



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**Sundays
8 & 10:30 am**

**Mondays
6:30 pm**

**Beginning
May 31**

**Summer
Worship Hours**

**Sundays 9 am
Mondays 6:30 pm**



**The Epistle
May 2026**


Worship with Us!!!

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
227 Goodhaven Street
Columbia, IL 62236**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 Confirmation Sunday 8 am Divine Service 9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service</p>	<p>4 Count (Team 1) 5:30 pm BOCO Mtg 6:30 pm Service</p>	<p>5 7:15^{am} Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters Pastors Conference in Godfrey, IL 5:30 pm B of Youth 6:30 pm B of Ed</p>	<p>6 10 am Women's Bible Study Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm 6:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>7 Ladies League 11:30 am</p>	<p>1 2 pm Bria Nursing Home Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 8 am Divine Service 9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service</p> <p>I MOM</p>	<p>11 Count (Team 2) 6:30 pm Divine Service</p>	<p>12 7:15^{am} Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters 4:30 pm Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Eve's Com Mtg 6:30 pm Elders Mtg</p>	<p>13 Food Pantry 4—5:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Noon Columbia Clergy Mtg 5:30 pm Eve's Board Mtg</p>	<p>15 2 pm Bria Nursing Home Worship 3:30 pm Garden Place Worship</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service 4 pm Life with God Class</p>	<p>18 Count (Team 3) 6:30 pm Divine Service</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due For June/July newsletter</p>	<p>19 7:15^{am} Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>20 7L30 am Rotary Business Mtg Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm</p>	<p>21 9 am Newsletter Folders 6 pm Eve's Restoration Programming Mtg 6:30 pm Eve's Restoration Building Acquisition Comm Mtg</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 8 am Divine Service (Sanctuary) 9:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing 10:30 am Divine Service</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Count (Team 1) Church Office Closed NO Monday Service</p> <p>Pastor Out of Town</p>	<p>26 7:15^{am} Men's Bible St. 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>27 6 pm Grizzlies Fellowship Event</p>	<p>28 5:30 pm Eve's Restoration Programming Mt.</p>	<p>29 6 pm Wedding Rehearsal Koenigstein/ Blum</p>	<p>30 Koenigstein/ Blum Wedding 4pm</p>
<p>31 Summer Worship Schedule 9 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study 4 pm Life with God Class</p>						

May Birthdays and Anniversaries ♡



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Carol Essert	4 Nicholas Bierman	5 Debra Dietz Heather Quevreaux Lori & Jason Woodcock ♡ Michele Nelson	6 Debra Dietz Heather Quevreaux Lori & Jason Woodcock ♡ Michele Nelson	7 Mike & Gail Zavadil ♡ Paulette Kremmel Quintin Roland Richard Pulcher	8 Steve Dinkelman	9 Sarah Fulk Silas Smith
10 Joe Starek Mel Stuckmeyer Rex Hancock Tom Eytchison	11 Graycie Luberda Juanita Ritter Mallory Beatty	12 Ryan Greer Pastor Krenz	13 Mike Louis Nicole Zavadil Seth Schwartz	14 Dan & Judith Schwartz ♡ Kip & Heather Quevreaux ♡	15 Ervin Riebeling Jr Tucker Herbeck	16 Ray & Mary Clyde ♡
17 Jeremy Grueninger Robert & Melissa Roessler ♡ Todd Hale	18 Graycie Luberda Juanita Ritter Mallory Beatty	19 Charles Farris Lisa Krenz Susan Champion	20 Seth Schwartz	21 Cameron Nowak Kylie Hofstetter Lennon Ottwell Tricia Dinkelman	22 Tucker Herbeck	23 Charles Consolino John Grohman
24 Callahan Rule Samantha & Ethan Hendricks ♡	25 Jane Stumpf	26 Charles Farris Lisa Krenz Susan Champion	27 Melodye Stamm Owen Lammert	28 Chelsea Linderer Terry & Debbie Aldridge ♡	29 Kinley Kritz Reagan Mathews Taylor Bierman	30 Collin Grandt
31 Dale & Cindy Schickedanz ♡ Don & Nancy Radentz ♡						



Pastoral Ponderings'

(The below answer, and answers to several common religious questions can be found at FAQ on the LCMS (Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod) web site.

QUESTION:

Can you lose your salvation, and, if you can, what do you need to do to regain it again?

ANSWER:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes and teaches that it is possible for a true believer to fall from faith, as Scripture itself soberly and repeatedly warns us (1 Cor. 10:12; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:17; Heb. 2:1-3, 3:12-19, 6:4-8, etc.). Such warnings are intended for Christians who appear to be lacking a right understanding of the seriousness of their sin and of God's judgment against sin, and who, therefore, are in danger of developing a false and proud "security" based not on God's grace, but on their own works, self-righteousness, or freedom to "do as they please."

By the same token, the LCMS affirms and treasures all of the wonderful passages in Scripture in which God promises He will never forsake those who trust in Christ Jesus alone for salvation (John 10:27-29; Rom. 8; Heb. 13:5-6, etc.). To those who are truly repentant and recognize their need for God's grace and forgiveness, such passages are powerful reminders of the true security that is ours through sincere and humble faith in Christ alone for our salvation. A person may be restored to faith in the same way he or she came to faith in the first place — by repenting of his or her sin and unbelief and trusting completely in the life, death and resurrection of Christ alone for forgiveness and salvation.

Whenever a person does repent and believe, this always takes place by the grace of God alone and by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word in a person's heart.

Adult Bible Education

Fridays, Once a Month: 2026

EYES on Isaiah

Our **Not-for-Couples-Only Bible Class** led by Pastor Sievers will focus on the OT book of Isaiah in 2026, meeting monthly on a convenient Friday. Learn how the Holy Spirit used Isaiah not only to predict with amazing detail our Savior's birth, death, and resurrection, but also to warn and comfort God's people. For more info or to order your \$12 study guide, call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097).

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We have been looking at the Weekly Scriptures in the Worship Service.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:15 am to 10:15

Do join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am as we continue our verse by verse look at the Gospel of Luke. We meet in the fellowship hall, and new people are always welcome.

Our **Summer Sunday School and Adult Bible Class** will run from May 31st thru July 12, from 10:15 am—11 am.

Life with God Classes:

A new 10–12 week adult information/membership class begins **Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.** The class covers the key beliefs of the Lutheran faith. Meeting times can be adjusted to accommodate summer schedules. For more information, contact **Pastor Krenz at 618-363-012** or the church office.



Our Mission Statement:

To Provide Parenting Resources & Christ-Centered Spiritual Care in a Residential Setting, to Mothers Whose Children are Currently in Foster Care, Empowering Them to Rebuild & Reunite Their Families.

DID YOU KNOW . . . that Eve's Restoration Ministries is a start-up non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization affiliated with our church, and as a charitable organization your gift is tax-deductible.

UPCOMING EVENT: TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
Time: 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)
Cost: \$25/per person or \$150/per table of six
Get together with some friends for a fun evening supporting Eve's Restoration Ministries!



UPCOMING EVENT:

EVE'S RESTORATION MINISTRIES SUMMER BAZAAR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026
Time: 9 am to 3 pm
Booths will be available for rent. MORE INFO TO COME!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

There is so much good work to be done! Will you consider joining the Eve's Restoration Ministries' Committee of St. Paul's?

The committee meets every other month for one hour. Please reach out to Amanda Douglas † 314-221-6700 for more information.

Together, we can empower mothers to rebuild and reunite their families!

← Trivia Night Pictures

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dinner Hop Fundraiser

August 29th, 2026

29
AUG

24
SEPT

Trivia Night

September 24th, 2026



May 2026 Preschool News Celebrating a Wonderful Year

It's hard to believe how quickly this school year has gone by! Our days have been filled with hands-on learning, laughter, and special moments together. We are nearing the end of our spring unit which has been filled with many discoveries and reminders of God's creation. From exploring gardening and flowers to learning about pond life and baby animals, the children have delighted in the beauty and wonder all around them. We planted seeds in celebration of Earth Day, now we wait and watch for signs of growth! We are also eager for our butterflies to emerge so that we can release them, celebrating new life and growth together.

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

We are also looking forward to several special events in the weeks ahead, including our Teddy Bear Picnic, campout day, and a fun Hawaiian luau to wrap up our ocean theme. More than anything, this year has been about growing together, building friendships, gaining confidence, and learning just how much God loves each one of us. It has been such a joy to share in these everyday moments with the children.

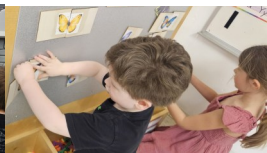
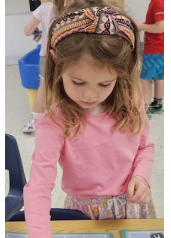
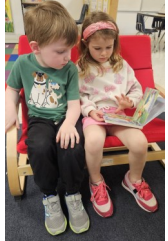
As we look ahead to the end of our school year, our last day of preschool will be Tuesday, May 19. We will celebrate with our students and their families at our annual Moving Up Ceremony, followed by special moments, festivities, and a light luncheon. We are so grateful for this wonderful year together.

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who support our preschool in so many meaningful ways. We are especially grateful to those who generously direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to our program and to Boy Scout Troop 357 for sprucing up our playground and helping install our new bench. To all who have contributed through financial donations or behind-the-scenes support, your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated.

Shelly Augustin,
Director/Teacher



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open.

Please share our number: 618-281-4190 to anyone looking for a great preschool!



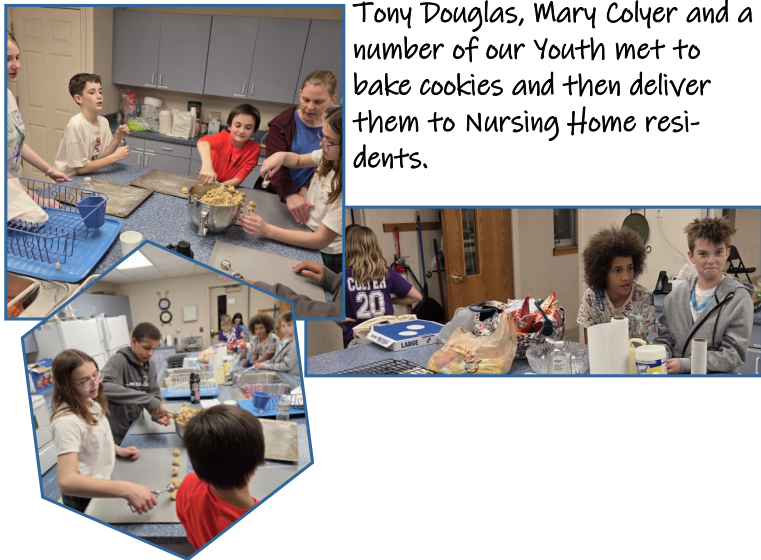
CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule
SS hour is 9:15 to 10:15 am.

youth SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth 8th -12th grade
Sundays: 9:15—10:15 am
In the Loft upstairs

Tony Douglas, Mary Colyer and a number of our Youth met to bake cookies and then deliver them to Nursing Home residents.



MAY ELDERS

	8 AM	10:30 AM	Monday 6:30 PM
May 3	4 David Greatting	Toby Search	Scott Peery Glenn Grebing
May 10	12 Mark Eischer	Charlie Consolino	Bob Thoma
May 17	18 Scott Moeslein	Levi Ottwell	Bob Thoma
May 24	25 Scott Moeslein	Toby Search	Bob Thoma

Single 9 AM Service

May 31/
Jun 01 David Greatting & ? Patrick Grandt ? Scott Peery

Considering the Call:

On Sunday, March 29th the members of St. Paul's Lutheran voted to call Linaya Kolke to serve here as our Director of Christian Education. Linaya presently serves a congregation in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers the call to serve here at St. Paul's and the on she presently has in Little Rock.

Join us on a
Tropical Trek!

DISCOVER VBS 2026

June 8th—June 12th VBS

We are in search of various items to decorate for VBS:

- Palm tree decor (inflatable, hangable, or attachable to a wall)
- Leaf banners/décor, Rattan/grass skirts
- Tropical animal decorations or stuffed animals
- Tropical flower decor - banners, fake florals, flower leis
- A large piece or small roll of kraft/butcher paper (ideally 4 ft by 16 ft)

If you are interested in donating or lending any of these items for VBS AND/OR you are interested in putting together decorations before **we decorate on June 6th and 7th**, or you have interest in helping to place/hang decorations on those dates, **please text Carleigh at 618-719-9307**. If lending, please just make sure to label your items in some way. If donating, many items can be found on Amazon or at the Dollar Tree. We typically decorate the Narthex, the children's room, the hallways leading to the sites, and the fellowship hall. We do have some things at church, but will need a few more things for this year's program.

Share In The Miracle

UNITY LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EAST ST. LOUIS, IL

You Are Cordially Invited to Join God's People

You're invited to be part of a true miracle – the Miracle of Unity! For twenty-three years, God's grace has guided our growth and ministry here, changing lives every day through His Word and the loving hearts of our community. There's no other explanation – this is truly a miracle, and we'd love for you to join us in the celebration!

Thursday, May 7th, 2026, at 6:30 PM
The Regency Conference Center
400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Make your reservations soon. Invite a table of eight (8). Bring your family, friends, church members, pastor, or neighbors.

There is no cost to attend. **Reservations are needed.** An opportunity to make a financial gift will be presented.

For more information, please contact
Rev. Aaron Dickerson at (618)874-6605 or aaron-dickerson@att.net

Share In The Miracle 2026 Spring Fundraising Dinner

Guests attending—Have you invited friends and family? Adults Only Please

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If/We cannot attend, but will support the Miracle of Unity with a Gift of \$_____



OOPS – Keep Asking Questions

Most people (including you) love to talk about themselves and tell you what they think or believe about so-and-so or such-and-such. Remember that the next time an opportunity to bring the Name of Jesus into a conversation arises. Rather than pounce with a preachy Word of God or proclaim your opinion or advice, prime the conversation with questions that will keep it going and let the person with whom you want to share Jesus know you are really listening to them and really wanting to be a blessing to them in some way. Try this and be amazed at where the Holy Spirit might lead you!

Just another OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.

MAY HOLIDAYS

- 1-May Day
 - 2-Brother & Sisters Day
 - 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)
 - 4-Star Wars Day
 - 5-Cinco De Mayo
 - 5- Ramadan (varies)
 - 6-National Nurses Day
 - 8- No Socks Day
 - 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
 - 11- Eat What You Want Day
 - 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
 - 15- National Chocolate Chip Day
 - 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)
 - 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)
 - 18-No Dirty Dishes Day
 - 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day
 - 21- Victoria Day (Canada)
 - 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day
 - 23- Lucky Penny Day
 - 25- National Brown Bag It Day
 - 26-Sally Ride Day
 - 27-Memorial Day (last Monday)
 - 28-National Hamburger Day
 - 30-Water a Flower Day
- SOFEESTIVE.COM



Current Pantry Needs:
Canned Ravioli/
SpaghettiOs, Pasta Sides

MONTHLY: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 1:30 -3 pm 2nd Wednesday: 4-5:30 pm
Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.

MAY Wednesdays: May 6, 13, & 20
1st & 3rd Wed - 1:30-3pm 2nd Wed - 4-5:30 pm

A Gift That Lives On

"As you prayerfully consider your future plans, we invite you to remember St. Paul's Lutheran in your estate or will. Such a gift is a lasting testimony of your faith and love for God's work in our community."
Stewardship Committee

Please consider Using your online bill pay option thru your bank account to send automatic contributions to the church monthly. No need to remember

LCMS Foundation May 2026 Newsletter Article

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Rene said to her good friend Cheryl, "I really don't like the idea of sharing much about my personal life with other people. I am very private. That's why I haven't moved forward with my estate plan revisions after Peter died. I just don't want to tell everyone what I am thinking about, and what I am planning to do. Cheryl responded, "Didn't you go to the doctor last month, to deal with your fear that you might have cancer?" "Well yes, I did. What is your point?" "My point is that you openly shared your fears with your doctor, talked about some very personal symptoms and allowed the doctor to run tests. I am so thankful you got a good report. Seeking the help of someone who will care about you, who understands how to get you organized, who can keep you on track and who can share a wealth of information about how to achieve your goals, is the same thing. It's good to be assisted by someone who has compassion and experience. I worked with the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor after a presentation they did at Church. They were very helpful. I had some work to do but because of the counselor we dug in, I made some decisions, I completed work with my attorney and now I have peace of mind knowing I have a good plan in place."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you as well with their care, organizational skill and charitable gift planning expertise. To get started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.



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

LADIES LEAGUE/ LWML

Our meeting took place on April 9. VP Susan Housewright led us in the devotion, "Spring is in the Air". The sweet spirit of God's love flows within us like the maple sap flows within the tree. God taps that love and refines it. Just as there are different grades of maple syrup there are different ways that we pour out our love. There is only one true and everlasting love that comes from God, given through His Son.

We then enjoyed our lunch provided by our guest speaker, Wendy Stevens. After lunch, Wendy told us about Thrivent, the non-profit where she works. Their unique combination of financial services and generosity programs helps clients make an impact on the people, causes, and communities of their policy holders. We are grateful for the Thrivent gift cards and Choice Dollars we have received over the years. Check out the Thrivent website for your financial and estate planning needs.

Our business meeting followed. The standing committees gave their reports...

Comforts of Love—need someone to help sew bindings on the quilts.

Altar Cloths—Helen Nowak will no longer make the baptismal banners. Sandy Louis volunteered to start making them and Mitzi Ottwell will also help.

Altar Flowers—thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Lillies, Easter cross flowers in the Sanctuary, and the daffodil lawn cross. Celebration of a Risen Christ and new life.

Confirmation Friend—several of our members will provide drinks and cookies for the Confirmation questioning on April 29 at 06:30 pm.

Card Ministry—several cards were sent to our members for birth, baptism, get well/ encouragement, and sympathy.

LWML activities in April include ...

★ **SID Spring Retreat in Carbondale on April 18.**

★ **Zone Spring Prayer Service at Immanuel Lutheran in Waterloo on April 2**—several of our members plan to attend.

★ **Thank you** to Mitzi Ottwell & all who helped with the church cleaning!

★ **Food Pantry and Eve's Restoration** will host a fellowship Chili Dinner on April 26 sign up sheet in the narthex.

★ **We sang Happy Birthday** to Jean Kirk, Sue Nolte, Barb Ries, and Lillian Koenigstein. **Happy Birthday to our Mailbox members:** Carleigh Ottwell, Bethany Grandt, and Julie Greatting.

Nancy Radentz closed the meeting with prayer. Thank you to our hostesses Wanda Gross and Stefanie Newbill who introduced us to a Romanian Easter tradition.

Next meeting is May 7th.

We welcome all the ladies of the congregation to come and join us.

Monthly mtgs are on the first Thursday of the month, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. If you have questions please contact Jane E Stumpf at 314-852-8776.



Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am Women of the Bible
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Comforts of Love Quilters-Tuesdays
Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am -10:30 am Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!
Thank you for all your support! Questions? contact Wanda Gross or Marilyn Snider.

We need additional assistance to sew bindings on the quilts that our quilters make. Any sewers out there? This would be a wonderful way to get involved and help out. This can be a "take home" project completed at your convenience.



Member Spotlight

Charlie & Jeanine Consolino



We have been members of St. Paul's for about 10+ years. I became acquainted with STP largely through my dear friend, Catherine Mathews. I began as an organist and Charlie came along for the ride.

We thoroughly enjoy traveling both stateside and abroad. We are so looking forward to our next trip to the Rhine River area this coming October. We also enjoy our trips to see family. We love to attend Lenten fish fries. Another wonderful time is spent with our sweet little dog, Barney. Charlie calls him "well cared for" and I say "he's spoiled."

We enjoy so much about STP that it's hard to put into words. Charlie serves on the Board of Elders and I continue on the organ bench as well as service planning with our wonderful shepherd, Pastor Krenz. I serve on the Board of Education, as well as assisting with bulletin board displays. Charlie also drives a funeral coach for Leesman Funeral Homes.

There are so many Bible passages that stand out for us but our wedding text has been a pattern for our daily lives-Romans 14:7-9--

"7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living."

We thank God daily for leading us to such a caring, loving community of believers.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH



Beginning 5/31

Sundays 9 am Divine Worship Service
10:15 am Bible Study for all Ages

Mondays 6:30 pm Divine Worship Service

Official Acts of the Church

Funeral:

Skylar Maria Gage 1/15/2026 (non-member)

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Barbra Schneider, 4/7/2026

+

Bob Schueler, 4/14/2026 (non-member)

+

Baptism:

Isla Joy Essert, 3/8/2026

+

Marsha Pauline Jackson. 3/28/2026 (85 years old)



Thank you

Thank You!

For the spacious new look in the church office, the cleaning & tidying and so many ways you are working around the church. (Steve & Mitzi Ottwell)

AND

For the Bench in the preschool playground bought by the Rotary & installed by a Boy Scout troop &



Newsletter Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)

For June/July 2026 Newsletter: 5/18

We will combine June & July into one newsletter. The next one will be published for August. Thank you for your help!



The Epistle

2026

Dear friends and members of St. Paul's,

In the month of May, we will be celebrating two of the five major church festivals, Ascension Day and Pentecost. At Jesus' ascension we see Jesus ascending into heaven, surprisingly through the power of the Holy Spirit, to get closer to us. By ascending Jesus does not leave the world, but instead He transforms the way He comes to the world. On Pentecost, we see the Holy Spirit being gifted to God's people, and because of that Spirit, many are brought to faith in Christ and emboldened to spread the message.



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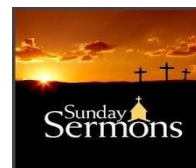
Yet, in our culture, there is another May event that has become central to the month, and that is the celebration of Mother's Day. Julie Ward Howe, who wrote "The Battle hymn of the Republic," first suggested Mother's Day as a day of peace following the Civil

War. Our modern-day celebration of Mother's Day dates to Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. In 1907 she asked her church to hold a special Mother's Day service on the second anniversary of her mother's death. Seven years later, on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Willson proclaimed that the second Sunday in May was to be observed as Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis was never married, and she never was herself a mother. Yet she devoted her life's work to the development of this day. Why? Largely out of the respect and appreciation she had for her own mother.

For most of us, Mother's Day is a celebration. It is a family day that gives us a chance to intentionally say thank you to mothers who too often fail to receive the appreciation they deserve. Yet for others, Mother's Day is anything but a celebration. For those who have lived with infertility, a day like this can be a reminder of what could have been. Others silently grieve the loss of a child through miscarriage or a still birth. As you celebrate God's gift of mothers on Mother's Day pray that God would bring healing to those who grieve such losses, and may he use the body of Christ to convey such healing.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Krenz

- May 3rd & 4th "The Look of Care & Witness in the Body of Christ" Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60**
- May 10th- "Christianity in An Age of Spirituality" Acts 17:16-31**
- May 17th- "Being One" John 17:1-11**
- May 24th "The Gifts of Pentecost" Acts 2:1-21**
- May 31st "Unpacking the Great Commission" Matthew 28:16-20**



MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 10, 2026

MAY 17, 2026
ASCENSION SUNDAY
Christ ascends into heaven,
completing His earthly mission.



MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY
The Holy Spirit descends—
birth of the Church.



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