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Sundays
8 am & 10:30 am
Mondays
6:30 pm



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 OCTOBER  WHO WILL YOU INVITE?						
4 DCE Installation: Hannah Elsey 8 am 8 am Divine Service 9:15 am – Welcome Brunch NO SS & Bible Study for all ages 10:30 am Divine Service Baptism – Bryn Lee Bierman Noon: Fellowship Hall Rental: Bill & Robin Lacefield	5 Count (Team 2) Pastors Conference Todd Hall 9 am Service St. Paul's 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Service	6 7:15^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters Pastors Conference Todd Hall 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Service	7 Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm 4 & 6 pm Jr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	8 Ladies League 11:30 am 4 pm Young Adult Confirmation 6 pm Adult Confirmation 5:30 pm Eve's Board Mtg	9 2 pm Nexus Nursing Home Bible Study 5 pm Eve's Restoration in Park 6 – 9 pm Youth Loaded Bibles event 6:30 pm Pastor Sievers Bible Study	10
11 LWML 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 Baptism -Esme Grace O'Guin	12 Columbus Day Count (Team 3) 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Service	13 7:15^{am} Men's Bible 9 am Quilters 4:30 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Elders	14 Food Pantry 4—5:30 pm 4 & 6 pm Jr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	15 11 am Church Constitution Mtg 5:30 pm Eve's Board Mtg	16 2 pm Nexus Worship 3:30 pm Garden Place Worship	17
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October Servants	10/4 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 10/5 Mon 6:30 pm	10/11 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 10/12 Mon 6:30 pm	10/18 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 10/19 Mon 6:30 pm	10/25 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 10/26 Mon 6:30 pm
Elder	D. Greatting (E) T. Search (L) S. Peery (M)	M. Eischer (E) Charlie Consolino (L) Glenn Grebing (Mon)	S. Moeslein (E) L. Ottwell (L) Bob Thoma (Mon)	D. Greatting (E) T. Search (L) Scott Peery (Mon)
Organist	Jeanine Consolino	Jeanine Consolino	Sarah Koester	Karen Shimkus
Greeter/Usher	Jonathan Busch (E) Joydean Beatty (L) Kevin Miller (M)	L. Schmidt (E) L. McAuliffe (L) (M)	M. Ottwell (E) D. Tolbird (L) Brenda Appel (M)	(E) Ezra Douglas (L) Sue Champion (M)
Acolyte	(E) Augustin Niehaus (L) (M)	Nathan Schmoll (E) Carter Krick (L) (M)	Collin Grandt (E) Lennon Ottwell (L) (M)	Evy Colyer (E) Isaac Douglas (L) Collins Ackerman (M)
Screens	Josh Colyer	Kyva Meyers (E) Gary Maske (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Campbell Ottwell (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Dane Quevreaux (L)
Video (E)	Aiden Coyler	Kaylee G (E)	Aiden Colyer (E)	Aiden Colyer (E)

*Blue font denotes to be determined. * (E)Early Service; (L) Late Service; (M) Monday Service

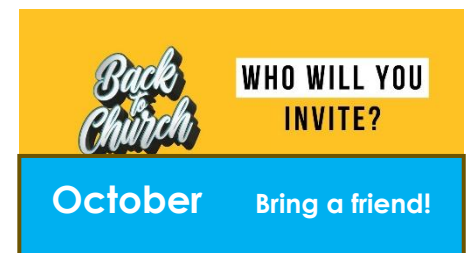


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				1 Dean Lyon Patricia Gruber Ryan & Kathleen Murray ♥	2 Diane Busch Matthew Louis	3 Mike Zavadil
4 Elijah Douglas	5 Kent & Pam Haberl ♥ Steven Howell	6 Michael & Denise Nowak ♥ Terry Aldridge	7 Anthony Douglas Reed Greatting Tom & Sherry Smith ♥	8 Josh Colyer Ken & Michelle Mathews ♥ Kristopher K. Kirmess Neil Hunt	9 Randy & Cynthia Hill ♥ Tyler & Haley Herbeck ♥	10 Mike Roediger Payton Roland Ricky Gulin
11 Denise Grider Derrick & Katie Rule ♥ Joe Rahn Karl Nowak	12 Brett Luther Brooke Quevreaux Lyle Jahr	13 Dan Schwartz Kaitlyn Blum Kevin Koenigstein Zachary Mathews	14 Adeline Chandler Stephanie Althoff-Lammert Terri Grohman	15 Craig Story Judith Kellenberger	16 Alan & Michele Colbert ♥ Brittany Russell Brock Kleinschmidt Ray Bense	17 Anthony & Amanda Douglas ♥ Bill & Barb Goshen ♥ Lori Camp
18 Andrew Watts Toby & Gina Search ♥	19	20 Cyndee Luther Kristopher & Bria Kirmess ♥ Mitch & Carol Essert ♥	21 George Hand Robert Glaenzer	22 Brynlee Rule Heinrich Theiss	23	24 Darby Boland Jeremy & Stephanie Duvall ♥
25 Evelyn Gross	26 Andrew Colyer Dallas Eytchison Glenn & June Grebing ♥ Jackie Haberl Jessica Womack Tori Locke	27	28 Rex & Carole Hancock ♥ Robert & Penny Rauh ♥ Ty Camp	29 Ashlynn Magnuson	30 Rebecca Byerley	31 Dallas & Jana Eytchison ♥

Back to Church October:

Receiving God's merciful Word in worship with fellow believers is a great joy for many reading this newsletter, but that is not the case for many church members. In our congregation less than 1/3rd of those listed as baptized members attend on a regular basis. Thomas Rainer in his book "Essential Church? Reclaiming a Generation of Dropouts" gave the below top ten reasons why young adults left the church. Note how many of these reasons are due to a life-changing event in their lives. Interestingly, the most common reasons for not attending do not include a preference for a different music style, frustration with church leadership, or even disagreement with church teachings. What does all of this tell us? If the church can walk with people through a variety of life-changing events, the likelihood of people staying connected is greater. In another survey members were more likely to stay after one year of joining the church if they know up to six people. May the Lord open our eyes to the lives of our fellow church members, especially during times of significant life changes.

1. I simply wanted a break from the church.
2. I moved to college and stopped attending church.
3. My work responsibilities prevented me from attending church.
4. I moved too far away from the church to continue attending.
5. I became too busy though I still wanted to attend.
6. I chose to spend more time with friends outside the church.
7. School responsibilities prevented me from attending.
8. I wanted to make life decisions that were not accepted by the church.
9. Family/home responsibilities prevented me from attending church.
10. I lost touch with my church-going friends & other activities/scheduling events prevented me from attending church.¹



¹ Ibid., 185–86.



From Scott Peery ...
It's that time of year
again: another trip to
the Pine Ridge Indian
Reservation.

This year, we have
two teams. The early team
is preparing the facilities,
food, materials, and
projects for the full team.

With 16 people participating this year, we also need to
rearrange the facilities to accommodate everyone.

This year's projects will primarily prepare Hands of Faith
Ministries to restart its recovery program and make the
outreach center—where we worked during the past two
years—fully operational. Projects include:

☆ **Dorm Rooms:** Remodel two rooms by replacing the
bunks and carpet.

☆ **Outreach Center:** Finish the drywall, add heating and
cooling, and dedicate the center to longtime team
member Doug Wessels, who recently passed away.

☆ **Machine Shop Restroom:** Remodel and reopen the
restroom after more than 10 years of disuse; it is the only
restroom available for outreach center events.

☆ **Mission House Update:** Add a kitchenette and
concrete patios so a mission couple can stay in this "tiny
house" while serving the community.

☆ **Community Outreach Support:** Serve a meal at two
events and evaluate additional opportunities to support
local families.



OOPS – Time for a FOOT Check?

This month's OOPS (Outreach
OPportunity Suggestion) from your Board of Christian
Outreach is for you to STOP and take a good, long
LOOK at your FEET. So, what, you might ask, does that
have to do with outreach? The Prophet Isaiah answers
that question in 52:7

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, who publishes peace, who
brings good news of happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion 'Your God reigns.'"

Thank You to Everyone
Who Participated in
Dinner Hop 2026,
Around the World Trivia Night,
and Eve's Summer Bazaar.

Our events would not be a success without you!



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE:

Eve's Restoration Ministries is actively
searching for (minimum) three-bedroom
home or a commercial building in the St.
Clair County area of Southern Illinois. Those
with available properties for rent or
purchase—or anyone wishing to learn
more—are encouraged to contact us!

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL for 2026 is \$88,000; we are 57% there!

Would you consider being a monthly donor?
For \$30 a month, you can be a sustaining
partner of Eve's Restoration Ministries and
help bring hope and healing to mothers and
children impacted by foster care.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

Our organization is looking for dedicated
individuals to join us. Will you consider joining
the Eve's Restoration Ministries' Committee of
St. Paul's, the Programming Committee, the
Fundraising Team, or the Eve's Restoration
Ministries Board? Please reach out to
Amanda Douglas at 314-221-6700 for more
information.

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.

**Our Mission: 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**

Isaiah's picture language, of course, is that of a soldier
(a marathon runner) who has been sent home from the
battlefield to announce to the people their army's
victory. In other words, every time we say or do
something using not only our FEET, but also our mouths,
hands, ears, time, talents, money, etc. to spread the
good news of the eternal victory over sin, death, and
power of the Devil that Jesus Christ has won for us—
that's A BEAUTIFUL THING! So, take a good look at
those FEET you walk around on and rejoice in all that
you do for Jesus! BEAUTIFUL! Aren't they? **That's this
month's OOPS from your Board of Christian Outreach.**



Preschool News



As we look forward to the cooler days of autumn, our classroom will be filled with seasonal activities and opportunities for discovery. The children will enjoy autumn-themed art, sensory activities, science discoveries, and a nature walk as we observe the changes happening around us. Our dramatic play area will transform into an indoor pumpkin patch, along with lots of other seasonal fun in the classroom! In addition to our classroom activities, we are looking forward to our annual pumpkin-picking field trip to Breautigams Orchard with the children and their families.

As we enjoy the season, we'll have fun exploring, learning, and appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

***"The earth is full
of the goodness
of the Lord." - Psalm 33:5***





Grateful to Serve Among You

Hello, St. Paul's! My name is Hannah Elsey, and I am so grateful to be joining you as your Director of Christian Education. My family and I are thrilled to be here and are looking forward to getting to know this wonderful congregation and becoming part of the St. Paul's family.

My husband Sam and I are both "Sunflower State" natives. We were born and raised in Kansas and met as students at Kansas State University. We're now making a new home here with our five-year-old son, JD. As a family, we are excited for this new chapter—to grow, to learn, and to make a home here among you.

I was blessed to be raised in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by faithful parents and grandparents, teachers, DCEs, and pastors who showed me the truth of God's Word and what it looks like to live as a Christian throughout every age and stage. When I look back, I am often struck by how many people God placed in my life who patiently taught me, encouraged me, and pointed me to Christ. Their example has had a lasting impact on me and has inspired me to care for children, teenagers, and families as they grow in faith. I earned my bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 2015 and later earned master's degree in Theology and certification as an LCMS Director of Christian Education from Concordia University, Irvine, in 2023. Through each step, I have become increasingly grateful for the opportunity to serve the Church by helping young people and families know and treasure the gifts God has given us in Christ.

I am especially glad to be here at St. Paul's. I am looking forward to hearing your stories, learning from you, serving you, and working alongside you as we coordinate opportunities for children and youth to receive God's Word, grow in faith, and live out their vocations.

One of the ways I like to sign my emails is, "Your coworker for His kingdom." That phrase is a small reminder to me of the words Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:9: "For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." Paul goes on to remind us that different people may plant and water, but it is God who gives the growth.

That is a meaningful picture for me as I begin serving at St. Paul's. I am coming into a place where God has already been at work through faithful pastors, teachers, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and so many others who have invested in the lives of His people. I am grateful for the opportunity to join you in that work. Whatever our particular roles may be, we share a calling: to point one another to Christ and faithfully serve in the place where God has planted us. Ultimately, the growth belongs to Him. Glory to God! Thank you for welcoming me and my family so warmly. I am grateful to be here, and I look forward to getting to know you, hearing your stories, and serving alongside you.

Your coworker for His kingdom,
Hannah



8TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

LOADED BIBLES

Youth Event

The Bible is a tool we can use! We're going to get together to make "loaded Bibles"—adding quick references for things like grief, anxiety, love, forgiveness, and more!

Real Faith. Real Life. Real Tools.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
6:00 - 9:00 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Columbia, IL

PIZZA + SODA + FELLOWSHIP!

BRING A FRIEND!
You can make a Bible to gift to a friend, or just come and hang out!

INTERESTED?
Reach out to Becky at 618-550-3552. She can chat with you about ordering the supplies you need for your Bible or if you need a Bible.

Better Equipped for the Journey

**Grief
Anxiety
Love
Forgiveness
Hope
Relationships
& More!**

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Pre-School thru High School

Sunday School:
9:15 - 10:15 am

youth SUNDAY SCHOOL

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

OCTOBER 2ND
Loaded Bible Event
From 6-9 pm.
Pizza, soda, and hanging out while we load our bibles.

OCTOBER 4TH
Hannah's Installation Service
at 8 am service and a luncheon after late service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
for OCTOBER 25TH
(tentative date)
Hiking Newman Trail.

If interested in any of these events
call/text Becky 618-550-3552



The Stewardship Committee presents



Ask the Expert? Wills and Estate Planning Evening

Sunday, October 18 6:30 – 8 pm (No Cost)

Join us in the fellowship hall at St. Paul's for a Q & A with a panel of "Experts" that include, an estate attorney (Alan Stumpf), a financial professional (Billy Onder), and Pastor Krenz. Attendees will receive a free Will Guide and many other resources will be available. This workshop is for you, your spouse, and other family members (All ages, 20's and beyond). For more information and to register call St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia Church office: 618-281-4600

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia-Opportunities to Give Memorial Outdoor Bench

-Powder-coated steel bench with a donor plaque (@ \$2,500)

Preschool Ministry Support

-General support for our Preschool program (3 & 4 year olds)

Youth Ministry Support

-General support for our middle school and high school youth program, activities, and mission trips

Building Repair/Renovation Support

-Support for unexpected and planned projects as our church building ages

Cemetery Grounds Support

-Support for beautification projects at our cemetery

Music/Ministry Support

-Support for music, organ, and handbells, etc.

General Mission Support -Support for special future mission/Christian Outreach projects

Food Pantry

-Continued Support for local food needs in our community



Please consider using your online billpay option thru your bank account to send automatic contributions to the church monthly. No need to remember your envelope or your checkbook!

Adult Bible Education

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

Job Bible Study- Our 9:15am-10:15am Adult Sunday Bible Class in October will be continuing its look at the major themes in the book of Job. This class meets in the fellowship hall.

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, & 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.

Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am

Ladies – We began our class in September. We are going to study the books that King Solomon wrote. There is some home study soeee if you wish to join us, please call Nancy Radentz at 618-340-2995 to receive the week 's lesson. Would love to have you join us!!

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

On September 3 our meeting started with a devotion "Joy in Our Heavenly Reservation" based on John 14. All believers have a room reserved in heaven. This was led by VP Susan Housewright. This was followed by our common table prayer and lunch. Thank you to our September Hostesses, Mitzi Ottwell and Sue Nolte; they provided us with some delicious apple desserts and decorated the tables with colorful fall theme décor. Since our scheduled speakers were unable to attend the meeting, we enjoyed filling out a short "Bible Who Am I" trivia game that Jane handed out.

Attendance, acceptance of Minutes, correspondence, and financial report were given. Standing committee reports were given.

Card Ministry--sent our Thinking of you/Get Well, congratulations, and sympathy cards to members.

Confirmation—next meeting we will pick our Confirmation friends.

Old business—thank you to Mitzi Ottwell for painting kitchen and fellowship hall. Wanda Gross purchased a step ladder - it is stored in the kitchen.

After the meeting we sorted all the undies and socks we received for UNDIE SUNDAY. Thank you all for your generous donations.

SID convention news - Wanda Gross, Susan Housewright, Nancy Radentz, Helen Nowak, Marilyn Snider, and Jane Stumpf attended. It was held at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville on Sept 11-12.

The two main guest speakers were Pastor Paul Ernewein, director of Forged by Fire Services. Forged by Fire combines the mercy work of feeding those in need while providing spiritual care to the souls they connect with through

shared prayer, bibles, and devotionals.

Deaconess Rosie Adie serves as the Associate Director of Deaconess Formation for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. She has written and co-authored several Christian books for women. We were able to visit exhibits by several organizations and there was a Mite Market shopping area. Saturday started with a Divine Worship Service with communion. Following that was the business meeting, guest speakers, lunch, and more business meetings and guest speaker. We also voted for the election of new officers. Financial report and what the mite report for the convention was given. The results of the mission grants voting were reported and the 17 with the most votes were approved.

1. Seminary Student Scholarship
2. Camp Wartburg
3. Unity Lutheran School, East St. Louis
4. Braille Centers in SID
5. Forged by Fire
6. LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces
7. Shared Prison & Jail Ministry SID
8. Student Assistance fund Scholarships SID
9. SIUE Lutheran Campus Ministry
10. Operation Barnabas SID
11. Holy Cross, Collinsville, LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry
12. SIUC Campus Ministry
13. Christ Our Rock Lutheran H
14. Phil's Friends
15. Orphan Grain Train
16. Trinity Hope
17. KFUO.

For more information about the convention or the above grants please ask Jane Stumpf.

Next meeting is October 1. Hostesses will be Stefanie Newbill and Helen Nowak. Our speaker will be an Officer from the Columbia Police Department.

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.



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.



*Member Spotlight*

**Steve, Tricia, Jacob
& Joey Dinkelman**



Tell us how long your family has been members at St. Paul's and how you got connected to St. Paul's.

We have been members 12 years.

Tell us about your family and your interests and what you enjoy doing outside of church.

We have been married 31 years and have two sons. Jacob is 23 years old and is a carpenter, and Joey is 20 years old and a Junior at Indiana University majoring in Finance.

We enjoy camping and visiting National Parks on vacation. Steve spends his free time going to competitive trapshooting events, and Tricia enjoys gardening and reading.

Tell us what you like best about St. Paul's.

What we appreciate most is being part of a congregation where God's Word is faithfully taught, Christ's love is shared, and we grow together in faith and service.

Tell us what committees you have served on or what groups in our church you enjoy.

Steve is a member of the Trustee Board, and Tricia is a member of the Finance Board

What is your families favorite Bible verses or stories about Jesus?

John 1:1-3- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.



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FOOD PANTRY

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Pantry Items Needed:

Granola Bars, Chili
October 7 (1:30-3pm),
October 14 (4-5:30 pm),
October 21 (1:30-3pm)

Official Acts of the Church Funeral

Marilee Schueler, 8/31/2026



New Member:

Jessica York, 9/20/2026

Transfer from St. John, Baldwin, MO

O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! "

St Paul Church Choir

Mondays, at 5:15 PM.

All voices are needed and welcome to this fun group!

Please text Karen Shimkus at 618-540-0810 with any questions.



Handbell Choir

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Interested ringers—please join us!
Contact Mark Eischer for more info.

Newsletter Deadline for Submissions

(articles, photos, calendar updates)
For November Newsletter: October 19



The Epistle



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Worship with us!

Pastor Stephen Krenz
618-363-0121

Hannah Elsey, DCE
Seminary Field Workers:

Josh Gillespie (2nd Year)
Sara Grace Kudray
(Deaconess, 2nd Year)
Austin Kudray (2nd Year)
Andrew Borseth (4th Year)

Ask An Expert –

LOOKING

AHEAD

Wills & Estate Planning
October 18th 6-8 pm

Reformation Service
w/ Circuit Congregation
October 31 (Hosted at St. Paul's)

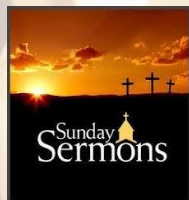
"The Success Trap"

"I do not nullify the grace of God,
for if righteousness were through the law,
then Christ died for no purpose." Galatians 2:21

Dear Friends and Members in Christ,

It is quite easy to admire people who are driven to be successful at school, work, or in a particular hobby. However, there is this other side to this "drive to success" and that is one's identity and purpose can easily become tied directly into how well one does at any of these endeavors. Toward the end of the month, we will be celebrating the Reformation, which at its core is all about Christ saving us by grace through faith. This liberating message proclaimed to the world, and continually to believers, not only free's us from sin, but also from the power of the law. (See Galatians 2:21) That is, we are not successful through what we should or could do, but rather through what God has done for us in Christ. The problem with defining oneself by success is that the barometer for that success is constantly moving. In contrast, the message of the gospel is not "do more" but "all is done" in Jesus. That is a message worth believing and sharing.

Blessings in Jesus,
Pastor



2026



October 4/5 Philippians 3:4-14

"Onward & Upward: Moving Forward with Christ"

October 11/12- Matthew 22:1-14

"The Ultimate Wedding Feast, and You Are Invited!"

October 18/19- Psalm 121

"You are A Keeper"

October 25/26 – Austin Kudray



Reformation Hymn Festival:

On **Sunday, October 31st at 3pm** the circuit
6 congregations will be meeting together at
St. Paul's Lutheran in Columbia for a
Reformation Hymn Festival. This special
service will include choirs, bell choirs, and
pastors from local LCMS churches.

A **free will offering** in the service will go toward
the ministry of **Eve's Restoration Home.**

*Refreshments in the fellowship hall
will be served following the service.*

Sundays 8 am Divine Worship Service ✝ **9:15 am** Bible Study ✝ **10:30 am** Divine Worship Service

Mondays 5:15 pm SPLC Choir Rehearsal ✝ **6:30 pm** Divine Worship Service

Wednesdays Time:TBD Jr Confirmation ✝ **6:30 pm** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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