

Welcome both members and visitors to worship.

If you are a visitor and do not have a church home, we invite you to consider this congregation as a place for you to grow through God's Word in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) with any questions on this congregation, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and/or the process of church membership.

If you are a visitor, feel free to leave us your address in the attendance folder. It is also in that folder you can see our belief and practice concerning the Lord's Supper.



Women's Ministry will host a Potluck Lunch TODAY, April 28th, following the 10:30 am service. Join us! Anyone that wants, may just come and enjoy the company and a light meal!

Sundays, Adult Bible Class (9:15—10:15 am)

Join us for Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall as we continue with the church in Thessalonica as they receive Paul's letters to them. In this series we have been exploring the instructions given to the church, the themes that Paul addresses, and the everyday application of the Thessalonian discourse, both 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Pastor Krenz will continue this series through the month of May.

Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am Children's Sunday School

"A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

St. Paul's Pre-School-Contact Shelly Augustine at 618-910-0764 to receive Information and a Registration Form about our Pre-school.

Save the Date! Sign up in Narthex!

Congregational Gateway Grizzlies Baseball Event coming **Wednesday, May 29th!** Sign Up sheet is in the Narthex. There are tickets available for 10 more adults and 4 more children.



Pick up a copy of **Eve's Restoration Ministries Prayer Request Sheet** in the church foyer.

Next Food Pantry: May 1st 1:30 - 3 pm

Current Needs: Ravioli, Brownie Mix, Toothpaste, Cereals, Peanut Butter

Pastor Krenz is out of town this weekend

visiting his daughter and Son-in-law in Colorado. He will be back in the church office on Tuesday, April 30th. Thank you to Pastor Sievers, and our Seminary Fieldworker Andrew for leading the Sunday and Monday services.

Questioning/Confirmation:

This coming **Wednesday (May 1st) at 6:30pm in the Fellowship hall** our six confirmation students will be answering questions on what and why they believe core Christian teachings. These questions and answers gleaned from the six chief parts in the small catechism. Congregational members are invited to join their families in hearing them confess their faith in this public venue. The rite of confirmation will take place next Sunday (May 5th) at the 10:30am service.

Voters Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, April 23rd at the annual spring congregational voters meeting ...

- it was decided to fix the Louvers on the bell tower at a probable cost of around \$15,000, but it could go up to \$27,000.
- It was also voted to offer a contract to Deaconess Rachel McCloskey for 10-12 months in 2024-25. Her work would primarily be with youth in the congregation, but like our most recent DCE intern her work would also involve work in a variety of ministries here at St. Paul's. She will be offered a full time position, but depending on her circumstances she may only work for a year. Rachel is getting married this summer to a 4th year Concordia Seminary student.

• Helen Nowak also gave an update on moving and revamping the library to one of the Sunday School classrooms.

• Seventeen members were released from membership due to inactivity for at least 5 plus years.

• **Upcoming summer events include ...**

Grizzlies game on May 30th,

VBS June 10th -14th,

Congregational Picnic at the city park on July 14th,

Rise Against Hunger on August 11th.

Youth Events:

May 5th- Confirmation

May 31st- Honoring our Seniors during each church service

May 29th- Grizzlies Game

June 10-14th- VBS

July- Potential event at historic sites in Perry County



2024 VBS Celebrate the Savior!

June 10th-14th, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

VBS is rapidly approaching! We are just over one month away and have various needs for our programming. Please reach out to Carleigh if you are able to help with our Games or Bible Exploration/Science Lab sites.

We are also looking for a few folks who would be willing to form a decorating committee for the 2024 VBS. The theme is Celebrate the Savior! and we would love to have St. Paul's looking like a fun and inviting party that celebrates God's love for us. Interested? Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We will meet soon after Easter to plan. Volunteers and Students can register at:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/StPaulsColumbia/28392>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- † **Lawrence & Carol Osick**, Broter & Sister-in-law of Laverne Ritter, at Barnes following a car accident
- † **Scott Peery**, recovering from Heart bypass surgery
- † **John Kirk**, recovering from hip surgery
- † **Gary Crawford**, recovering at home following Heart surgery
- † **Darlene Bergman**, (mother of Kathleen Bergman) friend of Susan Housewright, who is in the hospital
- † **Marilyn Kisro**, at Memorial Care Center in Belleville
- † **Larry Sheets**, brother-in-law of Luci Washburn, recovery from knee replacement surgery
- † **Carole Hancock**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
- † **Beverly Pulcher**, recovering from foot surgery
- † **Brenda Richter**, friend of Mary Clyde, for healing
- † **Roy Hallauer**, brother of Luci Washburn, recurrence of cancer
- † **Kelly Gregoire**, friend of Mitch & Carol Essert & Jeff & Ginger Crank, health concerns
- † **Barb Schneider**, health issues

For Those Living With Cancer

Undergoing Cancer Treatments...

- Don Greer Sr.**, Father of Don Greer
- Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Jeff Fitzgibbons**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Scott Kensel**, brother of Jamie Moeslein
- Monica Shannon**, friend of Douglas family
- Pat Marshall**, Jackie Haberl's sister

- Mary Schmidt**, member
- Ron Medley**, friend of Bob Thoma
- Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan Stemler & Mona Newton
- Ken Walker**, friend of Carole Hancock
- Shawn Malone**, friend of Sandy Roessler

Special Prayers for:

- † **Family & Friends of Harvey Salger, Karen Mueller's uncle, as they mourn his recent death.**
- † **Family & Friends of Mike Conrad**, who died this past week
- † **Family & Friends of Doris Upchurch**, who died this past week
- † **The Drum family**, Friends of the Ottwells, recovering from a recent automobile accident
- † **Eve's Restoration Home**—as they begin the process of becoming a 501c3 organization
- † **For Campbell Ottwell, Kaylee Grandt, Ava Douglas, Brooke Quevreaux, Conner Crank, and Graycie Luberda** who are scheduled to be confirmed on May 5th

New Address: Marvin Luedemann
Cedar Trails Assisted Living
490 Urbanna Drive Room 12
Freeburg, IL 62243

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances

General Fund
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed \$7,000
Received 4/21: \$5,537
Building Repair Fund
Received 4/22: \$

Our Response To His Love With Attendance

4/21	8 am	65
	10:30 am	45
4/22	6:30 pm	20
		120
4/21	SS - Children & Youth	15
	Adult Bible Study	24
4/12	Pastor Seivers Bible Study	6
4/21	High School Night Life	7
4/23	Men's Bible Study	5

Sunday, April 28th

8 am Divine Service
9:15-10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
-Youth Bible Study in Loft
-Sunday School in Children's Wing
10:30 am Divine Service
Women's Ministry Meal following the Service

Monday, April 29th

Count Team 3— M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger
6:30 pm Divine Evening Service

Tuesday, April 30th

7:15 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Quilters

Wednesday, May 1st

6:30 pm Confirmation Questioning
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Thursday, May 2nd

11:30 am Ladies League

Friday, May 3rd

Saturday, May 4th

Sunday, May 5th

8 am Divine Service
9:15-10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
-Youth Bible Study in Loft
-Sunday School in Children's Wing
10:30 am Divine Service , The Rite of Confirmation
4 pm Brownie Scouts

Fifth Sunday of Easter Order of Service /DS IV Sunday, 4/28 8 am & 10:30 am & Monday, 4/29 6:30 pm

Pre-Service Music
Ring of the Bells, Greeting, Announcements
Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LSB 807
Invocation, Confession of Sins, Absolution
Salutation, Collect (Prayer of the Day)
Introit, Kyrie
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" LSB 204
Salutation and Collect
First Reading Acts 8:26-40
Epistle 1 John 4:1-11
Alleluia, Verse
Holy Gospel John 15:1-8
Apostles' Creed
Childrens Message
Hymn of the Day LSB 611
"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
Sermon
"The ABIDE Thing" John 15:1-8
Presentation of Offerings
Prayer of the Church
Sacrament, Preface & Proper Preface
Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini "The Peace of Our Lord"
Agnus Dei
Distribution & Distribution Hymns
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623
"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617
Nunc Dimittis
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction
Closing Hymn LSB 691
"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

Sunday, April 28th 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Scott Moeslein
Greeter/Usher: Aiden Colyer
Acolyte: Abbey Heck
Screens: Josh Colyer
Video: Andrew Colyer

Sunday, April 28th 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Levi Ottwell
Greeter/Usher: Joydean Beatty
Acolyte: Lennon Ottwell
Screens: Campbell Ottwell

Monday, April 29th 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Roger Stechmesser
Greeter/Usher: Trey Roessler
Acolyte: Tanner Roessler

Sunday, May 5th 8 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: David Greatting
Greeter/Usher: Jonathan Busch
Acolyte: Brock Kleinschmidt
Screens: Kyva Meyers
Video: Josh Colyer

Sunday, May 5th 10:30 am

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Toby Search
Greeter: Mitzi Ottwell
Acolyte: Ezra Douglas
Screens: Alex Blum

Monday, May 6th 6:30 pm

Organist: Jeanine Consolino
Elder: Glen Grebing
Greeter/Usher: Kevin Miller
Acolyte:

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