

## January Sermon Schedule: 8 am & 10:30 am & Monday 6:30 pm

**January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** John 1:29-42a "The Blessed Call to Bear Witness to Jesus"

**January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** 1 Corinthians 1:18 "The Blessed Folly and Power of the Cross"



Everyone is invited to a **hymn festival** commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25. Four SID churches named 'St. Paul' will join together for this hymn festival that afternoon:

**St. Paul's Columbia, St. Paul Hamel, St. Paul's Troy, and St. Paul Wood River.**

**The Hymn Festival will be Jan. 25, 2026 at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Troy, 112 N. Border St., Troy, IL.**

In the spirit of St. Paul, a mission offering will be collected for the Seminario Concordia El Reformador in the Dominican Republic, (a mission partner of the SID).



**Eve's Restoration Ministries** is recruiting members for its **Programming Committee** to help develop Christ-centered programs for Eve's Restoration Home, opening in 2027. Committee members will assist in creating holistic programming that supports spiritual growth, emotional health, education, and life skills for mothers and children., as well as policies and procedures for the home. **Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of every month starting Jan. 22nd at 5:30pm- at St. Paul's OR you can join Zoom from home.** If you feel called to help and have relevant experience, please Call, text or email Amanda Douglas at [evesrestorationhome@gmail.com](mailto:evesrestorationhome@gmail.com) or 314-221-6700.



It's time for the **Annual Family Ministry Bowling night!**

Sign up now in the Narthex to guarantee a spot. Mark your calendar and invite a friend! \$10 per adult, \$5/student. Family lanes & youth lanes available.

At Westpark Bowl, Columbia on **Sunday Feb 1, 6pm but arrive at 5:45** for lane assignments and to get your shoes. Payment at the event includes shoes and one large pizza and pitcher of soda per lane. Other menu items available for

purchase separately. Indicate on the sign up sheet if your student wants to be on the youth lane(s) or as a family lane.



**Save the date and your items:**

The **annual youth group Rummage Sale** will be **Saturday, March 14, 8 am - noon**. We are asking for help from the congregation in general for setup and particularly sale day please. It is our largest fundraiser; we usually raise about \$3,000. The next National Youth Gathering will be costly to travel to as it's in San Antonio, July 2028, so we need to build our coffers starting this year. Sign up in the Narthex please. No computers, TVs, clothing or car seats please.

**Thank you** to the Elders and Members of St. Paul's for the generous Christmas Gift. I am humbled by your gift and consider it a blessing to be able to serve. - Jeanine Consolino



**Newsletter Articles,  
Pictures, Calendar Items  
due January 19th  
for February Newsletter.**

*Welcome both members and visitors to worship. If you are a visitor and do not have a church home, we invite you to consider this congregation as a place for you to grow through God's Word in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Contact Pastor Krenz (618-363-0121) with any questions on this congregation, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and/or the process of church membership. If you are a visitor, feel free to leave us your address in the attendance folder. It is also in that folder you can see our belief and practice concerning the Lord's Supper.*

### Sunday, January 18

8 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
SS Children, Youth Bible Study  
10:30 am Divine Service

### Monday, January 19 **Newsletter Items Due** **Count Team 1: M. Essert; M. Roediger; D. Roediger;**

5:15 pm Adult Choir  
6:30 pm Divine Service

### Tuesday, January 20

7:15 am Men's Bible Study  
9 am Pastor Circuit Mtg in Sugar Loaf  
9 am Quilters  
6 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal at Troy, MO  
6:30 pm Church Council

### Wednesday, January 21

10 am Women's Bible Study w/ Nancy  
1:30—3 pm Food Pantry Open  
4 pm & 6 pm Jr. Confirmation  
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

### Thursday, January 22

9 am Newsletter Folders  
6:30 pm DCE Call Mtg

### Friday, January 23

### Saturday, January 24

Rev. Stefanie installation at Holy Cross in Renault, IL

### Sunday, January 25 **Pre-School Sunday**

8 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
SS Children, Youth Bible Study  
10:30 am Divine Service  
3 pm Hymn Choir Festival in Troy  
4 - 8 pm Youth Dodge Ball w/Waterloo

**Based on Divine Service III**  
**The Second Sunday After the Epiphany**  
1/18, 8 & 10:30 am; 1/19 6:30 pm

### **Pre-Service Music**

**Ring of the Bells, Greeting,  
Announcements, Sharing the Peace**  
**Opening Hymn** LSB 540

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

**Invocation, Confession, Absolution, Introit**  
**Kyrie, Salutation, Collect/Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 49:1-7

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, **Alleluia Verse**

**Holy Gospel** John 1:29-42a

**Apostles' Creed, Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** LSB 550 "Lamb of God"

**Sermon** 1 Corinthians 1:1-18

**"The Blessed Folly and Power of the Cross"**

**Presentation of Offerings**

**Prayer of the Church, Service of the**

**Sacrament, Proper Preface, Sanctus,**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns**

"Come, Follow Me", the Savior Spoke" LSB 688

"O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

**Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Cantic,**

**Post-Communion Collect, Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** LSB 702

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:25 am to 10:15**

Do join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am as this week as we look at Luke 12 & 13 and hear what Jesus says about handling division, the importance of repentance, the parable of the barren fig trees, the mustard seed kingdom, and entering heaven through the narrow door. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and new people are always welcome.

**Children's Sunday School:**

In today's lesson, "Mission Wonders," Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God's Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.

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



**Jan 25th** –Dodge Ball  
w/ Waterloo Youth Group  
4-8 pm  
Contact Becky Stevens at  
618-550-3552 if interested.

**Ladies Bible Study w/ Nancy**

10 to 11 am Wednesdays - SS room at end of hall  
A study on some of the women of the Bible. Call Nancy Radentz or email her for more information. 618-340-2995  
[donan9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donan9@sbcglobal.net)

**Pre-School Sunday**

On January 25th at the late service the Pre-School will be singing and we will have a light luncheon in the fellowship hall for Pre-school families and members of St. Paul's following the second service. We are looking for individuals, couples, or families who are willing to welcome and sit with a pre-school family in the 10:30 worship service. If interested contact Pastor Krenz. A free will offering for a pre-school related item will also be taken after the service.

**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. **First class is February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** For more info or to order your \$12 study guide, call or text Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097).

**Life with God**

A new adult membership class will start on **Sunday, February 22nd at 4 pm**. This 10 week class is for those interested in learning what Lutherans teach and for becoming part of the fellowship here at St. Paul's. Please contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121 if you are interested.

**Thank You! To our volunteers...**

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 8 am**

**Organist:** Sarah Koester  
**Elder:** Scott Moeslein  
**Greeter/Usher:** Stefanie Newbill  
**Acolyte:** Lexi Grandt  
**Screens:** Kyva Meyers  
**Video:** Kaylee Grandt

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

**Organist:** Sarah Koester  
**Elder:** Charlie Consolino  
**Greeter/Usher:** Doug Tolbird  
**Acolyte:** Paloma Niehaus  
**Screens:** Gary Maske

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

**Organist:** Sarah Koester  
**Elder:** Scott Peery  
**Greeter/Usher:** Brenda Appel

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 8 am**

**Organist:** Jeanine Consolino  
**Elder:** Scott Moeslein  
**Greeter/Usher:** Marianne May  
**Acolyte:** Evy Colyer  
**Screens:** Josh Colyer  
**Video:** Aiden Colyer

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

**Organist:** Jeanine Consolino  
**Elder:** Toby Search  
**Greeter/Usher:** David Jestus,  
Brook Quevreaux

**Acolyte:**  
**Screens:** Dane Quevreaux

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

**Organist:** Jeanine Consolino  
**Elder:** Scott Peery  
**Greeter/Usher:** Sue Champion

**Prayer Requests**

**Special Prayers**

- † **Eric Turner**, friend of Levi and Carleigh Ottwell, healing after surgery for a ruptured disc herniation
- † **Mary Lou Oglesby**, recovery after breaking her hip at Memorial Rehab in Belleville
- † **Joe Locastro**, Cousin to Charlie Consolino, for additional healing- back in the hospital with additional surgery is a possibility.
- † **Gary Crawford**, at Barnes
- † **Joe Starek**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- † **Melvin Hammond**, Stefanie Newbill's brother, recovering w/ severe arm injury
- † **Scott Peery**, recovering after a recent heart stint procedure

**Additional Prayers**

- † **Family of Skyla Gage**, as they grieve her recent death. Skyla was the great granddaughter of Virginia Jeffrey
- † **Reverend Stefanic and his family**
- † **Missionaries in the Central Asia**
- † **Beverly Pulcher**, recovering from foot surgery
- † **Matthew Scholz, Lisa Schmidt's son-in-law**, Recovering from surgery
- † **Barb Schneider**, on hospice care
- † **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, health issues
- † **For the DCE Call process**

**For Those Living With Cancer / Undergoing Cancer Treatments...**

**Bill Haas**, Uncle of Bethany Niehaus  
**Harold Thoma**, brother of Bob Thoma  
**Jeffrey Gruber**, son of Don & Pat Gruber  
**Kip Quevreaux**  
**Nancy Puh**, sister of Mike Arras  
**Robert Ebner**, friend of Bob Thoma  
**Tara Menard**, granddaughter of Don & Pat Gruber  
**Gwen Shreeman**, niece of Janet Kenney  
**Virginia Schweigert**, Theresa Mancarella's sister  
**Tony Tumminia**, friend of Scott Moeslein  
**Sandy Cates**, friend of Susan S. & Mona N.  
**Katie Pernoud**, co-worker of Beth Niehaus.

**The Giving Tree fundraiser for Eve's Restoration Ministries raised \$1,530!**

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped bring us past our \$55,000 goal for 2025, raising a total of \$58,000!


We cannot thank St. Paul's enough for their continued support!  
- Amanda Douglas

Our Response To His Love With Attendance		
1/11/26	8 am	71
1/11	10:30 am	54
1/12	6:30 pm	26
		151
1/11	SS Children/Youth	19
1/11	Adult Bible Study	16
1/13	Men's Bible Study	6
1/14	Women's Bible Study	9

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances		
General Fund		
Weekly Budgeted		
Amount Needed		\$ 7,000
Received 1/11/26		\$ 7,005
Building Repair Fund		
Received 1/11/26		\$ 141

**Prayers for Care Home/Homebound**

**Marilyn Miller-**  
(Freeburg Care Center)  
**Juanita Ritter** (home)  
**Marilee Schueler**  
(Reflections in Columbia)



**Next Pantry:**  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
1:30—3 pm

**Pantry Needs:**  
Potato Sides, Coffee,  
Graham Crackers

1/14 Served: 18 Families  
38 Adults & 8 Children

**Call Committee update:**

The call committee met recently to discuss what the congregation is looking or in a DCE, set a time line for the call process, and go over information on five individuals who have already been provided to us by the District Office. Congregational members are invited over the next few weeks to share names of synodically trained DCE's with members of the call committee. Upon receiving these names the call committee will work with the District Office to see which candidates might be open to such a called position. The call committee hopes to start interviewing potential candidates sometime in February. The members of the call committee are Scott Peery (chair), Carleigh Ottwell, Patrick Grandt, Mitch Essert, and Becky Stevens. The **next Call Committee mtg will be Thursday, Jan. 22nd** at 6:30 pm. Please keep this whole process in your prayers.