

There are receptacles in the narthex and lower level entry in which to place your donations.



Thank you for helping us meet our goal.



OOPS for September 2022 Outreach Opportunity Praying Suggestion

OOPS – Any Suggestions?

For almost two years now, I, as chair of our Board of Christian Outreach have been putting a simple OOPS (Outreach Opportunity Suggestion) in each newsletter. The idea came to me in the midst of one of Pastor Krenz's sermons shortly after he encouraged me to write some kind of 'outreach' encouragement article for each of them. Not surprisingly, I have received little positive or negative feedback to them. Hopefully, some of you have taken some of them to heart, tried them out, and found they work for you. I'm also sure some of you have read them and immediately decided "That's just not my cup of tea." That's OK too.

Let me turn the tables on you and ask you "What are some OOPSes you would suggest we try in our daily Christian living?" I would sure love to hear them. And, I would be more than happy to write them up and share them with everyone in an upcoming newsletter. My number is 314-882-2097 and my email is pastorsievers@yahoo.com.

**Just another "ah-ha" OOPS
(Outreach Opportunity Suggestion)
from your Board of Christian Outreach.**



Newsletter Deadline is the third Monday of most months. Please send articles, photos, etc. to

secretary@stpauls-lcms.org

Thank you for your help!

September 19th

October 17th

November 12th **Early Deadline due to Holiday

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Comforts of Love Quilters

**Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall 9 am
All are welcome! Join us! We have SEW much fun! Thank you for your support.**

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**.

The board of outreach is investigating church T-shirts for St. Paul.

We would love to hear

the congregation's thoughts on the color, design, cost, fabric type, and message for the T-shirts. Is there possibly an artist in our church that would like to submit their own unique design? Please reach out to Jamie Moeslein or email moesleinj@gmail.com with any and all ideas, designs, thoughts and comments. Looking forward to hearing from everyone. Thank you.



To our church family...

If you, or anyone you know, could use some extra food items, **please call Carol Ericson (618-530-7056), Barb Ries(618-476-1065), or Dianne**

in the church office (618-281-4600). We are happy to set up a time to come and visit the pantry, or we can stock a box or bag for you to pick up.

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.



September Worship Themes

September 4th & 5th
"The Gospel Restores Relationships"
Philemon 1-21

September 11th & 12th
"The Gospel Restores the Foremost of Sinners"
1 Timothy 1:5-17

September 18th & 19th
"Reflecting on God's Ultimate Desire"
1 Timothy 2:1-15

September 25th & 26th
"The Blessing of Contentment in a World of Goods"
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Christian Education Opportunities in the Fall

Please check out our newest brochure detailing the education opportunities for late August through December 2022. As schools start back up, we will launch several new opportunities and resume former schedules for Worship, Sunday School, Bible Classes and more. Something for everyone... all ages! The brochure has been provided for you in this newsletter.

We will be returning to two Sunday morning services (8 am & 10:30 am) on Sunday, September 11th. There will not be a Monday 6:30 pm service on September 5th, Labor Day.



HANDBELL CHOIR - Inviting all those interested in handbell ringing to reach out to Mark Eischer. (314-706-4250)



St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool **30th Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon** **September 11th, following service**

- ♥ We are Celebrating 30 years this fall!
- ♥ We are inviting current and former students and families to join our Church Family for 10:30 am worship that morning followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45.
- ♥ A Sign Up sheet is available in the entryway at church. We encourage members to bring a side dish to share. Fried Chicken will be provided.
- ♥ Feel free to pass this event along to other St. Paul's Lutheran - Columbia alumni!
- ♥ We would love to have some photos from the past 30 years to share at the event! If you have pictures of past events throughout the years that you can share electronically, please send those to Dianne at secretary@stpauls-lcms.org.
- ♥ Please call the church office (618)281-4600 if you have questions. We hope to see you there!



Transformed by Jesus

Sunday School Kick Off:

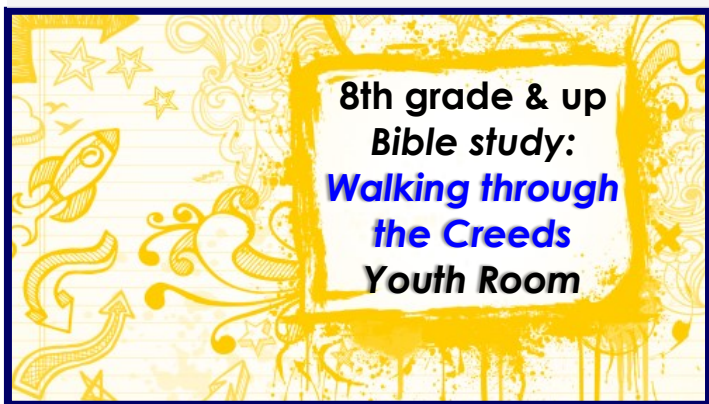
The start of Sunday School was on Sunday, August 21st. This day included Sunday School/VBS songs in the service, an opening with the adult Bible class, and doughnuts following the service. This year our theme is "Transformed by Jesus", and for most of the year our younger children will be looking at the life of Paul in the book of Acts. This years teachers are:

PreK - Kindergarten: Karen Mueller

1st - 4th Grade: Helen Nowak

5th - 7th Grade: Carleigh Ottwell

8th-High School: Sam Wegner



Youth Ministry Update

Back-to-School Lock-In

All students in 5th-12th grade are invited to join us for a lock-in hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia. It will be on Fri, Sept 2nd - Sat, Sept 3rd from 8pm - 7am. There will be games, snacks, Bible study, and a whole lot of fun! Contact Sam Wegner for questions or more info at crf_wegnersm@cuchicago.edu or (920) 530-8638.

STUDENT Lock In



Youth Night

On September 18th, all middle and high school students are invited to join us for Youth Night from 6:00-7:30pm. There will be games, Bible study, and fellowship. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend along too!

** Don't forget to check out more opportunities listed in the new Christian Education Brochure!

...Youth Gathering Presentation





Question: Can a person lose their salvation?



There are several Scripture passages that speak of those who had faith, and who fell from that faith (John 6:66, 1 Timothy 1:19). There are also warnings in the Bible to not fall away (1 Corinthians 10:12, Hebrews 2:1-3). These verses assume that people had faith at one time. How can you fall away from something if you did not have in the first place? Thank goodness the Word of God calls even believers to live a life of repentance. Why? So that we do not base our salvation on a false security that comes not from the grace of God but rather on our works/self-righteousness. Unbelievers tend not to be concerned about the salvation question, so the very fact one is worried about such things is probably a reminder that the Holy Spirit is at work keeping the concerned person in the faith. To those that think they have crossed the unbelief line, I would simply have them look at Peter who denied his Lord, but through God given repentance was brought into the fold again. In addition we can look to the cross and ask "What sin did Jesus not atone for on calvary?"

The answer, of course, is that all sin was covered on Calvary. It is also good for those who are unsure to take to heart Bible passages like John 10:27-29, Romans 8, Hebrews 13:5-6, and Luke 15. Can one lose salvation? Yes. However, God will work tirelessly throughout our earthly life to bring and keep us in the faith.

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



Stewardship

A Survey on Finances from the Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship would like to get a sense from friends and members of St. Paul's if they would like a one-to-two-hour Sunday evening fall workshop explaining and assisting individuals and families in the following areas below. These workshops assume that everything is the Lord's and that He entrusts us to be good caretakers of what we have been given. If you are interested in more than one topic, please note which is your first, second, or third choice.

- _____ Making a Will
- _____ Budgeting/Dealing with Debt
- _____ Estate and Gift Planning
- _____ General Planning for and in Retirement

Please return to Survey Collection Box in Narthex. Thank you!

Pick up your copy of this Finance Topics Survey in the entry way. Return completed surveys to collection box. Thank you

Donations Toward





the lift project

As part of the Voter's Meeting proposal the congregational members are being asked to cover 10% of its costs through special donations. This means that between now and the Lift completion in November, we hope to raise 15,500. If you do make such a donation please make the check out to the congregation and mark "lift donation" in the memo.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Amanda Ford	5 Carl Bierman Sharon Garfield Austin McCann Krista Thompson	6 Forrest Greatting Christopher & Brittany Mitchell ♥	7 John Garfield Gene & Jackie Haberl ♥ Tom & Jean McLaughlin ♥ Ray & Alberta Spradling ♥	8 Matthew Clyde Isaac Douglas Dalton Kritz Beverly Pulcher Joseph & Gennifer Luberda ♥	9 Terry Kempf	10 Brady Kirmess Brady Luther Ryan Murray Jeff & Robin Phelps ♥ Dane & Heather Schickedanz ♥ John & Becky Wallace ♥
12	13 Allison Ford	14 Darryl Byerley Aiden Colyer Carrie Fransson Mikaela Thompson Robert & Jan Glaenzer ♥	15 Harper Herbeck Sydney Luedeman	16 Flynn Reichert	17	18 Aaron & Calli Frazer ♥ Neil & Jane Hunt ♥
19 Laura Homan Franklin & Karen McCann ♥	20 Eric Hofstetter Kevin Martens Doris Mathews John & Aimee Ebersohl ♥ Derek & Bethany Niehaus ♥	21 Karen McCann Ryan & Jeanne De- genhardt ♥ Greg & Terri Grohman ♥	22 Melissa Holman Mary Schmidt	23 Sylvia Ebersohl Laura Roessler Carter Wallace	24	25 Charles Ford Phyllis Peters
26 Michelle Magnuson	27 Gary Camp, Jr Ashton Haskell	28 Ava Douglas Michael Heise Sue Pidgeon Tami Williams Charles, Jr. & Leah Farris ♥ Ed & Tami Williams ♥	29 Joey Dinkelman	30 Joydean Beatty Shirley Kramer Adysen Lyon		



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4 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) Youth Bible Study 10:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 10:15am SS Wing	5 Financial Count (Team 1) No Service  LABOR DAY	6 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Narthex) Circuit Mtg Freeburg 9am First Day of Pre-School Quilters 9 am	7 Food Pantry 1:30 pm (Lower Level) Confirmation 6 pm	8 4 pm Stewardship Mtg 6:15 pm Daisy Scouts 7:30 pm Mary & Joseph	9 6:30 pm Friday Night Adult Bible Study w/ Ken Sievers	10
11 Divine Service 8 am (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Fellowship Hall Youth Bible Study 9:15 am Youth Rm Sunday School 9:15am SS Wing Divine Service 10:30 am (Sanctuary)	12 Financial Count (Team 2) 5:30 pm Board of Christian Outreach 6:30 pm Divine Service	13 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am (Narthex) Quilters 9 am 5:15 pm Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Elders	14 Reflections Memory Care Bible Stories 1 pm Confirmation 6 pm	15	16 2 pm Worship @ Integrity	17
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