

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.

**The Order of Service Based on DS IV
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Aug 23rd 9 am & Aug 24th 6:30 pm**

Pre-Service Music, Ringing of the Bells, Announcements, Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn LSB 804 vs 1-6 “O Worship the King”

Invocation, Opening Sentences, Confession, Absolution, Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation & Collect, Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle Reading Romans 11:33-12:8, **Alleluia, Holy Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

Apostles’ Creed, Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “We Are Called to Stand Together” LSB 828 vs 1-5

Sermon Matthew 16:13-20

“Why the church? Through the Church God Gives the Keys to the Kingdom.”

Presentation of Offerings, Prayer of the Church, Service of the Sacrament, Sanctus,

Lord’s Prayer, The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628 vs 1-6

“Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783 vs 1-6

“Christ is the World’s Redeemer” LSB 539 vs 1-4 (alt tune)

Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Canticle, Post-Communion Collect, Benediction

Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” LSB 924 vs 1-3

Children’s Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am

Today, we will study “The Fall and a Promise.” The Slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God’s Word with one simple question: “Did God actually say...?” (Gen 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God’s promise of the Savior.

Adult Sunday Bible Class: 10:15-11 am

1 Peter- Please join us today, Sunday, in the fellowship hall for the 3rd week of this verse-by-verse Bible Study of 1 Peter.

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Welcome:

This weekend we welcome Hannah Elsey & her husband, Sam as she is visiting St. Paul's. Continue to keep her in your prayers as she considers the call she has received to be our DCE.

Sunday, August 23 Hannah Elsey Visit

9 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult Bible Class, SS Pre-school thru High School

Monday, August 24

Count Team 2: L. Schmidt; T. Search; T. Dinkelman

Please submit articles, updates, promotions, and jpgs by Monday, Aug 24th for September Newsletter.

6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesday, August 25

7:15 am Men's Bible Study

4 pm Board of Education

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

9 am Newsletter Folders/Sealers

Noon Columbia Clergy

5:30 pm Adult info Class

6:30 pm Eve's Restoration Building Committee

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

3:30 pm Eve's Restoration

Ministries Dinner Hop

Sunday, August 30

9 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult Bible Class, SS Pre-school thru High School

4 – 7 pm Youth Swim at Otwell's

“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

will start up again on **Monday, Sept. 14 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

will start up again **September 16 at 6:30 pm**. Interested ringers—please join us! Contact Mark Eischer for more info.

Fall Service Times

On Sunday, September 13th we will return to the 8 am and 10:30 am Service times.



Next Pantry:
September 2 1:30-3 pm
Pantry Needs:
Granola Bars, Potato Sides
Chili
Aug 19 Served:
16 Families = 35 A + 7 C

EVE'S RESTORATION MINISTRIES
2nd Annual Dinner Hop
Saturday, Aug 29, 2026
3:30-7 pm
Registration: \$50 per person

Special Prayers
† **For** Brenda Appel's niece and her husband who are living near the British Columbia wildfires.
† **Rose Ann Bense**, recovering at Oak Hill in Waterloo
† **Ruth Ann Pettrell**, Stefanie's sister, recovering from surgery
† **Bob Thoma**, recovering from medical procedure
† **Harold Thoma**, Brother to Bob Thoma, medical procedure
† **Daniel Lococq**, Brother-in-law to Bob Thoma, in rehab
† **Harper Graves**, Great Niece of Scott & Jamie Moeslein, who has a brain tumor
† **Deanna Roessler**, daughter-in-law of Sandy Roessler, health issues
† **Chris Schoenhoff**, friend of Mike Arras, health issues

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

Larry Sifford , friend of Sandy Roessler	Tom Crouch , brother of Diane Bierman
Patti French , friend of congregation	Nancy Puihi , sister of Mike Arras
Tara Menard , granddaughter of Don & Pat Gruber	
Gwen Shreeman , niece of Janet Kenney	Sandy Cates , friend of Susan S. & Mona N.
Katie Pernoud , co-worker of Beth Niehaus	David Jestus

Additional Prayers

† **The family of Adrian Feinerman**. stepfather of Bria Kirmess who died this past week.
† **For Hannah Elsey & family**, as she considers the call to St. Paul's.

Prayers for Member Families

Ackermann, Kristen, Kenly, and Collins	Ahlbrand, Barbara	Aldridge, Brandon
Aldridge, Brett	Aldridge, Terry, Debbie	

Our Response To His Love With Attendance

8.14.26 Pastor Sievers Class	7
8.16.26 Sunday 9 am	104
8.17 Monday 6:30 pm	27 = 131
8.16 SS /Adult Bible Study	17
8.18 Men's Bible Study	7

Our Response To His Love W/ Our Finances

General Fund	
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed \$	7,600
Received 8/16/26	\$ 6,742
Building Repair Fund	
Received 8/16/26	\$ 5,265

Please join the Ladies League LWML in supporting our September Service Project.

We are collecting (NEW) underwear and socks for the Orphan Grain Train. For the next 5 Sundays in August please bring (NEW) packages of children's, women, or men's underwear or socks and place in collection box in the narthex. The Ladies League LWML will sort the items at our September meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Something so simple means so much to those in need of them.

August 23rd & 24th Matthew 16:13-20

"Why the Church? Through the Church God Gives the Keys to the Kingdom"

August 30th & 31st Psalm 37:4-7

"Delight, Commit, and Be Still. The Look of Faithfulness."

Extra Copies of the **"Back to School Prayers"** are available in the Narthex for any who want them.

High School Youth Pool Party at Ottwell's Today! Sunday, August 30 4-7 pm

All students entering **8th through 12th grade** are invited to join us for a fun evening as we kick off the new school year. We'll have pizza, and you're welcome to bring your favorite snack to share! Grab your swimsuit and towel, invite a friend, and get ready for a fun night at the pool. We can't wait to see you there!

Southern Illinois District Youth Gathering-There's still time to sign up!

Join us on **Saturday, August 29 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in **Collinsville, IL**. **Contact Becky Stevens** for more info.

Cost is \$25 per person. Don't miss it—register today at sidlcms.org/events.

Life Network's Annual Trivia Fundraiser

September 19. at Waterloo High School
5 pm Doors Open 6 pm Start Time \$250 Table Fee/ 10 Reservations CALL: 618-939-4224

Back to Church October

Do you have a friend, a family member, or an acquaintance who at one time participated in the life of the church but lately that is not the case. The Board of Elders is inviting members and friends of the congregation to first pray for friends, family, and others who are missing out on all the blessings God's Word gives through the weekly regular worship services. It may surprise you to note that according to an article titled "Coming Home" written by Thom Rainer and Sam Rainer is in "Outreach Magazine" 41% of the formerly churchd said that they would return to the local church if a friend or acquaintance invited them. Let us pray for such opportunities. If they return in August or September, that is fine too 😊

Thank You! To our volunteers...

Sunday, August 23 9 am	Elder: Scott Moeslein/Levi Ottwell
Organist: Jeanine Consolino	Greeter: Mitzi Ottwell
Screens: Josh Colyer	Acolyte: Nathan Schmoll
	Video: Aiden Colyer

Monday, August 24 6:30 pm	Elder: Bob Thoma
Organist: Jeanine Consolino	Greeter/Usher: Sue Champion

Sunday, August 30 9 am	Elder: M. Eischer & C. Consolino
Organist: Jeanine Consolino	Greeter/Usher: Alexis/Colin Grandt
Screens: Josh Colyer	Acolyte: Evy Colyer
	Video: Aiden Colyer

Monday, August 31 6:30 pm	Elder: Glenn Grebing
Organist: Jeanine Consolino	

St. Paul's Lutheran Columbia
Annual Church Family Fellowship Picnic
Sunday, September 20th
at Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park
following the 10:30 am Service



Sign Up in the Narthex
to let us know
how many are coming
And if you will bring
a dish or game to share.

The church is providing Sandwiches,
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and Drinks.
– Board of Stewardship