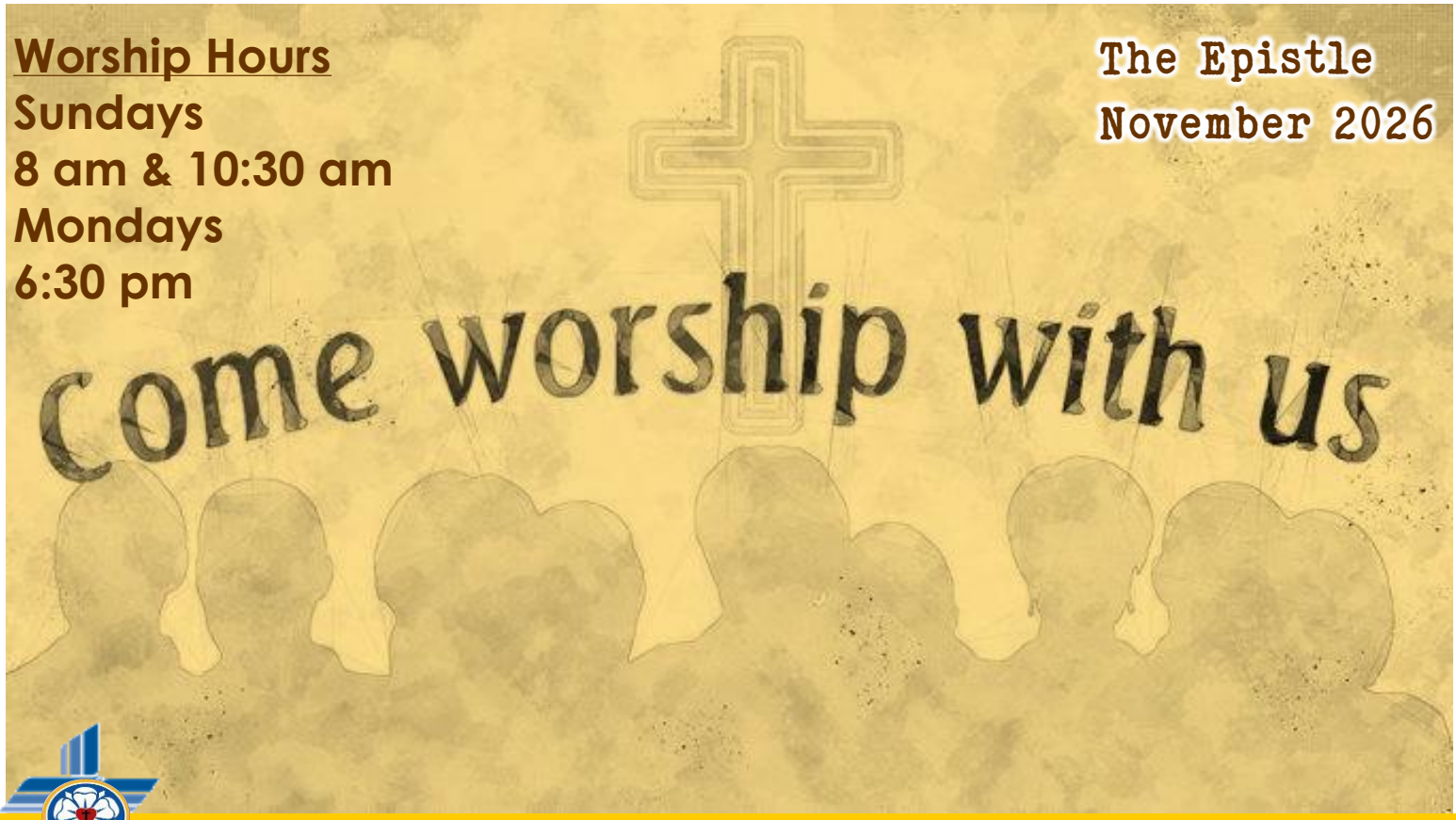
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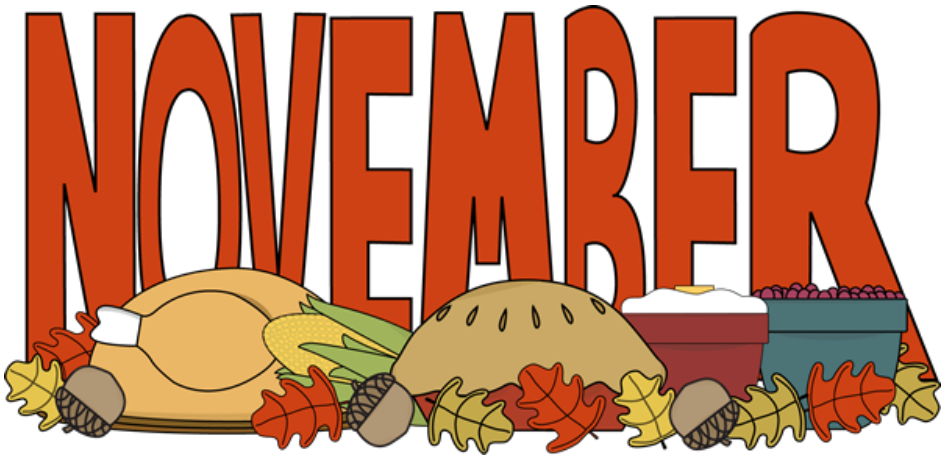
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8 Brian Kremmel Jennifer Krick Kenneth & Judy Ostendorf ♥ Miles Robert Brown	9 Ron & Mona Newton ♥	10 Ray & Rose Anne Bense ♥	11 Stefanie Newbill	12 Andrea Mastrantuono Doug Feldman Georgia Greatting Karl & Donna Nowak ♥ Nancy Mergelkamp	13 Chad Sackman Doug Stinemetz	14 Brian & Sierra Russell ♥ Jamie Lyon Rick & Joydean Beatty ♥ Shane Chambers
15	16 Charles & Paige Farris ♥ Ken Mathews	17 Mary Clyde	18 Charles & Laura Ford ♥ Jill Blattner	19 Terry Woodcock	20 Chloe Collet Herbert & Margaret Simmons ♥ Paloma Niehaus	21 Jeremy Housewright Rich Rottnek
22 Hazel Herbeck Samantha Smith Scott Moeslein	23 Ethan Stumpf John Caldwell Stephanie Duvall	24 Cody Phelps	25 Bailee Williams Carl & Cristi Bierman ♥ Haley Herbeck Keith Sackman Rick & Kim Butler ♥ Tammy Grueninger	26 Donald Snow Ronald & Dorothy Tomlinson ♥	27 Cindy Troup Jessica York Mark Eischer	28 Donna Frederick Kenneth Sievers Rachel Faries
29 Leroy & Marilyn Kisro ♥	30 Patrick Grandt					



UPCOMING

Our friends at St. Paul's will have the opportunity to support Eve's Restoration Ministries again this year through a GIVING TREE. It will be located in the narthex from November 29th through December 31st. Please consider participating by choosing an ornament with a specific dollar amount as your gift.



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

Eve's RESTORATION MINISTRIES

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for dedicated individuals to join us! If you have a passion for foster care, reunification, non-profit fundraising, or have experience in the mental health field, please contact Amanda at 314-221-6700 or evesrestorationhome@mail.com.

HEARTS FOR RESTORATOIN

Hearts of Restoration offers handcrafted items for purchase, giving buyers the option to keep them or donate them to children impacted by foster care. Do you knit, crochet, paint? Let us know if you are interested in donating items.

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.

November Servants	11/1 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 11/2 Mon 6:30 pm	11/8 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 11/9 Mon 6:30 pm	11/15 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 11/16 M 6:30pm	11/22 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 11/23 Mon 6:30 pm	11/26 9 am Thanksgiving Day	11/29 8 am (E) & 10:30 am (L) 11/30 Mon 6:30 pm
Elder	D. Greatting (E) T. Search (L) S. Peery (M)	M. Eischer (E) Charlie Consolino (L) Glenn Grebing (M)	S. Moeslein (E) L. Ottwell (L) Bob Thoma (M)	Mark Eischer (E) Charlie Consolino (L) Glenn Grebing (M)	David Greatting And Bob Thoma	S. Moeslein (E) L. Ottwell (L) Bob Thoma (M)
Organist Seminarian	Jeanine Consolino Andrew Borseth	Jeanine Consolino Austin Kudray	Jeanine Consolino Joshua Gillespie & Andrew Borseth	Karen Shimkus Andrew Borseth	Jeanine Consolino	Jeanine Consolino
Greeters (E) (L)	Jonathan Busch (E) Joydean Beatty (L)	L. Schmidt (E) L. McAuliffe (L)	M. Ottwell (E) D. Tolbird (L)	Stephanie Newbill (E) Brooke Quevreaux (L)		
Ushers Early	Jonathan Busch Andrea Mastrantuono Rachel Mathews	Lisa Schmidt Sandy Roessler Will Kleinschmidt	Steve Ottwell Joel Greatting Pat Tygett	Patrick Grandt Kaylee Grandt Alexis Grandt Becky Stevens		
Ushers Late	Joydean Beatty Jeff Kinney Janet Kinney	Lynn McAuliffe Bill Lacefield 3.	Doug Tolbird Pastor Troup Sean O'Guin	Tony Douglas Ezra Douglas Campbell Ottwell		
Ushers (Monday)	Kevin Miller		Brenda Appel	Sue Champion		
Acolyte	Nathan Schmoll (E) Augustine Niehaus (L) Collins Ackerman (M)	(E) Carter Krick (L) (M)	Evy Colyer (E) Elijah Douglas (L) (M)	Collin Grandt (E) Isaac Douglas (L)		
Screens	Josh Colyer Ava Douglas (L)	Kyva Meyers (E) (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Campbell Ottwell (L)	Josh Colyer (E) Dane Quevreaux (L)		
Video (E)	Aiden Coyler	(E)	Aiden Colyer (E)	Aiden Colyer (E)		





From pumpkin activities and other fall-themed learning to our pumpkin-picking field trip and plenty of outdoor time enjoying the beautiful fall weather, the children have had lots of fall fun! They are also learning about kindness, helping others, and appreciating the special people in our lives.
We wrapped up October with our Fall Class Party, with games, activities, and trick-or-treating in the Sunday School classrooms.
Thank you to the St. Paul's Ladies League and our parent volunteers for helping make our party day extra special!
As we welcome November, we look forward to a season of gratitude.
Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is a favorite that gives families a special opportunity to visit their child's classroom.



The children will present a short singing program before sharing a meal with their families.
It's a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the classroom and make special memories together.
We are grateful to the many people who help make our preschool a special place for children to learn and grow.







A heartfelt thank-you to:

- **Mel Stuckmeyer** for donating pumpkins for each student to decorate and enjoy!
- **The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department** for teaching the children about fire safety through a fun, hands-on visit.
- **Thrivent members** for directing their Choice Dollars to support our preschool.
- **The St. Paul's Ladies League** for helping make our Fall Class Party extra special.
- **Our preschool families** for pitching in to make classroom events run smoothly.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Board of Education** for their continued support of our preschool.

We are blessed to be part of a church community that cares for its youngest members. We are grateful for the many ways our community supports our preschool and helps our children thrive.
We wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!
"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." — **Psalm 107:1**
Shelly Augustin, Director

























FROM THE DCE'S DESK

I am thrilled to join you here at St. Paul's as your DCE. If you would like to stop by to see me in the office, I plan to keep "standing office hours" **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-2:30,** with flexibility for additional church activities and events. Feel free also to schedule something with me, you can reach me anytime at DCEHannahE@gmail.com.



☆ 5-Week Small Group for Parents:
starts October 25th, led by DCE Hannah.
Not a parenting conference, not exactly an expository Bible Study – more like a place where parents can take a deep breath, engage with the Word, and be encouraged in faith and family.

How is your faith forming your family's culture?" A small group study for parenthood, filled with hope and encouragement for one of life's most important vocations.

☆ **"Friendsgiving" Sunday November 22nd Sr. Youth (8th-12th graders)** are joining with other LCMS youth groups for an evening of: service projects, worship, games and dinner.

4:30-7:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church. **$5**/per person to offset the cost of food and supplies - Registration is required, please contact DCE Hannah at DCEHannahE@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School:
11/1 "A Judge Leads"
11/8 "A Prophet Serves"
11/15 "A King Forever"
11/23 "The King's Table"

Children will start preparing for the Children's Christmas Program this month (November)!

New: Sunday School Class "Opener". All children PreK-7th Grade will start in the "Children's Room" (corner classroom) **for the first few minutes of class.**

Did someone say Little Lambs?
DCE Hannah would love to restart a meaningful program for parents with their little ones. Would you join in praying for families who might participate in Little Lambs?

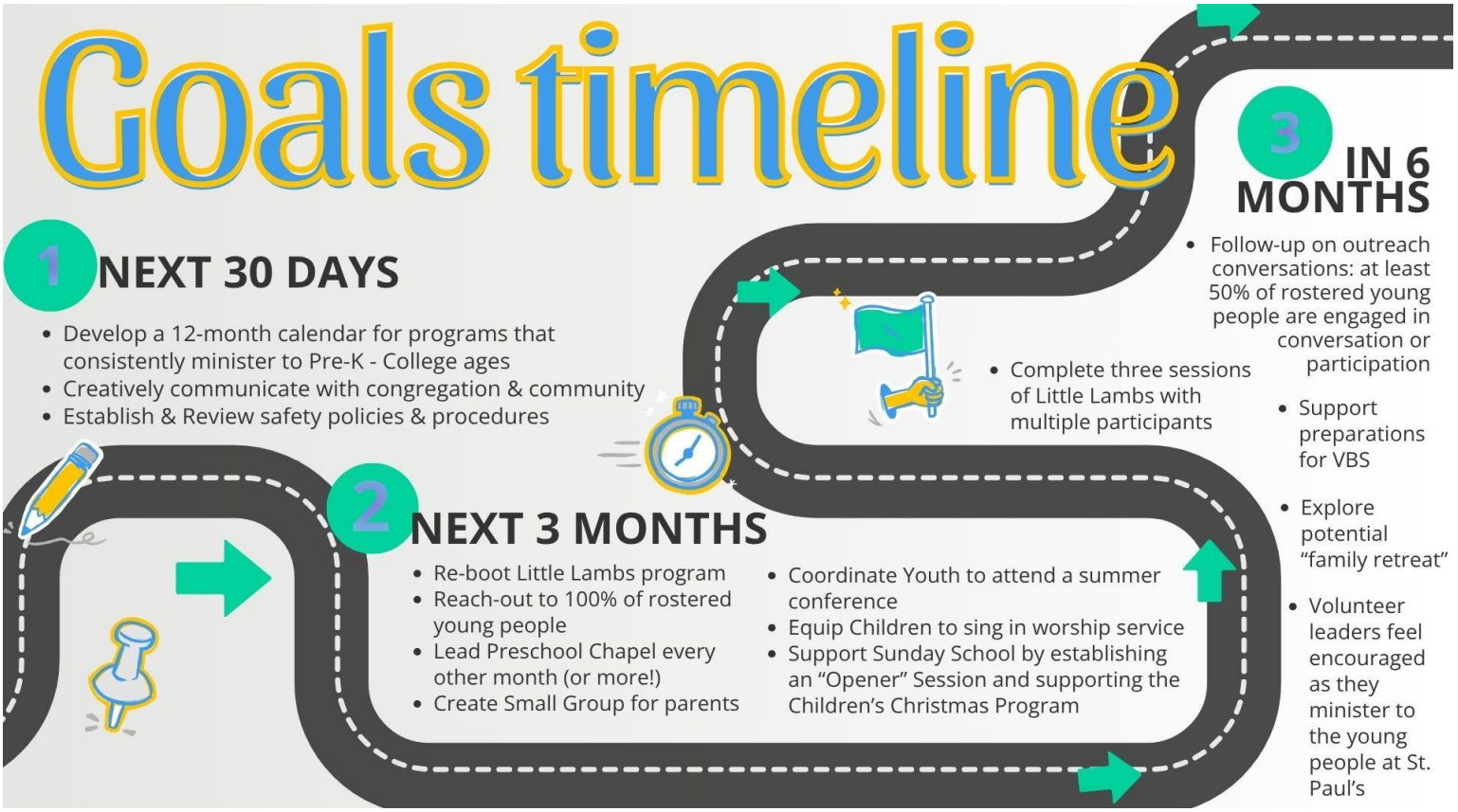


Pre-School thru High School Sunday School: 9:15 -10:15 am



November 21st Food Drive in partnership with the Boy Scouts
Looking for an opportunity to serve? Come assist St. Paul's food pantry!

youth SUNDAY SCHOOL



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. Meets in the fellowship hall.

Philippians Bible Study – Stating Sunday, November 15th, our Seminary Students will be leading a 4-week verse by verse study of Philippians in the church 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 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.

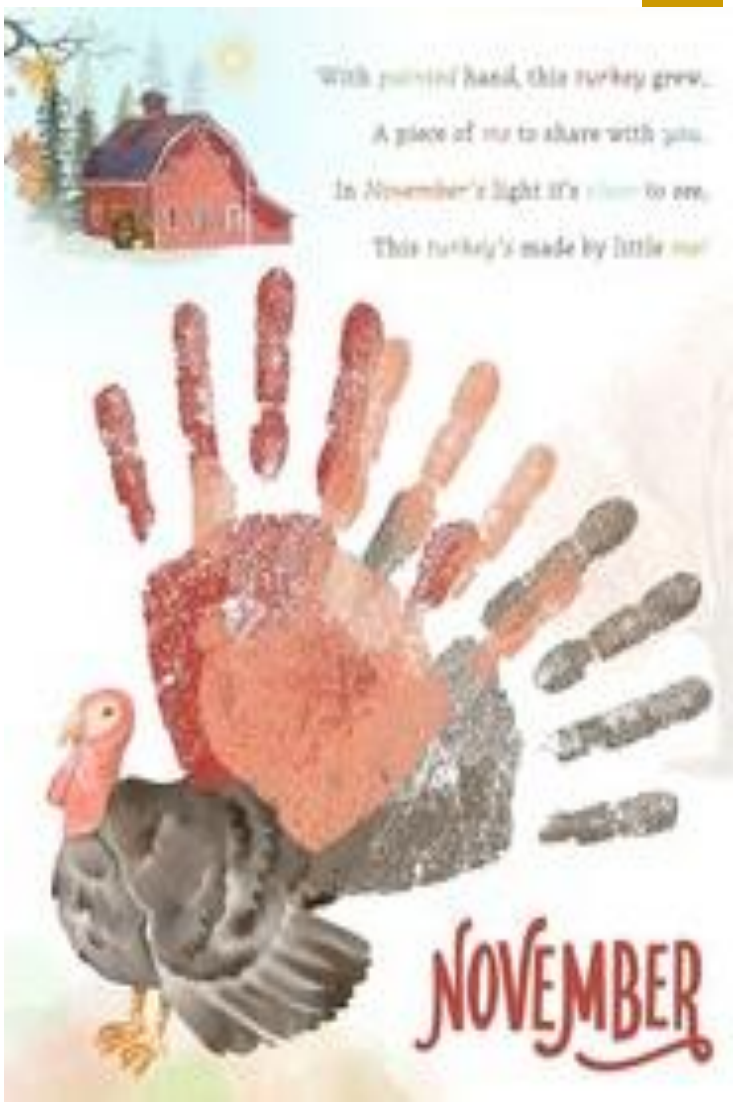
Wednesdays with Nancy, 10 am

Ladies – We will not have class on November 25th or December 23rd and 30th. Class resumes on January 6, 2027. 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!!

5-Week Small Group for Parents

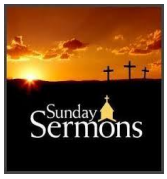
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Please consider using your online billpay option thru your bank account to send automatic contributions to the church monthly. No need to remember your envelope or your checkbook!

November 2026 Sermon themes - Surprising Truths from the Savior



In this sermon series we will be hearing several unexpected truths from the Savior from several well-known Bible passages.

November 1st & 2nd- The Look of Humility and Exaltation
"Whoever; exalts himself will be humbled and whoever Humbles himself will be exalted' Matthew 23:12

November 8th & 9th- Timeless Watching
"13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

November 15th & 16th- Having Nothing and Having Everything
" 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Matthew 25:28

November 22nd & 23rd- Andrew Borseth, Seminarian

November 29th-30th- What stays and What Goes
"31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Mark 13:31

OOPS for November, 2026 Serve on BOCO

This month's **OOPS** (**O**utreach **OP**portunity **S**uggestion) is simple, but important—consider serving Jesus and your church family on our **B**oard **O**f **C**hristian **O**utreach. What does our BOCO do? We plan activities and events that **encourage our pastor, leaders, and members to regularly and intentionally engage in spiritual conversations with themselves and others**. In other words, rather than do the outreach for our church family, we encourage each member to reach out to others using the outreach gifts and opportunities the Holy Spirit has given them. Make sense? We think so.
So, prayerfully consider serving on BOCO in 2027 and beyond. Only 4 or 5 short meetings a year, usually on a Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Interested? Need more information? Contact Pastor Sievers by phone or text at 314-882-2097. You'll be glad you did and so will Jesus.

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

November Newsletter LWML

On October 1, Susan H opened our meeting with the devotion "*The Word: Wisdom for Living-The Choice is Mine*." In Proverbs, we read about the importance of just a friendly look and the effect it might have on ourselves and those around us. The choices we make should reflect God's love and truth. We then enjoyed sandwiches from Papa Vitos. Thank you to Marilyn for coordinating lunch. Thank you to Helen N/Kendra N and Stefanie N for our table decorations. While finishing our lunches, Jane S. welcomed Detectives Michael Barnet and Dylan Verret from the Columbia Police Department. They talked to us about scams, phishing, and smishing and how to avoid getting tricked by these phone/computer hacks and tricks. Never give out your personal information unless you originated the call to a trusted phone number of someone/someplace you know.



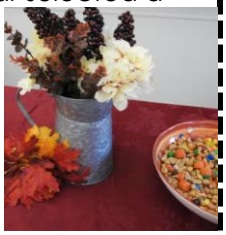
Attendance, acceptance of Minutes, correspondence, and financial reports were given. Standing committee reports were given.

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

Comforts of Love—13 quilts made. Quilts were displayed during LWML Sunday and then given to a representative of Orphan Grain Train.

Altar Committee—Mitzi O and Sue N have completed the 3 baptismal banners.

Confirmation-- Marilyn S. typed information cards for the thirteen students in confirmation this year. The ladies that wanted a confirmation prayer friend this year selected a card. We have four, possibly five, confirmands that still need a prayer friend. Let Marilyn know if you are interested it selecting a confirmand. It involves remembering them in your prayers and perhaps throughout the upcoming year, sending them a thinking of you card or holiday card. Small gifts are acceptable but not required. There will be a meet and greet with the students on Oct 28 at 6p.





Decorating/Flower Committee

Lillian K. reported she displayed the fall flowers/wreaths. Mel Stuckmeyer donated 14 small pumpkins and those have been placed in the church windows on top of a plastic dish and autumn placemat. (to avoid moisture getting to the wooden windowsills)

LWML Updates and NEW Business

☆ LWML Sunday was Oct 11; quilts and other LWML information were displayed.

☆ The Fall Retreat will be Nov 14 at Zion Belleville. Monarch representative will be the speaker. Please let Jane Stumpf know before Nov 5 if you can go.

☆ DCE Hannah Elsey joined us at the meeting this month. She told us a little about her family and her educational journey that brought her to us. We presented her with a welcome gift of gift cards, a tacked quilt made by our quilters, and a crocheted turtle made by Kendra Nowak. We do not want Hannah's 5-year-old son, JD, to feel left out. Welcome to the Elsey Family.

☆ Pastor was given a Thank you card for Pastor Appreciation Month.

☆ Several of the LWML ladies will help to hand out treats to preschool children on Oct 29.

☆ Hostesses for the November 5th meeting will be Judy Ostendorf and Mary Clyde. We will have no scheduled speaker in November. We will be electing a president and secretary for the next two-year term. Thank you, Nancy Radentz, for volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee. We will also be starting to fill in our 2027 Service List of Hostess and Speaker/Activity for each month. Be thinking about possibilities for monthly speakers/activities.

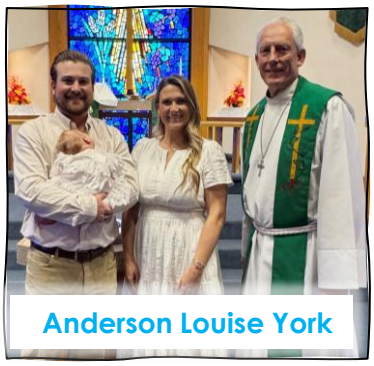






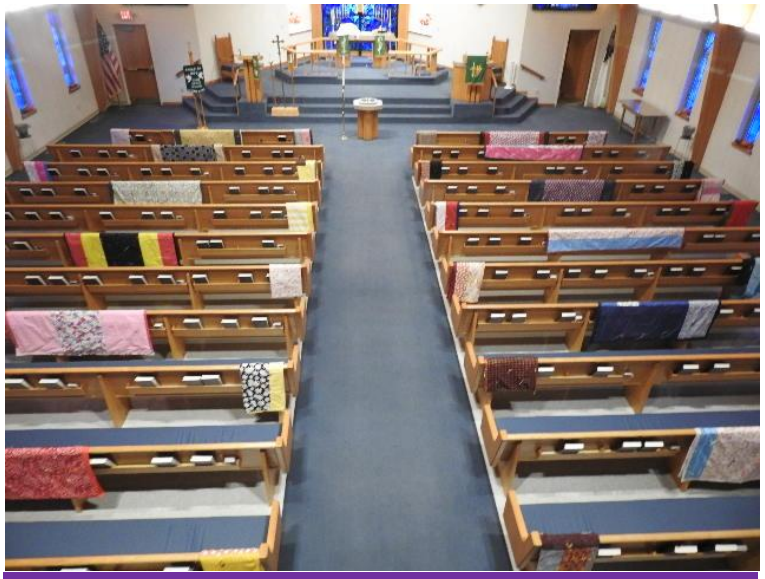


Diane Chambers



Anderson Louise York





LWML Sunday, October 11, 2026

Official Acts of the Church

Baptism

Bryn Lee Bierman, October 4, 2026
Esme Grace O'Guin, October 11, 2026
Anderson Louise York, October 18, 2026

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Adult Confirmation

Diane Chambers, October 19, 2026

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Funeral

Marilyn Miller, 10/8/2026

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY

227 North Goodhaven Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Pantry Items Needed: Granola Bars, Chili
November 4 (1:30-3pm),
November 11 (4-5:30 pm),
November 18 (1:30-3pm)

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.

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(articles, photos, calendar Updates, etc.)
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Pastor Stephen Krenz
618-363-0121
Hannah Elsey, DCE
785-640-4299

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

Thankful for Those Who Serve in God's Kingdom

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." — **1 Thessalonians 1:2–3**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The apostle Paul begins his letter to the Thessalonians, as he does several of his other epistles, by giving thanks to God for fellow believers and the ways God was working through them. Paul recognized the difference their faith, love, and hope made in the life of the Church. In a similar way, we have much to be grateful for here at St. Paul's.

We see work produced by faith in the more than sixty members who serve in the various board and committee positions throughout our congregation. Their willingness to give of their time, talents, and energy helps keep our congregation's ministries moving forward.

We see labor prompted by love through the faithful service of Hannah, our DCE; Dianne, our church secretary; Shelly and Anna, who serve in our preschool; Jeanine, our music director; Mark, our bell choir director; Karen, our choir director; Dennis, our bookkeeper; and Mike, our custodian; and Josh who helps put our services on YouTube. Through their work, they help nurture faith, support our congregation, and serve the people God has called us to serve.

We see endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the many who faithfully serve week after week and year after year. This includes those who work in our food pantry and Ladies League, teach and assist with Sunday School, lead Bible classes, volunteer for VBS, serve as seminary field workers, help as ushers, screen operators, greeters, acolytes, and contribute in countless other ways. Some of these acts of service are highly visible, while others take place quietly behind the scenes.

As you pray, please remember these faithful workers in God's kingdom. Give thanks to God for them and ask Him to continue strengthening and encouraging them in their service. St. Paul's is blessed by their faithfulness, and we are better because of the ways God works through them.

In His Service,
Pastor Krenz

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: 4 & 6 pm Jr Confirmation ☩ **6:30 pm** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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Proclaim Christ,
Teach Christ's Word & Reflect Christ's Love to All!