



Rest—“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Summer is here and for many that means vacations, time outdoors, relaxation, and rest. Rest is a significant part of the Christian Faith. The Lord rested on the seventh day and as a result the Sabbath was to be a day of rest. The Old Testament temple was considered the Lord's resting-place among His people. In Deuteronomy 3:20 we read that the promised land would be a place of rest for God's people. In Hebrews chapter 12 we hear that through faith in Christ we have entered lasting rest. Even in the action-packed book of Revelation the people of God find rest at the Lord's second coming (Rev. 14:13, Rev. 9-11).

To rest in Christ allows us to see ourselves not as human-doings but rather as human-beings. Why? Entering and staying in His merciful presence happens not through our effort but rather simply being in Him. We can rest because the law of God and its demands have been fulfilled in Christ. We can rest because our sins (both big and small) have been nailed to Calvary's cross.

“Come unto me all you who are weak and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Have a rest filled summer!

**God Bless,
Pastor Krenz**

July Sermon Series

July 3rd and 4th Pastor Sievers

“A HARD SAYING” Matthew 10:34-42

July 9th & 10th

“Our life as Sinner/Saints” Romans 7:14-25a

July 16th & 17th

“Spirit led living as adopted heirs” Romans 8:12:17

July 23rd and 24th

“Growing in Hope through the Spirit” Romans 8:18-27

July 30th & 31st

“The Kingdom of heaven, our ultimate treasure”
Matthew 13:44-52

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*Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word and Reflect Christ's Love to All!*

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**We're praying for you
Sam and Kendall!**

July 17th Newsletter Deadline is the 3rd
Monday of most months. Please send articles, photos,
etc. to secretary@stpauls-lcms.org -Thank you for
your help!

New Address...

Pastor Ray & Melissa Holman
216 Northfield Avenue, Defiance, OH 43512



LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

The Fellowship Hall tables were decorated in pink and white with beautiful live geraniums at our June meeting. Wanda presented a devotion entitled "Lost and Found" followed by the common table prayer. We enjoyed the lunches we brought and desserts provided by our hostesses, Deb and Kathy. Brad Roessler, Special Agent IRS/ Springfield Division/Public Corruption Task Force presented a topic about financial scams and exploitations in our area. A business meeting followed in which we voted to donate to Camp Wartburg and Mission of Christ Network.

Our July 7th meeting will begin at 11:30 (bring your own lunch) in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy S. and Marilyn S. will be our hostesses. Our guest speaker is Steve Howell, who worked for the Secret Service. He was in contact with many individuals including Henry Kissinger during his career.

LWML News (For our members and Mailbox Members)

SID Fall Retreat will be held at Mariners Village, Carlyle, IL on Sept. 30, 2023. Retreat cost is \$15.00 and I will have registration forms available on the LWML bulletin board.

A **Metro South Zone event** is being planned for the fall with date and location TBD very soon. More information on will follow next month.

Feel free to join us anytime at our meetings, events, service projects, or just to visit.

For more information, contact Wanda at 618-281-4691

LWML Mission Statement

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

Sunday Fellowship Potluck

Hosts: Women's Ministry

Our **next Sunday Potluck** will be **July 23rd**, in the Fellowship Hall following the 9 am service.

Women's Ministry will continue to provide an entrée, as well as beverage, and ask that members attending bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Church Picnic Pictures June 18th





OOPS – Order Your T-Shirt NOW!!

They are a beautiful blue. They have our church's name on the front, its picture on the back, and your Board of Christian Outreach strongly encourages you to order one for yourself and every member of your family. Why? Because having many St. Paul members proudly wear them around town and to church activities reminds us of the GO and BE mission Jesus has given us and tells others who see us that we as a church family take this outreach task proudly and seriously.

You will find a picture of the T-shirt in the church lobby along with a signup sheet for your name and size. Yes, they cost about \$10 each. Yes, you are invited to make a contribution in any amount to help pay for them. But, don't let the cost deter you from ordering one. You're just wearing it is worth the cost of this new outreach effort.

OOPS—Just our latest outreach opportunity suggestion!



Mark Your calendar
for **Sunday, August 6th**

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

CELEBRATING
25
Years
1998 - 2023

as we once again participate in **"Assembling Food"** to feed many overseas.

This year our goal is to assemble our 12,000 meals with the cost running around \$5000.

Please consider donating to help with this cost.

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran and in memo put Rise Against Hunger.

Work Sign up sheets will soon be in the Narthex. Feel free to invite guests.

Comforts of Love Quilters—Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!

Remember us w/ **Extra fabric, gently used sheets, large table clothes and embroidery thread!**

Thank you for all your support!



FOOD
pantry

News... We are continuing to have the pantry open three times each month. We are seeing and serving new families all the time. Thank you for your help!

*** **Special Call for disposable Grocery bags** ***

Current Pantry Needs:

Popcorn
Peaches

Pears
Corn Muffin Mix

July Dates:

7/5 7/12 7/19

Food Pantry Hours:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 1:30-3pm

2nd Wednesday - 4-6 pm

Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.



Calling all Young Adults, ages 19-35, who are:

- In search of a community of faithful young adults
- Want to be a part of a group that encourages and lifts one another up as fellow image bearers of Christ
- Looking for the opportunity to study God's word, fellowship and participate in community service

WHEN: **Friday, 11 August 2023 @ 6pm**
 WHERE: **Gateway Grizzlies Ballpark — Sauget**
 COST: **\$9/ticket (group rate for 20+)**
 RSVP: **By 8 August to Deaconess Intern Dawn Werner @ wernerda@holycross-collinsville.org**

Bring a blanket for picnic seating in the lawn area; a mitt to catch foul balls and an openness to meeting new friends. Added bonus is supporting the Holy Cross Lutheran School kids who will be singing the National Anthem.



Adult Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study are on Hiatus until this fall.

Sundays, July 9th - July 30th - Adult Bible Class

"Lessons from the life of Moses"

Fridays, once a month - It's Some of the PSALMS in 2023

We're going to be studying some of the Psalms in our first Friday of the month **Not Just for Couples Bible Study Group**. *We will next meet Friday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Before class preparation is strongly encouraged. Adults of any age are welcome. Please contact **Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097 or pastorsievers@yahoo.com)**

Adult Inquirers Class Sunday, July 9th at 4pm:

This 10 week class is for those interested in learning more about what Lutherans teach and or about joining this congregation. This class involves an overview of core Christian teachings on sin, grace, Christ, Prayer, law and gospel, the church, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. If you or someone you know might be interested contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121.

High School/College Age Confirmation:

If you or someone you know is in High School and/or college and interested in learning more about the church and/or becoming a member and have not already been confirmed contact Pastor Krenz. He can meet via zoom or in person with those who have not already been confirmed or who have never been part of a church or who have another church background.

Youth Ministry Update

2023 Youth Event Calendar

JULY 18-21st

Higher Things Trip



July 23rd -Middle & High School Youth - Camp Wartburg



July 30th (6:30-8pm) High School Life Night



AUGUST 6th

-Rise Against Hunger at Church



August 13th

- Middle School Back to School Ice Cream Social at Fellowship Hall (6-7:30)



See the full calendar at <https://stpauls-lcms.org/youth.html>



Youth and Parent get-together at Pastor & Lisa's residence on 5/ 31.



Summer Bible and Small Catechism Reading Program

This summer I (Pastor Krenz) would invite you to join me in a daily reading program that will involve four books in the New Testament, a daily Psalm, and the book of Acts.

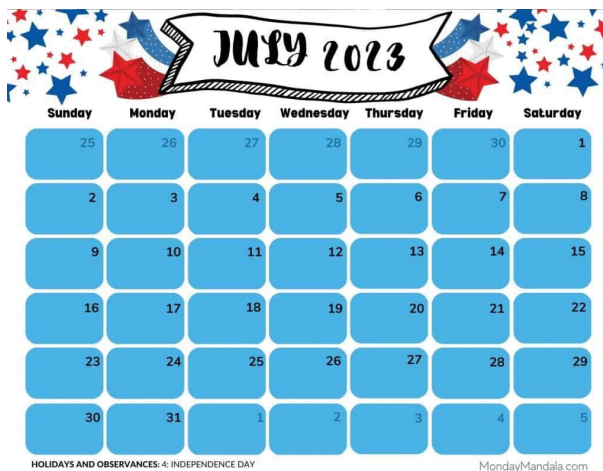
✚ **Every week** I will be providing you with background information and devotional thoughts on the various readings. These weekly updates will be sent out in my weekly email note each Friday with extra printed copies that will be available in the narthex (church entryway).

✚ **In addition**, congregational members and friends are invited to take out their catechisms (any version will do) and join with me in prayerfully reflecting on Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and possibly the Lord's Prayer. *Additional reading/ meditating on the catechism is encouraged by looking at the explanation to each topic which is found in the latter 4/5ths of each catechism.

Here is the Schedule for July.

Next Month:

We will be looking at the Pastoral Epistles, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus. In addition we will be looking at the Augsburg Confession. A foundational document for the Lutheran Church.



Sat 7/1	Gal 1:1-10	Psalms 27:1-6	Lord's Prayer Introduction
Sun 7/2 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 7/3	Gal 1:11-24	Psalms 27:7-14	Lord's Prayer 1st Petition
Tues 7/4	Gal 2:1-10	Psalms 28	Lord's Prayer 2nd Petition
Wed 7/5	Gal 2:11-21	Psalms 29	Lord's Prayer 3rd Petition
Thurs 7/6	Gal 3:1-9	Psalms 30	Lord's Prayer 4th Petition
Fri 7/7	Gal 3:10-14	Psalms 31:1-14	Lord's Prayer 5th Petition
Sat 7/8	Gal 3:15-29	Psalms 31:15-24	Lord's Prayer 6th Petition
Sun 7/9 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 7/10	Gal 4:1-7	Psalms 32	Lord's Prayer 7th Petition
Tues 7/11	Gal 4:8-20	Psalms 33:1-11	Lord's Prayer Conclusion
Wed 7/12	Gal 4:21-31	Psalms 33:12-22	The Means of Grace
Thurs 7/13	Gal 5:1-15	Psalms 34:1-10	The Nature of Baptism
Fri 7/14	Gal 5:16-26	Psalms 34:11-22	The Blessing of Baptism
Sat 7/15	Gal 6:1-16	Psalms 35:1-10	The Power of Baptism
Sun 7/16 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 7/17	Gal 6:11-18	Psalms 35:11-21	What Baptism Indicates
Tues 7/18	Eph 1:1-10	Psalms 35:22-28	The Nature of the Sacrament of
Wed 7/19	Eph 1:11-14	Psalms 36	The Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar
Thurs 7/20	Eph 1:15-23	Psalms 37:1-10	The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar
Fri 7/21	Eph 2:1-10	Psalms 37:11-20	How to Receive This Sacrament Worthy
Sat 7/22	Eph 2:11-22	Psalms 37:21-31	Baptism Thoughts
Sun 7/23 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 7/24	Eph 3:1-13	Psalms 37:32-40	Baptism Thoughts
Tues 7/25	Eph 3:14-21	Psalms 38:1-12	Lord's Supper Thoughts
Wed 7/26	Eph 4:1-16	Psalms 38:13-22	Lord's Supper Thoughts
Thurs 7/27	Eph 4:17-32	Psalms 39:1-5	Thoughts on Worship
Fri 7/28	Eph 5:1-14	Psalms 39:6-13	Thoughts on Worship
Sat 7/29	Eph 5:15-21	Psalms 40:1-10	Explanation of Luther's Seal
Sun 7/30 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 7/31	Eph 5:16-33	Psalms 40:11-17	Thoughts on Angels





Do you have a favorite hymn?

We would like to incorporate our parishioners' favorite hymns during the summer months.

If you have a favorite hymn, that is not in Lutheran Service Builder Hymnal, please fill in the blanks with the Composer and return.

If from the Lutheran Service Builder, You will need hymn name and LSB number to be included on the blanks below.

We will use as many as possible fitting the Scripture readings for the day.

Please deposit this information in Jeanine Consolino's church mailbox as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Hymn choice:

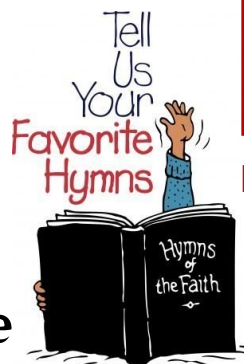
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Hymn title:

Hymn composer: (if not in LSB)

My name

Pastor and Jeanine



Kids enjoying cookies at the Grizzlies game.
Thank you to all who came and who gave
to the Mission of Christ Network!





What a wonderful week of VBS!

Thank you all!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 				<h1>JULY</h1>		
Anniversary 						
2 Marge Drexler Jeanie Fehr Katie Rule Alexis Voelkel Robert & Gail Thoma ♥	3 Chelsea Murray William & Anna Earl ♥ Scott & Kim Peery ♥	4 Bill Lacefield Brian Russell	5 Carter Krick	6 Kim Butler Steve Eckert Taylor Gummers- heimer Tyler Mathews Ryan Peery Craig & Corinne Story ♥	7 Andrew Ford Gerhardt Theiss	8 Pamela Elliott Brendon Haberl Robin Phelps
9 Garret Byerley Mallory Stephens Jared & Angela Dinkelman ♥	10	11 Elijah Smith	12 Drake Luedeman Jason & Jessica Kritz ♥	13 Mary Colyer Ian Ericson	14 Kimberly Gross Andrew Locke	15 Jennifer Chandler Greg & Stephanie Lammerl ♥ Antonio & Theresa Mancarella ♥
16 Emily Collet Randy Mathews Kathy Monte Donna Oliver Stephen Tooden, Jr Jason & Jennifer Chandler ♥	17 Natalie Arras Charlie Wilmoth Ralph & Catherine Mathews ♥	18 Jennifer Kimmel Toby Search Joy Whiteside Don Womack, Jr Steve & Carol Ericson ♥ Jeffrey & Emily Pruden ♥	19 Samantha McCann Alexis Wilson	20 Brandon Bossung Hayden Theiss	21 Brynnley Grider Dana Keeven Andrew Krump Nelson Mathews Doug Tolbird Bill & Robin Lacefield ♥	22 Evelyn Busch Victoria Voelkel Joshua Wilson Kevin & Lillian Koenigstein ♥
23 Samantha Lacefield Steven Ottwell Susan Stemler	24 Sandra Andrascsek	25 Gloria Hertz Catherine Link Patrick & Chelsea Linderer, Jr ♥	26 Ryan Degenhardt Andrea Monte Jeremy Monte Tim Monte Paula Probst Robert Thoma	27 Rose Anne Bense Sylvia Edwards Alyssa Rauh	28 Gail Thoma	29 Kristen Ackermann
30 Doug & Norma Feldman ♥	31 Donna Tolbird					



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<div> <div>JULY</div> </div>						
2 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 –11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing	3 Count (Team 1) No Evening Service	*** Dates, times, & 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. ***			Pastor Krenz Out	
9 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 –11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing	Pastor Krenz Out		5 4 Independence Day Celebration Church Office Closed Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm <div> </div>	6 Ladies League 11:30 am	7 Bible Study @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm	8
16 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 –11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 4 pm Adult Inquiries Class	10 Count (Team 2) 6:30 pm Divine Service	11 Men's Bible Study 7:15 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Trustees, Outreach, Communication 7 pm Elders	12 Food Pantry 4-6 pm Fall Fundraiser Planning Meeting	13	14 Pastor Sievers Evening Bible Class Psalms 6:30 pm	15
23 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 –11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 4 pm Adult Inquiries Class	17 Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due Women's Ministry 6:30 pm	18 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am 9 am Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council	19 Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm	20 7:30 am Rotary Business Mtg in Fellowship Hall 9 am Newsletter Folders	21 Worship @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm Evening Wedding Rehearsal	22 Twillman Wedding 4 pm
30 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 –11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 4 pm Adult Inquiries Class 6:30—8 pm High School Life Night	24 Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm	25 Men's Bible Study 7:15 9 am Quilters Noon - Columbia Clergy at ICC 6:30 pm Voters Mtg	26	27	28 10 am Worship at The Grande	29
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Sundays - 9 am
Mondays - 6:30 pm

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