



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Summer

Worship Hours

Sundays 9 am
Mondays 6:30 pm

The Epistle
June/July 2026


Worship with Us!!!




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227 Goodhaven Street
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Count (Team 2) 6:30 pm Service	2 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 5:30 pm B of Youth	3 Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm	4 Ladies League 11:30 am	5 2 pm Bria Nursing Home Bible Study 6:30 pm Pastor Sievers Bible Study	6
7 9 am Divine Service 10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing	8 Count (Team 3) 5:30 pm BOCO Mtg 6:30 pm Service	9 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters	10 11 am Pastor Krenz on KFUCO Radio "Thy Strong Word" Food Pantry 4—5:30 pm	11 5:30 pm Eve's Board Mtg Zoom	12	13
<i>Vacation Bible School - Monday, 6/8 to Friday, 6/12 - 9 am to 12 pm - Ages 3 (toilet trained) thru 6th grade Closing Program Frida at 12 Pizza Luncheon</i>						
14 Father's Day Eve's Restoration Home Sunday 9 am Divine Service 10:15 am -Adult Bible Class in F. Hall SS Children & Youth in SS Wing	15 Count (Team 1) 6:30 pm Service	16 7:15 ^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters 4:30 pm Trustees 5:30 pm Eve's Mtg	17 7:30 am Rotary Business Mtg Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm	18 Noon Columbia Clergy Mtg 5:30 pm Eve's	19 2 pm Bria Worship 3:30 pm Garden Place Worship	20
<i>Pastor on Vacation June 17 thru 23</i>						
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<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"><i>Newsletter Articles Due For August newsletter</i></div>		<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"><i>LCMS Convention Phoenix, Arizona July 18 thru 23</i></div>				
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	1 Jillian Gross Kyva Meyers Steven & Mitzi Ottwell ♥	2 Brian & Jennifer Kremmel ♥ Levi & Carleigh Ottwell ♥	3 Jeff Phelps	4 Christopher Bequette Jeffrey Starek Joanna Douglas Kris Stuckmeyer Rachel Mathews Randy & Marian Mathews ♥	5 Brad & Deanna Roessler ♥ Nathan Kremmel Roger & Kathy Stechmesser ♥ Samantha Blosser	6 Eric Bierman Thomas Hagan Tricia Rauh
	7 Harold & Jamie Lyon ♥	8 Debbie Aldridge Deborah Roediger Don Radentz Paul & Marilyn Snider ♥ Samantha Potts	9 Jeanne AuBuchon	10 Brian Upchurch Kurt & Erin Schmoll ♥ Marilyn Kisro Melvin Becherer Rachel Feldman	11 Randall Hood Jr	12 Amy Riebeling Charles & Wanda Gross ♥ Dale Schickedanz
14 Brett Gummersheimer Emily Stephens Patrick & Bethany Grandt ♥	15 Don & Christine Link ♥ Rick Meyer	16 Alice Jestus Kent Haberl Mark & Dianne Bierman ♥	17 Charles & Jeanine Consolino ♥ Jennifer Ainsworth Joel & Savannah Greatting ♥ Sophia Collet	18 Eddie & Ann Luedeman ♥ Jack & Julie Russell ♥ Mike & Sandy Louis ♥	19 Eli Gummersheimer Sarah Haskell	20 Augustine Niehaus Bob Portell Haley Mathews Jacqueline Gross Joe & Jan Starek ♥ Rick Butler
21 Bernard Murrell & Phyllis Peters ♥ Marilyn Snider	22 Jeremy & Ashley Reichert ♥	23	24 Brandon Aldridge Mozelle Niehaus Stephen Twillmann	25 Kinley Camp Vivienne Blankenship	26 Brittany Konersman Mark & Deborah Eischer ♥ William Duvall	27 Jacob Camp Nancy Radentz Nikki Link
28 Dane Quevreaux	29 Kariye Thompson	30 Gene Haberl Tanner Roessler				

June/July Birthdays & Anniversaries ♥

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Carl Becker & Connie Broadhurst Dustin Feldman Emily Pruden Kurt Schmoll Luke Sackman Pastor Stephen & Lisa Krenz ♥	2 Alexis Voelkel Gail & Robert Thoma ♥ Katie Rule Marge Drexler	3 Chelsea Murray Scott & Kim Peery William & Anna Earl ♥ William Linderer	4 Bill Lacefield Brian Russell
	5 Carter Krick	6 Craig & Corinne Story ♥ Kim Butler Ryan Peery Steve Eckert Taylor Gummersheimer Tyler Mathews	7 Andrew Ford Gerhardt Theiss	8 Brendon Haberl Robin Phelps	9 Garrett Byerley Jared & Angela Dinkelman ♥ Jason & Becky Stevens ♥ Mallory Stephens Matthew Mancarella	10
12 Drake Luedeman Jason & Jessica Kritz ♥	13 Ian Ericson Mary Colyer	14 Andrew Locke Kimberly Gross	15 Antonio & Theresa Mancarella ♥ Greg Lammert & Stephanie Althoff-Lammert ♥ Janet Kenney Jennifer Chandler	16 Donna Oliver Emily Collet Kathy Monte Randy Mathews Stephen Toolen Jr	17 Charlie Wilmotte Natalie Arras	18 Don Womack Jr Jeffrey & Emily Pruden ♥ Jennifer Kremmel Steve & Carol Ericson ♥ Toby Search
19 Alexis Wilson Samantha Hendricks	20 Brandon Bossung Hayden Theiss	21 Andrew Krump Bill & Robin Lacefield ♥ Brynnley Grider Dana Keeven Doug Tolbird Nelson Mathews	22 Evelyn D. Busch Joshua Wilson Kevin & Lillian Koenigstein ♥ Stephen & Sydnie Twillmann ♥	23 Samantha Lacefield Steven Ottwell Susan Stemler	24 Sandra Andracsek	25 Catherine Link Gloria Hertz Patrick & Chelsea Linderer ♥ Rogue Nitzsche
26 Andrea Monte Jeremy Monte Paula Probst Robert Thoma Ryan Degenhardt Tim Monte	27 Alyssa Rauh Griffin Ray Rule Rose Anne Bense Sylvia Edwards	28 Gail Thoma Sean O'Guin	29 Kristen Ackermann	30 Doug & Norma Feldman ♥	31 Donna Tolbird William Fries	



Pastoral Ponderings'

Summer Bible Reading Plan- This summer we are suggesting that congregational members and friends immerse themselves in the Epistles of St. Paul through a 90 -day reading plan. Here are a few suggestions as you read through this plan.

☆ **Highlight-** or underline key verses that strike you as memorable in the Bible.

☆ **Engage-** Discuss these readings in your household and/or send me emails/texts with any questions you might have on the readings. My intention is also to spend the first part of the Sunday Bible Class unpacking key themes from the past week's readings.

☆ **Law and Gospel-** Look for God's commands (law), and God's promises in these readings by using a different color to highlight each.

☆ **Context-** To help understand a particular passage look at it in view of the passages which surround it.

☆ **Christ-** The Bible is written to point us to Jesus. Especially note those passages which help us better understand our Savior's saving love. (John 20:31)



WEEK 1 — 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Day 1 □ 1 Thessalonians 1
Day 2 □ 1 Thessalonians 2
Day 3 □ 1 Thessalonians 3
Day 4 □ 1 Thessalonians 4
Day 5 □ 1 Thessalonians 5
Day 6 □ 2 Thessalonians 1
Day 7 □ 2 Thessalonians 2-3

WEEK 2 — Galatians
Day 8 □ Galatians 1
Day 9 □ Galatians 2
Day 10 □ Galatians 3
Day 11 □ Galatians 4
Day 12 □ Galatians 5
Day 13 □ Galatians 6
Day 14 □ Reflection

WEEKS 3-5 — Romans
Day 15 □ Romans 1
Day 16 □ Romans 2
Day 17 □ Romans 3
Day 18 □ Romans 4
Day 19 □ Romans 5
Day 20 □ Romans 6
Day 21 □ Romans 7
Day 22 □ Romans 8
Day 23 □ Romans 9

Day 24 □ Romans 10
Day 25 □ Romans 11
Day 26 □ Romans 12
Day 27 □ Romans 13
Day 28 □ Romans 14
Day 29 □ Romans 15
Day 30 □ Romans 16
Day 31 □ Reflection
Day 32 □ Reflection
Day 33 □ Reflection

WEEK 6 — 1 Corinthians
Day 34 □ 1 Corinthians 1
Day 35 □ 1 Corinthians 2
Day 36 □ 1 Corinthians 3
Day 37 □ 1 Corinthians 4
Day 38 □ 1 Corinthians 5
Day 39 □ 1 Corinthians 6
Day 40 □ 1 Corinthians 7
Day 41 □ 1 Corinthians 8
Day 42 □ 1 Corinthians 9
Day 43 □ 1 Corinthians 10
Day 44 □ 1 Corinthians 11
Day 45 □ 1 Corinthians 12
Day 46 □ 1 Corinthians 13
Day 47 □ 1 Corinthians 14
Day 48 □ 1 Corinthians 15-16

WEEK 7 — 2 Corinthians
Day 49 □ 2 Corinthians 1
Day 50 □ 2 Corinthians 2
Day 51 □ 2 Corinthians 3
Day 52 □ 2 Corinthians 4
Day 53 □ 2 Corinthians 5
Day 54 □ 2 Corinthians 6
Day 55 □ 2 Corinthians 7
Day 56 □ 2 Corinthians 8
Day 57 □ 2 Corinthians 9
Day 58 □ 2 Corinthians 10
Day 59 □ 2 Corinthians 11
Day 60 □ 2 Corinthians 12-13

WEEK 8 — Ephesians & Philippians
Day 61 □ Ephesians 1
Day 62 □ Ephesians 2
Day 63 □ Ephesians 3
Day 64 □ Ephesians 4
Day 65 □ Ephesians 5
Day 66 □ Ephesians 6
Day 67 □ Philippians 1
Day 68 □ Philippians 2
Day 69 □ Philippians 3
Day 70 □ Philippians 4

WEEK 9 — Colossians & Philemon
Day 71 □ Colossians 1
Day 72 □ Colossians 2
Day 73 □ Colossians 3
Day 74 □ Colossians 4
Day 75 □ Philemon

WEEK 10 — 1 Timothy
Day 76 □ 1 Timothy 1
Day 77 □ 1 Timothy 2
Day 78 □ 1 Timothy 3
Day 79 □ 1 Timothy 4
Day 80 □ 1 Timothy 5
Day 81 □ 1 Timothy 6

WEEK 11 — 2 Timothy
Day 82 □ 2 Timothy 1
Day 83 □ 2 Timothy 2
Day 84 □ 2 Timothy 3
Day 85 □ 2 Timothy 4

WEEK 12 — Titus
Day 86 □ Titus 1
Day 87 □ Titus 2
Day 88 □ Titus 3
Day 89 □ Catch up
Day 90 □ Catch up

Adult Bible Education

Fr 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 now the Holy Spirit used Isaiah not only to predict with amazing detail our Savior's birth, death, & resurrection, but also to warn & 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 Isaiah and the Weekly Scriptures in the Worship Service. Our Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will run from May 31st thru July12, from 10:15 am—11 am. The Adult Class will continue its study of various Christian denominations and reflect on the weekly summer readings from Paul's epistles.

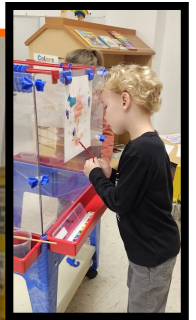


Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. -Joshua 1:9

The last day of preschool is always bittersweet for us. While several students will be returning this fall for their second year with us, many are moving on to kindergarten. It is always hard to say goodbye to these special students, but we are so proud of all they have learned and how much they have grown this year. This year was filled with learning, laughter, and many precious memories. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their exciting new chapter. They will certainly be missed!

We thank God for blessing us with another wonderful school year together. Thank you to our church family and preschool families for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We pray everyone has a safe, joyful, and blessed summer!

Shelly Augustin,
Director/Teacher



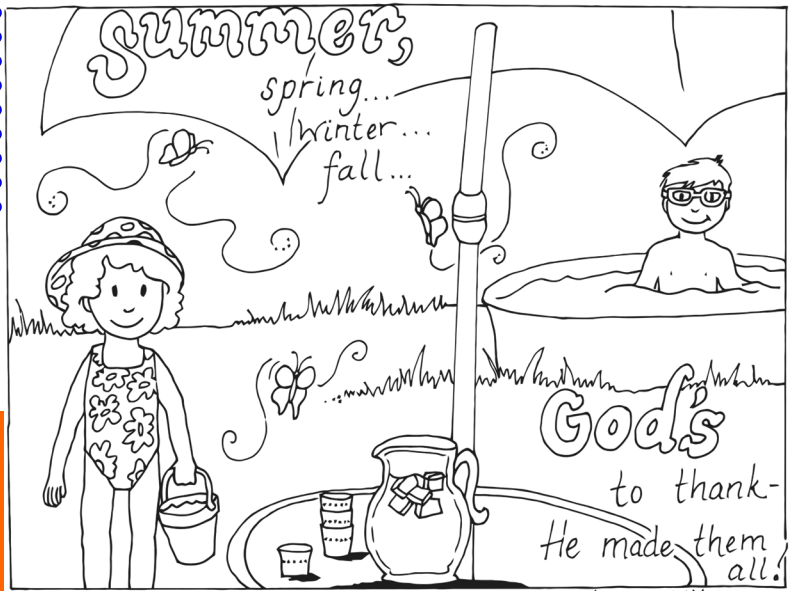
Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open.
Please share our number: 618-281-4190 to anyone looking for a great preschool!



CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

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

SS will meet May 31st thru July 5th following the 9 am service.



Mandy Groce '10

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youth
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Youth 8th -12th grade
Sundays: 10:15 am -11 am
June 31 -July 5
In the Loft upstairs



**Congratulations Summer Servant Event
May Confirmands!**

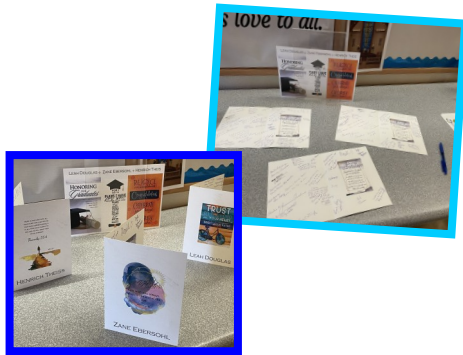
Adelynne Cochran
Alexis Grandt
Caroline Herbeck

Five of our youth are joining the youth from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis on a **summer servant event in Burnsville, North Carolina on June 20 - 28th**. This area was impacted by Hurricane Helene, and the youth will be assisting in ongoing rebuilding efforts in that region. The theme for the event is "**Here I Stand**", and the youth will be learning how God gives us tools to stand when facing temptation and loneliness.

On **June 14th** we will have a special **commissioning service**, and on **July 12th** the youth are planning to speak on their servant event after the 9am worship service. Becky and Jay Stevens will be the adult chaperons on this trip.

Congratulations May High School Graduates!

Leah Douglas
Zane Ebersohl
Henrich
Thieiss



TROPICAL TREK
Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 8-12, 2026
9 AM - 12 PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
227 N GOOD HAVEN COLUMBIA, IL

AGES 3 (TOILET TRAINED) THRU 6TH GRADE WELCOME!

CLOSING PROGRAM 6/12 AT 12 PM
PIZZA LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY! • STPAULS-LCMS.ORG

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 & /OR you are interested in putting together decorations before we decorate on June 6th & 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, & the fellowship hall. We do have some things at church, but will need a few more things for this year's program.



OOPS – A Repeat OOPS – Wear Your T-Shirt

Do you have a St. Paul's T-Shirt? If not, why not? If you do, have you worn it yet this year? If not, why not? The purpose behind our T-shirt project (like our yard signs) is to remind ourselves and others we are part of a Christian church family "Sending Love & Hope Through Jesus."

So, get one if you haven't got one yet. They're displayed in the narthex right now and they're free although a \$10 donation is suggested. Be INTENTIONAL and wear yours, if you have one—to special events like VBS (June 8-12), like all of the 4th of July celebrations, like Columbia Days Festival and Parade (Aug 15), and like the church picnic (Sept 20).

Be INTENTIONAL and wear it to the grocery store, the doctor, McDonalds, the pool, the park, etc. Smile with pride and joy and say "I belong to St. Paul's too" whenever you're out-and-about and run into someone else who too is being INTENTIONAL and wearing their St. Paul's T-shirt.

Just another OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Compassion help
blessing grace
selfless community
generosity
Jesus
comfort kindness
love peace hope

FOOD PANTRY Ministry

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Food Pantry Needs...

Chili, Saltines, and Garden Produce if you have extra
June 3 (1:30-3pm), **June 10** (4-5:30 pm), **June 17** (1:30-3pm)
July 1 (1:30-3pm), **July 8** (4-5:30pm), **July 15** (1:30-3pm)

America By the Numbers

- 56** Signers to the Declaration of Independence.
- 1788** Year the U.S. Constitution was ratified by the required nine states (June 21). All 13 states ratified the document by May 29, 1790. Although 27 amendments have been added to the document, the structure of the Constitution has not changed since it was written in 1787.
- 19** Number of representatives chosen to represent their state at the Constitutional Convention but failed to attend a single meeting.
- 1791** Year The Bill of Rights is added to the U.S. Constitution.
- 7** Founding Fathers Many contributed to the founding of the U.S., these seven are seen as the principle Founding Fathers—John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington.
- 27** Amendments to the U.S. Constitution The first 10 are known as The Bill of Rights.
- 39** Signers of the U.S. Constitution Although there were 42 delegates that attended most of the meetings, only 39 signed the document. Edmund Randolph and George Mason of Virginia, and Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts refused to sign the document because it didn't include a Bill of Rights.
- 1,458** Number of words in the Declaration of Independence, which included 27 grievances with the King of England.
- 1776** Year the Declaration of Independence is signed Fun fact: The Continental Congress adopted it on July 4, 1776; however, it was engrossed on parchment and signed by the delegates on August 2, 1776.
- 13** Original colonies (and eventual states)—Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia.
- 1775** Year the Revolutionary War began when shots are fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.
- 4,400** Number of words in the U.S. Constitution (not including the signatures). It is the shortest and oldest of any major government.
- 34** Number of delegates to the Constitutional Convention that were lawyers.
- 3** Cities that have served as the U.S. capital—New York City (1785-1790), Philadelphia (1790-1800) and Washington, D.C. (1800-present).

For more about American Independence visit 250independence.njsbf.org New Jersey State Bar Foundation Informed Citizens Are Better Citizens

CELEBRATING 250 ANNIVERSARY

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, & 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
 There will be vendor booths, concessions, food/ice cream truck, face painting for the kids, and more! Please stop by the church and support the Summer Bazaar! Booths will be available for rent.

Contact Amanda Douglas at 314-221-6700 for more information. Have a great summer!

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dinner Hop Fundraiser
August 29th, 2026

29 AUG

24 SEPT

Trivia Night
September 24th, 2026

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

LADIES LEAGUE/ LWML

Our May meeting was opened at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Vice President Susan Housewright led us in a devotion, "Wisdom for Living. A Direct Line to God." Prayers are heard and answered--Psalm 54:2, Phillipians 4:6. We all said the Common Table Prayer before we enjoyed a delicious meal--mostaccioli prepared by Sandy Roesler, salad prepared by Nancy Radentz, and warm breads by Stefanie Newbill. After lunch, our guest speaker from Illinois Extension Services, Lisa Dean, spoke to us about Hummingbirds. She had some very informative handouts about the various species of hummingbirds and plants for attracting them.

☆ The various committees reported during our business meeting...



Comforts of Love—

Donna Stine graciously volunteered to sew the bindings on the quilts. They could use another person to help with this.

Altar Cloth—Sandy Louis and Mitzi Ottwell with Helen Nowak's help have made their first baptismal banner.

Card Ministry—cards were sent for Thinking of you/get well/encouragement, sympathy, baptism, and birthday.

Confirmation Friends—thank you to Stefanie Newbill, Mitzi Ottwell, and Marilyn Snider for making cookies for the confirmand questioning.

Decorating—Alice Jestus has officially retired. Thank you for the many years your creativity has beautified the church and fellowship hall.

Funeral committee—luncheon was held after Barb Schneider funeral.

Mailbox members—Marilyn sends out the minutes, mite calendar, and the devotion.



LWML News

1) **SID 43rd Biennial Convention** will be held **Friday and Saturday, September 11-12 at Metro East Lutheran H.S. in Edwardsville.** The topic will be "Rooted and Grounded in Love." They will host an Ingathering for the High School—monetary collection or Amazon gift cards and Sam's gift cards. **Registration before July 1 and cost is \$35.**

2) Wanda Gross, as an SID Gospel Outreach committee member, reported that the committee will be working on the list of scholarship applications of student church workers and will be approving and issuing in the Fall. The committee has already worked on grant money applications.

New Business

Don Radentz would like to form a committee of 5-6 women to discuss and form decorative ideas to present to the next Voters Meeting as they consider redoing the communion railing area.

Old Business

We continue to collect unuse and/or broken jewelry to donate to Monarch. The box is located by the LWML resources counter.

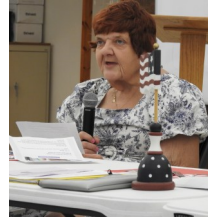
Next Month

Hostesses for the **June 4th meeting** will be Rose Anne Bense. and Cindy Troup. Dennis Patton will be our guest speaker; he will talk about Columbia history.

July's meeting will be

July 2 and hostesses are Helen Nowak and Susan Housewright. The topic will be a military theme.

We sang happy birthday to Pastor Krenz & Jane Stumpf. Jane closed with prayer. In observance of National Prayer Day and the upcoming of Mothers' Day and Memorial Day, she included a prayer of remembrance for our Fallen Service Heros and to all Mothers.



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.



Official Acts of the Church

Confirmation:

Adelynn Cochrane 5/3/2026
Alexis Grandt 5/3/2026
Caroline Herbeck 5/3/2026



Baptism:
Kylie Jane Linderer,
5/11/2026



New Members:
Cochrane Family, James, Shiloh, Tyler, (Adelynn)
5/7/2026 Transfer from Hope Lutheran High Ridge, MO

Thank you to all who came out and all who worked to put this together!
Over 40 people attended the Sunday, April 26th Chili Supper sponsored by the Stewardship Board.

Congratulations Sara Grace and Austin Kudray who will be married June 6th!



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.

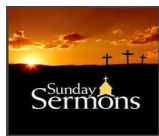


The Epistle

So, we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:5
 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Starting May 31st, we will once again transition from two Sunday services to one 9am Sunday service. This presents a wonderful opportunity for the 8am and 10:30am attendees to interact with fellow members they do not usually see due to differing worship times. While overall worship participation typically decreases in the summer, lets break this trend and together gather to receive our Lord's gracious gospel gifts, praise his name, jointly carry out our calling to confess Christ, and care for one another. Have a blessed summer!

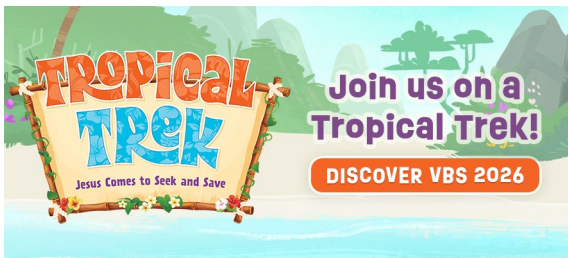
Yours in Christ,
 Pastor Krenz



- June 7th & 8th
 "The righteousness of faith & why this matters" Romans 4:13-25
- June 14th & 15th- (Eve's Restoration Sunday)
 "He dies for the ungodly & why that matters" Romans 5:6-15
- June 21st and 22nd- Guest Reverend Josh Cook
- June 28th & 29th- "Losing life to Find It" Matthew 10:38-39
- July 5th & 6th- "Rest for the Weary" Matthew 11:25-30



Vacation Bible School
 June 8-12



- Eve's Restoration Sunday June 14
- Eve's Trivia Night June 25
- Eve's Summer Bazaar July 25
- Voters Meeting July 28
- Eve's Dinner Hop August 29
- Annual Church Picnic September 20
- Tanner Olsen Youth Event September 26
- Reformation Service w/ Circuit Congregation October 31
 (Hosted at St. Paul's)



- Sundays**
- 9 am Divine Worship Service
- 10:15 am Bible Study for all Ages
- Mondays**
- 6:30 pm Divine Worship Service
- Summer Adult Bible Study & SS**
 will meet **May 31st - July 5th**
 following the 9 am service

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