

The Epistle September 2023

Members and friends of St. Paul's,

The rooms are freshly painted, the floors are shiny, and the students come dressed in recently purchased clothing and with new school supplies. At the start of the school year there is an abundance of smiling children, parents, and teachers who are filled with optimism. Yet after just a few weeks that hopeful vibe is replaced by unfinished homework, unwelcome student and faculty drama, and a floor that lacks the shiny luster it had just a few weeks prior. How quickly that fresh start gives way to the old way of doing things.

The gospel of forgiveness heard and received through Christ Jesus, gives us a steady and continuous series of fresh starts. Weekly worship is set up to remind the believer that forgiveness flowing from Calvary's cross and then heard in confession/absolution, the sermon, the Lord's Supper, and in the readings is readily available. The gospel of another chance is for those who has been washed in the water and word so that God can look at His redeemed creatures and say "Ah yes,my new creation". It may feel like the dominant note in our life revolves around our mistakes, our weaknesses, our sins, our guilt, and our shame. This is a lie from the evil one, who would love to shield us from Jesus, and the series of fresh starts for those who trust in Him. A blessed September to all, and remember "..if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Blessings, Pastor Krenz

Sunday, September 10, after Labor Day weekend, we will return to 2 services on Sundays at 8 am and 10:30 am and continue Monday evening services on 9/11 at 6:30 pm.

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

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Pastor Stephen Krenz 618-363-0121

September Sermon Series

"Counting the Costs/Recovering the Benefits"

September 3rd "Losing to Live" Matthew 16:21-28

September 10th & 11th "Loosing in Conflict" Matthew 16: 21-28

September 17th & 18th "The Ultimate Debt Relief and its Implications"

Matthew 18:21-35

September 23rd & 24th "God is not fair...thank goodness!"

Matthew 20:1-16

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word and Reflect Christ's Love to All!

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Member Spotlight Stephen & Sydnie Twillmann

We welcome Stephen and Sydnie Twillmann who joined our congregation August 13th. Stephen works at Anheuser Busch in St. Louis, and Sydnie is a Pharmacist who also teaches at SIU in Edwardsville. Stephen is joining our congregation via transfer from Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, MO, and Sydnie is joining via adult confirmation. Stephen and Sydnie were married in July and presently reside in South County.

Blessings from St. Paul in St. Joseph!

I am approaching month two of vicarage and so I wanted to give an update. I was installed on July 2nd, and St. Paul gave me a welcome reception between services, which set a positive tone for my time here. My first sermon was July 9th on Jesus' words "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Through the summer I have been preaching about every other week. With the commencement of the school year, this frequency will adjust to every third week. The weeks I do not preach I lead the liturgy, serving as the lector, and offering prayers. There are two services - one at 8:15 am and one at 11:45 am, with Bible Studies in between. Weekly the services are live-streamed and recorded at https://ww.youtube.com/ @st.paullutheranst.josephmo1255/streams.

I find joy in visiting Shut-Ins and also am charged with leading a Wednesday Morning Bible Study on the upcoming Service's lectionary readings. Among the facets of my role, I have the privilege of overseeing the fellowship of our Young Adults. Our meetings, occurring roughly every other week, are filled with camaraderie, board games, and other engaging activities. As a unique and delightful twist, we recently celebrated "Christmas in August" by watching the heartwarming movie, Elf. While my focus has largely been on acclimating to my new responsibilities, I anticipate exploring St. Joseph more extensively in the coming months.

I extend a heartfelt blessing on your ministry as you welcome a new Seminary Student and bid farewell to the summer. Your continued support and prayers over the past two years have been deeply appreciated and have contributed significantly to my growth. Rest assured, I look forward to sharing more updates throughout the year. The Lord be with you all!

Speaking Christ, Vicar Mike

Mike was our Seminary Field Worker the last two years.

Official Acts of the Church

Confirmation:

Sydnie Twillmann, August 13, 2023

Membership Transfer:

Stephen Twillmann, August 13, 2023

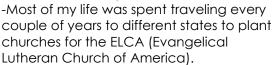
Funeral:

Wanda Portell, August 18, 2023

New Field Work Student:

Andrew Borseth is our new field work seminary student. God willing, he will be here for two years. Here is a brief bio he sent our way.

-I was born in Robbinsdale, Minnesota and have an older and a younger brother.



- -My dad is an ELCA pastor, and because of this I have lived in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Oklahoma.
- -Currently my family lives in a suburb of Oklahoma City called Yukon and this is where I lived the longest.
- -After graduating high school I went to Texas A&M University where I was in the Corps of Cadets and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band.
- -During college I was also active in the Army ROTC program and LCMS campus ministry. It was there I made the change from ELCA to LCMS.
- -After graduating college with a bachelor's in history I received a commission in the Army as a Chaplain Candidate and started preparing for seminary.
- -I like to keep myself busy with activities and hanging out with friends but when I do have free time I enjoy reading, singing, playing trombone, working out, playing sports, or just being outside.



September 18th Newsletter Deadline

is the 3rd Monday of most months.

Please send articles, photos, etc. to secretary@stpauls-lcms.org -Thank you for your help!



The Fellowship Hall featured a summer time setting including fresh LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

flowers, with watermelon and a variety of desserts provided by our hostesses, Doris M. and Barb R. A devotion was led by Nancy R. titled "Wisdom for Living" which was followed by the common table prayer. After lunch, Scott Peery, our speaker and church member, told about his previous church affiliations and the experiences he and his wife have had adopting/raising their two boys from Russia. He, also, spoke about his yearly visits to help at an Indian reservation in South Dakota.

The **September 7th meeting will begin at 11:30 (bring your own lunch)** in the Fellowship Hall. Rose Anne B. and Helen N. will be our hostesses. Karen Mueller will tell of her experiences at the recent LWML convention in Milwaukee. After our meeting, we will sort and box items to be donated to Camp Wartburg. Donation collection boxes will be placed in the narthex for congregation donations.

LWML News (For our members and Mailbox Members)

- 1) SID Fall Retreat will be held at Mariners Village, Carlyle, IL on Sept. 30, 2023. Retreat cost is \$15.00. Registration forms are available on the LWML bulletin board or you can register online.
- 2) The Metro South Zone board is planning a workshop for Unity Lutheran School at Zion, Belleville on October 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information will follow.
- 3) The Metro South Zone board will have a planning meeting here at St. Paul's on Nov. 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at our meetings, events, service projects, or just to visit anytime.





Statement
As Lutheran
Women in Mission,
we joyfully
proclaim Christ,
support missions,

and equip women to honor God by serving others.



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

LWML/Ladies
League
Our annual
mission
ingathering

Camp Wartburg

this year is for Camp Wartburg.

They can use all kinds of cleaning products:

paper towels, window cleaner,

all purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, liquid hand soap, ...

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am to 10:30 am. Please join us! We have "sew" much fun! **Thank you for all your support!**



WOMEN's Ministry

The Women's Ministry generally meets on the third Monday of each month. (9/18) Please join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Fellowship Potluck

Please join us on September 24th after the 10:30 am service for the Potluck meal. The Women's Ministry hosts this meal on the 4th Sunday of the month and everyone is welcome. If you would like to bring a dish to share that is great, but don't feel obligated in order to join us.

Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am
studying the Gospel of Luke
Starting September 13th
BIBLE STUDY

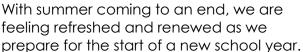
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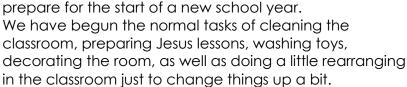


OOPS - HANG ONE ON with US!

Did you know--These past two years, St. Paul volunteers have hung more than 1000 fliers on the doors of Columbia residents. The BOCO's next "Come Flier with Us," scheduled for Sunday, November 12, will target the Gilmore Lake Subdivision, and you're invited. We've just purchased another batch of 1000 door hangers which now have our QR code on them so interested recipients can check us and our activities out. Whenever we have an activity with an outreach appeal--like an Easter Egg Hunt, Rummage Sale, VBS, food pantry, pre-school, Mary and Joseph Breakfast we will put some of these new door hangers out in the lobby for a few Sundays/Mondays beforehand, so you can take a few with you to hang on the door or to give in person to a family member, friend, neighbor, work collegue, etc. Sounds like another good OOPS (Outreach Opportunity Suggestion) doesn't it?

September 2023 Preschool News





Our first day of preschool is, Tuesday, September 5 and we are happy to have both classes nearly full. Ms. April will be returning for her 4th year with St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool while I am entering my 11th year. (Plus an additional 4 years where I was the substitute)

We ask that you keep the preschool in your prayers as we embark on our 31st year.

God's Blessings, Shelly Augustin Director/Teacher

How to use apple butter in recipes

Apple butter adds moisture, flavor, and nutrition to all kinds of recipes, both sweet and savory.

- Apple butter is a healthier I to I replacement for any liquid oil or fat in baking. This works with cake mixes, too!
- Swap apple butter for jams or jellies as a filling in cookies or bars.
- Use apple butter instead of mashed banana or pumpkin puree in pancakes, muffins, and sweet breads.
- Apple butter can replace any jam or jelly used in sauces such as barbecue sauces, cocktail meatballs, etc.
- Swirl it into yogurt, oatmeal, or cottage cheese
- · Add a dab to cocktails for a fall vibe.
- Whisk it with cider vinegar for an easy seasonal dressing.

HANDBELL CHOIR

—Inviting all past and prospective ringers to a new season of Handbell Choir, beginning Wednesday, September 13. Contact Mark Eischer for details.

FOOD pantry

Food Pantry News...

(from the July Voters mtg report:

- For the second quarter there were 26 additional families and 104 additional people.
- Our food supply is dwindling. Waiting for the Boy Scout drive in November.
- We have pared down our selection list by some to minimize the shopping.
- Meat delivery from Schuberts is going well, We have been averaging about 1 a month.
- All donations from Hope food pantry have stopped, so we are buying more fresh food. As a result, spending is up.
- We have received several monetary donations that have helped to offset that.
- We received a large food donation from the US Postal service, and about 100 lbs of food from Caliber Collision.

Pre-school

September Dates: 9/6 9/13 9/20

Food Pantry Hours:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 1:30-3pm 2nd Wednesday - 4-6 pm



Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Pasta





The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior in Freeburg is beginning its fall session of private lessons and group classes on September 1,



2023. Private lessons on a wide variety of instruments along with piano, organ, and voice are offered. Group classes for Music Theory and Music History are a new addition this year. Mini Music Makers, a popular class, provides a group music experience for preschoolers and their caregivers. A second Mini Music Makers class is geared for children up to 8 years of age. For more information go to theacademyofmusic.org, or call Hannah at 618-353-3322.

Adult Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

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

All men welcome. We are studying the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings for the following Sunday.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am studying the Gospel of Luke beginning September 13th

New Evening Bible Class

Starting Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Pastor Tony Troup will be leading a six week Bible Class titled "Vocation-God Serves through us". This study will examine the various ways the Christian life is lived out at home, at work, and in society. This class will meet in the last room on the left in the Sunday School hallway. Please sign up for this class in the narthex.

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, September 8th 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 Fall: Sunday, September 17th 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 your or someone you know might be interested contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121.

Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am "What does the Bible Say about..."

A great blessing of being part of the Christian community is reflecting on God's Word together. Starting Sunday, September 10th we are beginning a new series where each week we will address a contemporary topic through the Biblical lens. We would love to have you join us as we cover the following topics. November 5th -The LGBTQ Movement

September 3rd- Marriage

10th- Parenting

17th- Grief

24th- Worry/Stress

October 1st - Finding/Recognizing your Purpose(s)

8th -Finding/Recognizing your Purpose(s) 15th -The Roman Catholic Church

22nd -Non-Denominational Churches

29th -To be Decided

2023 Youth Event Calendar

"Youth Life Night"

September 24th, 6:30

- The Douglas Family will host the High School Youth at the Church September 24th, 6:30
- The Ottwell family will host Middle School Youth at the Church

Fall Junior Confirmation Classes:

The first Jr. Confirmation (5th—8th grade) class is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm. <u>High School/College Age Confirmation:</u>

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. The High School group will be separate from the Junior High group and the class meeting time is TBD.

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

For High School Youth...

Annual Careers for Christ Program: November 3-5

Students are invited to Join Concordia University Chicago for this annual Careers for Christ program on the Chicago Campus. Register Online—CUChicago.edu/C4C

New Four-Year Nursing Program

Offered at Concordia-Chicago, an undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. More info... CUChicago.edu/nursing

12th -Life After Death

19th -Witnessing



















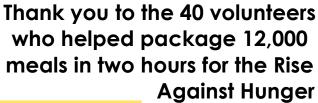












event on

August 6th.



Kevin Koenigstein, Congregational President











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Friday	1 Hailey Frazer Xander Heck Judith Schwartz Tony Troup	8 Matthew Clyde Isaac Douglas Dalton Kritz Beverly Pulcher Joseph & Gennifer Luberda	Harper Herbeck Sydney Luedeman Mary Schmidt 29 Joey Dinkelman				
Thursday	BER	7 John Garfield Gene & Jackie Haberl 💌 Tom & Jean McLaughlin 💌 John & Kathy Monte	Darryl Byerley Aiden Colyer Amanda Douglas Carrie Fransson Mikaela Thompson Robert & Jan Glaenzer & 21 Karen McCann Ryan & Jeanne AuBuchon- Degenhardt & Greg & Terri Grohman & Grohman & Grohman & Grohman & Grohman & Ava Douglas Michael Heise Sue Pidgeon Tami Williams Charles E. & Leah Farris, Jr &				
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Tuesday	SEE	5 Carl Bierman Austin McCann Krista Thompson	19 Laura Homan Franklin & Karen McCann 🕊 Michelle Magnuson				
Monday	YS & SARIES	4 Amanda Ford	Donna Pennell Collin Schmidt David & Connie Gummersheimer • 18 Aaron & Calli Frazer Neill & Jane Hunt • 25 Charles Ford Phyllis Peters				
Sunday	BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARI	3 Mitch Essert	Ryan Murray Jeff & Robin Phelps Dane & Heather Schickedanz John & Becky Wallace				

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Saturday	7	Fellowship Hall Rental Krenz/ Koester Family 2-6 pm	16	23	30
Friday	1 Bible Study @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm	8 Pastor Sievers Evening Bible Class Psalms 6:30 pm	15 Worship @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm	22 10 am Worship at The Grande	29
Thursday	Name Tag September	7 Ladies League 11:30 am	14	21 9 am Newsletter Folders	28
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Monday	hange. ater date. g, go to: ndar" tab.	4 Count (Team 1) Labor Day Holiday No Evening Service	11 Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm	Count (Team 3) Divine Service 6:30 pm Women's Ministry Newsletter 6:30 pm Articles Due	25 Count (Team 1) 6:30 pm Divine Service
Sunday	*** Dates, times, & locations subject to change. Additional activities my be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: stpauls-Icms.org then click on the "calendar" tab. ***	3 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) 10:15 – 11 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm Rise Against Hunger Fellowship Hall	10 8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 9:15–10 am Rally Day -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service	8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 8:15–10 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service 4 pm Adult Confirmation	8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 9:15–10 am Rally Day -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study -Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service 12:15 am Church Potluck 4 pm Adult Confirmation 6:30 pm Jr. High Night—Othwell High School Life Night—Douglas



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